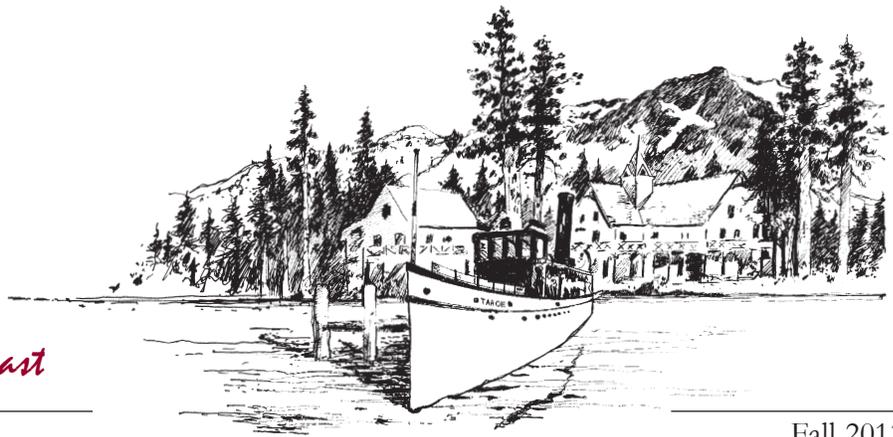


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Baldwin Museum Entrance Project....

THF, THE USFS AND THE GENERATION GREEN PROGRAM JOIN TOGETHER

The Baldwin Museum at the Tallac Historic Site has a new, fully-accessible walkway to its entrance. Last season, nine high-hazard trees were removed from the Tallac Site, including two at the entrance to the museum. Roots had made the walk-way uneven and hazardous and the main entrance to the court yard was closed. Something had to be done. The Tahoe Heritage Foundation has annually received donations from an individual requesting that they be used for handicapped access. This was the perfect project. The work was supervised by Devin Hiemstra, Forest Service supervisor of the Generation Green team. The work was performed by the Generation Green students. Technical assistance and training were provided by John Long, long-time volunteer at the site. Materials were paid for by the Tahoe Heritage Foundation. The work was completed on July 3rd, in time for the Fourth of July holiday.

The Generation Green program targets non-traditional forest users, often from low-income and diverse backgrounds. Twenty one to twenty four students each year spend eight summer weeks working and learning about the complexities of managing natural resources and becoming future land stewards. The Baldwin walkway project was a perfect opportunity for the members to learn a variety of useful new skills.

Joe Tillson, President of the Tahoe Heritage Foundation said, "The THF board of director's has made the repair of the entrance walk our highest priority. I inspected the site and am very pleased with the work of Devin and Generation Green and value our partnership with the Forest Service."



Clockwise from top left, Devin Hiemstra, Brandon Singleton, Nancy Kaur, John Long, Noah Roberts, John Lanouette and Faizan Shaikh are shown with the walkway they recently completed in front of the Tallac Museum.

The Baldwin Museum was the summer residence of Dextra Baldwin McGonagle, grand-daughter of Elias "Lucky" Baldwin. The building, along with the Tevis-Pope house and Vahalla are on the National Register of Historic Places. While no photographs were found of the courtyard, the new walkway meets the standards of historic preservation by being notably different from what likely was the original walk. The new walk is made from square concrete pavers which reflect the pattern of the Tallac point promenade located at adjacent Kiva picnic area. It provides an attractive, safe and accessible entrance for all visitors.

US Forest Service 2013 Report BY JACKIE DUMIN

With the help of many partner groups, amazing volunteers and highly capable staff/interns the Tallac Historic Site and the Taylor Creek Visitor Center had another successful year during 2013. The year presented us with many challenges and changes, however everyone stepped up, and our visitors immensely enjoyed our sites.

Starting in May we moved toward a more holistic vision of our two spotlight sites; we collaborated together on trainings for staff and volunteers, enjoyed some field trip outings together, and even shared a few volunteers between both sites! This was just the first step toward a more uniform approach, in the coming years we hope you'll begin to see even more consistency between Tallac and the Visitor Center. This should allow us to streamline some efforts, work within our ever changing budget climate, and have some fun as we explore both sites.

Additionally, a few of our long term projects were completed this year. For example, mid-summer we celebrated the re-opening of the Tallac Historic Site's Dextra Cabin. This building has housed exhibits in the past, and is now the home to a brand new display celebrating local history. The previous exhibit had the challenge of needing to be staffed in order to be open to the public; our new exhibit can be open and unstaffed. This moves us toward our goal of opening more buildings to the public, but not depending on our busy staff in order to keep them open. Come visit this evolving exhibit, and learn more about Tahoe local history!

