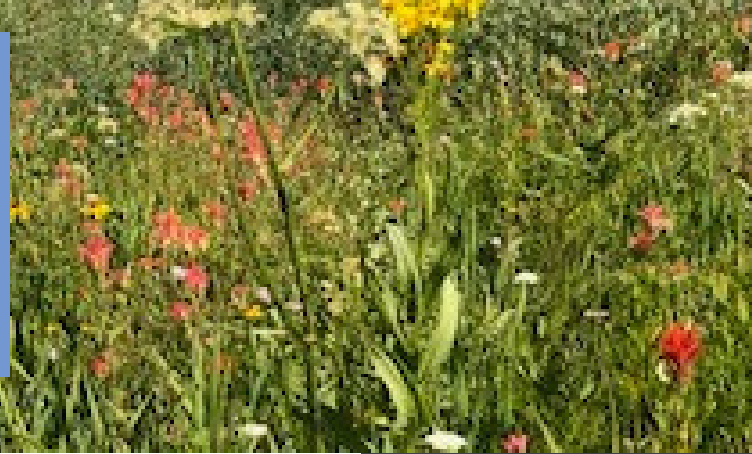


# MINERAL KING CHRONICLE

MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY  
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## PICNIC IN THE PARK

We are pleased to announce that our Annual Picnic in the Park will be back this year!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 17 at noon. Bring a picnic, chairs or blankets, and we will provide the entertainment with a soon to be announced lineup of speakers. We can't wait to see you in Mineral King!



### 2021 - DATES TO REMEMBER

July 17th - Picnic in the Park  
12:00 PM across from the Ranger Station in Mineral King

August 14th - Music in the Mountains  
Details to come...

September 2021 - Stories of the Sierra Video Series Launch

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# Letter from the Director

LISA MONTEIRO

May is National Historic Preservation month, a way to celebrate our nation's heritage through historic places. We are so fortunate for the work done over the years that helps to preserve and protect the history of Mineral King and surrounding mountain communities. Whether it is a family cabin in the Mineral King valley, a favorite trail to hike, or even one of the wildest roads, there are so many stories to preserve throughout this region, and we are proud to be one of the organizations doing this important work.

In 2020 we received an anonymous donation from a donor that believes in the work we are doing. This large donation provides us with an opportunity to focus our fundraising on programs, education, and preservation. The infographic to the right breaks down the transition that this gift has set in motion. We are so excited to be able to continue the work we are doing, expand our programs as we operate as a 501(c)(3). We will now be listed as a private operating foundation, rather than a public charity for the next five years, though our mission remains the same. Should you have any questions about this transition or making a donation please contact me at [lisa@mineralking.org](mailto:lisa@mineralking.org). I am always happy to hear from our supporters!

In this newsletter you will find the form to renew your membership for 2021; this can also be done online at our website. Membership numbers help with grant applications, program funding, and as a way to create sustainable and dependable income for projects. I would also like you to consider giving a membership to a friend or family member that you think would enjoy staying up-to-date with MKPS.

In other exciting news we have set the dates for the annual Picnic in the Park and Music in the Mountains. (See page 1). It feels so good to be planning in-person events again, and I look forward to meeting many of you in Mineral King this summer.

As we seem to be moving into what feels like more positive times, I would like to acknowledge the collective losses we have all experienced both on a personal and global level. The pandemic has changed the trajectory of what "normal" really is for so many. As an organization we have experienced the loss of members, friends, and family in the past year and now more than ever it seems important to express gratitude and appreciation as we feel it, as life is truly precious. From the bottom of my heart I want to say thank you to all of you for believing in us. I wish happiness and health to all of you.

Thank you,  
Lisa Monteiro

# MKPS: PRIVATE OPERATING FOUNDATION



Private Operating Foundations (POF) are private foundations that devote their resources to the active conduct of their exempt activities. (AKA everything MKPS already does!)



