

# ANGELS CAMP MUSEUM

FOUNDATION

## NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2018

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## THE UTICA MANSION

On September 8th, the Folendorf Family graciously allowed Angels Camp Museum Foundation guests access to their home, the Utica Mansion. The original, Federal style, stone house was built in the late 1860's. When Utica Mine owner, Charles Lane, finally hit pay dirt, he purchased the home and in 1890 undertook an elaborate remodel which doubled the size and transformed it into the Mansion we see today.



The weather was perfect and the food, catered by The Pickle Patch was delicious.

In 1982, Tad Folendorf purchased the property and restored it to it's original Victorian Era glory. Although there were some minor alterations made primarily in the kitchen area, much care was taken to retain many of the original adornments and even some wallpaper. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. There is a remarkable story with each piece of furniture. Many items displayed have been collected from the Angels Camp area.



The Crystal Room with traditional late 1800's style quilt, borrowed from Joyce Fowler of the Independence Hall Quilters.



This bed originally belonged to Judge Anson A. H. Tuttle (circa 1870), for whom Tuttle town is named.

Guest speakers included Tad Folendorf, his daughter Elise and Calaveras County Archivist Shannon Van Zant.

This dinner event and home tour was a fundraiser for the Angels Camp Museum Lecture Series, which strives to keep our history alive by offering educational presentations to our community. Thank you, so very much, to everyone who helped to make this event possible!

# NEW SIGNS AT THE MUSEUM

One of the first ideas to enhance the museum was the need for signs that would identify items and tell a story about the artifacts. In the fall of 2012 the ACMF started the Carriage House Signage Sponsorship program. Next it was signs for the outdoor exhibits. Then a sign for the Museum itself. Someday, the items in the Pole Barn will be ready for their signs, but for now we are excited to have four new signs identifying plants that adorn the grounds: the Giant Sequoia, a Coastal Redwood, Canyon Live Oak and the seasonally spectacular Crepe Myrtle. Special thanks to the **Calaveras County Garden Club** for their contribution and thanks to Board member Jacque Hash for making that connection.



## NEW SIGN ON HIGHWAY 4

Special thanks to donation dollars, ACMF Board member, Lori Bloathner, the Ghiglieri Ranch and *Iron Man*, Jim Toney, for creating a new billboard, on Highway 4, to encourage residents and tourists to visit the Angels Camp Museum. With the installation of the Highway 4 bypass, many visitors to the area avoid the downtown section of Angels Camp and thus miss seeing the Museum's location. Hopefully the sign will remind them to visit.



### FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, I would like to thank Tad Folendorf and his family for opening their home for a wonderful tour and dinner. If walls could talk we would know all about the gold rush and mining in Angels Camp. What a beautiful home with so much history. Thank you, also, to Shannon Van Zant, for educating us even more about the history of our local gold mines.

We all miss Kim Arth, with her energy, enthusiasm and leadership. Even though she has moved to Arizona, her influence at the Museum still exists and we are thankful for the time that she was here. Thanks to Chuck Schneider and the Museum staff and volunteers, things continue to run smoothly.

Jim Miller, the education coordinator, has several informative lectures lined up for next year. Please check out the list in the newsletter and mark your calendar. Remember, lectures are free with your Museum Membership. (And members also get a discount in the gift shop, if looking for a last minute Christmas gift.)

Thank you all for supporting the Angels Camp Museum. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do. Merry Christmas and Happy 2019!

Karen, *President*  
Angels Camp Museum Foundation

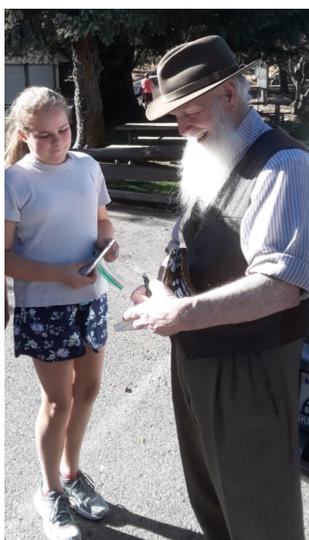


# MUSEUM LECTURE

## *The Spirit of John Muir*

Presented by Lee Stetson

If you missed this lecture, in October, you missed something really special. Lee Stetson embodied the spirit of John Muir with his tantalizing oratory of several of Muir's wildest adventures. Stories included: Rattlesnakes, The Snow Avalanche Ride, An Interview with a Bear and The Tree Ride. Stetson brought these thrilling experiences to life, making it hard to believe that someone



could have survived unscathed and yet Muir did, with even more passion for the beauty and magic of nature. Lee Stetson has portrayed John Muir for more than thirty-five years at Yosemite National Park, throughout the United States and around the world.

John Muir (1838-1914) is recognized as an advocate for the preservation of wilderness in the United States. His published articles and personal enthusiasm encouraged the US Congress to establish Yosemite National Park in 1890. Books about and by John Muir can be found in the Museum Gift Shop.

### **It takes a village to raise a museum.**

*Your contributions mean the world to us and to our community.*

*Our growth and development would not be possible without you and we are so very grateful.*

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who donated collections and in-kind or monetary gifts:

Monica Wood, Tad Folendorf, Ron and Sue Rivera,  
Chevron Corporation, Ed Treuting, Steven and Kimberly Flagg,  
Gerard Proccacino.

And Thanks to all our volunteers and Museum members.