Despite the many logistical challenges we encountered this year our volunteers and staff met, and often exceeded, our expectations. The Tallac Site's annual Great Gatsby Living History Festival was a wonderful success, the 3rd annual Antique and Classic Boat Society—Lake Tahoe Chapter dinner continued to dazzle and amaze guests, and the Tallac Site tours remained as popular as ever. At the Taylor Creek Visitor Center hundreds of children learned about their outdoor world, the evening Rainbow Walk drew thousands of interested visitors, and the spring Native Species Festival kicked off the summer with a local community celebration.

Unfortunately the Fall Fish Festival (formerly the Kokanee Salmon Festival) was cancelled due to the Government Shutdown in October. While the Kokanee Salmon Festival has occurred at Taylor Creek for many years, the Fall Fish Festival replaces it to recognize the many fish worth learning about and celebrating. Join us next fall as we officially welcome the Fall Fish Festival, which is sure to become a treasured end of the summer tradition.

Mallard Mother Knows Best....

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard took a fond look at one of the islands in the Pope arboretum pond and decided that it would be a great place to start a family—surrounded by water, nice views, plenty of food, friendly staff—a 5-star Tahoe resort. They built their nest and in no time produced a large clutch of eggs. The big day came while many of the staff and volunteers were at work on the arboretum; the ducklings appeared for the first time. Mother duck led the nine kids to the edge of the island and they fell into the water for the first time. A



15-inch shear drop posed a barrier to returning to the nest. Something had to be done! While Mother taught her broodlings how to stick their heads in the water, follow her, and otherwise learn to be ducks, Bob Isenhardt, our man of action, built a small ramp so they could return to the nest. They later tried to climb the ladder but none made it. Imagine trying to climb stairs with flippers on! Mother had another idea and lead her brood out of the pond and to the Lake. It seems that Mallards do not always return to the nest of the hatch. The family was seen along the shore of Lake Tahoe throughout the summer.



Tahoe Heritage Foundation web site updated

If you haven't yet, check out the new look at tahoheritage.org. We have added a user friendly Menu that makes navigating around the website so much easier. Find out what's happening at the Tallac Historic Site and at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center, reread past Newsletters, review our latest publications and more. In the near future you will be able to purchase popular items from our on-line Gift Shop, make reservations for and purchase tickets to our many activities.



Tahoe Heritage Foundation publications prove successful

Two years ago the Tahoe Heritage Foundation reprinted *Lucky Baldwin: The Story of an Unconventional Success*. The book was very well received and has enabled many to learn about the remarkable Lucky Baldwin who owned the land on which the Tallac Historic Site is currently located.

For years visitors had been asking for copies of pages from the wildflower desk guide developed and used by the staff at Taylor Creek. Last year the Tahoe Heritage Foundation edited, did the layout for, and published this guide as a saleable, spiral-bound book. It enables visitors to recognize and enjoy our plants and learn how they behave in our local environment.

We have been asked to partner with Xplore Maps to produce a high-quality, hand-drawn map of the Tahoe Basin. This year's publication project will be that map partnership. We hope to have this map ready for purchase when the season starts in May. This illustration is of the map that they did last year for San Francisco Bay. We are excited to bring to you Lake Tahoe.



Our publications serve two purposes: they enhance the visitor experience and they provide needed revenue to support the restoration, preservation and education efforts of the Tahoe Heritage Foundation.

Motorcycle collection to provide support for THF projects...

The THF collection of antique motorcycles continues to grow. This year Roy Clason donated a beautiful red 1949 Harley-Davidson motorcycle with a matching sidecar. The H-D joins 2 other motorcycles (1936 Indian Scout and 1947 Indian Chief), 2 Cushman motor scooters (1947, 1959) and a 1999 Whizzer motor bicycle. In 2014 Roy plans to donate the final 2 motorcycles from his collection, 2 Harley-Davidson police three-wheelers. THF plan is to sell the collection at the January 2015 Las Vegas Antique Motorcycle Auction. THF will establish a fund for the proceeds, "Carol K. and Roy E. Clason Fund", to be used for capital replacement.

Roy has previously donated a 1946 firetruck and 1931 Ford roadster. These vehicles are on regular display in front of the Baldwin Museum during the summer season and will not be sold. Visitors can regularly be seen examining the vehicles and taking family photos in or beside them. Thank you Roy!

