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Our Goal - To preserve the irreplaceable in the Galt Area !

President's Clipboard!

The Importance of Our Fundraisers

Most of our fundraisers at the Galt Area Historical Society are tagged for specific projects. Some go into our general fund to pay our day to day bills such as maintenance, taxes, insurance, utilities, and repairs. However, other fundraisers have a specific goal in mind. For example, the McFarland Home at the McFarland Living History Ranch is in dire need of outside repair and painting. This is a \$20K job, based on the bids we have received. We have made the decision as a membership to use the funds from "An Evening In Italy Dinner" in May to go toward this project. While the dinner will not make enough to pay for this endeavor, we will be looking for other sources to accomplish this. It is a juggling act. The Rae Museum needs work on the roof. Many times our fundraisers have to be split in order to try to get two projects done at the same time. This is no easy task. We have been fortunate for the grants we have received and for the generous donations of work and material from the community. However, we can never expect that; so we continue with our fundraisers. It is important that you encourage your family and friends to attend these events because this is our source of funds to continue our mission of preserving the history of Galt and the area we support. As I have said before, we cannot wait for money to "fall from the sky." We have to make it happen.

Here are the fundraisers we have planned for 2018. This does not mean that we cannot add on more if our brain storming membership comes with another event. Beginning this month, the Velvet Grill and Creamery in Galt has worked out a way that our members, their friends and family can come in and order off the menu and he will donate a portion of the purchase back to us. In this newsletter you will see a flyer/coupon that needs to be presented at time of purchase. You can come as many times as you want during this time frame. Our annual dinner, "An Evening in Italy" will be held May 5th at the Littleton Civic Center. Tickets are on sale through our website, at Barsetti Vineyards tasting room, or by calling Ida Denier (209 745-1477). Remember the MAC painting! July 28th is our annual Sip & Snack at the MAC. There will be wineries, beer, restaurants, live music, and tours of the McFarland House. Tickets will be on sale soon. September 23rd is our annual car show, "Drive Down Memory Lane". We have applications available now if anyone with a car 1972 or older, wants to participate.

Along with these fundraisers, we are constantly raising awareness of what we do. March 24th, we will have a booth at the Eggstravaganza on 4th St in Old Town. There will be thousands of people in the area. We will have some of our items for sale, such as Dan Tarnasky's book; but most importantly, we want to talk about Galt

Area History and hopefully sign up new members. Our annual Kite Day on April 9th at the McFarland Living History Ranch is a community event. We do not charge for Kite Day, but donations are always appreciated. We do hope that you will support all our fundraisers and efforts by coming yourself and encouraging friends, family, and neighbors to help in this support.

Steven Sharp named GAHS Young Historian!

Congratulations to Steven Sharp on being the Galt Area Society's Young Historian! Steven is a 16 year old Senior at Galt High School and currently working on his Senior Project which is building a new website for the Society. You have probably heard about Steven in the news – he earned a perfect score of 36 on his ACT at age 15; learned his alphabet and could read at age one; was doing Calculus in Junior High; and was a Freshman at GHS at age 12! Steven truly lives up to his last name! Besides being bright, he is a mild-mannered, humble, kind and well-rounded young man who is involved in many school activities including being on the Golf Team, Cross Country Team, and President of the Technology and Engineering Club.

Steven has been working with two of our members and next month he will reveal to the membership the fruit of his labor, the new GAHS website. He has made history in Galt for being an exceptional student and the Society would like to thank him for helping preserve the history of Galt by creating the new website.

February Meeting Report!

After eating a delicious dinner prepared by our very own Ida Denier, the members recognized Steven Sharp as the 2018 Young Historian! Members have been busy planning Kite Day and "An Evening in Italy" fundraiser. After some discussion, the membership decided not to participate in a Fireworks booth this July. Ideas for other possible fundraisers were discussed especially in light of the cost to repair and

paint the McFarland House which needs to be done this Spring.

The Society's Historian reported he will be hosting a Photo and Scan Day at the Rae House on March 3rd. Saturday, March 10th will be a workday at the Liberty Cemetery and all are invited to bring their gas weed eaters and start cutting grass around the headstones at 9:00 a.m. A Docent training meeting is planned in the near future for new docents and it was reported that the new light for the Rae House Museum flagpole has been ordered.

Velvet Grill & Creamery Fundraiser!

The Velvet Grill & Creamery have generously offered to donate a portion of every meal purchased to the Galt Area Historical Society during the regular hours on March 19th through the 22nd (Monday through Thursday only) and March 26th through March 29th (Monday through Thursday only). Order anything on the menu and be sure to present the attached coupon when ordering and the Velvet Grill and Creamery will donate! Be sure to thank the Kirk and Tina Smith for their gracious support to the Society!

Visit the Society at the Eggstravaganza!

The Society will have a booth at the Galt Eggstravaganza held on March 24th in Old Town Galt. Plan on dropping by and check out some of the items we will have for sale including Dan Tarnasky's book on Galt and Charlotte Cameron's book on Thornton! Encourage your friends and family to stop by and become a member and help preserve the history of our area!

In Memoriam!

The GAHS lost a dear friend in Roy Herburger who since the organization's inception has published numerous articles and pictures informing the public in the Galt area of the Society's activities and accomplishments. The Society extends our condolences to his family.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

March 8 - Executive Board meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Hall

March 10 – Workday at Liberty Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

March 17 – Workday at McFarland Living History Ranch at 8:00 a.m.

March 24 – Table at the Galt Eggstravaganza in Old Town Galt

March 26 – General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Hall

March 19 through 22 – Fundraiser at Velvet Grill & Creamery

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April 8 – Kite Day at the McFarland Living History Ranch from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Let's Go Fly a Kite!

The Sixteenth annual Kite Day at the McFarland Living History Ranch is Sunday, April 8th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rainout date is April 15th). Come for a day of family fun! Families are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and children can make their own kite or borrow a loaner. Food and drinks will be available for sale. Let's Go Fly a Kite!

Photo/Document Scan Day a Success!

More than 150 photos and documents were scanned on March 3rd at the Rae House Museum by our Historian, Dan Tarnasky! Thank you to those who shared their precious photos and documents with the Society in order to grow our Archives and preserve the history of our area!

Time to Pay Your Dues!

Don't forget – if you are not a Lifetime member, it is time to pay your 2018 dues! You can pay by check and mail to P.O. Box 782 Galt, CA 95632 or by PayPal! Thanks for your prompt payment!

An Evening in Italy!

Enjoy Italian cuisine with a no-host bar and a raffle as the Galt Area Historical Society presents “An Evening in Italy” at the Littleton Center on May 5 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person (\$35 at the door) for an authentic Italian dinner catered by Bueno Italiano Café in Lodi. Profits from this event are earmarked to repair and paint the McFarland House. Tickets are available at the Barsetti Vineyard's Tasting Room or by contacting 745-1477. Save the Date!

John Brewster



New York native, John Brewster, came to Galt in it's founding year of 1869 and opened a mercantile business. That same year, he became postmaster. Brewster moved his business into a wooden storefront (built by John McFarland) that had been previously occupied by Andrew Whitaker and Don Ray on the corner of 4th and B Streets. In 1882, John Brewster and his wife Caroline built the brick structure that stands today on the same corner lot. The International Order of Oddfellows held their meetings upstairs and would eventually buy the building.