### WHAT IS IT?



# VOLUNTEERS

As our past Museum Director stated, “*It takes a village to raise a Museum*”. New to the village of Calaveras County, and the Angels Camp Museum, is Brian Connery. Brian started out in Fresno and then after retiring from the Assessors Office as a Cadastral Technician, he moved to Lake Tahoe. After three years in the cold snow, Brian started looking for a place in between the snow and the heat and found a home in Angels Camp.

Brian developed a personal interest in metalworking at the age of 15 when he figured out he could melt lead fishing weights and change their shape. At the age of 16, he received a forge and that ignited his curiosity to the art of blacksmithing. Fifty years later, Brian has honed his skills, learning extensively about the craft in his own garage and as a volunteer.



While living in Fresno, Brian volunteered for three years at the Coarsegold Museum and helped to improve their blacksmith shop. When he moved to Lake Tahoe, he volunteered at the Tallac Historic Site, again in the blacksmith shop, which made and sold items for the Museum guests to help raise funds for the Site. Now in Calaveras County, Brian volunteers at the Angels Camp Museum, helping with guided tours and also, in the Carpentry Shop during Living History Days. Brian also volunteers at the Red Barn Museum in San Andreas, in the blacksmithing area, of course.

Brian states that *volunteering is a personal gift of time to a just cause*. Initially he visited the Angels Camp and Red Barn Museums simply for some personal education of his new surroundings. He was motivated by the dedication of the Museum staff and he recognized the need for some free labor. “Museum attendees can be shown that their history is a valuable reminder how past generations strived to make a better world”. Brian has also volunteered to sit on the Angels Camp Museum Commission.

Thank you so much for giving of your time and energy!

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

- ◇ Do you like History?
- ◇ Would you like to learn more about our community?
- ◇ Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others?
- ◇ Do you think that it is important that children learn about history?
- ◇ Do you have a few extra hours a month that you could give of your time?

The Angels Camp Museum needs **YOUR help**. Please become a volunteer. You'll receive free training, a complimentary museum membership and 10% off at the gift shop.

To learn more ...

Contact the museum at (209) 736-2963 or

Email: [education@angelscamp.gov](mailto:education@angelscamp.gov)



## Answer: Butter Mold

**California Butter Molds.**  
No. 23R9315 This cut represents a very popular mold, and is used very extensively in all parts of the country. Size, 1 pound. Price, each .....17c  
No. 23R9316 Size, 2 pounds. Price, each... ..18c  
No. 23R9317 Square California Butter Mold, one pound size. Weight, 1½ pounds. Price, each.....17c  
No. 23R9318 Size, 2 pounds. Price, each.....18c

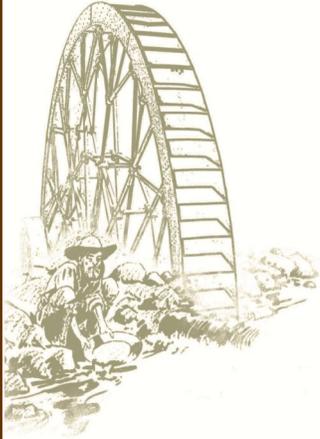


This ad came from a 1902 Sears, Roebuck Catalog. Although it doesn't have those fancy brass handles, it certainly seems to identify the item.

The solid handles and dense hard wood suggests that this mold was used for a commercial application as opposed to just home use. The size of the mold indicates that it would make a two pound round of butter. There are no stamped markings on the item to indicate who or where it was originally made.



### In Memorial Gifts



- A *Memorial Gift* is a wonderful way to express love and thoughtful remembrance .
- Your monetary gift to the Angels Camp Museum helps to ensure the future of our local gold country history. Your contribution is tax deductible.
- A *Memorial Card* will be sent to the family of the person honored with your name as the donor but the amount is not indicated unless requested.

In Memorial Cards are available at the Angels Camp Museum, at various local churches and Memorial Chapels.

Don't forget to use your cards when you buy your groceries!



# Upcoming Events

## LECTURE SERIES

Reception at 1:30pm  
Lecture begins 2:00pm

**December 2, 2018**

Thorn Mansion Restoration

Rurik Kallis, Owner

Calaveras County Sheriff Ben Thorn built the house. Thorn was well known for capturing outlaws such as Black Bart. Historian Richard Coke Wood called Thorn, "one of the greatest men in the history of Calaveras County"

**January 6, 2019**

"The Modern Blacksmith"

Brian Connery

Docent for the Angels Camp Museum and blacksmith hobbyist for 50 years.

**February 3, 2019**

"Trails to the Gold fields"

Frank Tortorich

Historian and Author, Frank Tortorich, will talk about the Carson Pass and "The Big Tree Road"

**March 3, 2019**

Wakamatsu Colony Farm

Joan Mengelkoch, docent

Wakamatsu Farm is an historic landmark farm in Placerville. It is the original site of the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony established June 8, 1869.

**April 7, 2019 (tentative)**

Altaville School House

## LIVING HISTORY DAY

History comes alive on the second Saturday of each month as docents staff the Artisan's Exhibit in the Mining and Ranching building. Artisan's Exhibits include a Carpenter's Shop, Print Shop and Historic Textile Shop. Bring the family and your friends.

Mark you calendar...

**December 8, 2018**

**January 12, 2019**

**February 9, 2019**

**March 9, 2019**

**April 13, 2019**



## Thank you and Farewell

The Angels Camp Museum Foundation, Board of Directors, sends a huge thank you to Kim Arth, Angels Camp's Museum Director for five years. Under her leadership the museum has reached new heights and much recognition State wide. Her contributions are far too numerous to list and she is truly missed by all of us. Kim left in July and relocated to Arizona. She got married this past August.



All the best to you, Kim.

ACMF Directors



***Have a wonderful Holiday Season!  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***