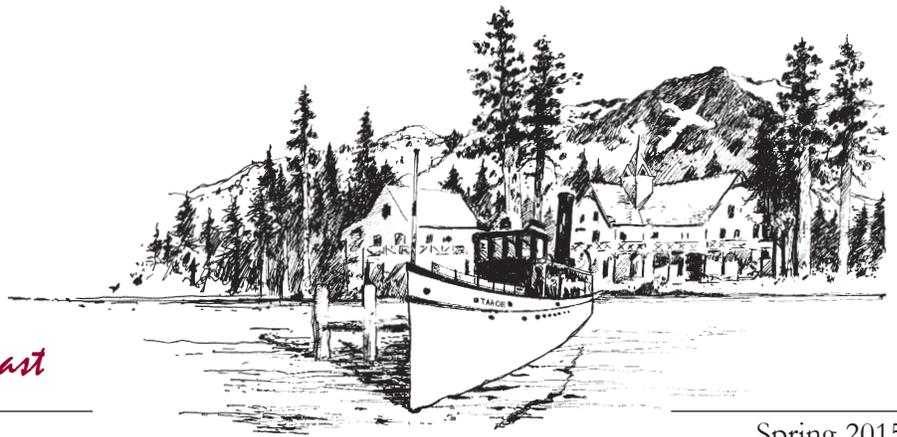


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...preserving a window to the past

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Tahoe Heritage Foundation has lost a Friend and a Leader

SCOTT BROOKE PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON DECEMBER 24, 2014

Scott lent to the Tahoe Heritage Foundation both his love of Lake Tahoe and his understanding of how to accomplish projects within the complexities of United States Forest Service and local agencies such as the California Conservancy and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. At the time of his death Scott was working diligently to rewrite the partnership agreement between THF and the USFS such that it would reflect current Forest Service policy and the realities of doing business in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Tahoe Heritage Foundation is pushing forward to see that it completes this rewrite in a manner that would make Scott proud.



Scott was a member of the THF Board for over ten years and served as both Vice President and President. During his years on the Board he was actively involved in a joint project with the Tahoe BiKal Institute to assess the possibility of renovating the Fredericks Cabin on Fallen Leaf Lake to serve as the Tahoe site for the summer exchange program. He has always been the voice of reason to guide us when emotions were high. We will miss him greatly.

Several members of the Board and community suggested dedicating a project to his memory. His family has responded that he would be pleased as the THF meant a great deal to him. The enclosed donation card provides the opportunity for you to make a contribution toward a project in Scott's memory. We will keep you apprised as plans evolve.

THF increases its involvement with Taylor Creek Visitor Center

...AND WINS AN EVERYDAY EVENT GRANT FOR \$1970 IN SUPPORT OF THE FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAMS

One of the things that Scott was working to include in the new THF/USFS partnership agreement was the documentation of increased sharing of responsibility at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center. THF was originally founded by a group with a strong dedication to the Tallac Historic Site. The involvement at Taylor Creek was limited to the management of the retail operation and donation boxes. Last year the THF side of the partnership expanded to include the building of new cabinets for the Visitor Center and the operation of the Friday Night Programs in the Amphitheater. This year the relationship will change even more. THF has won a Toyota sponsored grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation that will enable the Friday Night Programs to be held every Friday in July and August, with more of the programs being provided by paid presenters, and will support THF staff to develop and distribute flyers about the programs. We are excited to be able to continue some of our traditional programs such as Mark Twain and NorCal Bats, but also to add new programs such as a Wildflower evening and a Beaver program. In conjunction with the Beaver program we hope to schedule a work day where we coordinate volunteers to help protect the aspens on the site from the current beaver activity. Additionally we are re-evaluating the interpretive materials that we sell at the site to make them currently relevant, and have installed a storage unit to enable better management of interpretive items.

Pope Estate Courtyard Fountain Renovation Complete

Luana Hammett, aka “the raking lady” was a dear friend and supporter of the Tallac Historic site. Luana passed in 2012. In 2013 friends and family of Luana were generous in donating in her memory. The THF Board of trustees wished to do a permanent project that was reflective of Luana’s love for the Tallac site. The board proposed and the family agreed that rebuilding and activating the Pope courtyard fountain would be a perfect living memory. After many meetings between THF Board members, USFS staff and local rock mason, Ted Wendell, a plan was developed. Once a plan was in place, activity was quick and the fountain was gurgling delightfully in time for the Gatsby Festival. Thanks to all who contributed, both time and money.



Tahoe Tallac and Tahoe Heritage Foundation Work Together



Carolyn Grubb is a volunteer at the Baldwin Museum, a member of the Board of the Tahoe Heritage Foundation and the Executive Director of Tahoe Tallac which operates the Valhalla Estate on the Tallac Historic Site. For many years Tahoe Heritage Foundation has held its annual Gatsby Tea on the beautiful lawn in front of Valhalla. This past year the weather did not cooperate and Carolyn jumped to the rescue to move the fashion show into Valhalla Hall out of the rain. Without Carolyn the Tea would have been rained out.

In the fall Carolyn invited Tahoe Heritage Foundation to participate in its annual Holiday Faire offering us a prime booth. The success was fantastic. We collected the most holiday-like and gift-like items from our retail shops and set up shop at Valhalla. At the end of the weekend we had many delighted customers, several possible new volunteers and some additional funds to support our mission. It was a win-win for all. Plan on joining us next fall to do your holiday shopping at Valhalla Holiday Faire..



