



## OUR MISSION

The Tahoe Maritime Museum's mission is to stimulate an interest in and an understanding of Lake Tahoe's rich maritime history through the highest standards of historic preservation, innovative interpretation and public education.

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# Museum Collections Guidelines and Procedures

by Tom Bredt

During the year, the Museum receives a number of inquiries regarding possible donations of boats and other maritime artifacts to the Museum's collection. To keep you informed on how such inquiries are handled, let's review our collection guidelines and procedures. The Museum's Collections Policy was prepared several years ago by Carol Van Etten and specifies criteria for accepting new additions as well as for the care and removal or "deaccession" of items in the collection. The policy is administered by the Museum's Collections Committee chaired by Kirk Pumphrey along with members Tom Batchelor, Cheryl Caplan, Marshall Kraus and Don Smith. David "Smitty" Smith is the primary staff contact for the committee, and Smitty works with Cheryl Caplan to assure that proposed donations are properly acknowledged and processed. Potential donors are asked to fill out a form describing the item and its condition along with photographic documentation. The completed proposed donation form is reviewed and evaluated by the committee members. Discussion follows to reach a consensus. The committee has authority to accept smaller artifacts; however, boat donations must be approved by the Museum Board. Generally, the review process takes 2 – 4 weeks.

### Our collection criteria are:

- Local Significance - Does the boat or artifact help tell the story of Tahoe's boating history? Preference will be given to boats which were first launched at Lake Tahoe or were used primarily at Lake Tahoe.
- International Significance - Does the boat or artifact have significance on the national or international boating scene? Preference will be given to boats that have international renown as champions or record-breakers, and to artifacts associated with such boats.
- Influence - Has the boat or artifact had an influence on local boating? Preference will be



given to items that have had a significant influence at Lake Tahoe.

### Other Considerations:

- Does the museum already own sufficient or better examples of this type of vessel or artifact?
- Is the boat or artifact of exhibition quality?
- If not, does the boat or artifact fill some other need?
- Does the museum have the facilities required to properly care for and safeguard the boat or artifact?
- Are funds available for the maintenance of the boat or artifact?

In limited cases, boats are donated for resale purposes and not as additions to the collection. The major criteria for acceptance of such donations include the condition of the boat, the potential for sale in a reasonable time at a reasonable price, and, most importantly, the availability of adequate storage and resources to care for the boat until it is sold.

All proceeds received from boats donated for resale or from deaccession of boats in the collection are used for collection maintenance, artifact collection and vessel purchase.

For further information, please contact Smitty, Smitty@TahoeMaritime.org, or Cheryl Caplan, CherylCaplan@gmail.com.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Tom Bredt

## The Season of Opportunity

The summer season has ended at Lake Tahoe as we enter the "shoulder season" between the end of summer and the start of ski season. I recently learned the new local name for this period is the "season of opportunity." As I reflect on the activities planned for the Maritime Museum over the next six months, I think the phrase effectively captures what lies ahead for the Museum as well.



Tom Bredt

We are wrapping up a successful second summer at the Museum. From May through September, we welcomed over 6,500 visitors, who continue to express enthusiasm for our wonderful facilities, high quality exhibits and friendly, informative staff and volunteers. Despite the challenges of the economy, we introduced two major new exhibits adding WHISKEY, the 1935 Gar Wood utility, and the new "boating experience" exhibit, which allows all to enjoy a simulated ride around the Lake. Thanks to Tony Brown, Sabina Pellissier and George and Clare Schmitt for underwriting the WHISKEY exhibit and to Bill Kraus for creating the boating experience. In addition, we staged six smaller exhibits including Bill Briner's wonderful photographs of the 1960 Squaw Valley Olympics. Many thanks to John and Michelle Schei for making our Museum Store a "must stop" for special gifts. Finally, a heartfelt thanks to the over 90 volunteers who worked so diligently as docents and ride boat captains and mates and in so many other ways to help us.

