

## Vice President's Message Sally Huseby

As we come back from our summer activities and our President, Skip Gebel, is taking a well-earned vacation. I am filling in for him this month.

We continue to have large turn-outs for the Friday night Front Street entertainment. Our weekly presence has brought more visitors to see the chapel.

We also had a booth at the **Hot Chili and Cool Cars** event where we were pleased to have several more residents join our historical society.

We were happy to see so many familiar faces at our pot luck dinner on September 19. As always, the food was

delicious! After dinner, we saw the new DVD, "Welcome to Rocklin," produced by the Rocklin Chamber of Commerce Leadership class.

We look forward to a season of continuing projects, including collection of historical artifacts from the Big Gun quarry site and raising funds for a new replica fire house.

We have just learned of our Docent leader, Barbara Chapman's decision to take a year's sabbatical for next year, 2012. We will miss her presence in many ways. She has worked tirelessly in setting up the docent program, with training sessions, field trips and more in her efforts to further educate the docents. She has earned a much-needed rest and we wish her a relaxing and enriching vacation.

## MILESTONES

Gay and Fred Morgan will celebrate their sixtieth anniversary on October 13.



## Know your docents

Gay Morgan

Barbara Chapman is the Head docent, in charge of scheduling and training docents for the Rocklin History Museum. She also represents the Rocklin Historical Society at the County meetings where all the museums in Placer County discuss current displays and plans for future events such as the very successful Heritage Trail Days, which was celebrated in August. She comes to us from Southern California, Long Beach to be exact. She and her sister attended school there. She went to the community college where her father, a navy man, said whatever else she studied she should learn to type. This stood her in good stead because she was always able to find work. She worked for thirty plus years, starting as a lowly clerk/secretary in private business, changing jobs as better opportunities came along, So Cal Edison, several large manufacturing companies, a law firm and she retired as a customer service manager. Between Community college and graduation from the University of Redlands, marriage and three children intervened. She has two sons and a daughter. The boys, Russ and Greg live in Burlingame, and Sandra, her daughter, lives here in Rocklin with her two sons, Brandon and Zachary. Barbara has seven grandchildren from the age of 7 to 25.



**Barbara Chapman**

Two other very important members of her family are Nick and Nora. They are cats adopted from the Placer County Rescue program. They thoroughly enjoy their "big screen TV" (doors and windows to the back yard.)

History has always been of great interest to her. She and her husband volunteered at Rancho Los Cerritos, a historical site. It is the only surviving two-story adobe house and was part of a Land Grant originally given to Spanish soldier Manuel Nieto in 1784. The property survived many incarnations including cattle and sheep ranching and finally was purchased by the City of Long Beach in 1955 to serve as a museum. Its name means "Ranch of the Little Hills."

After she retired and the death of her husband, Barbara often found herself traveling the I-80 corridor between San Francisco and the Sacramento area to visit friends and relatives. At the suggestion of a niece, she visited Springfield, liked what she saw and purchased a home there. After settling in she saw an article in The Placer Herald about the Rocklin Historical Society and their plan to open a History Museum. She became a member and when the Museum opened she volunteered to be the Head Docent. Volunteering seems to be in her blood. Being a docent involves committing to one three-hour shift a month with another docent. (You can do more if you like.) You meet many interesting people, locals, students and travelers, and make new friends. Some of the docents give guided tours for groups of adults from businesses, churches and clubs. Third graders in the Rocklin Unified School District, Scouts, High School and College students and other groups are also welcomed. The historical society plans to have new training sessions this fall for incoming docents.

Traveling, gardening, music and reading are Barbara's hobbies. One of her favorite trips was to New Zealand where she and her husband visited on old school friend of Ed's. They spent a month there, living in a quaint small town named Kati Kati and traveling up and down both

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Barbara

the North and South Islands.

The Rocklin History Society is fortunate that Barbara read the Placer Herald and decided to volunteer with us. However, Barbara has chosen to take a sabbatical this year to rest and travel. We wish her well and hope to welcome her back next year.

