Tallah Historic Site Enjoys Team Effort

TAHOE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND TAHOE TALLAC ASSOCIATION TEAM UP

The United States Forest Service is the owner, for the people of the United States, of an historic measuring the Tallac Historic Site. During the last decade the future direction of the Site has evolved—would it be renovation and arts programming or would it be restoration and historic interpretation. Today visitors can enjoy the best of both on the Site—accurately restored facilities and faithful period interpretation at the Baldwin and Pope Estates supported by the Tahoe Heritage Foundation and carefully renovated facilities and varied arts programming at the Heller Estate (Valhalla) supported by the Tahoe Tallac Association. And visitors can walk right next door to the Taylor Creek Visitors Center and explore Natural History exhibits and programs at the Stream Profile Chamber, the Amphitheater, and the Rainbow Tail.

The groups are all working together to provide the best possible environment both for the local resident, who is looking for a continuum of varied activities, and for the one-time visitor, who will walk away with either an "ah-ha" so that is what life was like at Tahoe eighty years ago or a "wow" that was a wonderful concert/show/exhibit or a "get I didn’t know that bald eagles are all brown until about 2-years of age when they turn black with white heads. The site offers something for everyone, and for the first time the offerings will be presented as one package.

While each organization will distribute detailed programming materials for its own activities and programs, there will be promotional materials available from time-to-time that will list activities throughout the Site. These joint materials will also emphasize that all of the opportunities are within walking distance of one another. The South-end of Lake Tahoe has something for everyone. And some events will be co-sponsored with coordinated events and activities throughout the area.

The Tahoe Heritage Foundation and the Tahoe Tallac Association co-sponsored a joint mixer for the South Lake Tahoe Tahoe Douglas Chambers of Commerce on May 20th to expose local business leaders to the variety of opportunities available at the Tallac Historic Site. The reception was held in the Great Hall at Valhalla and a variety of opportunities to enjoy the Estates were offered by the Tahoe Heritage Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service and the Tahoe Tallac Association.

Another jointly sponsored event will be the Great Gatsby Festival, scheduled for August 14-15. This year’s Gatsby Tea will move to the lawn of the Valhalla Grand Hall, allowing for a larger facility and more attendees, as this popular event frequently sells out.

In the fall the Visitors Center sponsors the Kokanee Festival which attracts thousands of tourists from all over California and Northern Nevada to see the salmon make their annual trek up Taylor Creek to spawn. The Baldwin Estate will stay open offering exhibits which show native Washoe Indians and early residents catching and using the fish.

The Tahoe Heritage Foundation is coordinating efforts to produce a Walking Map of the entire Site and the adjacent Taylor Creek Visitors Center Complex. This map will be available throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin and will make visitors aware of the breadth of opportunities available in the area regardless of whether they are originally attracted by a nature walk down the Rainbow Trail at the Visitors Center, the Women’s Exhibit at the Baldwin Estate, a Kitchen Kids class at the Pope Estate, or a jazz concert at the Valhalla Boat House Theatre.

We are excited about this cooperative effort and what it will mean for all of our guests.
Summer Schedule at the Tallac Historic Site

May 28  Local Volunteer Orientation 9am to noon
May 29  Baldwin Museum Opens - weekends 11am to 3pm
        Tours available upon request - end of May through end of summer
June 12  Baldwin Museum Opens - daily 10am to 4pm
June 15  Great Gatsby Posters (by Darcy Parks) available
June 19  Tallac Grand Summer Opening - free Pope House tours
June 21  Tallac Site open full time
        Women of Tahoe Exhibit open for summer
        Daily Pope House Tours 1 & 3pm
June 29  Summer Programs at Baldwin and Pope start
        Tuesdays: When I Was a Kid (ages 5-12) 1pm
        Wednesdays: Afternoon with Anita (adults) 2pm
        Boats of Tahoe (all ages) 3pm
        Kitchen Kids (ages 6-12) 1pm
        Thursdays: Tea with Mrs. Tevis (adults) 2pm
        Boat Buddies (ages 4-8) 1pm
        Fridays: Garden Party (ages 5-11) 1pm
        Saturdays: Lucky's Legacy (all ages) 1pm

August 14-15  The Annual Great Gatsby Festival

Notes From Taylor Creek...by M. St. Michel

We will not be able to have programs in the Amphitheater this summer as it gets an exciting make-over. Fewer programs at Taylor Creek means we can spread our wings. We will be taking this opportunity to increase our presence on the west, north, and east shores of Lake Tahoe. As you visit popular areas around the Lake this summer, look for Forest Service staff members at areas like Inspiration Point, Blackwood Canyon, 64 Acres, Stateline Lookout, Logan Shoals, Nevada Beach, Heavenly Village, and the Gondola mid-deck at Heavenly Ski Resort. They will be providing information on various topics such as Tahoe's Forest Health, recreation opportunities, Tahoe history, wildlife and plant interpretation, and of course helping you get to your next destination. So when you see the Forest Service Naturalist on site sign as you jockey around the Tahoe Basin this summer, make sure that you stop and see what’s going on.

New special events will emerge at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center. Moon Light Walk will take place on Wednesday, July 28 from 8:30-10pm and Thursday, August 26 from 8-9:30pm. Come and walk the Rainbow Trail under the light of the Full Moon, talk with Rangers along the way and visit the Stream Profile Chamber at night. There's a Hole in my Forest will be held in the Visitor Center Patio on Saturdays June 26, July 31, and August 21 at 11am. This is a special talk with an easy walk; travel back in time to explore the forces that created and shaped Tahoe's Ancient forest. Lights and Legends in the Tahoe Sky will take place on August 12 at 8:30pm at a location to be announced. Bring a blanket or low chair and a warm jacket and enjoy the fun.