New Exhibit “Opening Trunks: 1860-1940”

BEGINNING SPRING 2015 IN THE TWIN CABINS AT THE TALLAC HISTORIC SITE

Jackie Dumin reported that throughout the summer of 2014 an ongoing special project received attention from numerous volunteers— a brand new clothing exhibit in the Twin Cabin! “Opening Trunks: 1860-1940” will be available to the public for the first time in spring 2015. The exhibit has been a long term dream of Marilyn Long and Mary Gibson. Marilyn and Mary spent many hours selecting the clothing and developing the interpretive message. John Long spent the majority of the summer constructing the beautiful exhibit case from scratch. This display is free standing and minimally impacts the historic building. Mary Gibson donated the plexiglass for the exhibit and many volunteers contributed their time and effort. Visit us in 2015 to view the stunning results!

THF Staff changes to match new responsibilities...

MIKAN GOSUICO COMES ON BOARD AS NEW DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Mikan comes to the Tahoe Heritage Foundation from Hands4Hope where she coordinated 1200 active volunteers in addition to maintaining budget and supplies for fund-raising and special events. She also has retail experience and has worked with Artists in School programs. Her background matches our needs perfectly.

Mikan moved from Sacramento to South Lake Tahoe this fall as her daughter is a competitive snow boarder and needed to live where she could train regularly. We are so lucky that her move coincided with our loss of our previous Office Manager, Maya Bott, who moved to the Bay Area to be closer to family. Thank you Maya and welcome Mikan.

Tahoe Heritage Foundation is being asked by the Forest Service to take a much more active roll in both the solicitation and supervision of volunteers and in operation of the not-for-profit retail operations and events that are fee-based. Mikan brings skills and experience beyond that of any of our Board members in that she has been the “feet on the ground” doing that which we now need to do. Her presence will make the reality of our new relationship with the FS that much better.



ALLY HOLMES MOVES FROM FOREST SERVICE INTERN TO THF PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Last summer Ally was an intern at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center where THF Board Members noticed her talent and enthusiasm for everything creative and organizational. When it became clear this winter that THF needed to hire an additional person to assist with our expanding role in planning and managing interpretive programming, we placed a call to Ally. While Ally had some prior commitments when we called her, she is excited to join us and will be with us part time this spring and full time starting in late June. Ally grew up in Tahoe City and graduated from Humboldt State in anthropology. We are thrilled that she will be working both with our interpretive programs and with our retail operation. Welcome Aboard!

Antique Vehicle Maintenance...



Judy Kay, RV volunteer from, Stonewall, Texas, applies fourth coat of spar varnish to the coach work on the 1919 Pierce-Arrow bus.

THF began a multi-year project of maintenance on the antique vehicles at the Tallac Historic Site. The work began with a new top for the 1931 Ford roadster followed by a major tune-up on the 1927 GMC surrey including having the carburetor rebuilt. Judy Kay hand sanded the oak carriage on the 1927 Pierce-Arrow and applied 4 coats of spar varnish, sanding between each coat. We finished the summer with maintenance on the 1947 International fire truck. Over the mild winter mice had turned the calliope into a condominium. It took six volunteers to lift the calliope from the hose bay. It was taken to Alan Erb (Mechanical-Musicbox.com) in Carson City, Nevada, for repairs. With the calliope removed we replaced two rotten boards with oak and repainted the bay. Next year we hope to replace the blower and have it sounding like a calliope should and to repaint and pinstripe the 1927 GMC.

Letter from the President...

Greetings from the Board of Directors of the Tahoe Heritage Foundation to the volunteers, USFS employees and all of those interested in the welfare of the Tallac Site and the Taylor Creek Visitor Center. 2015 is very much upon us and we are all hopeful for another successful year.

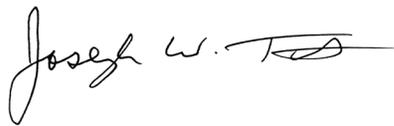
Our Board comes into the season with a heavy heart. My friend and colleague, and fellow Board member, T. Scott Brooke, passed from us on December 24, 2014. To say that he will be missed is an understatement. Scott was an integral and vital member of our Board. He served as the President before me. Among his many undertakings, Scott worked closely with the USFS on the contracts and projects for the sites. He always gave his all to the Board and believed in its purpose and goals. Filling his shoes will be impossible. Personally, I relied on Scott for his advice and guidance while serving as the President.

While Scott was a full time practicing attorney, he also assisted his wife, Charlotte, in the operation of his ranch in the Carson Valley. His love and passion for the outdoors gave him a unique perspective for the preservation of the Tallac Site and other historic settings in the basin.

Again speaking personally, Scott and I knew each other before our being joint THF Board members. I too have a small ranch and love the outdoors; so our conversations were about those subjects, our families and life after being full time attorneys. In one of my last conversations with Scott, he told me he was retiring.

Usually my message in the newsletter is a long winded message telling you of the splendor and beauty of Lake Tahoe and the wonderful people who work the Site during the year. This letter is short and brief. There is a great deal of work to be done on the Board. The work will be done because your Board is dedicated to the Site and none more so than Scott. The Board will continue to make the Site the best possible for volunteers, visitors, and all who come to the Site. Scott would not want it to be any other way.

Thank you again for your support of our work and we will try to make 2015 an enjoyable experience for all of those who go to the Site.



Joe Tillson, President, Tahoe Heritage Foundation

HELP TAHOE HERITAGE FOUNDATION BY JOINING AMAZON SMILE.

Amazon has a Smile program established to Smile on the selected charities of its customers. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Last Fall a couple of the THF Board members joined Amazon Smile and set up Tahoe Heritage Foundation as an eligible charity. By year-end THF had already received \$13. Imagine what

we can do in a year if all if you loyal supporters who shop at Amazon become Amazon Smile participants and select Tahoe Heritage Foundation as your charity.

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