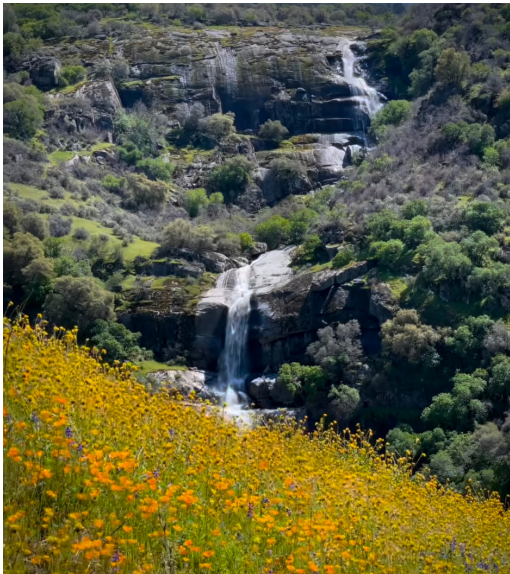


Mineral King Chronicle



Letter From the Director

LISA MONTEIRO

Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I share with you our latest edition of the Mineral King Chronicle. I am excited to unveil the new look and hope you enjoy. Inside you can find updates on exhibits, archives, and upcoming events. We have had a very busy spring, and even though we don't know when we will be able to go back to Mineral King, we are excited about the upcoming events in Three Rivers and Visalia that we will hold in the meantime.

In mid-April we held a photography and wildflower hike with some of our favorite local Instagram photographers. The hike hit capacity quickly! The hike leaders, Jesus Cervantes and Joe Christianson, did an excellent job of showing off the area's "super bloom" from the Skyline trail.

On June 24th we will premiere the next video in our series, Packing in the Sierra. The premiere will be held at the Tulare County Museum in Visalia, the flyer is (*cont...*)



Letter From the Director continued...

on page 3. This event is free, but reservations are required. We are excited to have a few packers who will be doing a packing Q&A with the audience after the film is screened.

I am very excited about the progress we have made on the committee for the Native Voices exhibit. Earlier this month we got to preview the overall design layout ideas from our exhibit designer. We also received the completed video, made by Zach Green Films, that will be featured in the exhibit. This video will include audio from Sheila Lopez, a member of our committee as she reads the tale, "How People Got Their Hands" in English and Wukchumni.



When I started as Director at MKPS in 2019, I worked with our board to create a five-year strategic plan. We set three to five goals under each of the following areas: collections and exhibits, donor and community relations, administrative, programs, and financial growth. I am very proud to announce that we have met all of these goals, but one, the completion of the outdoor mining exhibit. This exhibit will be completed this June; see pages 4-5 for more information. In July will begin the process of planning for 2024-2028. It is exciting to look toward the future for MKPS as we continue to grow.

None of this growth would be possible without you! To our volunteers, members, donors, and supporters, thank you. We have accomplished a lot because of you.

Thank you,

Lisa

THE MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESENTS:



VIDEO PREMIERE AND Q&A



Packing in the Sierra

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

1:00 PM

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM

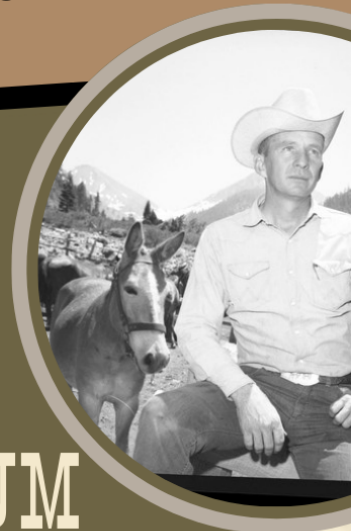
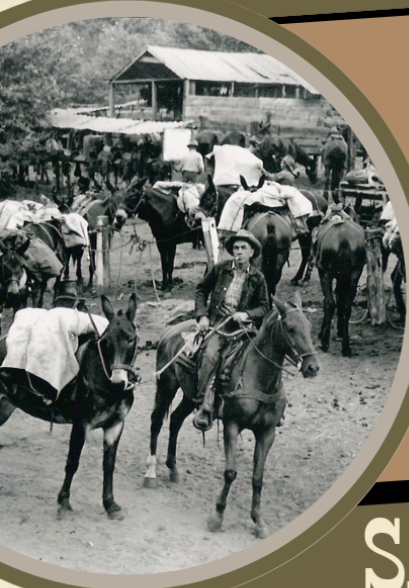
IN THE FARM LABOR AND AGRICULTURE MUSEUM THEATER

THIS EVENT IS FREE BUT SPACE IS LIMITED
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

