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Letter From the Director

LISA MONTEIRO



I sat down to write this after checking weather updates, and it looks like winter is finally arriving in Mineral King! It is refreshing to see snow predicted over the next two weeks. There is something about a fresh blanket of snow, it seems to give us pause and allows us to appreciate our natural surroundings. Even if only in images! I promise to share as many as I can on our Facebook and Instagram pages. If you don't already, I highly suggest following us there.

So many events and circumstances were incredibly trying in 2020; we are grateful that so many of you have continued to support our organization. As we begin 2021, we do so with excitement for new projects, programs, and ways to better serve those that love and appreciate Mineral King and the surrounding area.

I am excited to announce a few grants we received toward the end of 2020. First, a \$5,000 grant from the Southern California Edison Company to help create a video series, similar to what we have planned for our lecture series, but in shorter clips that will be available on our website and can be shared on social media. We are excited to work with local film maker Zach Green on this project. We also received a grant from Visalia County Center Rotary Community Support Association for \$2,160 to cover the cost of materials for repairs that will begin this spring on the Honeymoon Cabin. An additional \$750 that came in through our Giving Tuesday and Year End Giving Campaigns that was earmarked for work on the Honeymoon Cabin. These two campaigns brought in a total of \$3,570 this year! Our curator Sandi will cover the exciting happenings with our archiving and digitization projects on the next page. As she mentions, these upgrades and changes are possible because of all of you!

While 2021 is sure to have its ups and downs, we have entered it with so much gratitude and hope for things to come. I know I am eager to see some of our projects come to life and to hopefully see many of you this summer in in Mineral King.

Take care,

Lisa

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Curator's Corner

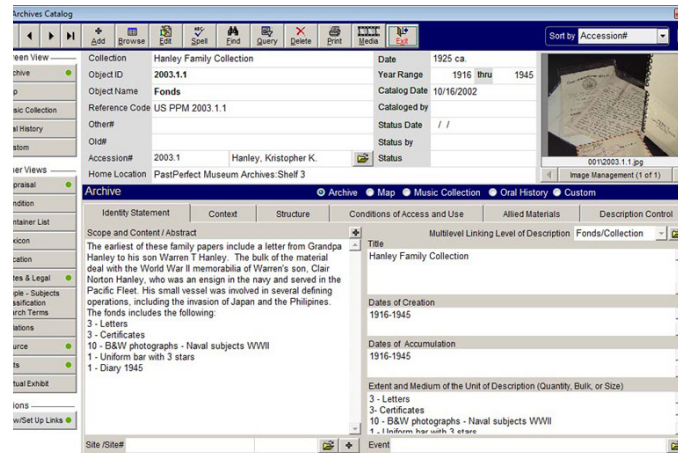
SANDRA STRYD

Happy New Year! We are so excited about 2021. We have purchased PastPerfect, a leading collection and contact management software. This was possible because of your generous donations, THANK YOU! Now the work begins.

We will be uploading pictures and entering our collection information into the software. By March we hope to have enough information in the software to go live with it. You will be able to view the collection information online. We'll give you more information as that event nears. Your donations have also made it possible for us to refurbish the Honeymoon Cabin in Mineral King. What a great group we have supporting us. Anyone that has roofing experience, or can swing a hammer, let us know we can always use help this Spring when we do the needed repairs.

Email me at sandra@mineralking.org

Just a reminder, if you have any artifacts or collections you would like to donate or loan to us, please contact me at the above email



This is a preview of what the screen looks like on our end when working in Past Perfect.

CAN YOU NAME THIS ARTIFACT?

DONATED BY JANE COUGHRAN

If you think you know what this object may be and how it was used, e-mail Lisa at lisa@mineralking.org and we will send you a Mineral King sticker and feature those with the correct answer in our next newsletter.



Cabin Profile

This new addition to our newsletters will feature a different cabin from Mineral King and give you some of its history, building specifications, and more.

West Mineral King #6

WMK #6 now known as the "Parks Cabin" was built in 1909 by William Campbell and his brother Thomas, both of whom had been born in a log cabin in Ontario, Canada. For many years the Campbells were a fixture among the Mineral King community. They made the arduous trip from the Valley via horse-drawn wagon. The Campbells extended the use of the cabin to many friends, including Hugh and Jessie Hart, to whom the cabin was later transferred. After the death of Hugh Hart, the cabin was passed to his son, Billy. Billy was not able to use the cabin much and then sold it to Jim Parks in 1972. The Parks did repairs and restoration work from 1972 - 1974. Upon purchase by Jim Parks the cabin was in dilapidated condition and the work done to restore it was a labor of love. The cabin retained the original floor-plan though the structure was slightly enlarged and now utilized a concrete slab that had been poured by the Harts as a "sleeping porch" and tent platform. Parks collected historic materials from area demolitions to ensure the preservation of the original fabric of the cabin. He took special care in the repair of the foundation, flooring, windows, screens, and mending of large cracks in the walls so the cabin could be enjoyed by many for years to come. The cabin remains in the Parks family to this day.