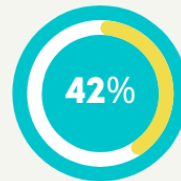
Why is MKPS A POF and no longer considered a public charity?

MKPS received an anonymous, and generous donation in 2020. This large donation requires us to file as a POF with the IRS for a minimum of 5 years, or until we satisfy the 33% rule for public charity non-profits. This rule states that 1/3 of donations must be given by donors who give less than 2% of overall income. This is an incredible opportunity for MKPS and will not effect the way we operate, our programs, or the benefits to our donors for giving.

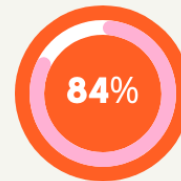
How does this effect our donors?

If you are donating less than 30% of your adjusted gross income, it does not effect you. Donations are still tax deductible, we are a 501(c)(3).

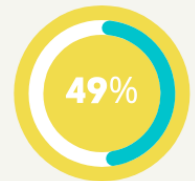
Contributions to private operating foundations, described in Internal Revenue Code section 4942(j)(3), are deductible by the donors to the extent of 50% of the donor's adjusted gross income, whereas contributions to all other private foundations are generally limited to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income.



**PEOPLE**  
Admit they feel increased enjoyment after giving



**MILLENNIALS**  
Donate to charity on a regular basis



**GEN X DONORS**  
Enrolled in a monthly giving program



A Private Operating Foundation is a hybrid of public charities and foundations organizational setups. While a private operating foundation can be closely held, and have funding from a limited number of sources, the private operating foundation must operate programs directly benefiting the public, and cannot consider giving away funding as a program. In exchange, the private operating foundation allows public charity levels of deductibility for donors. We are still a 501(c)(3).



**WITH GIVING, NOT ONLY CAN YOU OFFER MONETARY SUPPORT, BUT YOU CAN ALSO DONATE YOUR TIME, WHICH IS PRICELESS.**



**Questions? Please give us a call!**

We are happy to discuss this change in further detail and answer any questions you may have. Email us at [Lisa@MineralKing.org](mailto:Lisa@MineralKing.org)

# IN MEMORY OF Jim Ingram

We are mourning the loss of one of Mineral King's most beloved men, Jim Ingram. Jim was on our Board of Directors for 35 years, and was serving as Vice-President at the time of his passing. We want to honor all of the work he did for MKPS, MKDA and the area in general with the immeasurable time he gave. Jim brought to life so many of Mineral King's most famous characters and in turn became himself, immortalized as one. Our thoughts and prayers go to his friends and family at this time.

A memorial fund has been set up with MKPS; 100% of money donated will be used for MKPS programs in Mineral King, like our Annual Picnic and Music in the Mountains.

We will also be purchasing a plaque to honor Jim and placing it in the Honeymoon Cabin.

"The memory I hold most fondly of Jim is the time we agreed to meet at the ranger station campfire circle one summer to go over the latest iteration of the Ben Harris program. As I came into the circle of benches, there was Jim sitting alone against the backdrop of the mountains, his oversized tan leather bible open on his knees, reading scripture aloud in his resonant voice. And I realized what made him so special to me. He was the combination, the epitome, of all the historic characters who have lived in the Mineral King area and called it their home. He is the soul of what makes Mineral King so unique and special to this day." - Louise Jackson



"I have served with Jim on the MKPS board for around 30 years, and have known him even longer. Jim was a person to never compromise his principles and was usually available to engage in a good political or religious discussion. Jim will be greatly missed in the Mineral King Community whether playing his guitar at campfires, portraying a MK historical figure (Ben Harris), or helping with whatever needed to be done. I will miss Jim as a friend and also as a fellow board member." - Stuart Hendricks, MKPS Board President

"I miss the purposeful steps of my dad's boots. In his life, he walked faithfully with God in everything - that was his first priority. Because he believed so strongly, he was driven to help people and to do what was right. That desire for right sometimes made him angry at wrongs. Though he could stand fierce (and admirable) against injustice, he often wove in humor and a cleverness with words - and always he stood strong for helping people, and gave so generously out of that desire to help. Though I won't ever hear the sound of my dad's boots pounding out his faithful walk here on earth, I know I will see him again. And I know the legacy of who he was here will become a legend that never dies. I'm so thankful I got to be his daughter." - Eliza