Let's consider the Museum's "summer season" as the six months from May 1 through October 31 and the "season of opportunity" as the six months from November 1 until April 30. We have data from May 2008 through April 2009 and here is what the numbers tell us. From May 2008 through October 2008 we had 10,045 visitors; while from November 2008 through April 2009 we welcomed 1,183 visitors. During the 12-month period, the summer season accounted for 90% of our visitors while the opportunity season had 10%. Looking at our education program both in terms of organized field trips and drop-in children visits, we see the following. We had 12 field trips during the summer season and four in the opportunity season, or 75% and 25% respectively. For drop-in children visits, we had 1,049 in the summer and 299 in the opportunity season, or 78% and 22% respectively. I think you see where I am going.

One of the major goals that guide our planning for facilities and staff is to be a year-round place for the community to gather. While we do well in the summer, the "opportunity season" presents an opportunity for us to do better. I know it is not re-

alistic to expect our opportunity-season numbers to match the summer. During the November to April months, our staff and volunteers keep busy cataloging and maintaining our collection of boats and artifacts, preparing new exhibits, and researching Tahoe's maritime history. (It is impossible to give these activities the required attention during the summer given our schedule of events). We have staff resources to continue to serve the community via our education and outreach programs. We are available for special events and tours. I especially ask those who make Lake Tahoe your permanent home to take advantage of the Museum over the next six months. If you have school-age children, bring them by and ask their teachers to consider the Museum for a field trip. Given the financial challenges faced by our schools, we are expanding our offerings for in-class presentations.

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"opportunity season"  
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As you know, our Executive Director, Bill Kraus, resigned for personal and professional reasons in August. Bill made many contributions to during his tenure with the Museum; we thank him for his efforts and wish him and his family well. Nicole Cheslock, our Director of Education and Outreach, resigned in August to return to her consulting practice. We thank Nicole for her many contributions and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

The Board and staff are working to identify and hire the right people to continue our growth and contributions to the community. During this transition period, Rich Stout and I are devoting more time to the day-to-day management of the museum. I want to thank Rich for assuring our financial affairs in order. Other Board members and volunteers are taking a more active role as well. Please join me in giving special thanks to Heather Leonard and David "Smitty" Smith who have taken on many additional responsibilities.

You recently received a letter from Heather Leonard, Director of Development, asking for your support of our Annual Fund Campaign to raise \$40,000 to meet our income goal and match planned expenses this year. I thank those who have contributed and ask you to consider us in your year-end philanthropic plans.

As always, please contact me if you have questions or concerns. Here's to a most successful "opportunity season" for the Museum.





## Lecture Series

The Museum's 2009 lecture series was a huge success. With topics ranging from Scott Cassell and the great Humboldt Squid, to Martin McClellan and members from the New Millennium Dive Expedition sharing insights on ship wrecks of Tahoe, the Museum was packed on select evenings from April through August. Memorable lecture series events included stories shared on the Museum's newest vessel exhibit, WHISKEY, and the history of our most recent vessel acquisition, TEASER.

The 2009 lecture series closed out on a high note in August with our final standing-room-only event. With the help of official Olympic photographer, Bill Briner, never-before-displayed photos from the 1960 Winter Olympics were unveiled and excitement for the upcoming Olympic Heritage Celebration was generated. In the coming months, we encourage you to visit the Museum and view the 1960 Olympic photos on display in the north stairwell.

We are in the planning stages for the 2010 lecture series. If you would like to suggest a topic relating to local and maritime history, please contact the Museum, 530-525-9253 ext. 104 or email [Smitty@TahoeMaritime.org](mailto:Smitty@TahoeMaritime.org).

## Schools Program and Youth Visitors

During this past summer, the Museum hosted five field trips for various area summer camps, reaching 114 children ranging from ages 3 to 14. As with the school year field trips, the interactive tour and experience would not be possible without the help of some of our incredible docents and volunteers; Elizabeth Hale, Denise Kirby, Bob and Tracy Neher, Paul Schultz, and especially Kathy Schultz and Al Le Bel who have played an integral role in almost every field trip we have hosted since our grand opening in May 2008.



The Schools Program field trips continue throughout the summer months, serving youth enrolled in summer camps and enrichment programs.

