

1914, The year an era ended in Rocklin

Sierra College History Professor Daniel DeFoe

Editor's note:

The following is from Professor DeFoe's Rocklin Historical Society Installation Dinner address of 1/9/2012. 2012 marks the one hundred and forty eighth year since the name Rocklin first appeared on a Central Pacific Railroad time card. For today's city, 2012 promises new opportunities and new challenges. It will be a time for new ideas and new energy in the efforts to build a city center incorporating Rocklin's proud history and heritage. This article revisits 1914, a rather dark year in the city's past. In that year Rocklin endured a fiery crucible that

sent what had been one of the regions most important towns into immediate though thankfully impermanent decline. The dramatic events of 1914 can be seen as a culmination of transformative forces at work during the previous decade. After 42 years of municipal growth spurred by Rocklin's important role as the regional locus of railroad traffic that linked quarry operations to building pro-

jects all over the state, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company decided to move its roundhouse from Rocklin to Junction (Roseville).

The twenty-six-stall roundhouse that serviced over a thousand engines a

Despite the setback Rocklin still boasted an impressive center of town along Front Street and quarrying operations in the wake of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake kept residents busy. Perhaps the city might yet revive and thrive.

Sadly, it was not to be.

Destructive fire was commonplace in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in towns and cities throughout the gold country and elsewhere. The combination of combustible building materials and feed for animals coupled with the inability of available fire fighting technology to cope with a quickly spreading fire often made for disaster. A Rocklin Fire Company had been created in 1894.



The Front Street Fire of 1914 started in the rear of Porter's Saloon, center, and destroyed all of the buildings pictured. This view is from Rocklin's original fire station at 5251 Front Street, a spot now occupied by the Old Saint Mary's Chapel.

month had been a primary reason for the town's growth and prosperity. The move was accomplished between 1906 and 1908 and Rocklin's importance as a center of railroading in California ended. Then in 1909 a fire on Railroad Avenue wiped out nearly ten Rocklin businesses, and without a roundhouse there was little incentive to rebuild.

Seventeen men paid an initiation fee of \$2.00 and founded Rocklin Hose Company Number One. According to one source Rocklin's early firefighters addressed each other as "comrade" and met for business meetings once a month in the original Rocklin City Hall's Hose facilities. These volunteer firemen rarely discussed firefighting techniques during such meet-

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President's Message

Skip Gebel

Heritage Park has a new look! Drive by and see how green grass and 2 antique style light poles have replaced the barren soil with vibrant color and light at night. See page 7.

Still to be added are oak trees plus a redwood tree which will become a part of our annual, city-wide Christmas tree lighting celebration. This project's success was due to RHS member contributions along with a partnership between us and the City of Rocklin.

A fund-raising campaign to build a replica of the Fire Hose station in Heritage Park was announced in the March 22nd edition of the Placer Herald newspaper. It's designed to attract all Rocklin residents and businesses to participate, including ourselves. Since we have the largest membership of any non-profit group in Rocklin, we need to show everyone that we're fully supporting this effort. Please consider donating \$3 for each family member or \$50 if you're a business owner.

Another facet of our fund raising efforts will be the resumption of a RHS yard sale. It's scheduled for Saturday, June 9th from 8 AM to 2 PM at Gene Johnson's home. Our goal is to exceed our previous results by 20% so save up those special items and stay tuned for more information. These two efforts should set the tone for more fund-raising activity and lead to another successful historical preservation project by the RHS.

In light of the State's Supreme Court decision to agree with the State Legislature's effort to dissolve the RDA organization, many meetings and discussions about the disposition of the Big Gun property and our History Museum have occurred. Nothing definitive has been reached because it's important to note that a new organizational structure is being put together and it's not yet finished, specifically Placer County's Oversight Board. We're committed to participating in the decision-making process and keeping you all informed.

