



The Saddlebag

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The Kern River Valley Historical Society

Calendar Of Events

November 17thField Trip to Rankin Ranch. Meet at Senior Center 8:45am, Leave 9am

November 24th9am Board of Directors meeting at St Peters Church Kernville

November 24th7pm at the Senior Center...Reid Hopkins and his Mule present 'Packing Into the Back Country'. Also Election of Historical Society Officers

December 4thAnnual Installation Dinner at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Hts... 5pm No Host Cocktails,.... 6pm Dinner. See more information and tear off on page 3.

The Next Field Trip on November 17th is an Autumn trek to the Rankin Ranch and visit to the home of Alice Rankin Beard. The tour begins at Alice's home at 10am (light refreshments will be served). And then on to the Rankin Ranch by 11:30. Lunch there will be served at 12 noon. A presentation of the Rankin Family history will be given by Glenda Rankin following lunch. However.....Reservations are full, but not everyone has paid. So if you want to get on the waiting list call Liz Bardos at 1-760-376-3844 and if there are cancellations you will be contacted. The cost is \$10.00 each. Those who haven't paid must have their check in the museum by Nov 9th c/o Liz Bardos or their reservation will be canceled

You won't want to miss this!!

Our General Meeting features Reid Hopkins and his faithful mule.(spot?) They will both be at the Senior Center on November 24th. **The meeting starts at 7pm.** Be there early to get a good seat so you won't miss the show. Reid will, in addition to giving us a rundown on his "One Spade Youth Packers Organization" will also have his mule (spot?) there. We will be given a first hand look at how a mule is packed for back country trails. The One Spade Youth Packers hereafter known as the OSYP are a group of youngsters who learn how to train and pack mules. They learn the skills of leadership, and responsibility. The crowning competition of each years work for the OSYP's is a trip to Bishop for "Mule Days" There they show their skills in mule packing, saddling and trips through a maze of obstacles. Prizes and trophies are given at this National Event..The equipment that they use is similar to that used in the late 1800's and early 1900's. This is a great program and one you won't want to miss. So get out your busy calendar and mark November 24th at 7pm as a time and place to be....

You'll be glad you did!!

Membership Chairman Linda Diaz reports that we recently added 10 new members to our growing organization. So let us give a special welcome to Ray and Barbara Rouse, Bill and Linda McDonald, Shirley and Bruce Wagner, Kelly and Rhonda Hampton, Jim and Liz Osborne and Gail Angelsea. This is your organization and the preservation of our history is a direct result of the support that your membership gives. So go on the tours, attend the General meetings and give a thought to being one of our 100 museum guides. There's a lot here and we are glad you are with us. Take a trip through your museum and say hi!!

See you at the tours and general meetings???

Also at the General Meeting of November 24th we will have election of Officers, The following are nominations for 2010.....**President-Tom McKinney, Museum Vice President-Rich Burdge, Education Vice President-Bob Woods, Social Vice President -Diane Bach, Walker House Vice President-Ron Bach. Directors: Chuck Barbee, Ken Colbert, Pat Colbert, Dave Freeland, and Peg Greenberg. The following directors are already on board for 2010 and they are: Liz Bardos, Linda Kubisiak, Anne Litz, and Chet Rock.** So...In addition to the great program on tap with Reid Hopkins we will vote for those that will lead us for the next year. It is important that all that can make an effort to be there, not only to be entertained but to vote

Gone With The Wind will be the collection displayed in the museum library. **Cindy Ott** will share with us the collections of a bygone era. Drop by and see this unusual November display!

Artist of the Month is Maria Hunt. She will be showing some of her early works of oil on canvas, painting in the style of early impressionists, and some of her newer works. Works inspired by the old west history of the Kern River Valley. Maria is an outdoor enthusiast and she uses sketches she has made during backpacking trips in the eastern Sierras for painting inspiration. Maria attended UCLA as a Liberal Arts Major. She began painting with oils and has broadened to clay sculpture and watercolor. She has taken classes at the Otis Art Institute and from many well-known artists, including Jane Friend, Charles White, Arnold Mesches and locally, Carol Wermuth. Maria plans to be at the Museum gallery on **Saturday November 7th between 10 am and Noon.** Stop by and visit with her as you enjoy her work.

Stop by and say Hi!

You'll be glad you did!

