

FORT CROOK DISPATCH

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Dream Come True

By Merri Glaze



Josephine Bosworth

"Our local history is absolutely rich," thought Mrs. Josephine Bosworth, "and full of a fascinating mixture of folks that settled here so long ago." The more she thought about it, the more determined she became to save the treasures and wealth of that history. Josephine, also known as Aunt Jo, continued to muse on how it could be preserved and shared with future generations. She was not a lady to procrastinate, but swiftly and with conviction made up her mind! At full tilt and with tremendous resolution this was a *dream* that this vivacious lady wanted to *come true*. She wanted the marvelous archives of the past to stay "alive" and honored --not to be diminished by time.

Being assertive, industrious, and full of imagination, ideas began to surface in Aunt Jo's mind. Different considerations and all of the pros and cons floated in and either stuck in her thoughts or else were quickly dismissed. Until! A spark blossomed! She kicked up her heels and off she ran with that spark! Excitement mounted! Myriads of possibilities flooded in until a vision was born. Aunt Jo was a very smart lady, and many of the angles that she could come up with were bounced around in very realistic and brilliant ways.

Finally, she couldn't stand it any longer. She just had to share her *dream* with others. Her passion was evident and was also quite contagious.

A MUSEUM! That was the spark that was the answer to the splendid *dream* to protect and to commemo-

rate the history of the Fall River Valley and the surrounding area.

By June 12, 1934, the interest in building a museum had grown and burgeoned and the *dream* began to unfold and was decidedly set in motion. First, the 'Fort Crook Historical Society' was formed. A group of nine persons signed a charter. The first officers were: President, Nora Selvester; First Vice-President, R. Josephine Bosworth; Second Vice-President, Wm Lundsford; Secretary, Elsie L. Bosworth; Asst. Secretary, Dorothy Burr; and Treasurer, Meade I. Reynolds.

The purpose of the Society was to: collect and record all historical data associated with the settlement of the Intermountain area which included parts of Shasta, Modoc, Lassen, and Siskiyou Counties; to collect and preserve anything that may have histori-



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cal value; and to mark places of historical value. (Fort Crook, Beaver Creek School, Lockhart Ferry, Pittville School, Winter's Road and Winter's Cemetery are just a few of the sites that have been marked with historic placards by the Society over the years.)

On November 25th, 1934, the Charter Membership of the Society was closed with thirty-one members.



With persistence the Society began to flourish as interest continued to grow. The desire to be part of such an affluent addition in the valley, in such a rural area, shined on with pride. Dear Aunt Jo, with her huge and generous heart, bestowed the land on which the museum building was to be built. The *dream* and vision was further substantiated. More and more historical treasures were collected with fervor knowing that in time there would be a permanent home in which to place and to record those historic memoirs.

The conviction, diligence, perseverance, and adamancy of the small group fueled that awesome spark of Aunt Jo's *dream*. Much was accomplished in a short time as it fanned out into reality.

This year, 2024, marks the ninetieth anniversary of the Fort Crook Historical Society. The Museum now consists of a thirteen structure compound, and by many is still considered to be the "biggest little museum in northern California." The genesis of the museum was sparked when Josephine Bosworth first saw the value and wealth of the local history.

The ceaseless drive of this dynamic lady generated her *dream* to so superbly *come true!*

We have received the following donations:

<u>Donors</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Donald and Christine Young	Richard Jenne
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MEMBERSHIP Meeting
@ The Round Barn

MAY 19
2 PM
ELECTION
GUEST SPEAKER
REFRESHMENTS

President's Message



Hello, again,

First off, I want to thank all the members, including the Mountain Jewels Ranch crew, who showed up April 20. The workday was very productive—lawns mowed, buildings cleaned, windows shined, parking lot blown clear, weeds eaten, showcases polished, trees felled, and the list goes on. Lunch was great with Peggie's hotdogs and pork and beans. It's not just the work, it's the camaraderie. Thank you all.