Ken Morrow's historical presentation about the 12 bridges in Whitney's Rocklin was well received. It's anticipated that Dr. Dan Defoe's presentation, "Why there's no downtown, downtown" will have the same results.

Let's all go to Smartsville

Skip Gebel



On January 6 The Rocklin Historical Society welcomed citizens of Smartsville California for a tour of the Old Saint Mary's Chapel on Front Street. Smartsville is in the midst of raising funds to restore the Smartsville Chapel which is recognized by the state as a Point of Historical Interest. The Entire town of Smartsville is California Historical Landmark number 321. The Smartsville Chapel dates from 1870. It is similar in construction to Old St. Mary's. The Smartsville Historical Society is having their annual Pioneer Days celebration event on Saturday April 28th from 9 am until 3 pm as a fund raiser for the restoration. Smartsville is off of Highway 20, west of Grass Valley. Let's go up there to support their efforts, enjoy live, blue grass music and encourage their success. Call Gay Morgan at 624-2355 and let her know if you'll be going and if you need a ride.

<http://pioneerday.info>

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projects.



The Rocklin Heritage Fund at the Placer Community Foundation supports the Rocklin Historical Society

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



BARBARA ALVA CORRAL

1917—2012

Sadly, we report that Barbara Alva Corral passed away peacefully at the age of 94 in the house that she helped her husband build. They raised four children there, Ed, Gene, Alfred and Shirley. We extend our most sincere sympathy to them and their families. She was a long-time member of the Rocklin Historical Society. In fact she spent most of her long life in Rocklin although she was born in Old town Penryn. She witnessed and participated in a lot of Rocklin history.



Historical Society members have many fond and happy memories of her and some are recounted here.

As a child she worked hard on her father's ranch. She sold strawberries on the way to and from Rocklin School and she would often tell about the "cake lady" who bought the strawberries and gave Barbara and her sisters cake to eat.

The long walk out Rocklin Road was sometimes a little more eventful than usual. She told of the time the girls spied the boys skinny-dipping in Meyers Quarry and they ran squealing in embarrassment.

Gardening was one of her loves—she could make just about anything grow—little sprigs that she picked up on walks grew beautifully in her yard.

She worked on the landscape committee for the Museum and other members say she had a great eye for color. Baking was another thing she enjoyed—she always had a selection of cookies in the freezer. Her Pumpkin cake was a treat we all enjoyed with a dollop of whipped cream at fall meetings.

Barbara was very proud of her heritage and enjoyed traveling to Spain and Argentina to visit relatives and learn more about it.

She never missed a RHS meeting and served for a long time as our Historian. She took photos of the speakers and placed them in beautiful binders along with newspaper clippings she painstakingly ironed before placing them with pictures.

Joyfully, she rode the Rocklin Historical Society's Finn Hall float in the Jubilee parade, smiling and waving to the appreciative crowd. When St. Mary's Chapel first opened, she and her nieces were enthusiastic bell ringers, laughing all the while.

Barbara Alva Corral was a lovely lady, generous, kind, thoughtful and fun, beautiful inside and out, she will surely be missed.

(Contributors to this article: Carol Peterson, Kathie Nippert, Susan Brooking, Gene Johnson and Gay Morgan.)

Editor's Note: Memorial donations are tax deductible and they are great ways to remember a loved one. More than \$800 has been donated to the historical Society in memory of Barbara Corral.

Please Help!

Jean Sippola

The Rocklin History Museum needs volunteer docents. Without docents we might need to close the museum at times. Can you volunteer three hours a month for this important job?

The museum is open Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Docents greet visitors and give information about exhibits in the museum and about the Historical Society's projects.

During their three hour shifts docents work

with an experienced friendly partner. They never work alone.

Docents are needed for coverage at the museum on the following days.

April 28,

May 12 and 13,

June 10, 17, 23, 24 and 27

Please call Jean Sippola on 652-1034 to volunteer.