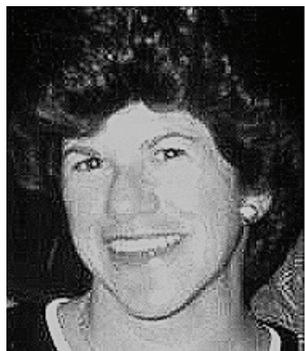
Welcome Aboard!

THF HAS ELECTED FOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND ADDED A NEW OFFICE MANAGER....



Carolyn Grubb is a familiar face to many who have visited the Tallac site. She has been a volunteer conducting tours of the Pope House for more than 7 years. She is the Association Coordinator for the Tahoe Tallac Association, overseeing all activities at Vahalla. Carolyn has been married to Clay Grubb for 40 years. When asked to be the corresponding secretary her reply was, “as a Marine Colonel’s wife, I am the queen of thank you notes.” They live near the top of Kingsbury. Not only does she bring her unique and extensive set of skills to Tahoe Heritage Foundation, but also she serves as a valuable link between Tahoe Heritage Foundation and the Tahoe Tallac Association that manages the third estate, Valhalla, on our shared historic site.

John Bryden has been a local volunteer at Tallac Historic sites for the last 3 years. He is now a board member of the Tahoe Heritage Foundation and will continue as a THF local volunteer at Tallac. He is retired from 30 years with the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection. He and his wife Mary have two adult children and in the past lived most of the time in Napa. Now they live at South Lake Tahoe the majority of the year and enjoy many outdoor activities including skiing, snowshoeing, biking, hiking, fishing and wildlife photography. John attended CSU Sacramento and has degrees in Business Administration/Accounting and Fire Science. Upon graduation, John worked for The Tahoe Daily Tribune as an accountant prior to employment with CalFire. During his career with CalFire, John was a Fire Captain and a member of major incident command teams most often working in finance and logistics in cooperation with the USFS and other agencies on numerous fires and other incidents.



Mary Bryden has enjoyed being a local volunteer at the Tallac Historic Site for the last four summers, working mostly in the Baldwin Museum. Mary is currently semi-retired from working as a tax preparer and enrolled agent. Mary’s previous work experience includes retail and tax office management. Mary has also been an instructor for the California Tax Education Council, teaching qualifying and continuing education. She has a degree in Business Administration and Accounting from Sonoma State University. Most of Mary’s time now is spent “enjoying everything that the Tahoe Basin has to offer”. She is also excited to continue as a local volunteer at the Tallac Historic Site and to be a part of the Tahoe Heritage Foundation’s mission to preserve and protect the cultural heritage and natural history resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Mary Ebright’s family has been active in the Tahoe Basin for over 125 years. She became involved with Tahoe Heritage Foundation in the 1990s when she started volunteering at the Gatsby Tea. Her daughter is now off at college and she has time to devote more of her energy to THF activities. This year THF is taking on responsibility for volunteer support functions at the Tallac Historic site, and Mary’s wonderful people skills make her the perfect person to lead that new activity for THF. Mary grew up spending every summer of her life at Cascade Lake. She graduated from Mt. St. Marys in Los Angeles with a degree in nursing and has been working at Barton Hospital as a nurse for over 40 years.



Maya Bott joined THF as our bookkeeper and office manager in February. Maya was co-owner of a business in South lake Tahoe for 20 years. She came to us while working with Tahoe Tallac Association as the event overseer. Originally from Lebanon, she had completed two years as a business major at the University of Beirut, before immigrating to the United States. During the spring, summer and early fall Maya works Monday through Thursday; this winter (our slow season) she is coming in only one day a week. Maya will be working with local accountant, Shawn Cullen.

APPL (Association for Partners of Public Lands)

The Tahoe Heritage Foundation was founded in 1996 in order to facilitate many of the activities at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center and the Tallac Historic Site. The THF mission is, “the preservation, restoration and interpretation of the cultural and natural resources of the Tahoe Basin.” Over the years, in addition to working with our partner for those sites, the United States Forest Service, we have partnered with California Conservancy, The Glen Alpine Association, the City of South Lake Tahoe, and California State Parks. APPL is a large association with almost 100 member organizations. We are exactly the type of organization for which it was formed. We partner with public lands. Each year APPL has a convention with educational sessions on how to be effective partners and with a trade show of vendors who produce the types of merchandise generally sold on public lands in support of their missions.

This year all partners on Federal lands faced unprecedented difficulties when the Federal Government shut down. While we hear that the furloughed federal employees were granted pay for their “time off,” the Partners did not fare so well. For those with food service, perishables were lost. For those with summer-only staff, there was no one to pack up the sites. Valuable selling days were lost. Visitors were denied the educational and interpretive services of the volunteer partners. For example we were not able to hold the Fall Fish Festival and were stuck with over \$5,000 of 2013 shirts.