I also want to thank those who helped Betty and her crew set up the yard sale. Once again, the Round Barn was filled with generous donations from the community. The yard sale is a lot of work, but everyone looks forward to this annual event. Speaking of Betty, she is pleased to announce that the paver order has been submitted. The new pavers will be added to the walkway soon.



Save the Date! May 19th is our annual membership meeting. Maybe you don't attend this meeting, but this is a good time to start. Our guest speaker will be John Gardner, the man who constructed Fort Crook. He is also known as Steve Kerns, our resident dragoon soldier. He will be speaking in the first person about his experiences coming to the Fall River Valley to build a post to house soldiers. Their mission was to protect the travelers in the area. You won't want to miss this. Steve has immersed himself in this history and is an excellent speaker. Steve is also involved with the Reenactors who will be here again for Pioneer Day.



The Shelly Creek Rendezvous is in May also. The Rendezvous is sponsored by the Pit River Pioneers, and they in turn generously donate to the museum. We hope to see you there over Memorial Day weekend. Come and experience the 1800's.

We have a new exhibit ready for the 2024 season. Last year the Shasta County Flying Posse dissolved. The posse gifted the museum memorabilia and records. Their contribution to our community since 1947 is commendable and appreciated. You will find many familiar names of local volunteers who flew for the posse included in the display. I hope you have an opportunity to visit the museum.



The completed pole barn now has a beautiful, compacted floor. Scott Nelson completed the job in April. We will install the wire fencing and gates before filling the barn with multiple wagons and buggies. This structure is a welcome addition to our museum.

See you down the trail—Tim



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Fall River Mills, CA 96028



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See you May 19 at the Round Barn

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Burney, CA 96013-4049

Coming Soon SEE MUSEUM WEBSITE FOR EVENT UPDATES - www.fortcrook.com

Wednesday, May 1

Opening Day, noon to 4 PM

Sunday, May 19

Membership Meeting at the Round Barn, 2 PM

Memorial Day Weekend

Rendezvous at Shelly Creek

 *All members are welcome at FGHS Board Meetings. First TUESDAY of the month @ 7 PM.
Your participation is always appreciated.*

Membership News... Stay in touch at www.fortcrook.com

Dues provide a major portion of income to keep the museum in operation.
Membership dues for 2024 are overdue!

New Members
Nadra Hamilton

Individual Memberships \$15 Family \$25 Business \$40 Lifetime Per Person \$300

Mail checks to: Fort Crook Museum PO Box 397 Fall River Mills, CA 96028

FORT CROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 397 FALL RIVER MILLS, CA 96028

Notification of Annual Meeting & Election of Board of Directors

Pursuant to the Bylaws and in compliance with the Corporations Code of the State of California, Notice is given to the membership of the Fort Crook Historical Society of the Annual Meeting to be held on **Sunday, May 19, 2024** at the Fort Crook Museum - 2:00 PM. All Members are invited to attend and to vote for candidates for open Board positions and to affirm existing officers for successive terms.

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Fort Crook Historical Society 2024 Ballot

The following candidates are up for the Board of Director and Officer positions (or *reinstatement* of said positions). Please sign your ballot; signatures are required to verify the right to vote by those who have paid dues. ***Bring your ballot to the Annual Meeting on May 19 or mail it by folding it (address presented), sealing with tape, and by affixing a stamp. Ballot must be received by May 17 if mailed.***

If the membership is for family, please make a copy of this ballot, as the family is entitled to two (2) votes (the ballots may be folded together and mailed with the same postage).

Affirm Officers

Yes

Affirm:

Yes

President: Tim Glaze

Director: Steve Martinez

Vice President: Peggie Bidwell

Director: Betty Stoltenberg

Secretary: Peggi Hubbard

Treasurer: Carrie Jurrens

If you mail your ballot, please sign here: _____

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