Financial status

Kathy Nippert

The Rocklin Historical Society began 2012 with a balance forward of \$65,168.54. We continue to get renewing and new memberships, thank you to all of you for your continued support..

In the first quarter of 2012 we transferred

\$10,000 from our CD to our checking account and rolled over the balance of \$30,683.19 into a Mechanics Bank CD for 11 months.

The Chapel account has a balance of \$8,348.25, The RHS

checking account has a balance of \$22,262.77 with the following committed funds:

3rd Grade Transportation Fund - \$400;

Children's Fire House Fund - \$4,113.45;

Rocklin Homecoming Reunion - \$2,378;

Heritage Park Kiosk - \$4,000.

Total Balance in all accounts \$61,294.21.



Did you know?

Gary Day

In 1962 Dale Stringfellow, Assistant Vice President of Sunset International Petroleum Corp., commissioned naturalist Ansel Adams to produce about 26 promotional photos



of scenes of the southern 12,000 acre of the 20,000 acre Spring Valley Ranch. Sunset intended to build a metropolis of 100,000 residents there called Sunset City.

The project failed in the mid 1960s. Banks took possession of much of the property and sold it off the other developers.

Today we know the area as

West Rocklin

The photos are in storage at the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento. But copies of eleven of the photos are reproduced in a Sunset promotional booklet titled *Echoes in Spring Valley*, copies of which are available at the Rocklin History Museum.

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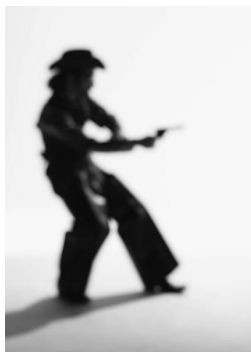
ings preferring instead to dole out fines of ten cents for missing a meeting and one dollar for missing a fire. Much space in the Fire Association minutes were often given over to the planning of firemen's balls or dances which were often planned weekly.

The Firemen's Association became a closely knitted group of well-recognized citizens who both worked and played together. One of those well-known and admired firemen was Sam Renaldi who, in 1913, became the town's marshal and will figure prominently in the dramatic events of 1914.

How much Rocklin residents knew of the larger events occurring beyond the purview of railroads and granite we cannot know.

The year 1914 started with a bang when on January fifth Henry Ford astounded the world announcing he would pay his workers a minimum wage of \$5.00 a day. This was done to head off increasing worker discontent over the heavy demands placed on them by new assembly line production methods.

On the seventh of February that year Charlie Chaplin debuted his iconic character "the little tramp" in the film "Kid Auto Races at Venice."



Two days later in Rocklin Sam Renaldi cited Uledi Holmes, a gun toting, hard drinking owner of a saloon on Railroad Avenue. The citation charged Holmes for violating Rocklin's midnight saloon curfew and witnesses said that Holmes vowed to "get even" with Renaldi.

Days later, on the eighteenth of February, a drunken Holmes verbally abused Ella Hovey, a woman who served as the saloon's cook and she fled the establishment. Holmes pursued Hovey to her home where he threatened to kill her if she quit him. He returned to the saloon where he continued to feed his anger with drink.

In the early evening he stormed out of his business with a gun in his belt-heading straight for Ella Hovey's home. Word had spread about the danger and Hovey was rescued before Holmes could get to her. But more murder and mayhem waited this night.

Marshal Sam Renaldi along with his deputy George Willard set out to arrest the dangerous Holmes who they cornered at Blackwell and Hendrickson's Livery Stable.

Willard tried to calm the man as he bellowed curses and threats at the pair. Renaldi tried to get around behind Holmes so the officers could subdue him, but Holmes began to go for his gun. Renaldi shouted, "Surrender!" but Holmes had his gun out and pointed at Renaldi.

The Marshal got off the first shot hitting Holmes in the gut, but Holmes returned fire putting a bullet into Renaldi's side.