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HOW TO ENTER MOONEY GROVE WITHOUT BEING CHARGED

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Grant News



National Trust for
Historic Preservation®
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We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a \$4,500.00 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to support the The New England Tunnel and Smelting Company Water Jacket Preservation Project. This is in addition to the grant we received from the Society of Industrial Archaeology for \$3,000.00 and the matching funds from Sequoia National Park. We are incredibly grateful for this grant and the support it provides for our ongoing work. The conservation process will involve careful examination, cleaning, and stabilization of the artifact to ensure that it is safeguarded against any further damage or deterioration. We are excited to share that after the conservation process is complete, this artifact will be on display as a part of a new exhibit. This exhibit will offer visitors a unique opportunity to learn more about the history and significance of this artifact and its relevance to our community today. We look forward to sharing this important piece of our history with visitors from near and far. Join us in June to see the preservation work first hand and attend an educational lecture; see the next page for further details.

A huge thank you to the volunteers that are helping make this exhibit possible:

- Laile Di Silvestro
- Julio Barajas and crew
- David King
- Chris Huff,
Instructor Welding
Dept. COS
- Randy Emery,
Director Welding
Dept. COS



Preservation Time!

Join the Mineral King Preservation Society at the Three Rivers Historical Museum as we prepare to unveil a new exhibit!

A preservationist from the National Park Service will be on-site working to preserve a water jacket used by the New England Tunnel and Smelter Company in the late 1800s. We will have a local historical archeologist on site during the open house and she will also give a lecture on Saturday before the exhibit unveiling.

Thursday, June 15 Open House

10 AM - 2 PM - Rocks to Riches

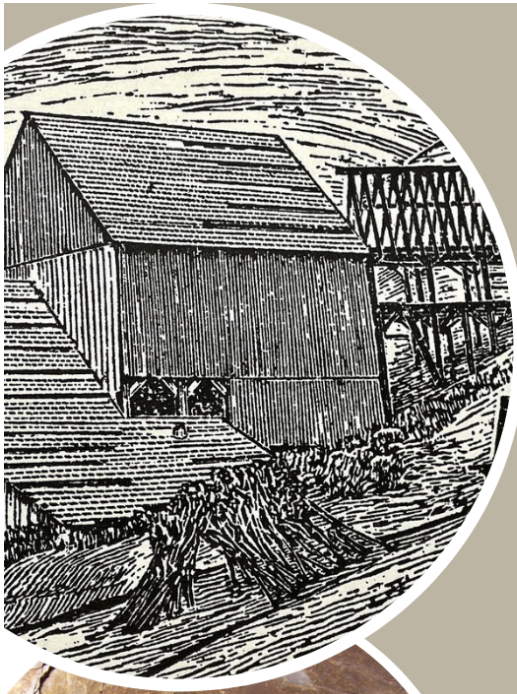
11 AM - Preservation 101

Saturday, June 17 Lecture & Exhibit Unveiling

10 AM - Presentation: Thieving & Swindling the History & Mystery of the New England Tunnel and Smelter Co.

Presented by Laile Di Silvestro

11 AM - Exhibit Unveiling



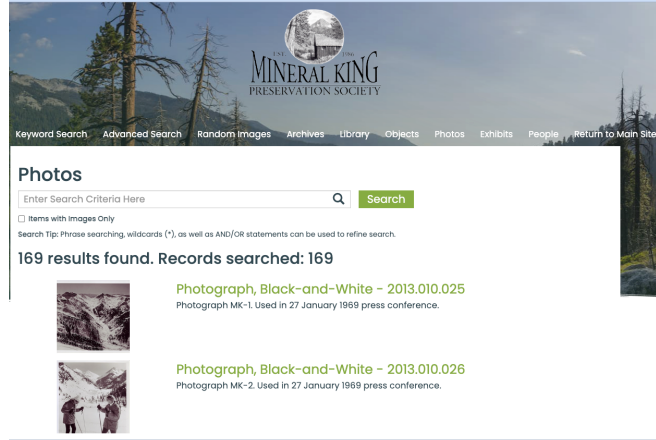


Curator's Corner

SANDRA STRYD

PastPerfect software is live!

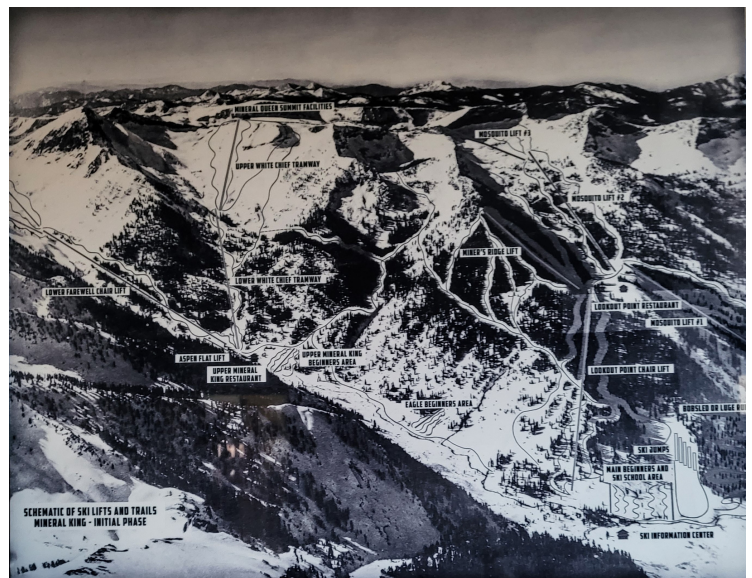
Visit our collection at <https://mineralking.catalogaccess.com/>. Antoinette is cataloging more objects, photos, archives, and library items every day. If you don't see your donation in PastPerfect, we are working hard to upload our entire collection.