# Curator's Corner

SANDRA STRYD

Life at MKPS has been busy and fruitful in the last three months. This may be a result of growing comfort with pandemic restrictions combined with growing hopes for better days ahead. I found this blurb in a newsletter that I receive and thought I'd share with you. As a curator and collector this made me smile. While 2020 was a year we'd all like to forget, do we really want our future generations to forget it as well?

*How Do We Preserve a Pandemic? When the museum builds an exhibit to document this era, what will we put on display: a roll of toilet paper? For many of us, the strategy has been to do as little as possible, in the hope that nothing happens. Cancelled events, blank schedules, home haircuts: it's not a pretty picture. There probably isn't a picture at all. And yet, even doing nothing is doing something. A couple generations from now, when the children of today's children get an assignment to find out what happened in their grandparents' day, history will tell them there was a global pandemic in 2020, but what record will they find to tell them about their family and their community? What will those grandparents have to share? Will they show them the photos on their phones, pull up their Instagram Posts, pull out their old Chromebooks and show the grandkids their remote learning lessons? Not likely. It's not just a pandemic problem. It's life in the digital dark age of the early 21st century. What can we do to document our era? Cut and paste text from websites. Save it as a text document. Print a copy. Make prints of some of our photos. Label them clearly with names, place and date. Edit and back up videos. Store them on multiple platforms. Write some letters. Collect some objects. When you don't need it anymore, put your mask (and a note about why you saved it) in a plastic bag. The "Bandon" museum has a file ready to preserve the pandemic. Share your story. The year 2020 may be one a lot of us would like to forget, but future generations will thank us for saving a bit of it.*

--The Bandon Light March 2021; A PUBLICATION OF THE BANDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

New Collection:

Thank you to Sarah Barton and John Elliott for donating numerous documents to Mineral King Preservation Society. A list of the collection will soon be in PastPerfect for all to view. The collection ranges from a book owned by Grace Alles when she was a girl to documents that include all the work done to create the Mineral King Historic District. Thank you to Sarah and John for this wonderful gift.

Just a reminder, if you have any artifacts or collections you would like to donate or loan to us, please contact me at [Sandra@mineralking.org](mailto:Sandra@mineralking.org).

# Cabin Profile

Each newsletter we feature a different cabin from Mineral King and give you some of its history, building specifications, and more.

## West Mineral King #30

The Dixon cabin was one of the several private cabins that sprang up in the 1920s. It was built in 1926 by Lou Coole and his wife as a summer vacation home. Purchased in 1950 by Van and Mary Dixon, the cabin has been carefully restored and maintained by the Dixon heirs. The Dixon cabin was built in the typical rustic Mineral King style, with vertical board and batten siding and a cedar shingle roof. In addition to Atwell Mill lumber, boards from orange crates were used in its siding. It was a two-story structure, larger than most of the community's cabins. The cabin originally had a fireplace and chimney built from local stones. An external stairway provided access to the second floor.

The 1950s brought many improvements to the cabin, including an indoor bathroom and an extension allowing the stairway to be enclosed.

The increased publicity, improved road, and greater amenities happening during this time resulted in a surge of visitors to the Mineral King resort. With encouragement from the Forest Service, there was a corresponding increase in construction of private cabins adjacent to the resort. The Dixon cabin was one of these additions.

Lou Coole and his wife built their cabin in 1926. Lou's wife and their daughter Mary Lou were frequent summer visitors. In the summer of 1946, the Coole's teenage son went on a day hike to the Mosquito Lakes with two friends. He and one boy hiked ahead of the third. According to a dictated account, ".... [t]hey waited for him to catch up; when he didn't show up, they went back to look for him. When they couldn't find him, the two boys returned to the cabin, as it was dark by then. A search party began the next day at dawn, and they found the boy—he had jumped across the trail, hit his head on a rock and died. They brought the body back to the cabin. The next summer, the Coole family went to cabin, opened the door, turned right around, walked out and went home—the memories were too painful."