Witnesses said Renaldi fired his weapon three more times before both men slumped to the stable floor mortally wounded. Dr. H. D. Fletcher treated Renaldi's wound and accompanied the marshal to Sacramento

Hospital where Holmes had also been taken.

Holmes died on the nineteenth of February, and Renaldi passed away the next day. Dr. Fletcher's office was located at his home on Rocklin Road and that residence is currently the site of the Rocklin History Museum.

News of the shootout that had overtones

of an OK Corral confrontation shocked the community. The Marshal, a long time member of the Firemen's Association and a hero figure to Rocklin, was truly mourned.

Murder and now in 1914 a slumping quarry industry in the wake of a rebuilt San Francisco seemed to signal more decline. Even Rocklin's racetrack, considered the finest east of Sacramento would close in 1914.

But the worst was yet to come.

April 1914: In the larger world the Federal Reserve System founded its twelve branches on the second of April.

The next day, April third, a quiet Sunday dawned clear and beautiful in Rocklin, California. As the morning passed the winds began to pick up reaching nearly gale force by the afternoon. Suddenly, the first tongues of fire were flickering and leaping in the back of DeWitt Porter's Livery Stable on Front Street where two hundred tons of hay was stored. The winds whipped the flames through the dry fuel and quickly turned Front Street—the heart of Rocklin's business community—into what one newspaper reported "one of the most disastrous conflagrations that has ever swept this part of the country."

What chance did Rocklin's firefighters have against this? The answer was none. The firestorm swept north from the livery stable devouring a barbershop, the Porter Saloon, a candy

shop, the Burchard Hotel and the Bank Exchange Saloon. South went the flames turning to ash Porter Hall and every structure between it and the granite walls of the Barudoni Building that still stands today.

Three fire engine companies were called

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Sam Renaldi poses with an unknown child at Ira Delano's Rocklin Granite Company quarry in 1913, just prior to his appointment as Rocklin's town marshal. Renaldi died in a gunfight with saloon owner Uledi Holmes in February 1914.

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

Ronna Davis

Old Saint Mary's Chapel is Rocklin's oldest public building. It is at 5251 Front Street, near the corner of Rocklin Road. It is the centerpiece of Heritage Park and a



key landmark in the restoration of the Front Street Historic District in downtown Rocklin.

The chapel originated as Saint Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church at 5420 Front Street, dedicated there by San Francisco Bishop Joseph Alemany in 1883.

The Catholic parish vacated the building in 1983 in favor of more modern facilities on Granite Drive. The Rocklin Historical Society moved Saint Mary's to its present location and restored it so it is available for your event.

Our bridal show team represented Old Saint Mary's chapel at the Cal Expo show in Jan. and at McClellan Event Center in March.

Here you see our new banner at the March show. You can see a 360 degree visual tour of the chapel online at "Here Comes

the Guide" For more information contact:

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Save your stuff

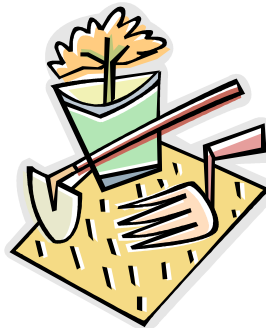
Ronna Davis

The Rocklin Historical Society's yard sale is scheduled for June. Here's your chance to spring-clean your house and give yourself more room. You'll be contributing to the Historical Society and uncluttering your home at the same time. Tell your neighbors. Plan to come to the sale, enjoy free coffee and cookies. Socialize. It's will be a fun day.

Garden Report

Sally Huseby

As we enter our spring season, we can look forward to some sunshine and color. The camellias and Lily of the Valley are already in bloom.



Many thanks to the volunteers that cleaned up the gardens last month at the museum and chapel. As the city nears completion of their landscaping of

the property to the north of the chapel, they are coordinating with us to match the plants in our flowerbeds as they approach the edge of our patio. Their project will give a look of completion to the chapel grounds. It is turning out to be a beautiful sight to behold.