## Good news for Rocklin Heritage Fund donors

PCF and Gary Day

If you are taking mandatory distributions from your IRA there is good news for you if you donate to the Rocklin Heritage Fund at the Placer Community Foundation. The fund supports activities of the Rocklin Historical Society

A new law makes it possible to give IRA assets to the fund through 2011, free from federal tax.

The law might make an attractive giving option for you if you are:

- Over 70½ and now receiving minimum IRA distributions
- Interested in making a significant lifetime gift.

Through 2011, the new law allows those age 70½ and older to transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA to charity this year tax-free. If married, each spouse can transfer \$100,000. Using IRA assets to make a gift during your life, as opposed to giving via bequest in your will, enables you to experience the joy of making a major gift.

"We're ready to help donors take advantage of this legislation and make gifts during their lifetimes. Our personalized service and local expertise helps donors address the issues most important to them," said Veronica Blake, Chief Executive Officer for the Placer Community Foundation.

For more information on the charitable giving legislation and the Charitable IRA opportunity, please contact Veronica Blake at (530) 885-4920 or visit the PCF website at [www.placercf.org](http://www.placercf.org).

## The Rocklin Landscape, a Neighborhood Story

Roger Lokey  
Past president

The RHS is a benevolent influence in Rocklin and Sierra Community College is a recognized educational powerhouse in South Placer County. Their interests and influence complement each other and so an affiliation seems a logical merger. Now, to the great benefit of the Rocklin community, RHS and Sierra Community College have forged a partnership where mutual interests are pursued and mutual strengths combined to do the heavy lifting of chronicling where we came from and why we are who we are. Here is the history of this event. The RHS has been fortunate for the last several years to have as a member, Dan DeFoe, Professor of History and the former History Department Chair at Sierra Community College. In a mutual collaboration initially funded by RHS, Professor DeFoe wrote and produced a wonderful historical film entitled, "Gold, Granite, and Grit," about the Rocklin quarry industry and its influence on Rocklin and the State of California. If you haven't seen this film it is truly a magnificent effort. As President of RHS I attended a number of film showings on the Sierra College campus and in the local area. During this time I met a number of the faculty at Sierra College and specifically Gary Noy, the Director of the Center for Sierra Nevada Studies and Editor-in-Chief of the Sierra College Press. We found mutual interests in the natural synergy between RHS and Sierra College. As a result, Gary offered RHS a seat on the Sierra College Press Advisory Board and as President at that time, I accepted for RHS. This opportunity to develop a closer working relationship between RHS and Sierra College seemed to me a win-win for all concerned. After all, we both exist in and for the Rocklin community so a confluence of our efforts could only prove a positive move for both organizations.

After sitting on the Advisory Board for some seven months it was obvious that Gary Noy and company were working diligently to raise the profile of the Sierra College Press in the eyes of the academic community as they struggled to become the only successful College

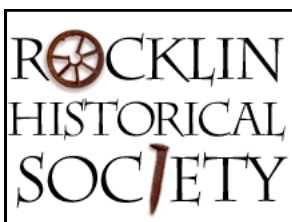
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Help preserve Rocklin's history  
and support history-related arts  
projects.



**We are pleased to announce that the Rocklin Historical Society has established a Rocklin Heritage Fund at the Placer Community Foundation**

Now it is possible to make tax-deductible gifts and perpetual endowments that will support Rocklin Historical Society programs and both visual and performing arts related to Rocklin's heritage. Please contact Veronica Blake at 530-885-4920s to learn how you can contribute, or go to [www.placercf.org](http://www.placercf.org).



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## A town built on granite

Gary Day  
updated and rewritten

Downtown Rocklin is astride a 100 square mile belt of high quality and easily accessible granite that extends from Folsom to Lincoln. Assisted by easy access to rail shipping, granite mining and creation of finished granite products formed the backbone of Rocklin's economy from the mid 1860's until the early 1920's. The industry's heyday began during construction of the transcontinental railroad.

The Central Pacific Railroad started laying rails eastward from Sacramento in early 1863. By early 1864 they had crossed the valley floor and

were preparing to ascend the western Sierra. On March 21 that year, the Sacramento Union reported that more than half of the members of the State Legislature and many of their friends "traveled by train 22 miles to the new granite quarry at the end of the tracks". They detrained there and children gathered wild flowers while "grave legislators and solid men" gathered at the quarry rim "conversing learnedly and geologically" while "matrons and maidens wandered off among trees and rocky knolls according to their own sweet will."