Grand Opening of the Lopez/Hill House...Because of our involvement in the *Lopez/Hill House* move and restoration we are pleased to announce the following.. **Grand Opening.... The Lopez/Hill House in Pioneer Village at the Kern County Museum** will open for Docent led tours on **Saturday November 14th from 10 am to 3pm.** There will be games and activities for the children. Admission is free for all children and a reduced rate of \$5.00 will admit adults. Some family members who once lived in this historic house will be on hand to welcome you!!

Wow!

Wow What a great Christmas Idea. How about buying a brick for someone you care for, with a saying just from you, that will be in the Museum front yard for a very very long time. Chairman Vicki Middleworth (1-760-376-6039) will help you come up with wording. She says that she will wrap up brick orders for this year on November 15th. After that it will be at least 3 months before another order is sent. 4X8 bricks are \$75.00 and an 8X8 brick is \$100.00.

Oh what a great idea!

A Special Thanks goes to Mike and Quita McBride who have made our front and backyard greenery look so good. It is with real regret that we bid them farewell as they move on to other things and will no longer be able to work their magic on our Museum plants. Because of their work whoever takes over this job will find it well laid out and easy to keep up. The McBrides will be missed, and again we thank them for a job well done. Which means if there is anyone or two out there who would like to work in the soil as your contribution to History, then give us a call and let us chat a bit with you

Have hoe will work?

Webmaster Mike Ludiker on reporting about our Society website states that we had 821 Accesses and 283 unique visits. That means that 283 folks visited us for the first time and 821 checked us again....

Liz Bardos states that we had 699 Accesses on the Museum website several from foreign countries There is no doubt, there are folks out there in the great outyonder wanting to know about us!!!

How neat!

The Next RO, Tour hosted by Charles Topping in October, was a real surprise. Here's what Charles has to say: "The idea behind having a tour inside the next RO building in Kernville was to find out what's going on in there. 41 members of our Society certainly found out. Our host Tim Beall told us his history and why he's chosen Kernville, the history of Reverse Osmosis and he introduced the R.O. unit his company will be producing (a thousand a day out the door) in his plant. Most importantly, he told how NEXT R.O. will be a "game changer" in the industry of water purification and his marketing plan to make that happen. To some folks it may have all sounded like an extended sales pitch for a new appliance; Tim is a very exuberant speaker who believes in the value of his new technology and products. To me I heard a business and marketing plan that will have global significance, employ hundreds of local people and influence the economy of our valley. There was a plastic injection molding machine in operation making filter housings There was testing equipment measuring maximum pressure limits and cycle wear tolerances. We saw parts and pieces of the RO units near the machines that molded them. More machinery is expected and the facility will be in full operation sometime in 2010. After meeting and demonstration of the 'next big thing' coming to our valley 30 people nearly overwhelmed the AirPort Café for lunch. Isn't it a wondrous world when we can visit the latest high stakes venture and then have a patio with a view, to ourselves for talk and food??" this was good stuff!

Our October Program presented by our curator Butch Partin proves that some of our best programs often come from our own members. His visual tour of the history of the Indian Wells Valley and of The Naval Weapons Center of China Lake was outstanding. Brilliant pictures, daring shots and great dialogue made this General meeting one of our best. If you missed it, too bad. We have had a plethora of good programs and all worth your time Start marking your Calendar?

THIS YEARS INSTALLATION DINNER will take place on FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 4, AT THE ELKS LODGE IN WOFFORD HEIGHTS. A no host social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. This is a well attended event and reservations are a must. Please don't forget to tip the Cocktail Waitress, they are Elk volunteers and would really appreciate a tip. Please fill out the attached reservation form, and return it along with your check (no cash please) by Friday, November 27. The cost is \$20.00 which includes your choice of CHICKEN CORDON BLEU with potatoes or PORK TENDERLOIN with apple stuffing, salad, veggies, rolls, home made apple pie, coffee, tea, tax and tip. Chef Shawn O' Riley (she cooked for the Elks several years ago) will be preparing our meal. Make your checks payable to KRV Historical Society, drop them off at the museum or mail them to KRV Historical Society, P.O.Box 651, Kernville, Ca. 93238. Hope to see you there!

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INSTALLATION DINNER, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

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NUMBER OF PERSONS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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ENTREE PREFERENCE AND NUMBER OF EACH:

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU _____ PORK TENDERLOIN _____

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