

ANGELS CAMP MUSEUM

FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

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CAN YOU FEEL IT...?

Gentle warmth on a shivering winter day; refreshingly cool on a blistering summer day. Ok, seriously, the waiting is finally over and the much anticipated HVAC system is now in operation. Yeah! Whoo-hoo! Yee haw! Not only will this climate-controlled environment help protect our extensive exhibit, but Museum guests can also enjoy their visit in comfort. The Carriage House will now maintain a consistent temperature of between 68-74°F. Our collection has been touted by experts as being the best collection of rolling stock this side of the Rocky Mountains. It deserves a bit of comfort in its retirement.



Carriage House about six years ago with simple signage hung on the wagons and the ceiling falling apart and in the summer months stifling hot.



The Carriage House has come a long ways to truly presenting itself with the prestige of the collection that it holds: new insulation, sealed windows, controlled temperature and the stories, now told, behind every piece of rolling stock. To our future generations, here is a piece of California Gold Rush history, a part of your history that may have actually brought your family and friends to where you are today!

Thank you, so very much, to everyone who helped to make this possible!



Bob Nevins Horseshoe Collection

This unique and very comprehensive exhibit of horse and oxen shoes just got a face lift thanks to volunteer Lindy Miller. Over the summer, when the Pole Barn was not the coolest place to be, Lindy brought new

life to this display. She carefully removed and cleaned all the shoes, repainted the wooden boards, and relabeled them. There were seven large wooden boards in all with a total of 342



shoes. Lindy recalls that the first board had 43 shoes of various sizes and types. She became interested in the shoe types as the terminology was somewhat unfamiliar and with her passion for the past, she dived in to learn more about these shoes. For example, not all shoes are made from

iron, some can be copper, brass, aluminum, rubber and even wood, depending upon special conditions. Ice shoes, have spikes, or *caulks*, to grip the ice. There are pony shoes for pony cart races, with different shoes for the front and back hooves. *Scotch Bottom* shoes have a wider base for soft or mucky conditions. Similar to people, horses can have foot problems



that require corrective footwear, like heel pads, side clips and medicine packs. The right shoe can certainly keep a horse or oxen happy. Check out the exhibit in the Carriage House!

Thank you Lindy for your ongoing support!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW! Our Carriage House renovation is complete. Thank you to all of you that have donated to this project. Please read the article about the Carriage House upgrade on the front page. We are also very proud to announce that all of the carriages and wagons have been sponsored. When looking at the carriages, please read the descriptions and notice the sponsors. Thanks to Chuck Schneider for the research on the wagons.

Thank you to the Calaveras County Garden Club who generously sponsored interpretive signage for the Coastal Redwood, Giant Sequoia, Crepe Myrtle trees and Canyon Live Oak. There are more botanical sponsor opportunities available. If you would like more information, please contact the Angels Camp Museum at (209) 736-2963. Check out the topics of our lecture series! Also, on September 8, 2018, a special education event will be an open house and dinner at the Utica Mansion. More information to come in the near future. The Museum Foundation is moving forward on several new projects for 2018.

Thank you for all of your support and casting votes making

Angels Camp Museum
the "Best Art Gallery or Museum"
by *Sierra Lodestar's* Best of the Mother Lode 2018.

Karen, *President*
Angels Camp Museum Foundation



MUSEUM STAFF

Chuck Schneider

In July of this year, Chuck Schneider will have spent ten years at the Angels Camp Museum. “I just love this job,” remarks Chuck. As a Museum Clerk, Chuck does a bit of everything from welcoming and educating visitors to janitorial and maintenance. Chuck has had the pleasure of developing many of the informational text panels for the sponsored carriages and wagons. He enjoys doing the necessary research and sourcing facts from the Smithsonian Institution archives.

Chuck spent 22 years in the Armed Forces flying helicopters. After the military he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences and a teaching credential. After teaching locally at Calaveras and Bret Harte High Schools, a position became available at the Museum. Chuck’s wife encouraged him to apply.

Chuck says that he will “*talk as long a folks want to listen.*” One story that came quickly to his mind is explaining to guests the skills required in driving a twelve mule team, particularly along curved roads. If you would like to know how it’s done, Chuck can often be found in the Carriage House or the Pole Barn.

Thank you, Chuck, for your enduring support.



It takes a village to raise a museum.

*Your contributions mean the world to us and to our community.
Our growth and development would not be possible without you and we are so very grateful.*

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who donated collections and in-kind or monetary gifts:

Monica Wood, Tad and Tim Folendorf, Denella Kimura,
Patrick and Kathryn Garrahan, Dennis and Patricia Griffin,
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Dave and Pat Bird, and Mike Cano.

WHAT IS IT?



OUR YOUNGEST VOLUNTEER



Kaylee Kautz started learning about the Angels Camp Museum by having to sit quietly at Museum Foundation meetings with her mom. As Museum activities evolved, Kaylee would occasionally attend a lecture. She remembers learning about cattle brands and listening to her friend, Lindy Miller, discuss what owning a business was like for women during the late 1800's.

When the Artisan exhibits were completed and the Museum started having Living History Day, Kaylee came with her mom to greet guests in the Textile Shop. Although Kaylee's mom isn't afraid of a sewing machine, embroiders and occasionally tries to knit, she has no real weaving experience. Kaylee, however, had learned about weaving from a demonstration at

Columbia State Park and with a few quick lessons from Jim Miller, Museum Education Coordinator, Kaylee got it figured out. Her mom just steps back and lets her do all the talking.