The name "Rocklin" didn't first appear in print until about 3 months later when it was listed as a passenger stop in a railroad timetable. But, according to former quarry operator and Rocklin mayor Roy Ruhkala, the unnamed and idyllic spot in the Union article was probably Rocklin and the quarry was probably the now trash-filled pit near Pacific Street and Farron. That pit abuts the railroad's main line and, according to state records, is Rocklin's oldest quarry.

According to a Sacramento Union of March 28, 1864 the Central Pacific's first paid freight was three carloads of granite bound for a building project in San Francisco. Ruhkala thinks that it was probably granite from the same quarry.

The account of the legislators' train trip appears to be the earliest documented evidence

of Rocklin's granite industry, although old timers in the 1920's talked of quarry activities as early as 1855. Also, the native Nisenan might have quarried small amounts of granite for their food processing implements, arrowheads, and tobacco pipes for 1,500 to 3,000 years prior to that time.

In his book *Rocklin*, Leonard Davis says that Rocklin's quarries of the 1860's supplied granite blocks for railroad tunnels and culverts. A biographical sketch from the 1860's tells of Michael Kelly and his 9-year-old son Maurice who delivered Rocklin granite blocks by oxcart for culverts all along the

By 1910 Rocklin quarries had supplied granite for several major projects in Nevada and Northern California, including the courthouses in Auburn, Reno, and Sacramento. Today, some San Francisco streets are still lined with Rocklin granite curbing used to repair roads damaged in the 1906 earthquake.

But by 1915 cement-based concrete had begun to nudge granite from builders' plans and a stonecutters strike that year closed more than half of Rocklin's quarries permanently.

Some quarries operated for just a few

months, others for several decades. According to Rocklin Historian Uno Hebuck, 62 quarry pits were eventually opened and abandoned. Rocklin's largest 19<sup>th</sup> century quarry was Ira Delano's Rocklin Granite Company quarry near the corner of today's Granite Street and Rocklin Road. It was Rocklin's garbage dump during the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century and now it underpins a building and parking lot there.

Many quarries are filled with runoff rainwater and debris and lie hidden in weedy fields. At least one abandoned quarry lies under the westbound lanes of highway 80. Another decorates Rocklin's



**A 1919 – 1920 granite sculpture from Rocklin's Capitol Quarry, now called Big Gun Quarry, decorates the former Bank of Italy building at Powell and Market in Downtown San Francisco**

line as far as Auburn.

Rocklin's quarries also supplied riprap, chunks of waste granite, for hillside rail beds that allowed water to pass easily under the tracks.

Rocklin's 1870 census shows that Rocklin's early quarrymen were predominantly Irishmen. Possibly they were from families escaping the Irish potato famines of the 1840's.

By 1880, at least six Rocklin quarries had shipped granite blocks for dozens of imposing granite structures, including the California State Capital building (1864-1874) and San Francisco's Palace Hotel (1874). The industry shrunk to one quarry in the early 1880's as public projects dried up but a better economy, machine-powered quarrying technology, and large numbers of hard working Finnish immigrants brought the quarries to their peak of activity by 1895 when at least 12 quarries operated.

Library building across Rocklin road from the Delano Quarry site. Another beautifies a mobile home park's landscape.

Although one or two quarries continued to ship building stone, monuments and other specialty products until near the end of the last century, the industry had ceased to be important to Rocklin's economy by the early 1930's. The Capitol Quarry, now called Big Gun Quarry, near Pacific Street and Rocklin Road was Rocklin's last active quarry. It produced small amounts of specialty granite products as recently as 2002. That Quarry closed permanently in 2005 and now belongs to the City of Rocklin. See Pages 4 and 5



# The Capitol Quarry and the Union Granite Company

Gary Day

In late 2010 the City of Rocklin purchased a seven acre property near the southeast corner of Rocklin Road and Pacific Street. It is the site of Rocklin's Capitol Quarry which opened in September 1864 to supply granite building material, mainly granite blocks, for California's State Capitol building in Sacramento.

