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SNOW REPORT

Year-round Wilsonia resident Tim Christensen (who is a great source of information) provided the winter snow data for this issue of the Times. Tim measured daily accumulation beginning with the first storm on November 22nd through the last snowfall on April 16th. The snowfall for the season totaled 174". The snow pack at its deepest in Wilsonia was over 5', burying some of the Wilsonia street signs. The heaviest accumulations of snow fell on February 4th with 13" and the 5th with 16" measured. Tim reports that in February and March it was a constant series of storms with little reprieve.

A big thanks to Tim and also to Dutch Scholten for snow updates and photos shared on the Wilsonia Facebook page. It's great to have Wilsonians on the ground for first-hand reporting.

Upcoming Events:

May 25th - Saturday
WVI Meeting 2pm
Potluck 6pm

May 26th - Sunday
Duck Race Fundraiser 3pm

June 15th - Saturday
WAT Presentation 10am
Black Pot Cook-Off 2pm

Please check out the calendar on page 3



Wilsonia 101

Our wonderful mountain village has now moved into its second century. Many of you may have roots that go back to the beginning of Wilsonia and the first rustic little cabins that were built here. Some of you may be more recent residents and cabin owners. Regardless, we all have a shared love and vested interest in protecting and enjoying our slice of paradise in the Sierra Nevadas.

The theme for this season in Wilsonia is Wilsonia 101. The college 101 course is the basic introduction and overview course for a topic. This year we hope to remind and review some of the things about our Village that have caused it to remain as a unique mountain community, and what we can do to continue that way into perpetuity.

The **Wilsonia Architectural Guidelines** developed by the WHDT, with the input and approval of the State Historic Preservation Office and the NPS, are now available to view on our website. Printed copies of the guidelines will be distributed this summer. The purpose and intent of these guidelines is to maintain the historic status of cabins in Wilsonia, and to expedite the permitting process for construction, repair and renovation of cabins.

Wilsonia Advisory Team Presentation

The W.A.T., including its National Park Service members, will be giving an informational presentation on Saturday, June 15, at 10am prior to the start of the Black Pot Cook-Off. Please come on over to Hazel south of Lilac to listen and ask questions. NPS Superintendent Woody Smeck will be available for this annual Q&A session.

The 10th Annual Black Pot Cook-Off - June 15th. Registration at 10am - Cooking begins at 2pm - Dinner at 6pm

It's that time of year, so pull out the old dutch oven and come over to the to Hazel Lane for the Black Pot Cook-Off. Don't be afraid to try cooking; some beginners have won. If you're not cooking, there is no cost to eat, but please bring a small salad or munchie. Bring your own drink, plate and utensils. Come early, and watch the black pot chefs - they like your support. *(continued on page 2)*



Community Clean-Up

This year on **Saturday, June 29th** we will be once again collaborating with the NPS Fire Crew to make our Village more fire-safe. We are calling on all able-bodied volunteers to join us in helping clean the Village in some identified "hot spots". We will also rake or haul for select individuals who have a hardship, please contact us to inquire. Donations to the Fire Committee are appreciated for this service.

Volunteers, bring your truck, trailer, tools, and gloves and meet in the parking lot at 7:45am for an 8:00am start. We need more trucks with trailers to help keep all the rakers and loaders busy. Lunch for all the volunteers will be served. Please call Ty Parkinson (559) 638-6176 or Neal Mixer at (559) 246-7963 with questions or to volunteer.

The NPS slash pile (dump) will be open as soon as the snow melts and the road is accessible. NPS plans to remove the lock to the gate for the month of June. Please close the gate after you pass through to prevent Park visitors from entering the area. The only allowed items are natural yard debris, branches, leaves and needles. Disposal of trash or any other items is NOT allowed.

In Memoriam

In the next newsletter, we will list the names of loved ones who have passed. Please make submissions by May 31st to Neal Mixer



Clubhouse Bathroom Fundraiser

We have raised **\$20,442** of our \$24,000 goal for the Clubhouse bathroom upgrade project. Funds raised so far have come through general donations, quilt and table ticket sales, and from donations in the memory of Doug Lawrence. The upgrade will stabilize the bathrooms and make them more accessible. We hope to start the bathroom upgrade late this summer.

Join the 100 club. Many Wilsonians have already joined, and we will publish the names of generous donors in the next issue. If we can get just 36 more Wilsonians to donate 100 dollars each, we will raise enough to surpass our goal. You can donate online, in person at any event, or mail a check to the address shown on the newsletter; you can also include donations with your dues payment. **THANK YOU!**

Another way to help out, is to purchase Wilsonia SWAG. WI100 merchandise is still available. License plate frames, mugs and glasses and some limited quantities of sweatshirts and t-shirts will be sold at community events, or can be ordered online at:

wilsoniavillage.com/shop

PLEASE pay your annual cabin owner dues online or by filling out the enclosed form and mailing in a check.

CLUBHOUSE MUSEUM

The history "storyboards" displayed around the Clubhouse walls were so well-done and interesting and eye-catching. The Wilsonia Historic District Trust is planning to add more this year. Please contact Jean Faszholz at (510) 910-2855 if you would be interested in putting one together. She will provide almost everything you need.

