



The Saddlebag

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The Kern River Valley Historical Society

Calendar of Events

July 16th.....Movie showing in the Museum Outdoor Theatre (Jenkins Pack Sta.) 8pm
July 21st.....Ice Cream Social on Greenhorn Mt.@ 1pm
July 28thBoard Meeting 9am @ St Peters Church
July 28thGeneral Meeting Isabella Veterans Hall @7pm
July 1st thru 31stSee Chuck Barbees display in the Art Room.

At the Tuesday July 28th 7pm General Meeting in the Veterans Hall at Lake Isabella, we will have a program on Genealogy presented by Kay Keith who belongs to the Kern Genealogical Society. If you've wondered who your ancestors are, if you are looking for the black sheep in your family, if you have any interest in where your kin came from and how to find them (even if they don't want to be found!) then this is the program for you. Kay will show us what is available to the average person who wants to find out about their lineage. She will show how using readily available programs and books, you can begin to plot your own ancestral line. Even if you have no one you are interested in finding learn about the fascinating art of genealogy. This is an excellent program and well worth your time..Mark your calendar for 7pm on July 28th, at the Veterans Hall and invite a neighbor, relative or friend to hear and see it with you!!

Tuesday July 21st at 1pm. Ice Cream, Ice Cream, Greenhorn Summit 1pm. Ice Cream, Ice Cream, Ice Cream, Cake/Cookies everything that you crave. On this one day at our Ice Cream Social you will treat yourself to an Ice Cream extravaganza The time has arrived. So bring your chairs, a small TV Tray or the like, a big dish and a spoon and bring your appetite, We will go up early and save the space and get things organized. You will bring the above and a carton of Ice Cream (homemade, or store bought)and cookies if you want. Also any toppings you'd like to share. Now, one new item of info we learned the other day. To keep your ice cream from melting, wrap it in an old blanket. If you use ice it causes the Ice Cream to melt faster, while a blanket keeps the cold in and the heat out. However, if you like ice cream soup, carry it with no protection. Also, remember it is cool up there when it hot down here, so bring a jacket. **And finally how to get there. From Wofford Hts go west up Highway 155 to Greenhorn Summit (Here 155 starts to go down) Turn left towards Shirley Meadow. In about a block you will see us on the left at the picnic tables.** We will be looking for you....and your ice cream... Yum

Movie Under The Stars in the Museum backyard will be held this month Thur. July 16th. at 8pm. It will be a shoot em up western filmed in the Valley complete with bad guys in black and good guys in white. See if you can guess the valley film locations. Admission is free, popcorn is a nickel and soft drinks 50 cents. Where else can you get an evenings entertainment so cheeep!!

Notes from the June Field trip as reported by Liz Bardos. She says: If you weren't on this trip you missed a good one. Phyllis Hix led 36 enthusiastic members on a new adventure on the old McFarland Toll Road over the Greenhorns. Indian trails became the best routes, which later became trails for oxen wagons to carry people and equipment when gold was discovered. Our group saw a multi-cultural indian site on the river, grinding holes, headstones, a Shaman rock, and an old stage stop at an apple orchard area Those who braved going on their hands and knees under the brush were rewarded with a glimpse of pictographs. Everyone ate their picnic lunch at Phyllis's home on the river. Beverages, and a huge pot of beans was served by the host and no one wanted to leave. The hospitality, conversations and comfort was appreciated by all. As one member stated: It was educational, fun, and pretty. Sounds like a sequel is in the making for next year. Thank you Phyllis for setting up and leading this outstanding Field Trip...

A note from our membership chairman Linda Diaz, We have 3 new memberships and they are: Ron and Ramona Waters, Wayne and Carol Clayton and Mike McBride Jr. We want to pass on a warm welcome to all of you. We urge you to take advantage of all that your membership has to offer. We have field trips, monthly meetings with outstanding programs and a standing offer for you to join the ranks of our museum guides. Being a guide (docent) in the museum is easy, you need only to commit to one 3 hour period during the month. Training is easy and the opportunity to meet people from all over the world is exciting. Most of your questions can be answered by calling *Linda Diaz at 376-1686* We are glad to have you as a part of our Historical Society.