October 2-3 we will celebrate fifteen years of the Kokanee Salmon Festival with a weekend of family activities focused on the annual spawning run of the Kokanee Salmon up Taylor Creek. Come and enjoy the golden colors of Fall, special events, and great food. Meet Sammy Salmon, participate in the 5K, 10K and 1/2 marathon Kokanee Trail Runs or the 1/2 K Kids Tadpole Trot, take home a collectible T-shirt, and learn from creek-side interpretive programs.
Community Support Continues...

This year Tahoe Heritage Foundation is excited to receive funding to support a variety of projects. The Tahoe Yacht Club has contributed $2,500 for the restoration of the galley in the Quic-Chakidn, the 1921 motor vessel once used by the Hobart Family on Lake Tahoe. This historic vessel, housed in the Pope Barhouse, was commandeered by the U.S. Navy during World War II for secret wartime experiments, possible relating to sonar and radar perfection.

The Women of Tahoe Exhibit enters its fourth and final phase this summer, helped along by a grant from the Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe. This ongoing exhibit in the Dextra Baldwin Cottage explores the changes that have occurred in women's lives, from past to present.

Restoration of the gardens at the Pope and Baldwin Estates on the Tallac Historic Site continues. Numerous people have made contributions in both money and time. Donations to the Garden Fund pay for topsoil, mulch, sprinklers and plants. Volunteers, including members of the Grape and Garden Club and the South Lake Tahoe Garden Club, work to implement various elements of this multi-year project.

Over the past year several community members and Lowe’s have contributed to the restoration of the Angora Lookout. We are nearly at the funding level where we can finish replacing the deck and painting the Lookout itself. There are three buildings at the site; the Lookout itself, the middle of the three, takes priority in restoration. Once it is finished, we plan to move on to work on the residence and the garage.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Tahoe Heritage Foundation. We greatly appreciate your concern and support to preserve our historic landmarks. Donations are greatly accepted either as unrestricted, to be used on those projects deemed by the Board to be of highest priority, or as restricted to a particular project such as the Quic-Chakidn, the Women of Tahoe Exhibit, the gardens or the Angora Fire Lookout Restoration. Donations of $1,000 or more between now and Fall will be rewarded with a special dinner (for two guests) at the Tallac Site.

Below are photos that helped inspire these current projects; this history could not be allowed to pass into obscurity.
Message from the President...

As this summer season is about to begin, we all look forward to new and exciting times. After seventeen years of leading the restoration of the Tallac Historic Site, Linda Cole has retired. She leaves a legacy of dedication to the Site and cooperation with the Tahoe Heritage Foundation. The Site will now be managed by Allie Wenzl who has had only one year to learn the ropes yet who is off to a great start. Welcome Allie! Jackie Fäke advocates within the Forest Service for the Site's mission and serves as the Forest Service liaison to the Tahoe Heritage Foundation.

The Taylor Creek Visitor Center will also experience change this summer. The Amphitheater will be remodeled to better allow for the types of interpretive programs that are favorites with the over 100,000 visitors each season. The staff will use this opportunity to spread its wings and try a variety of new types of programs. See Mike St. Michel's article on page 2.

And the Tahoe Heritage Foundation Board will learn to operate without one of its most stalwart members. Barbara Craven has decided that the time has come to focus on that which she loves most—gardening. As she devotes more time to gardening and less time to the administrative duties inherent in Board membership, we all realize she wore many hats. Who will ask those penetrating questions? Who will write the beautiful hand-written thank you notes? Who will come into the office and file papers? Who will answer myriad questions about the past, both of the Foundation and of the Tahoe Basin. Barbara, we thank you, and we will miss you.

More thanks are due to new volunteer Luana Hammett. Luana has stepped up to handle a wide variety of tasks. Last fall she commented, quietly and politely, that maybe the Tallac Historic Site book could use a little editing before it is reprinted. She has lent her professional editing skills to that task. She saw that the Site needed constant cleaning in order to show off at its best. She can be seen on the Site almost daily with a rake in her hands. She recognized the need to get the most from the Rites of Passage volunteers from Minden, Nevada. She served as their counselor, teaching new dedication and skills as she worked side-by-side with the young men. Thank you Luana.

Last year we reported to you that the Board was going to strengthen its committee structure and thereby enable much more to be accomplished outside of the Board meetings, with the committees serving both to complement the staff activities and serve as a training ground for future Board members.

The committees are now functioning as anticipated. The Finance Committee brought to the Board the most understandable budget to date which allowed the Board to anticipate future project and funding needs. The Marketing Committee will have a new Walking Map of the Visitor Center and Historic Site available soon, will reinstitute the Rack Cards listing summer activities, and is working with TAHO to prepare a Passport to for the Lake Tahoe Magical History Tour. The Administration Committee is working to revise the By-Laws and develop Policies and Procedures to ensure that the committee structure runs smoothly. The Tallac Site Committee will oversee all Tahoe Heritage Foundation activities at the Tallac Site. Effort is underway to establish a Taylor Creek Committee to work with the Visitor Center; please call if you have interest in serving on this committee. A Board liaison will be assigned to any project that is funded by the Tahoe Heritage Foundation.

And last but not least, our office is changing. The role of Phylise Walker has expanded. She is now the Executive Director and will be in the office four days a week. Alice Kane will be helping her in the office, and between them the office will be staffed Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Lastly, I am truly excited to have been asked to serve as President of the Tahoe Heritage Foundation for this next year, and I thank my wonderful new slate of officers without whom I could not take on this responsibility. Scott Brooke serves as Vice-President, Harold Singer serves as Treasurer, Anne Johnson serves as First Past President. When we find a secretary who likes to write hand-written thank-you notes, we will let you know.

Mike Weber, President

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