Some additional fun facts about the cabin:

- The lumber used to build the cabin came from Atwell Mill.
- In 1920 a wolverine chewed into the cabin's roof, and the hole it created is reportedly still there!
- Walter "Shorty" Long, Tulare County's first game warden stayed in the cabin.
- The pipes came from the Old Green Cabin and the plumbing from the Conifer Cabin.
- Among the many of the cabin visitors have been NPS Superintendents, congressmen, and Tulare County Supervisors, even former President Jimmy Carter's dentist! Family and friends are its most frequent visitors, including guests from Germany, Sweden, and Australia.

"It has been a great amount of satisfaction to own and restore a historical cabin and our entire family and many many friends have continued to enjoy it. We hope we will be able to for years to come."

- Jim Parks, February 8, 1988



Billy and Kenneth Hart



William Campbell



East side of cabin - photo taken in 1934

This brief profile was a compiled from historic documents, forms, and firsthand accounts on file at MKPS. If you have information on a cabin in Mineral King and would like to share it with us, or are looking for more information on a cabin, please email Lisa at lisa@sierrahistorical.org.

Lifetime Members

Though MKPS no longer offers the Lifetime Membership level tier, we are grateful to the following couples and individuals who have signed up for a Lifetime Membership through the years. Though many have passed, we would like to honor their generosity here, as well as on our website.

Thank you to all of our members for your continued support!

Adams, Linda E.	Doctor, Joseph E.	Megalli, Mary Dungan
Aldine, Charles R.	Dungan, Vincent & Tori	Mitchell, Annie
Alltucker, Michael	Edgerton, Bradford & Louise	Newman, Robert & Betty
Alltucker, Marilyn	Elliot, John & Sarah	Off, Tracy
Andresen, Robert & Elizabeth	Gravelle, Gordon & Molly	O'Neill, James & Louise
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Barboni, Richard C., DDS	Hamilton, Maureen Griggs	Peterson, Jay & Betsy
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Bickett, Jill	Hansen, William & Jinx	Pinkham, Charles & Lindsay
Bree, Donn, PhD	Hawthorn, Roy	Pinkham, Donald R. & Helen W.
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Britten, Sophronia A.	Hath, Kathy Tavares	Pinkham, Patrick & Mary
Brodhead, Loren F.	Hawthorne, Roy	Queirolo, Annie Lawson
Burdic, John & Elaine McCain	Hendricks, Stuart	Reid, Harold & Torri
Bungay, Robert	Hengst, Robert & Linda	Runciman Jon
Cairns, Aubrey	Hicks, Bob & Jerry	Runciman, Jere Jr.
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Cluck, Rosemary	Jackson, Bruce & Marge	Seaborn, Margaret
Conrad, Kristy	Jackson, Louise	Shephard, Sonie Gay
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Cunningham, Glenn	Kelly, Bradford James	Stansfield, Jeff & Tracy
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Davis, Alta S.	Kuhn, Janet L.	Sweet, Ardeen
Davis III, Jeff & Sally	Lean, Cathy Hansen	Tavares, Trevor
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Devol, Nicole	Ledford, Joy	Voelz, Daniel & Kim
Devol, Randy	Livermore, Norman B., Jr.	Weldon, Marilyn K.
Devol, Sharon M.	Luxenberg, Diana	Whitendale, Marjorie
Devol, Shirley	Martin, Helen	Wills, Mary Bree
Di Silvestro, Brian	Martin, William	Wollenman, LaWanda
Di Silvestro, Laurel	Matthews, Susan	Young, Pam Cosart
Dixon, Evander	Mauritson, Blake	Zurcher, Esther
Dobson, Edward Brown	Maze, Bill & Becky	

We have been working through past records to ensure that all member names have been properly recorded. If you notice any errors or discrepancies, please contact Lisa Monteiro at Lisa@MineralKing.org



MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for renewing your membership and supporting MKPS.

Membership income supports MKPS programs and projects. Call us or sign up online at www.MineralKing.org/membership.