Except for a few years in the nineteenth century and early in the 1930s, the Capitol Quarry operated continually under various owners and various names, producing granite building materials, monument stone, and specialty stone products until it closed in 2005. Most recently the quarry carried the name, "Big Gun," but during the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century it was called the Front Quarry of the Union

Granite Company. It was Rocklin's largest, and at times Rocklin's only, full time source of Rocklin granite. According to former Union Granite manager and former Rocklin Mayor Roy Ruhkala the quarry pit is 85 feet deep and 2.6 acres at the surface and Union Granite extracted more than 60% of all the granite ever taken from that pit.

Finnish immigrant of 1889 Matt Ruhkala, Roy's father, started Union Granite in 1903 with a small quarry east of the Rocklin Cemetery. Since 1960 that quarry has been under the west-bound lanes of Highway 80. Matt moved Union Granite to a second quarry in 1904 to satisfy a high demand for monument stone. Later business boomed there as Union Granite supplied curbstone and other granite materials to rebuild San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake. That second quarry, water filled now with a mid-lake fountain, decorates Rocklin's library at the corner of Granite Drive and Rocklin Road.

In 1919 Matt acquired ten acres that included the home and side yard quarry of Anders Wickman. The quarry, known famously by the Ruhkala family as their home quarry, was the main source of Union Granite's production in the 1920s. It is now dormant and



*A Union Granite Company sign of granite blocks is among the artifacts stored at the Capitol Quarry*



*The Capitol Quarry looking north toward the downtown city office building. In 2005 it was the last of Rocklin's 61 quarries to close. Rocklin's last remaining granite cutting and polishing sheds are on the northwest quarry rim. In spite of the sheds' historic significance, and the Rocklin Historical Society's appeals to save them, the city plans to demolish them because they appear to be safety hazards.*

in the path of urban development. It is barely visible through thick vegetation on Ruhkala Road.

By the early 1920s Matt and his wife Eva had eleven children, and in 1933 Matt, thinking of retirement, encouraged four of his six young sons, Gideon, Ruben, Abner, and Ben, to expand Union Granite with the purchase of the Capitol Quarry from the bankrupt estate of Adolf Pernu. Pernu's California Granite Company had acquired the quarry in 1905

and modernized operations by introducing pneumatic drilling equipment. Pernu had also constructed a company store of granite blocks on Rocklin road for his employees in 1912. But Pernu died on a Yosemite worksite in 1931, and with a big mortgage and the depths of the Great Depression looming, his survivors were unable to carry on.

The four Ruhkala brothers gave the Capitol Quarry their family's Union Granite Company name, repaired and augmented Pernu's aging equipment and produced crushed stone products and both finished and unfinished stone for grave markers and other monuments, until 1977. In 1941 the City of Rocklin bought Pernu's company store and it has been Rocklin's City hall since then.

In 1968 Congressman "Bizz" Johnson commended the Ruhkala brothers, for producing 32 granite benches for the

United States Capital grounds in Washington D.C.

In the early 1970s the Ruhkalas imported 7,000 tons of quartz from the Bear River area and crushed it to be incorporated in the concrete walls of San Francisco's Transamerica Building. By the early 1970s Union Granite was the only Rocklin company engaged in the large scale extraction and cutting of Rocklin granite. But the Ruhkalas wanted to retire so they sold the Capitol Quarry in 1977. The pit continued to yield stone during the 1980s and 1990s but in lessening amounts. Activity at the Capitol Quarry site during the last 25 years of its productive life was mainly in the cutting and crushing of small amounts of Capitol Quarry stone and stone imported from other quarries.

The Capitol Quarry's future is now in the hands of the City of Rocklin. The Rocklin Historical Society hopes to work alongside

the city to ensure that much of this important artifact of Rocklin's history is preserved for the education and enjoyment of future generations. See Page 5.