We will have another workday at the chapel to fill in around the bridal patio. People booking our chapel for events will experience an attractive and unique setting in our Heritage Park.

Do you have a collection to share?

Gay Morgan

Many of you have interesting collections of things such as clocks, teacups, watches, fountain pens etc. If you are willing to share those collections and put them on display at the Rocklin History Museum for a limited time, please call Gay Morgan at 624-2355.

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from Roseville, but by then Front Street seemed to have dropped down into hell. The best the firefighters could do was to protect other parts of the city and watch the fire burn itself out.

Rocklin, once called by a local newspaper "a community destined to be one of the best towns in the region" now lay in ashes. None of the businesses lost that day were ever rebuilt.

Interestingly, amid the smoke and settling ashes, the Rocklin Firemen's Association met the day after the fire, on April 4, 1914. True to the association's preference for mentioning in their minutes fines and mundane business not a single line appears about the previous day's disaster.

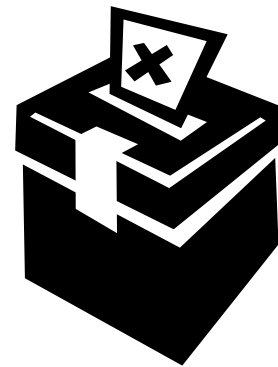
However, the Association's treasurer was "ordered to pay" an obviously overdue debt of \$4.00 for a floral wreath sent to Sam Renaldi's funeral.

1914 also saw the beginning of a global firestorm when an assassination in far away Sarajevo triggered the First World War. Far beyond Rocklin, the whole world seemed in decline.

The following year labor strife in the granite industry led to the closing of many of the city's quarries.

In 1922 a move to disincorporate Rocklin went to the ballot box, but failed. The

people of the city of Rocklin refused to give up, a testament to the spirit and granite will of pioneer families like the Ruhkalas. They assumed control of what once had been the



California Granite Company and re-branded it the Union Granite Company and through the Great Depression and another world war helped keep the community going.

Rocklin at last saw its rebirth in the 1950s.

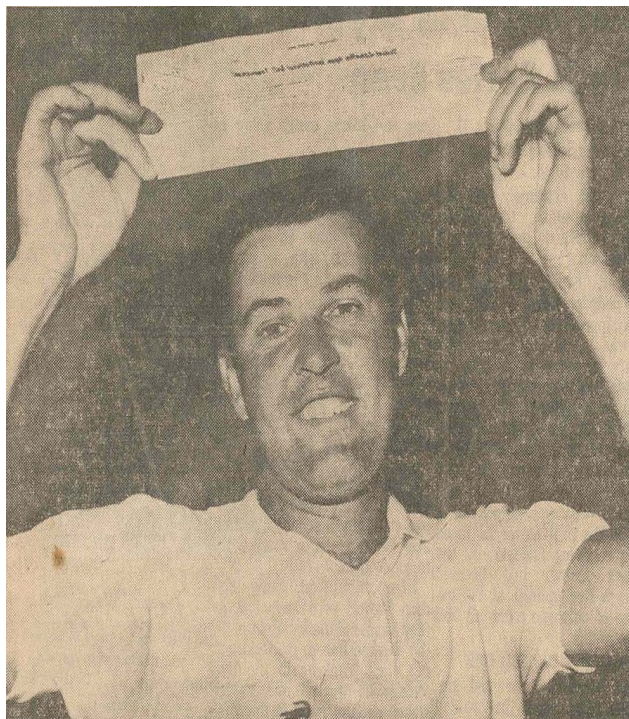
As a new century unfolds, it is the history

History of Sunset Whitney, part four Rattlesnakes at Sunset

Gary Day

In June 1964, Sunset International Petroleum contracted with PGA officials to conduct the *Sunset Camellia Open at Sunset Oaks* during the weekend of October 8th through 11th 1964.