The Cooles did not return to the cabin, and in 1950 they sold the cabin to Van Dixon. In the following decade, Van and his wife Mary made several improvements to the cabin. They added a bathroom, nailed redwood shingles over the board and batten siding, and extended the North wall four feet to so that the stairway could be inside. They also rebuilt the fireplace and chimney, using Mineral King stones.

Four generations of Dixon family members have made heavy use of the cabin since its purchase in 1950. The Dixon's daughter Shirley Dixon Devol spent every summer in Mineral King, except two since 1933, when she made her first visit at 6 months old. Her children, Sharon and Randy, have summered at Mineral King every year since their birth (1953 and 1957). The cabin has also been visited frequently by Van Dixon's granddaughters Kathy Hath (who was married at the cabin in 1996) and Kristy Conrad and their families. Trevor Tavares, Nicole Devol, and Genevieve and Matthew Conrad constitute the fourth generation to visit Mineral King.



WMK #30



Van and Mary Dixon, 1983

This brief profile was compiled from historic documents, forms, and cabin profiles on our website and 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](mailto:lisa@sierrahistorical.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](mailto: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 (\$500 DONATION RECEIVED SO FAR!)
- PRINTER PAPER
- OUTDOOR SECURITY CAMERAS (RING)
- PRINTER INK

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 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.

# THREE RIVERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

THANK YOU TO THE TRHS FOR PRINTING OUR NEWSLETTER AT A DISCOUNTED RATE! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL AND SAVE ON PRINTING AND SHIPPING COSTS FOR MKPS AND TRHM PLEASE CONTACT US AT [LISA@MINERALKING.ORG](mailto:LISA@MINERALKING.ORG)



Want to meet MKPS staff? Sandi and Lisa are working shifts at the Three Rivers Historical Museum to help out while they recruit new volunteers. You can see Sandi on Monday mornings from 10:00 am -1:00 pm and Lisa on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00pm. Stop by and say hello.



The Three Rivers Historical Museum is **now open**, but needs your help! More volunteers are needed and you could be the perfect fit! If you enjoy talking to visitors, learning about our area's history and want to help, please contact them at (559) 561-2707. They are happy to provide training for you and appreciate the support of our community.

## MKPS, MKDA, AND THE NPS

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.

# 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. 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	Hack, Sherry	Peterson, Edward (Jock) & Ora Kay
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.
Brewer, Chris	Hastrup, Louise	Pinkham, Judee B.
Britten, Sophronia A.	Hath, Kathy Tavares	Pinkham, Patrick & Mary
Brodhead, Loren F.	Hawthorne, Roy	Queirolo, Annie Lowson
Burdic, John & Elaine McCain	Hendricks, Stuart	Reid, Harold & Torri
Bungay, Robert	Hengst, Robert & Linda	Runciman Jon
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Cluck, Rosemary	Jackson, Bruce & Marge	Seaborn, Margaret
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Cosart, Pam Young	Jacobsen, Richard & Patricia	Sorenson, Louise B.
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## MEMORIAL DONATIONS RECEIVED:

In Memory of Jim Ingram

Memberships and donations are the lifeblood of our preservation and education efforts. Your donation of historic documents, photos, and artifacts, are also deeply appreciated. They are an important part of what MKPS offers so that we may share the wonderful history of this area.

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Lisa Monteiro - Director

Sandra Stryd - Curator



# 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you for renewing your membership and supporting MKPS.

You can renew online at : <https://mineralking.org/membership/>

Mineral King Preservation Society  
Membership Application/Renewal 2021

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PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:   - New Membership   - Renewal   - Gift

## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

- \_\_\_ Student .....\$15.00
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Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_, membership level selected above, made payable to the Mineral King Preservation Society.

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