Annual Membership Levels:

Student	\$15.00
Individual	\$20.00
Family	\$40.00
Business	\$200.00

Annual Preservationist Level Members:

Farewell Gap Friends	\$250.00
Crystal Falls Champions	\$500.00
Sawtooth Supporters	\$1,000.00

Grant News

Thank you to Southern California Edison Company and Visalia County Center Rotary Community Support Association for their support! We are honored to be recipients of grants from their organizations. We are also grateful to have received a generous donation from the KWS Charitable Fund of the Goldman Sachs Philanthropy Fund. Thank you for your generous support! We are currently working on a grant application for funding from California Humanities and look forward to those results in April.



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What's your Mineral King Story?

Do you have a harrowing tale from the drive? Have you come across any exciting wildlife? Or maybe you have a story about a family cabin. We are looking to collect these tales and share them in our newsletters, blog, and on our social media. If you are interested in sharing a story, tall-tale, pictures, or videos, please e-mail Lisa at lisa@mineralking.org.



Interested in Joining the MKPS Board? We Need Your Help!

It is an exciting time for the Mineral King Preservation Society. With our Director and Curator, we are evolving into an organization that is capable of preserving the cultural and natural resources of this beautiful region. MKPS is building from the foundation created by the hard work of many passionate volunteers and supporters of the region throughout the years. By maintaining and growing our collection, hosting educational events, and exhibiting our collection both in the Mineral King Room in the Three Rivers Historical Museum, the Honeymoon Cabin, and online, we are working to promote the vibrant history of Mineral King. As a member of the Board your responsibilities would include overseeing the affairs of MKPS including financial responsibilities, attendance of bi-monthly board meetings, commitment to the organization, overseeing the effective use of our resources, and guidance for staff. If you are interested in joining our Board we ask that you submit a brief bio about yourself and please also include why you would like to join the Board of the Mineral King Preservation Society. You can send any questions and submissions to Lisa at lisa@mineralking.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

WISH LIST

As a growing organization our needs are many, but you can help! Here is a short list of some of the items on our wish list:

- ACID FREE STORAGE BOXES
- SCANNER
- PRINTER PAPER
- CLEANING SUPPLIES
- PRINTER INK

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Sandra Stryd - Curator

MKPS MISSION

The Mineral King Preservation Society is dedicated to protecting and preserving the cultural and natural history of Mineral King and surrounding southern Sierra communities, and to educating the public about the historic and natural significance of these areas through programs and displays.

Welcoming the Park's New Superintendent

The following is an excerpt from a press release from Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park in announcing its new Superintendent, Clay Jordan. On behalf of MKPS we welcome Clay to the area and look forward to working together.

The National Park Service (NPS) has selected Clay Jordan to serve as the superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. "Clay is a seasoned leader with significant experience in all facets of the National Park Service including wilderness, visitor use management, partnerships and resource management," said Acting NPS Regional Director Linda Walker. "Throughout his career, Clay has built coalitions with other federal agencies, state and local governments, partners and communities. His collaborative spirit will serve Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks well."

In 2019, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks welcomed more than 1.8 million visitors from across the country and the world. Home to world famous giant sequoia trees, the parks encompass 866,000 acres, "It is a dream realized to work in a place that has served for many years as a favorite vacation destination for my family and me." Jordan has 35 years of service with the NPS. Prior posts include visitor and resource protection positions at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Shenandoah National Park, Fire Island National Seashore, Olympic National Park, Cape Cod National Seashore, and Mount Rainier National Park. He has served as the acting chief ranger for Interior Region 1, the 13 states that make up the U.S. northeast. In 2010, he served as a deputy incident commander on an interagency team managing the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill response along the Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida Panhandle coasts.

He and his wife, Ann, have two children: Skylar, an aerospace engineer in Huntsville, Alabama, and Hannah, a student at Drexel University.



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THREE RIVERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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The Bahwell Saloon exhibit building has been completed! You can see it on the grounds now at the Three Rivers Historical Museum. Per Tom Marshall on the Museum's Facebook, "This is a reality thanks to some very long hours and building know-how from Mike Law with help from Daryl Bruns. As you can see by the photo it is quality workmanship that made this possible. The cedar siding from the Mountain Home mill and the perfect "Bahwell Saloon" over the door topped it all off.". Great job!

MKPS, MKDA, AND THE PARK

Did you know the management of the historic district happens by a cooperative effort between the National Park Service at Ash Mountain, the Mineral King Preservation Society, and the Mineral King District Association? Representatives from each group have been meeting monthly for several years to discuss and resolve issues affecting preservation, permits, and the NPS.

It is beneficial that each of these groups bring their own perspective to the table. It has resulted in cooperation, compromise, and building trusting relationships between the entities, as well as benefitting all users of Mineral King.