Sunset set the purse at \$30,000 and hoped for a gate of 30,000 fans to break even. Tickets went on sale in August, ranging in price from \$1.50 for the Wednesday pro-am to \$4.00 for Sunday's final round.



Bob McCallister of Corona hoists his \$3,300 check for winning the 1964 Sunset Camellia Open at Sunset Oaks

But as the first tournament day approached prospects for a good turnout dimmed. Golf's marquee-name players, like Palmer, Nicklaus, and Lema, had not registered. The 1964 Cardinals/Yankees World series promised to distract golf fans' attention, and an Associated Press report, on the morning of the first tournament day, of rattlesnakes invading the Sunset Oaks Country Club was promising to keep the more cautious fans away. The first of four rounds got off as scheduled on the 8th in typical fall weather. But disappointment was rife as the paid attendance was only 2,341, not even half the number that had braved the snow, cold rain and wind the previous January to see the Porky Oliver Cancer benefit pro am.

Second and third round

gates disappointed again, bolstered only by the competitive play of local favorite and soon-to-be-PGA Champion Al Geiberger. Geiberger eventually finished fifth but a good round on Saturday put him in contention and helped Sunday's attendance jump to 5,143. Chi Chi Rodriguez, the biggest name in the field next to host pro Paul Harney, caught a flu bug and failed to make the 36 hole cut.

On Sunday, Bob McAllister of Corona California shot a final round 70 for a four-round three under par 281, good for first place and the \$3,300 winner's check. Par for Sunset Oaks was 71 in 1964; the tenth hole was a par 4. Harney finished seven shots back and won \$325.

Despite intense coverage by Sacramento's electronic and print media the gate for the week tallied to less than 15,000 fans. The tournament had been a flop. Speculation during the tournament's post-mortem pegged Sunset's financial loss at \$35,000. The gate had not covered the purse, nor had it covered a large chunk of preparation and promotion costs.

In retrospect this tournament was a marker for the demise of Sunset Petroleum's Sunset City project in Rocklin. Continuing slow real estate sales eventually forced the project into reorganization. But Sunset Oaks Country Club survived and 1965 brought wrenching changes for Sunset Petroleum and members of the club.

Next time: Aftermath at Sunset.

Rocklin Heritage Committee

California Granite/Big Gun Quarry
preservation status

Gene Johnson

The State Office of Historic Preservation accepted our application for inclusion of the quarry in the National Registry of Historic Places. But that is just the first step. On May 3, 2012 the application goes to a state board for review and then to the federal Office of Historic Preservation where we hope to get final approval. We hope that the City of Rocklin will support the application.

Carol Ellis has confirmed that operations at the quarry started in 1865. Carol also obtained photocopies of invoices for granite for the State Capitol Building dated 1866 and 1867. The State Office of Historic Preservation had challenged the guess in our application document that operations had started in 1867, good job Carol! Carol's next project for the registry – Joel Parker Whitney's Granite Bridge in Clover Valley Park?

The following is from *Measuring the Economics of Preservation* by Donovan Rypkema et al,

"Today quality of life is essential for a competitive community. The long-term quality and character of a community is directly related to its willingness to identify, protect, and enhance those places that define and differentiate it. Educational, cultural, aesthetic, social and historic values are building blocks of quality of life. Historic preservation is not about cities being the museums of yesterday; historic preservation is about using heritage resources to build quality of life for tomorrow."

The Rocklin Heritage Committee (RHC), initially formed to focus on Big Gun issues, is not a Rocklin Historical Society (RHS) committee. Its mission is: To facilitate development of a vibrant downtown arts, retail and recreation destination featuring Rocklin's historic granite mining legacy. To establish a foundation for service, committee members are meeting with preservation and urban planning professionals. If you are interested or wish to be informed of future meetings contact Gene Johnson at 916-624-2378.