## Save Our Sheds (SOS)

### A message of thanks to the community for the support

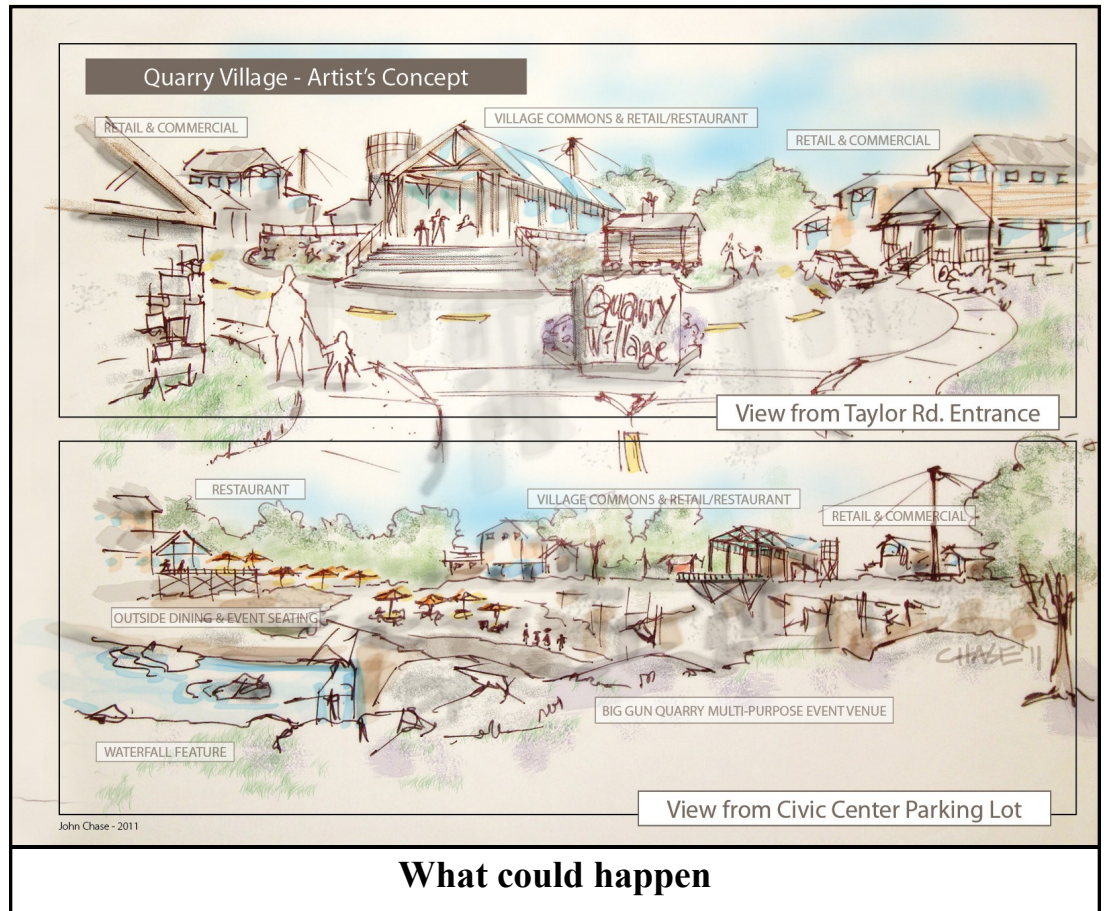
We will soon bid farewell to the work sheds at the site of Rocklin's Capitol Quarry, known recently as the Big Gun Quarry. The sheds are the only surviving structures representing our community's 150 year granite mining heritage. We will also bid farewell to the dream of the sheds' new life as a visitor attraction and interpretive center based on Rocklin's granite mining heritage.

The quarry was purchased by the City of Rocklin's Redevelopment Agency on Dec 2, 2010. The purchase contract listed the historic sheds as available to be sold as salvage by Sonco, the previous owner, so by contractual agreement the sheds were lost. They could have been sold, but they were not. They were not lost.

We contacted Mr. William Berg at the California Office of Historic Preservation. He emphasized that the historic value of the structures is dependent on their remaining in their original location, at the side of the quarry, near the existing derrick, 1871 RR Spur tracks, wire and gang saws, donkey engines, compressors, office and blacksmith shop. At our request Merkel & Associates, structural engineers, and Montgomery Contractors with 130 yrs experience working with historic structures reviewed the sheds. Both agreed the sheds can be rehabilitated. Montgomery Contractors submitted a bid for the initial phase of the rehabilitation, lifting and straightening the shed structure. Stamas Corporation, a builder, offered to use tax credits to rehabilitate the sheds and donate the completed works to the historical society or the City of Rocklin.