APPL pro-actively stepped in to understand the impact on the public sites and their partners and to communicate the impact to the appropriate individuals in Washington. All member Partners were surveyed.

The Executive Director Dan Puskar, out from Washington DC for a conference in Reno, made a personal visit to our office. While many of the Partners are large, we are an example of a very small organization with a very large impact. Not only is APPL being sure that our voice is heard, Dan gave us some very valuable advice that is helping us reorganize to mitigate problems in the future. Thank you Dan, both for your advice to us and for your leadership role in helping all Partner organizations meet the challenges of operating in today’s world.

Fire Lookouts

At our November Board meeting the Tahoe Heritage Foundation received a presentation from John Maher, Heritage Resources Program Manager for the USFS. He explained the history of the Zephyr Lookout and the problems that it is now facing by being on private land. There is a proposal moving through the review process to move this historic lookout to public land.

The Tahoe Heritage Foundation has experience with lookout projects. In 2001 we were involved in the restoration of the Angora Fire Lookout with volunteer Les Bates donating countless hours and THF providing materials.

Recognizing the importance of the pending project, the THF volunteered to write supportive documents to all agencies involved in the review process, and if the project clears the review process, to be a partner to the relocation project.



earlier Angora lookout project 2001



pending Zephyr lookout project 2014

Tahoe Heritage Foundation sadly reports that in 2013 it lost two loyal and important supporters:
Anne Johnson, past President of THF, who took THE and it projects to the local community
Paul Klutts, a volunteer for the past 18 years, championing the Pope Boathouse and Quit-Cha-Kiddin’

Letter from the President

Greetings to the Board of Directors of Tahoe Heritage Foundation, RV and local Volunteers, United States Forest Service employees, THF donors and all those interested in the welfare of the Tallac Site and the Taylor Creek Visitor Center. 2014 is upon us and we are all hopeful for another successful year.

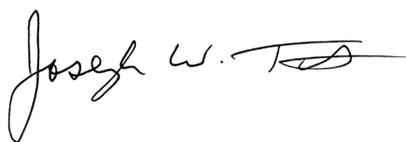
While I say “another successful year,” 2013 was a difficult year. Tahoe Heritage Foundation was faced with several challenges. As I am sure you are aware, much of the money that we raise to support our preservation, restoration and education activities in the Tahoe Basin comes from the programs and shops at the Tallac Historic Site and Taylor Creek Visitor Center. As usual we ordered our merchandise to arrive and be processed to be available Memorial Day Weekend. Due to changes, late in the game, by the United States Forest Service we opened late and with shortened days. We were working diligently to maintain our profit when we were hit late in the game by the government shut-down. There was no way to recover from that loss.

We were “successful” in that the experience for the visitors that we were able to serve was again wonderful. However, in order to have funds for a successful year in 2014, we need to ask each of you to “dig deep” this year to help make up for the 2013 difficulties. We are meeting with other Foundations that support public lands to develop plans to better prepare for similar problems in the future should they arise. We have already put in place changes to mitigate some of the impacts, such as new volunteer Board members who are taking on specific responsibilities previously assumed by USFS and THF staff. But for now, we ask that you make your annual donation be as flexible as possible to enable us to best plan for the future.

Our enclosed donation card generally has options for the donor to select one of several categories for restricted donation, e.g. gardens, education, endowment. This year we are requesting “Unrestricted” donations, but have a line where you can write in a project of special interest to you.

One simple message comes out in this letter. We continue to need financial support from the visitors and public at large in order to carry out our mission. Thank you again for your support of our work and we will again work to make 2014 an enjoyable experience for all those who go to the Tallac Site and the Visitor Center.

And, in closing, a special thanks to those who worked above and beyond in 2013 to minimize the impact of the various government changes. We could not have done it without you.



Joe Tillson, President

Honoring Luana Hammett

Last year in our Newsletter we mentioned that Tahoe Heritage Foundation had lost long-time supporter, Luana Hammett. We also mentioned that donations had been made in support of a project to honor her and enabled 2013 donations to be directed to the Luana Hammett Fund. Last month the THF Board selected a fitting project. Luana spent countless hours raking the grounds and generously funded tree care. She wanted the outside experience at the Tallac site to be welcoming and safe for all. The Pope fountain has been non-operational and marginally safe for many years. The plan is to honor Luana by repairing the plumbing and restoring the rockwork to once again have the fountain gurgle and welcome our many visitors.

Look for us on our web site: www.tahoheritage.org.

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