Kaylee has been volunteering for almost two years. She is eleven years old and in the sixth grade. She enjoys teaching visitors, especially other kids. "When people come visit they get to see how people from our past lived and they get to see history in a fun way," says Kaylee.

Last summer, Museum Director, Kim Arth, presented Kaylee with a "You are truly appreciated" volunteer pin, which really made Kaylee feel special. She was also allowed to sell lemonade at a Living History Day event to earn some money for her trip to Pompeii, Italy. Kaylee says, "I'll keep volunteering whenever I can."

Thank you, Kaylee for everything you do!
You make your mom very grateful, and the museum proud!



BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

- ◇ Do you like History?
- ◇ Would you like to learn more about our community?
- ◇ Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others?
- ◇ Do you think that it is important that children learn about history?
- ◇ Do you have a few extra hours a month that you could give of your time?

The Angels Camp Museum needs **YOUR** help. Please become a volunteer. You'll receive free training, a complimentary museum membership and 10% off at the gift shop.

To learn more ...

Contact the museum at (209) 736-2963 or

Email: education@angelscamp.gov





Answer: Farmers Wooden Forge

This Wooden Forge was made by C.S.A. Forge Works of Saranac, Michigan, in the early 1900s. As seen below in the ad from “The Rural New-Yorker” printed March 4, 1905, this forge cost \$4. The ad indicates that the company had been selling these forges successfully for seven years. The company claims that it will save a farmer up to \$20 a year by being able

to blacksmith his own repairs. An ad in “The Farm Journal” January 1915, makes claim that it will pay for itself in 30 days, “Positively Guaranteed.” Ten years later, the price was the same.

The company also stated that their forges were used by farmers in every state and in foreign countries. “The large blower will produce a welding heat on 4-inch wagon tires or 2-inch round iron.” Although the ads don’t indicate the advantages of the wooden forge versus the metal forge, it seems that the wooden forge would be more portable.

Check out this handy farmers tool in the Pole Barn.

THE RURAL NEW-YORKER. March 4, 1905.

FARMERS THINK

of the money spent each year in blacksmiths' bills who it could be saved if you had a forge on the farm and did your own repairing and blacksmithing.

Many of our customers say our forges have enabled them to save as high as \$20.00 a year.

When buying a forge, it is advisable to get one with blower capable of giving a strong blast for heavy work and large hearth to hold the tools and make a deep welding fire.

We Guarantee Our Forges TO BE AS LARGE AND TO EQUAL IN EVERY WAY ANY \$10.00 OR \$15.00 FORGE ON THE MARKET AND TO BE AS REPRESENTED OR MONEY REFUNDED

This has been our guarantee for the past 7 years, and we have never had a farmer request us to take back a forge. Our sales last season exceeded \$100,000. Our forges have large blowers and will easily produce a welding heat on 4 inch wagon tire or 2 inch round iron.

Special Prices for Feb. and Mar.
 Price of Farmers' Wooden Forge Complete, \$4.00
 Price of Farmers' Steel Forge Complete, 4.25

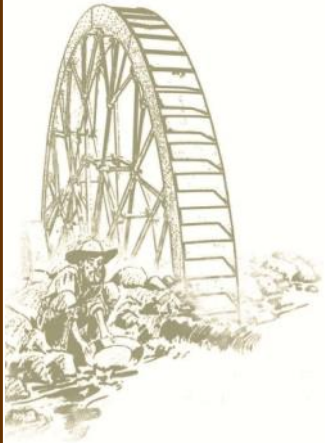
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THIS STEEL FORGE WILL PRODUCE A WELDING HEAT ON 2 IN IRON IN 90 SECONDS FULLY GUARANTEED

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In Memorial Gifts



- A *Memorial Gift* is a wonderful way to express love and thoughtful remembrance .
- Your monetary gift to the Angels Camp Museum helps to ensure the future of our local gold country history. Your contribution is tax deductible.
- A *Memorial Card* will be sent to the family of the person honored with your name as the donor but the amount is not indicated unless requested.

In Memorial Cards are available at the Angels Camp Museum, at various local churches and Memorial Chapels.

Don't forget to use your cards when you buy your groceries!



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Upcoming Events

April 8, 2018—Lecture 2:00pm
“From slavery to the Smithsonian”

Lecture and book signing
by Sylvia Alden Roberts,
Author and Contributor to the Smithsonian
National Museum of African American
History and Culture

April 14, 2018
Living History Day

May 12, 2018
Living History Day

September 8, 2018
Utica Mansion tour and Dinner
Tours begin at 4pm, Dinner at 6pm

October 14, 2018m - Lecture 2:00pm
“History Alive! With character John Muir”
Chautauqua performance by Lee Stetson

Save the Date!

Utica Mansion Tour and Dinner

September 8th, 2018

*Historical Education
Exclusive Access Event!*



Limited opportunity to see the inside of this distinctive home
and enjoy a fabulous dinner seated within the beautiful gardens.

\$40 per person, Angels Camp Museum members
\$50 per person, non-members

Dinner catered by Pickle Patch.

Reservations required, contact Karen Strand at (209) 795-1408.

Designed in the Federalist style, this home was built in 1882 by Robert Leeper, owner of the Utica Mine.
The Utica Mansion is included in the National Register of Historic Places.