We all were amazed by the beautiful display case Max Montgomery made to hold vintage objects and photos from our cabins, but it is already time to replace the items that were loaned for last summer's display. Please contact Jean if you have something you would like to give for a permanent display or just loan for the summer.

PROMISES KEPT

by Jean Faszholz

The **WHDT Cabin Tour** of a couple of years ago was the 13th and I promised myself and others that it would be, my last to chair. There would have been no cabin tours without the enormous help that Neal always cheerfully gave. When I think of all of you who got your cabins ready, some of you more than once, it is heart warming. The tour was certainly a popular event and I hope that someone will come forward and offer to continue leading them. I have kept notes that I will share and give advice and encouragement.

Thank you for the pleasure of interacting with so many of you wonderful Wilsonians.

The WVI Board thanks Jean for her years of service!

WVI Winter Planning Meeting

The WVI Board annual winter planning meeting was held on Saturday, February 23rd at Provost and Pritchard in Visalia. Business discussed at that meeting:

- Wilsonia Advisory Team and WHDT Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- WHDT Architectural Guidelines
- Wildfire Protection Info from Bob Puls
- 2019 Calendar of Events
- Update on the Clubhouse Restroom Fundraising and the Design and Permitting Process.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 25th at 2pm at the Clubhouse. All are welcome to attend.

Calling all volunteers: there are two opportunities this summer to get involved and help our community.

- 1) Wilsonia Community Fire Clean-up. See the article on the front page. We need workers and equipment.
- 2) Clubhouse floor and front deck refinishing. We are looking for a few able-bodied Wilsonians to apprentice on the Clubhouse floor refinishing that takes place every 3-5 years. We have not yet scheduled these jobs; the inside floor will likely take place after the Clubhouse restroom remodel. The front deck can be scheduled for any week or weekend open on the Clubhouse calendar.

Please contact any Board Member if you can volunteer or if you have any questions.

July 4th Ice Cream Social

There may not be the more than one hundred ways of combining ice cream toppings as there were to celebrate our 100th last year, but Debbie Faszholz has been shopping thrift shops to add to last year's amazing display of ice cream paraphernalia. It will be worth a trip just to see what she has collected. She promises that all the favorite toppings of last year will be back, including crushed FRESH strawberries! So rest up from the parade, have some lunch and gather your family and friends and come anytime after 1:30pm. You won't be disappointed!

Black Pot Cook-Off Rules: (continued from page 1)

1) **Registration will be at 10am**. Bring your pot and sign in to get your table. This is to give everyone a chance to pick a space and not get crowded up. You don't have to bring ingredients until the cooking starts at 2:00 pm. Cooking ends at 5:45 pm.

2) All cooking must be done at the cook-off and not before. Remember you only have 3:45 hours to get your dish done, so don't make a dish that requires more time. You may use canned goods in your dish.

3) You will only be given one contestant number this year. You are responsible for it, so don't let it burn up in the coals. Pin your number on your shirt or apron.

4) Ribbons will be given to 1st through 6th place in both the main course and dessert categories. 1st place winners' names will be engraved on the plaque that is displayed in the Clubhouse.

5) **HAVE FUN!!!**

Wilsonia Village - 101

Summer 2019 - Calendar of Events

All events at the Clubhouse unless stated otherwise

Sat. May 25	2 pm 6 pm	WVI Board of Directors Meeting Potluck
Sun. May 26	3 pm	Duck Race - Hazel and Lily
W-F May 29-31	All Day	Clubhouse Rental - EMS Training
Sat. June 15	10 am 2 pm	Advisory Team and NPS presentation Black Pot Cook-Off - Hazel Lane
Sat. June 29	8 am - 5 pm 12 pm	Community Clean-up - Wilsonia & NPS Fire Crew Lunch for Workers - Hazel Lane
Sun. June 30	2 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Thurs. July 4	10 am 1:30 pm	Independence Day Parade at the Visitor Center Ice Cream Social
Fri. July 5	10 am	WHDT Wildflower/Nature Walk
Sat. July 6	1-8 pm 6 pm	Wilsonia Auction Potluck - D.A.R. hosts
Sat. July 13	2 pm 7pm	Wilsonia Amazing Race: 101 Edition WHDT Presentation - Dana York "Flora of Sequoia-Kings"
M-S July 15-20	All Day	Quilters & Crafters Retreat ... info in the next newsletter
Sat. Aug. 10	10 am 6 pm 7 pm	Board of Directors Meeting WVI Barbecue Dinner / Potluck Annual General Meeting and Elections
Sat. Aug. 24	12 pm	Advisory Team / NPS community lunch - Location TBA
Sat. Aug. 31	6 pm 7 pm	Taco Night Dinner - WHDT hosts Bingo
Sun. Sept. 1	8-11 am 1 pm	WVI Pancake Breakfast - Adults \$5, Children (12 & under) \$3 Board of Directors Meeting

Event schedule subject to change - Check the website and Facebook page for updates

Dates to be announced: Wilsonia Hikers And Trekkers (WHAT) outings

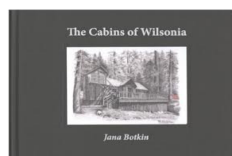
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559-960-3720

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Bear sightings, problems or questions?



Please contact
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Bear Tech at
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