Local photographer, Greg Gray, completed digitizing and improving the Mineral King map of the proposed Disney ski lift area. Please stop in the Mineral King Room to see the displayed remastered photo. Let us know what you think. By displaying the remastered photo we are able to put the original in our archives.



Before



After

Curator's Corner Cont.

Local artist Dayna Higgins is working with MKPS to improve the Natural History wall in the MK Room at The Three Rivers Museum. We think kids (and the kid in all of us) will enjoy the animal prints that will adorn the wall along with interactive interpretive panels.

Recent donations to our collections include:

Jim Wells Family Archives - Jim Wells, former long time Three Rivers resident and Mineral King (Kaweah Han) dweller stopped by the MKPS office and donated boxes (yes I said BOXES) full of the amazing history of his family. I'm excited to see the 16mm home movies of pack trips, Kaweah Han, and the Silver City sawmill 1930s to 1940s. I'm hoping we get these on our website for all to enjoy as well. Lisa, Antoinette and Jim, spent hours looking at the archives and drooling over the amazing history we can share with you. Unfortunately, I missed Jim this visit, but I hear he keeps you laughing!

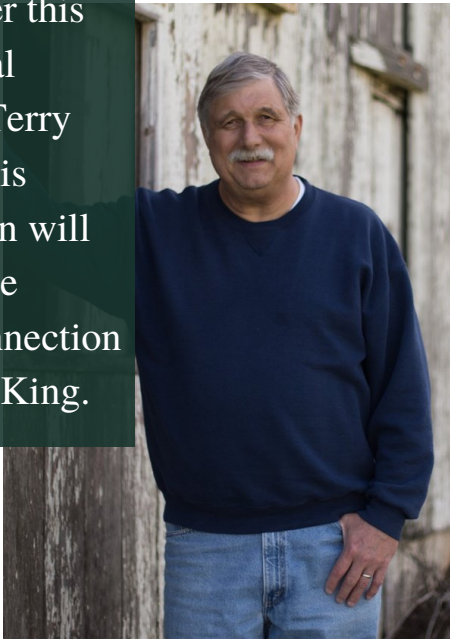
Bill DeCarteret - Bill and Marilyn recently stopped in as well and brought us several objects to put on display. We now have the MK Store and Post Office sign that he saved after an avalanche, Farewell Gap trail sign, Mineral King Pack station sign (handmade by Bill), Mineral King Resort stamp, 4 handmade packing cinches, one horse comb, pack and saddle sign, De Carteret sign. If you didn't know; Bill and Marilyn owned the Mineral King pack station at one time and Bill wrote the book "Mountains, Mules and Memories". Yes, we feel very grateful to have these items in our collections.

Changing exhibits, updating exhibits, maintaining the Mineral King Room and preserving our collections all take money. Please donate and/or become a member to help support us in educating children and adults, as well as preserving Mineral King and the surrounding Southern Sierra's artifacts, stories, legacies and collections with which we have been entrusted.

-Sandi

PICNIC IN THE PARK NEWS

Our speaker this year is local historian, Terry Ommen. His presentation will be about the Visalia connection to Mineral King.



Planning for repairs along Mineral King road are well underway. However, we have decided that that our annual Picnic in the Park will not be held in its traditional location in Mineral King this year. We hope the road will be open by July 15th, but without a guarantee we think it best to move the event's location,

We are pleased to announce that we have made arrangements to host the event at a new location in Visalia. While it may not be the same as gathering in the beauty of Mineral King, we are excited to be able to continue this tradition and celebrate Mineral King history in a new setting. We think this will also give many of those less familiar with Mineral King an opportunity to learn more about MKPS

and its history. We are working hard to ensure that this event will be just as memorable and enjoyable as in years past. We will have light refreshments and a presentation by Terry Ommen. We will continue to monitor the road conditions leading to Mineral King and hope to resume holding events there as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you at "Picnic in the Park" in Visalia!

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT!

SATURDAY, JULY 15

12 PM

CAFE 210 - VISALIA

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