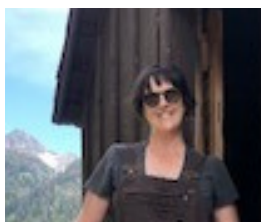


# MINERAL KING CHRONICLE

MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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## Letter From the Director

LISA MONTEIRO

Hello, it is great to be back in Mineral King! We were able to open up the Honeymoon Cabin and prep it for visitors. I hope you take a moment to stop in and sign our guest book.

It has been great to see our videos coming out and to be receiving your feedback. I am happy that so many of you have enjoyed the geology video and that those attending the premiere of My Father, Ansel have also enjoyed the finished video. I am looking forward to sharing that video with everyone soon; we are waiting on final edits to the images we received from the Ansel Adams Trust. I will share the video via email with our members soon! It will then be available on our website and YouTube channel.

Our curator Sandi is working very hard to ensure that the new Disney Dream exhibit is informative and interesting to visitors that range from never hearing about the project before, to those that lived through it first-hand. Our committee is also moving forward on schedule for the overhaul of the Native American exhibit in the Mineral King Room. This is being funded by a grant from Cal Humanities. The exhibit is scheduled to be completed in February of 2023. We are also moving forward with our oral history project. If you are interested in sharing a story that we can share and preserve, please reach out.

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their MKPS membership and to our new members for their support. Membership dues helps us cover our operating costs and ensure that we are able to continue to offer quality programs and events. It will also help us if you help spread the word about joining MKPS.

Lastly, I wanted to recognize a great friend of our organization who passed away recently, Nadine Hack. Nadine was a champion of Mineral King history and her support of MKPS meant so much to us. I feel honored I was able to get to know her and will remember her fondly.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Picnic in the Park and the Music in the Mountains concert; more details on both are in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support. - Lisa

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# Curator's Corner

SANDRA STRYD

Change is a good thing, right?

You can find so many changes happening in Mineral King daily and in the Mineral King Room almost as quickly. We received the Society for Industrial Archeology – Eric DeLony Industrial Heritage Preservation Grant! Whew, that’s a mouthful, but they have provided MKPS with half the funds we need to restore the water jacket that was found in Mineral King. It is on loan from The National Park Service and on display at the Three Rivers Museum by the back patio. NPS is matching the grant funds which will allow us to preserve the water jacket and create a wonderful display of the New England Smelter Exhibition.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be building a stand for the water jacket before the preservation begins. College of the Sequoias welding department, Randy Emery, department head, Christopher Huff, instructor, and Dave King, retired welding instructor at the Visalia Adult School and retired metal sculpture and blacksmithing instructor at College of the Sequoias (and 3R local), are partnering with us to build the stand. I expect that to be in place by mid-July if not sooner.

The updated Disney Dream exhibition is still a work in progress. We expect it to be completed in the next 2 weeks; stop by and let us know what you think.

Jade Star Lackey, our friend and Geology professor at Pomona College, stopped by to help me name our mineral/rock collection. He also took the time to date many of the items in the collection and tell me what part of Mineral King the item is most likely from (with the help of Laile Di Silvestro) and has offered to give us a few more specimens for our collection. The collection was removed from exhibit while we updated the Disney Dream. I hope to have the collection back on display soon. Jade Star is working with MKPS to develop a new Natural History exhibit as well. If you haven’t watched his video we presented on our website, please take time to see it. You can view it on the homepage of our website: [www.mineralking.org](http://www.mineralking.org) or by scanning the QR code below.



Ward Eldridge pictured with the water jacket at the Three Rivers Historical Museum.



# Mineral King Memories

The following is a story shared with us by MKPS Lifetime member Jean Koch.

Please reach out to us if you have a story you would like to share.

We had parked our car beside the Mineral King Road a few curves above Lookout Point. It was March and the road was not drivable much further. We got out our skis and back packs and headed up the road on foot. We put on our skis when we reached enough snow for skiing and it was onward to the porch of the Alles Cabin for lunch. Reached our cabin in time to get it warmed up in time for cheer and dinner.

The next day we skied to the end of the road and found one other cabin occupied - the big one beside where the store used to be. Of course Mineral King was beautiful with its winter coat of snow and we packed a picnic lunch and ate at the bridge.

When we locked up and headed down the hill the next day, it was beautiful and sunny and we found that the people from the other cabin were also headed out. We learned that they were from San Francisco. A mile or so up the road from Lookout Point, we came around a bend and there stood the people from the other cabin, who announced, "None of us are going to drive out of here today." And there was a big land slide, including boulders and all kinds of debris, completely blocking the road. For a few minutes we stood and surveyed the mess. My aunt and uncle lived in Visalia and I envisioned climbing over the land slide and hiking down the road and phoning them for help. All that became unnecessary when we saw a car coming up the road. The driver said he was just out for a nice Sunday drive but he agreed to give us all a lift to Visalia if we scraped the mud off of our feet before getting into his immaculate car. He dropped us off at my relative's home. It took a few moments for my aunt to recognize me when she answered the door but she finally allowed us all in. I think the San Franciscans called for a car rental.

My uncle loaned us a car to drive home to Los Angeles but it had just been serviced and he said it should not be driven faster than 45 miles/hour and the heater didn't work. Bless his heart, but it was a slow, cold ride home.

We had left our car keys with my uncle and when the Mineral King road had been cleared, he enlisted a friend to retrieve our car.