Some significant changes

Dani Loebis

If you happen to be a Facebooker, you may have noticed a few changes to the Rocklin Historical Society's page. In March, Facebook released the Timeline format for Facebook Pages and allowed the Rocklin Historical Society to get a whole new look. Facebook's changes reflect a larger overall strategy for how organizations, companies and brands utilize social media. Engagement has become paramount, and users are encouraged to utilize Facebook Pages as a place for storytelling and two-way conversations between Page leaders and community members. The Timeline format is also true to its name in that it allows the Rocklin Historical Society to create a virtual timeline and add milestones in both the history of the organization and the history of the city.

Over the coming weeks, we will be updating the Facebook dates with accounts of famous events in Rocklin's history. Facebook fans will be able to comment on these events and share them with friends and family, creating an interactive museum experience users can access 24 hours a day, from anywhere in the world.

Check out the Rocklin Historical Society's Facebook Page this April for another great way to connect with Rocklin's history. www.facebook.com/rocklinhistory

before and after

Ronna Davis



The City of Rocklin is converting the muddy or dusty parking lot at the corner of Front Street and Rocklin Road into a grassy park adjacent to the north side of The Old Saint Mary's Chapel. The Rocklin Historical Society contributed \$5,000 to the project for the purchase of the sod. The park is an inviting enhancement to the entrance to the Front Street corridor and a significant improvement to the look of the Chapel area.

Rocklin History Tour Early Union Granite Company Quarry (N 38° 47.314', W 121° 13.595')

Go to the corner of Rocklin Road and Granite Avenue. The lake that you see there in front of Rocklin's library fills a quarry operated in the early 20th century by the Union Granite Company under the management of Finn-

ish immigrant Matt Ruhkala. Business at Rocklin's granite operations flourished in the 1890s and very early 20th century, but competition from building materials other than granite attenuated the industry's growth after 1905. Nevertheless the Union Granite quarry and several other quarries continued to produce granite curbing and stone for buildings and monuments until at least 1915. Earlier, starting in 1903, Ruhkala had operated a quarry east of the Rocklin cemetery. It is now under the westbound lanes of Highway 80.

GPS coordinates by Brian Ignaut
Photo by Roy Salisbury



Dues reminder

If the year on the label of the envelop for this newsletter is highlighted, your dues are due. Please send you \$20.00 dues to:

Rocklin Historical Society
Box 1
Rocklin, Ca. 95677

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.

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Weddings at Old Saint Mary's Chapel

April 21
Tiffany Samuels
and David McGlibery

May 5
Melissa Barmann
and Marlon Morgan

Mark your calendar

April 11, 2012

Rocklin History Series at Old Saint Mary's Chapel
 7 pm
 The Quarries with Roy Ruhkala and Daniel DeFoe's Gold Granite and Grit

April 14, 2012

Brunch for docents
 10:30 am
 Sally Huseby's home
 4610 Mountain Gate Dr.

April 16, 2012

RHS Monthly Meeting at Old Saint Mary's Chapel
 7 pm
 Quarry Village Plan
 Rick Horst

April 25, 2012

Rocklin History Series at Old Saint Mary's Chapel
 7 pm
 The Hidden Wonder of the World, the Transcontinental Railroad from Sacramento to Donner Summit.
 Bill George

April 28, 2012

Lets all go to Smartsville
 See Skip's article on page two
 Call Gay Morgan at 624-2355

May 21, 2012

RHS Monthly Meeting at Old Saint Mary's Chapel
 7 pm
 The Hidden Wonder of the World, the Transcontinental Railroad from Sacramento to Donner Summit.
 Bill George

Also:

Rocklin Historical Society board meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 6 pm in the Old Saint Mary's Chapel annex.

Rocklin Historical Society planning meetings are held every Tuesday at noon in the cafeteria at Oracle, corner of West Stanford Ranch Road and Sunset.