Cindy Ott one of three of our Country Store Committee, (they are, Sally Partin, Vicki Middleworth and Cindy.) has asked that we remind visitors and members that we have a number of DVD's of movies of the old west that were filmed here in the Kern River Valley. Movies by Hopalong Cassidy, Rin Tin Tin, John Wayne, the Cisco Kid and more. Drop by and browse. While you are there Sally says: "Why not look at the selection of T shirts, perfect for gifts for youngsters in your families. Priced to sell and with a great variety. As a matter of fact if you haven't been in the Country Store for a while, drop by and see what's there. New lines have been added, and there is something for everyone. Don't forget members get 10% off". Editors note: the store has never looked better nor contained more for the casual shopper. The 3 committee members deserve all of our congratulations and appreciation for an outstanding Country Store.

Jane Causey Art Room coordinator for the Museum tells us that the artist for the month of July is Charles L. (Chuck) Barbee, noted filmmaker who worked in major film and TV studios throughout California for over 40 years A Kernville Highschool graduate, he moved to San Francisco where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Film and Television. Chuck retired in 2005 in our valley, and soon began the first DVD of six 90 minute episodes of the history of the Kern River Valley "The Lure of Gold" (this DVD is on sale at the Museum Country Store). Chuck will be showing a number of beautiful, framed historic prints, set up, printed and framed as only he can do. Drop by and see these beautiful pictures, it worth getting out of your armchair and zipping over to the museum and taking a gander... Thanks for sharing Chuck!! As for the visitors you'll be glad you made the trip...

Jeri Hansen 376-4923 is staffing coordinator for the museum during the days we are open. It is a monumental job which is only made easier when she has plenty of help. And at this point in time due to moves, retirements, and illness she needs some new museum guides (docents) and is looking to the membership for volunteers. The work is easy, you are only there for 3 hours a month, the training is on the job. You meet lots of new and exciting people. Many from foreign countries, and you are doing your community a real service. Call Jeri at 376-4923 today and surprise her by saying, "Would you mind if I worked one or two 3 hour shifts a month. I feel the need to help!" When Jeri gets up off the floor and asks you to repeat your offer you will find this the beginning of a meaningful service to our Valley. For those of you already working, how about this: How about bringing someone with you to work on your regular shift, that you think would enjoy meeting people and doing what you do? *Even if they are not a member now, we will give them a complimentary membership if they decide to work at the Museum.* How about that?? So current volunteers, put on your thinking cap, and next shift, ask a friend to come to work with you. Jeri will love and appreciate your help. As Clint Eastwood might say; "Make her day"

Lets Talk About Bricks..Most of you know that for the past three years we have been taking orders for bricks and placing them in our walk of fame. They are 4 and 8 inch bricks which are laser printed with names and messages that those ordering want printed. The bricks are then laid in a path visible to visitors in the outside front yard. Just a week ago we laid all of the bricks that had been ordered to date. We also laid another pad ready for the next grouping. At the present time our bricks are all placed in the front yard. This last pad is next to the big iron bullwheel and will hold 10 or 12 new bricks. If you have wanted to get a brick with your name and message and have been waiting, now is the time. Eventually because of space, bricks will be laid on a path in the back yard. For now though, bricks are laid in the front yard for all to see, anytime, and not just when we are open. So get your order in today while the front yard is available. Call Vicki at 376-6039 and she will send you an order form or stop by the Museum Thurs thru Sunday 10 to 4 and pick one up, fill it out and we'll order one for you...Where else can you get your name and message, laser printed on a brick that could last for eons. Permanence in an impermanent world!

Its time to be a-thinking..Next month in August our general meeting will be our annual potluck which will be held at the Veterans Hall in Lake Isabella. Social Chairman Diane Bach has proposed that folks that put recipes in our new Cookbook, '**Kern River Cooking**' bring that dish to the potluck. If you didn't send in a recipe, pick one out of the book and use it or if you don't have the book, use your own recipe from home or buy the new book which is available at the Museums Country Store. We got a passel of them and they are really great. (Editors note): Vicki has cooked several dinners for me from the new book and everyone has been deedoublelicious. I've even cooked one of the recipes..'Honey Glazed Snack Mix' sent in by Katie Gallagher. It was goooooood!! Lets talk about the book '**Kern River Cooking**'. Over 150 pages of lip smacking goodness. Recipes from the secret kitchens of a host of local chefs and cheffesses. Recipes like: *Zucchini Cobbler, Cheesecake pie, Blueberry Scones, Tasty Tropical Chicken, Country Ribs, Sauerkraut, Chicken Chantilly.* Wow! and this is just a smidgen of the recipes found in our new '**Kern River Cooking**' Cookbook. If I were you I would grab my keys, hop in the car and zip over to the museum honk the horn and if anyone looks out the door, buy a book from them. If not wait til Thursday at 10am and get your book then!! Then go home and cook something good.