Preservation of the historic sheds moved from a possibility to a reality. However, it would take time for the community to develop and consider options. And the plan to demolish the sheds was moving forward.

The historical society requested that the city council delay removal of the sheds to provide time to reconsider the fate of the structures. The request for a delay was denied based on considerations of safety and a concern that the property might be transferred to the state before the city could save components.



### What could happen

I extend thanks to all that believed in the Save Our Sheds cause:

- Members of the Big Gun Committee for their guidance, encouragement and support.
- The 20 volunteers who collected artifacts, cleaned the site and made the site safer.
- The 543 members of the community and visitors that signed the petition to delay.
- The 16 citizens that spoke at council meetings on behalf of the request for delay.
- Members of CC Rediscover Rocklin and Citizens Redevelopment Advisory Committees.
- The residents of old town, passionate about the loss.
- Citizens of other parts of town, just as passionate, with less reason.
- John Chase for graphic illustrations of the options.
- Margaret for unbelievable patience, love and steadfast support.

I apologize to the members of the historical society and the community for the polarization that accompanied the sheds issue – clearly, as a result, we never found a way to rational discourse with members of the council and, while options remain even at this point, the cause seems lost.

Gene Johnson Chairman, Rocklin Historical Society Big Gun Committee



## History of Sunset Whitney, part three Snowballs at Sunset

Gary Day

In 1964 Sunset International Petroleum scheduled two professional tournaments at Sunset Oaks Country Club to promote property sales at their Sunset City project near Rocklin. Most notable was a PGA tour event scheduled for October named the Sunset Camellia Open at Sunset Oaks. But first up was a January 21 pro-am to benefit the Porky Oliver Cancer Research Fund.



Paul Harney and Bing Crosby flank Harney's wife Patti as the group skirts the water heading for Sunset Oaks' ninth green.

For the Porky Oliver pro-am, Sunset signed up top name pros and sports and entertainment celebrities competing on the Monterey Peninsula in the Bing Crosby Pro-Am during the week of January 12. The field included Wizard of Oz scarecrow Ray Bolger, band leader Harry James, baseball star Jackie Jensen and actor Howard Keel. Dow Finsterwald, Don January and Sunset's Paul Harney were the biggest names among the scheduled pros. But Harney's prestige as the early January winner of the Los Angeles Open helped him recruit reigning US Open champ Julius Boros and Der Bingle himself as late entries. Tony Lema won the Crosby pro-am with a final round 76 in cold wind and rain, and the

storm followed the contestants into Rocklin on Porky Oliver tournament day. Early arrivals saw Sunset Oaks' fairways dusted with snow. Fifty mile per hour winds and dark clouds were threatening even more severe weather.

But there was no question of cancelling the event; winter-clad spectators had paid their \$3.00 admission and, as the snow melted, they were roaming the property waiting for the show. A light rain squall moved through the course as the competitors teed off on schedule at 11:30 am. But at about 2:00 p.m. a torrent hit the course and the galleries ran for cover. Foursome-by-foursome the shivering contestants trudged back to the clubhouse having completed little more than nine of the scheduled 18 holes. In the clubhouse contestants lamented the weather but heaped praise on the Sunset Oaks course. Bing Crosby, who had played in a group with Harney, called the layout "extremely interesting." He especially liked the ninth hole, a picturesque but diabolical short par three which many consider the course's signature hole even today. But Crosby left immediately, heading for the warmth of his new home in Hills-

borough.

Despite the foul weather, almost 5,000 spectators had attended the Porky Oliver event netting \$10,000 for the charity after expenses. The tournament had been a success and Sunset's managers were now able to plan confidently for the PGA Tour event scheduled for the fall.

Next Time: Rattlesnakes at Sunset.

## Rocklin History Museum

The Rocklin History Museum is located at 3895 Rocklin Road at the corner of San Francisco Street. The museum is open from 1 to 4 pm on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Docents are available to escort you and answer questions.

