

# TAHOE HERITAGE FOUNDATION



*...preserving a window to the past*

Volume 12, No. 1

Spring 2009

## *Summer is Upon us....*

TALLAC HISTORIC SITE AND TAYLOR CREEK VISITOR CENTER PREPARE FOR A DIFFERENT YEAR....

The news is full of concern about the economy and its impact on travel. The Tallac Historic Site and the Taylor Creek Visitor Center believe that this is an opportunity for them to showcase their sites, their exhibits, and their programs to give visiting families wonderful experiences, close to home, either for free or for very reasonable prices.

The Historic Site will continue its many successful programs and tours as well as a new children's puppet theater program that was started last summer, which takes place weekly and includes lots of musical and craft activities. The site tours have been expanded to include a visit to the Vallhalla Grand Hall.

The Visitor Center will be continuing its many successful programs such as the weekly Kids in the Creek and Rainbow Trail Night Walk and its special guest evening programs such as An Evening With Mark Twain, Wild Things, and the ever popular "Bat Lady." It is working hard on plans for the 20th anniversary of the Kokanee Festival with the retirement of Sammy the Salmon and the introduction of Rocky and Sandy Salmon. And two new weekly programs are under development. Tentative names for programs are "Smokey Bear LIVE", about fire safety and fire ecology, and "Jr. Forest Ranger", a fun-filled, craft-oriented program with lots of hands on activity. Check our web site or the Forest Service web site for more details as they evolve.

Enclosed is a Card with the schedule for the Tallac Historic Site programs on one side and the schedule for the Taylor Creek Visitor Center programs on the other. Please make the card available to your family and guests this summer. None of this would be possible without the support of our wonderful Friends of the Tahoe Heritage Foundation who are sticking with us through this difficult economic times. Thank you to both our donors listed below and to our many volunteers without whom this would not be possible.

### **2008/2009 DONORS**

Leilani & Michael Connolly  
Victoria Murray  
James A. Schnell  
Jean Kummerow  
Shirley Taylor  
Roger & Phyllis Duba  
David Cotter  
Emily & Adolphus Andrews  
Gloria & John Greco  
James A. Granger  
Ellen Fredericks  
Susan Fredericks  
David Fritschi  
Wentworth Foster  
John Considine

Maria M. Pope  
Les Bates  
Scott & Charlotte Brooke  
Robert & Susan Mellberg  
Shand & Bill Green  
Robert & Colleen Harris  
John & Heidi Wise  
Robert & Charlotte Probst  
Charles E. Kerns  
Donn Marinovich & Sherrin Grout  
Christopher A. Botsford  
Carol Sargent  
Theres & Dennis Rohan  
Thomas & Jane Coulter  
Franklin & Patricia Rahbeck  
Raymond M. & Sara W. Alden

Kathy & Bill Peters  
Rob Deyerberg  
Karen Beatty  
Michael & Lenore Roberts  
Celia & Leland Douglas  
Ted Wendell  
Frank & Jane Owczarzak  
Robert & Nancy Blaney  
Susy & Larry Calof  
John M. Bryan Family Fund  
Robert & Sue Novasel  
Linda Cole  
Allison & David McKee  
Robert & Linda Mendizabal  
Jane and Jim Mitchell

## Tallac Site Welcomes New Assistant Director... BY ALLIE WENZL

This past summer the Forest Service and Tahoe Heritage Foundation welcomed Jackie Dumin as the new Assistant Director of the Tallac Site. Jackie was part of a federal student intake program, called the Student Career Internship Program (SCEP), which she enrolled in her last year of graduate studies at Washington State University. Jackie brings both enthusiasm and a background in history to the site.

Jackie is from Park Falls, Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. Jackie went on to further her education and enrolled in a graduate program at Washington State University. Jackie's focus is in Public History with a particular emphasis in Mid Twentieth Century Popular Culture. Jackie explored themes within this with her thesis: "All You Need is a Good Cookbook Jane": The Creation of Kitchen Culture in Early Cold War America.

Jackie's favorite part of working at the Tallac Site is working with the volunteers, who are the life blood of the site. Jackie appreciated the "daily surprising" that is always popping up at the Tallac site during the busy summer months. Site Director, Allie Wenzl states: "Jackie has an enthusiasm and humor that is appreciated by both the volunteers and partners at the site. Her knowledge and professionalism are great assets to the Tallac Site Team."



## Letter from the President

My name is Joe Tillson and I am the new president of the Tahoe Heritage Foundation. This is my first opportunity to address in a letter the faithful followers of THF. Scott Brooke who was the past president of THF, did a fantastic job as the president. I only hope that I can continue in his footsteps as the new president.

The president of an organization is only as good as the other members of the board and volunteers who do work for the Tallac Site. I believe that my fellow board members and the volunteers are some of the hardest working people who I have ever had the privilege of being associated. Every year the Tallac site wakes from its winter sleep ready to serve the people who wish to view the splendor of Lake Tahoe. The site always looks inviting to the visitors. However, it does not just achieve this look without the substantial work of volunteers and U.S. Forest Service employees who take on the task every spring of assuring the visitors that this is indeed the way the site looked at the turn of the century.

As you can imagine, an organization such as THF lives and thrives on its volunteers. The many activities that are put on during the year such as the Gatsby Festival are done largely through the efforts of the volunteers and our partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. It goes without saying that an organization such as THF cannot survive without its dedicated volunteers.

I look forward to serving as president and working with both the employees of the U.S. Forest Service and the volunteers who make my job a lot easier. I hope that all of you who are reading this letter join in this year with some or all of the activities at the Tallac site. It is my further desire that you take a minute to thank those individuals who hopefully have made your visit a pleasant experience.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Tillson".

**Look for us on our web site: [www.tahoheritage.org](http://www.tahoheritage.org) which will be updated early next year.**

Tahoe Heritage Foundation • P.O. Box 8586, South Lake Tahoe CA 96158 • voice 530.544.7383 • fax 530.544.7778  
[www.tahoheritage.org](http://www.tahoheritage.org) e-mail: [thf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thf@sbcglobal.net)

















President