We have had many adventures on the Mineral King Road but this one stands out in my memory.

Jean Koch

## SAVE THE DATE

**Picnic in the Park** - Saturday, July 16, 2022

**Music in the Mountains** - Saturday, August 13, 2022

**Hike** - Saturday, September 3rd - Join Marty Peterson as he recounts his time doing surveys in MK. Particularly, the incredible winter of 1982/83. This hike will cover the winter snow survey course and is between 5-6 miles. Advanced sign up required. If interested email [lisa@mineralking.org](mailto:lisa@mineralking.org).

# *Picnic in the Park*

July 16, 2022 • 12 PM •  
Mineral King Ranger Station

Pack a picnic, chairs or blankets, and join us for an afternoon in Mineral King. Enjoy your lunch, good company, and a presentation relating to the history of fire lookouts, fire preparedness, and the events of the KNP Complex Fire.

Featuring presenters from the following organizations: Buck Rock Foundation, Cal Fire, Tulare County Fire, and Sequoia National Park.



# Have you renewed your membership?

**Renewal notices have been sent out; if you did not receive one please let us know! We appreciate your support.**

Membership income supports MKPS programs and projects. Call us or sign up online at [www.MineralKing.org/membership](http://www.MineralKing.org/membership).

## GRANT NEWS

Since our last newsletter we have received 2 more grants!

\$500 for our oral history project from the Tulare County Historical Society

\$3,000 from the Society for Industrial Archaeology toward the preservation of the water jacket (smelter) at the Three Rivers Historical Museum



Photo by Koby Royito - Salt Lake City

## 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](mailto:lisa@mineralking.org).



# Raffle Tickets on Sale Now!



Help support MKPS and purchase a ticket for a chance to win a unique painting by local artist, and Mineral King lover, Jana Botkin. Jana painted this view of the Honeymoon Cabin in Mineral King on a beautifully worn shutter from a Mineral King cabin. Proceeds from ticket sales will go toward our general fund and future exhibits.



Tickets are on sale for \$40.00 apiece and available at our office (ongoing), at Picnic in the Park (July 16th), and Music in the Mountains (August 13th). Call us at (559)561-1000 or email Lisa at [lisa@mineralking.org](mailto:lisa@mineralking.org) for more info.

A winner will be drawn at the Music in the Mountains concert in Mineral King on Saturday, August 13th!

## SEKI NEWS

### MEET ZACH GORSKI - INTERPRETIVE PARK RANGER - MINERAL KING



I grew up on the coast of California, where the water is cold, the trees are tall, and everything outdoors sparks the curiosity of a young mind. During the summer my family would road trip to camp on rivers and lakes in Northern California; which, is probably the reason I became a park ranger.

My journey with the National Park Service started the summer of 2021 as an interpretive ranger in Bryce Canyon National Park. Prior to that I was a Naturalist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where I was introduced to interpretation as a career.

When I am not in uniform, you will find me hiking to the alpine lakes and exploring the backcountry with a camera strapped around my neck. If you do see me out and about please come say hi, and I hope you will join us this summer for some of our interpretive programming!

THE MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESENTS:

# MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

FEATURING MUSIC BY MANKIN CREEK

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH AT 5:00 PM**

MUSIC, SANDWICHES, CHIPS, AND WATER PROVIDED!



**BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET. CONCERT HELD ON THE 1920S DANCE FLOOR NEAR THE EAGLE/MOSQUITO TRAILHEAD.**

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Sandra Stryd - Curator

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## Our WISHLIST is now Online!

We have an Amazon wishlist that can be viewed by visiting the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p5znvm7!>

## 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.

# My Father, Ansel - Video Premiere Success!

Saturday, June 11th we premiered the second video of three at the Fresno Art Museum (FAM). Over 130 people attended the premiere. The video was shown followed by a Q&A period with Dr. Michael Adams, Ansel's son. We then had a reception in the main lobby of the museum and visitors were able to browse the Museum's exhibits, including a collection of Ansel's photos. It was a wonderful afternoon and was made possible by the help of so many individuals. We worked closely with Sarah Vargas and Tasha Mendoza at FAM as well as their Executive Director Michelle Ellis Pracy. We are also thankful for the support of Horn Photo our of Fresno that sponsored the event. The video will be made available to the public soon and will be on our website, YouTube channel, and linked on our social media. Lastly a thank you Zach Green and his crew for the work they have done on the videos so far, we are thrilled with the final results and can't wait to hear what you think! This video series is funded by a grant from the Southern California Edison Company.



Above: Dr. Adams and Zach Green answering audience questions.



Above: Dr. Adams viewing the video before the event



Right: Audience members in FAM Bonner Auditorium.



## THREE RIVERS HISTORICAL 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)

The TRHS has their upcoming Hot Dog Festival Fundraiser on Saturday, July 9th. See flyer below for more information.



# Hot Dog Festival

Sat., July 9 • 10 am-4 pm

**Three Rivers Historical Museum**

42268 Sierra Dr. • Three Rivers

Hot Dog, Polish Dog or Veggie Dog

Corn on the Cob • Root Beer Float

*Plus all the fixins!*

### DEMONSTRATIONS, EXHIBITS AND ACTIVITIES

Tulare Co. Fire and Sheriff, CalFire, Nat'l Park Service,  
Army Corps of Engineers, American Ambulance, CHP,  
NOAA, and Three Rivers Fire Safe Council



First Responders  
and Special Guests  
will be cooking



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