



The Saddlebag

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The Kern River Valley Historical Society

Calendar of Events

January All Month.....Return your Membership Renewal (Included in last months Saddlebag)

January 15th Deadline to get your recipe included in Our Cookbook (See Insert)

January 20th Geologic Tour around Lake Isabella with Ron Bolyard, (Our Own Geologist)

January 27th Board Meeting at St Peters Church in Kernville at 9am

January 27th General Meeting. Ron Fowler, talks about Highway 395

This is the *LAST CHANCE* for your **favorite recipes** to be included in our Historical Society Cookbook. You will find two forms in this edition of the Saddlebag. Think of this as your opportunity to share with the world one or two of your most admired recipes. Fill out the forms with your recipes, slip them in an envelope. And send them to KRVHS Recipes, P.O. Box 651 Kernville, Ca. 93238. Do it today..... as a matter of expediency do it now You'll be glad you did! Any questions call Linda Diaz at 376-1686

THE JANUARY 20TH FIELD TRIP will be An Around the Lake Geologic Adventure with the master geologist himself, Ron Bolyard. Members will meet at the Museum in Kernville at 8:30 am for check in and will depart at 9 am. Car pooling is suggested and encouraged as is a pair of binoculars. The trek will begin at our Museum, then along Sierra Way eastward to Highway 178. Then westward to Highway 155 and then thru Wofford Heights, concluding at the Museum. At trips end if you desire, plan on eating at one of the several eateries in Kernville. Bring warm clothes, hats, and sunblocker just in case! During this trip and at the many stops, Ron will be showing, pointing out, and describing many important geologic features that make our Kern River Valley unique along the Sierra Range. Members will have an opportunity to touch and feel along with seeing the rocky building blocks of California. The drive will last appx. 3 ½ hrs. This is a **MUST SEE AND EXPERIENCE** trip and one you will remember for a long time. Mark your Calendar and we'll see you on January 20th at the Museum at 8:30 am. Remember we will be leaving at 9am sharp. If you snooze you lose.. So set your alarm and be ready to go!!

According to Liz Bardos Field Trip Chairman, last months field trip to the Silver City Ghost Town was canceled because of weather and will be rescheduled at a later date. It should also be noted that Liz had a meeting with her Field Trip committee and has set up an outstanding schedule of trips for the year 2009. Liz would also like to thank her committee and all the other members that help with the field trips.

Vicki Middleworth Chairman for General Meeting Programs says she already has programs for January and February and will soon have the rest of 2009 scheduled..

Our Christmas Meeting and Installation of officers was held on December 5th and was as usual a fun event. Social Activities and Evening Chairperson was Diane Bach and she did an outstanding job in setting up our party. The table decorations created by her and the room arrangement was perfect. A small stage was set up at the back where we were entertained by the *Mood Music* of Bill Whities, Susan Fisher and Jim Steele. It also featured guest Sax Player, Harry Smith, who still has the touch, Great background music. Later in the festivities we were entertained by the *Christmas Music* of The Sweet Adelines. It really set the Christmas mood!! And of course we had a visit from Santa Clause.. MC was Rod Middleworth, who managed to keep out of trouble. Greeters at the door were, Vicki Middleworth, Cindy Ott and Diane Bach, with special thanks to Marian Baird and June Whities, for their help in the party preparation.

Your Board of Directors for 2009 as installed by Charles Topping are:

Ron Bolyard.....President

Bob Woods.....Vice President of Education
Diane Bach.....Vice President of Social Activities
Ron Bach.....Vice President of Walker House
Rich Burdge.....Vice President Museum

Alexis Woods.....Recording Secretary
Juanita Kitchell.....Corresponding Secretary
June Whities.....Treasurer

Elected Directors

Liz Bardos, Eleanor Campbell, Anne Litz, Tom McKinney
Sally Partin, Marge Powers, Chet Rock.

Appointed Directors

Vicki Middleworth Programs Jeri Hanson.....Docent Coordinator
Rod MiddleworthSaddlebag Virginia Snyder.....Publicity
Linda Diaz.....Membership Butch Partin.....Curator
Dick Snyder.....Assistant Curator Mike Ludiker.....Webmaster

Country Store Committee

Sally Partin
Cindy Ott
Vicki Middleworth

Hand picked and ready to rumble the above Board will be on duty as of January 1st Congrats to you all!

We would also like to take this time to thank the outgoing Board Members who have helped helm the ship for 2008 Thanks to you all for a good job. Don't go too far we might still be calling on you during the year.

Our thanks to Bob Dreiling, Marian Baird, Shirley Fisher, and Marian DeMars.

A Special Tribute to Charles Topping for his great job of installing the new officers and to **Chet Rock** for handling the Awards part of the program. *'A Well Done'* to you both!!

Have you bought your new 2009 Historical Calendar? Its at the Museum Bookstore and is the Cats Meow when it comes to calendars. Hurry and get yours today before they're all gone!!!!

Check The Museum Art Gallery in January and you will find the art of photography as done by Nell Rolls. She has taken several workshops in Oregon and California. She is a member of the Kern River Valley Art Association, and has participated in the Open Studio Tour in 2008.. Currently she is showing at the Rich Pelletreau's Gallery and at the Sierra Vista Restaurant. The Museum is open Thursday thru Sunday from 10 am to 4pm. Right next to the Kernville Post Office. Come in and check out Nell's work. You'll be impressed.

Sunshine Report: Get Well Cards were sent to Lois Olinger, and Patsy Henry. A Sympathy Card was sent to the Wheaton family. Memorial contributions in Bev Blackwood's name were sent by Glenna and Ted White, Vivian Hinesly, William G. Burlando, Ann Haney, Rod and Vicki Middleworth, Sherry and Sid Lambert, Susan and Murray Goldberg, Barbara Lencioni and Jane Causey.

The January Program for the General Membership will be on Tuesday the 27th at 7pm. Our featured speaker will be John Fowler who will take us on a journey by picture along State Route 395 from lower California to the Canadian Border. The program will give you a chance to see what a diamond in the rough 395 is and some of its rich history. This will be a program you won't want to miss. So mark your calendar for **Tuesday January 27th 7pm at the Veterans Hall.**