Group tours are available for 10 or more people by calling Gay Morgan at 624-2355.

## Dues for 2012 are due.

If the label on this newsletter's envelop shows 2011, your dues for 2012 are now due. Your dues support the Rocklin History museum and programs to entertain and educate Rocklin's citizens about Rocklin history.

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## Ronna's Rocklin Review

Scenes from Rocklin Historical Society activities of the past quarter

Photos by Ronna Davis



Hairless docent Allan Stone fascinates Front Street Friday visitors to The Old Saint Mary's Chapel with the story of the Chapel's restoration. About 700 visitors have toured the chapel since the Front Street Friday event started in May. The chapel will be open for visitors from 6 to 9 pm every Friday in October.



Rocklin Historical Society President Emeritus Roy Ruhkala chooses a raffle prize after MC Karen Lokey called his name during the society's annual pot luck at the Rocklin Community Center. This year's event featured great food and a showing of the Rocklin Chamber of Commerce 2011 Leadership Class' DVD: *Welcome to Rocklin*.



Twenty-one members of the Rocklin Historical Society recently carpoled to Vallejo and ferried from there to San Francisco to tour by bus and visit historic buildings which incorporate Rocklin Granite. But first up was lunch and Irish Coffee at Herb Caen's old haunt, the Buena Vista. The group moved on to the Fort Point National Historic Site, Hibernia Bank, the original Bank of Italy building at Market and Powell, the original U.S. Mint building at Mission and Fifth and the spectacularly ornate Palace Hotel. The group also visited the Transamerica Building. In the 1970s Rocklin's Union Granite Company crushed Bear River Valley quartz which was incorporated in the concrete walls of that building.

"The best part of the day was being able to tour the city without having to deal with San Francisco's traffic" said group leader Allan Stone. The picture is from the Ferry Terminal as the group waited for the ferry back to Vallejo.

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Lokey

academic press in the community college system. At that time they were completing a new book, *The Illustrated Landscape, A Sierra Nevada Anthology*. The great hurdle facing them at this time was raising capital to publish the book in a timely fashion. The Illustrated Landscape was a true winning effort, but financial realities could have scuttled the effort. I took this financial issue to the RHS board as an opportunity to build a lasting bridge with Sierra College and recommended RHS undertake to sponsor this publication and push the book into publication. They concurred and RHS presented Sierra Community College and the Sierra College Press with the funds necessary for publication. As is said in most historical societies, "The rest is History!"

To my knowledge Sierra College Press has not (historically) been directly involved with local community groups, but the motivating force from the RHS was to encourage and build such relationships between Sierra College and community groups like RHS. Civic volunteer groups like RHS and community college organizations like Sierra College Press need the energy, ideas and personal involvement that each bring to the table for the common good and the overall benefit of the community at large.



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## Mark your calendar

**October 17, 2011**

**RHS monthly meeting, Chapel**

Little Known Tales in California History--  
Alton Pryor, Storyteller

**November 21, 2011**

**RHS monthly meeting, Chapel**

Veronica Blake--CEO Placer Community  
Foundation

**December 19, 2011**

Christmas Party

More information about the Christmas Party  
will be mailed in December.

**October 8**



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## Rocklin's Old Saint Mary's Chapel is available for your event.

Gary Day

Rocklin's Old Saint Mary's Chapel began life in 1883 as Saint Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church on a knoll at 5240 Front Street. The Catholic parish vacated the building in 1983 in favor of more modern facilities on Granite Drive. A subsequent owner of Saint Mary's was unable keep up maintenance on the building and was mystified when the Rocklin City Council refused to accept her offer to donate the building, and the oak-framed lot that it occupied, to the city as a gift. Ten years later the Rocklin Historical Society successfully negotiated with the owner to move the building to its present location and restore it after a city employee alerted the society that the city was processing a demolition application. Saint Mary's Chapel is Rocklin's oldest public building and the centerpiece of Heritage Park at Front Street and Rocklin Road. It is a key landmark in the restoration of downtown Rocklin.

RHS rents the old Saint Mary's Chapel for weddings, memorials and other public events.

If you would like to book an event at Saint Mary's, or if you would like more information please contact

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