This summer, the Museum participated in two Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC) children's science events in Incline Village. We brought along the "Fish of Lake Tahoe"

activity used during our field trips. The fishing activity was a huge success with both educators and students. Children absolutely loved catching and identifying the fish. The Museum's booth had the longest waiting line and most repeat children of all event activities.



The "Fish of Lake Tahoe" activity proves to be a hit among students and educators!

Teachers and parents in attendance were also enthralled with the children's responses. Outreach through TERC events has led to new contacts with schools from the Incline Village and South Lake Tahoe areas.

Heading into our second full school year, the Museum's Schools Program is moving full speed ahead. We are working with school district offices at both ends of the Lake to raise awareness of our educational programming. Flyers, emails and correspondence with teachers and parents are all being used to spread the word. An Educator's Reception will be held in November, allowing teachers to tour the Museum and discover what our education program offers their classrooms.

During the fall and winter months, we are enhancing the visitor experience for families and children. Family Fundays, every Sunday in November, include children's activities, hands-on-crafts such as building model sail boats, scavenger hunts, maritime-themed books and puzzles. As the weather gets colder and your children and grandchildren are looking for things to do, we encourage you to come and explore the Museum!

Being a part of the Schools Program is a very fun and rewarding experience. If you are interested in becoming a docent or volunteer and would like to learn more about the Schools Program, please contact the Museum.



The TEASER Roundtable event (above) on July 31 drew quite a crowd, as part of the 2009 Museum Lecture Series.



The fishing activity provides an opportunity for children to identify which fish they caught.

# DEVELOPMENT NOTES

Highlighting Gifts and Membership from June 16 – September 30, 2009  
By Heather Leonard

## 2009 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Since kicking-off our Annual Fund Campaign, the Museum has received almost \$89,000 in contributions and a pledged donation of \$25,000. The pledged donation offers a challenge to the Museum and loyal supporters; every \$1 contributed before the end of this year will be matched with a dollar, up to a total of \$25,000. Your gift of \$50, \$100, \$250 or more will move us closer to meeting the pledge challenge and our overall Annual Fund goal of \$150,000.

Annual Fund donations help bridge the gap between our membership revenue and the Museum's ongoing operating costs, making it possible to provide memorable experiences for visitors and member families. Your support will assist the Museum in its continued effort to provide interactive education programs, informative lecture series presentations and intriguing new exhibits that bring to life the region's unique past.

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## Membership

I/we would like to join the Tahoe Maritime Museum and share in the Lake's rich maritime history.

PLEASE CHECK:

- New Membership  
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 Gift Membership

FAMILY:  \$40  \$100  \$200  \$300  \$500

FRIEND OF THE MUSEUM:  \$1,000  \$2,500

## Annual Fund

I/we would like to help the Museum's mission by making the following donation to the Museum's Annual Fund in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Thank You!**

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# SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Our second year in the new building made for a memorable summer with over 6,500 visitors passing through the Museum doors, taking in our newest vessel exhibit WHISKEY, the 1960 Winter Olympics photography display, Ride Boat Experience and lecture series events. More than 150 museum visitors and member families also enjoyed viewing the Hick's engine and RED-SKIN hydroplane and participating in the pirate-themed scavenger hunt, children's activities and hands-on crafts

during Living History Day on July 25. Additional memorable summer activities included the Annual Friends of the Museum Dinner held on June 27 at Friends Ned and Carol Spieker's home, the popular Ride Boat Program which provided Lake tours for member families and guests in July and August and the Docent and Volunteer Appreciation Brunch which honored members and Museum supporters on September 7.



The Museum duals as historic event venue, and opened its boat house style doors for a wedding rehearsal dinner in June.



Over 30 members and supporters were honored on September 7 at the Docent and Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.



The new Ride Boat Experience exhibit provides an opportunity for both the young and young at heart to get out on the Lake!



The Museum was filled to capacity on many occasions during the 2009 Lecture Series with attendees eager to celebrate maritime history and Tahoe lore. Photo credit: Dick Morton



Earl Burton describes the model making process during his August 13 lecture Thunderbird - Making of a Model. Photo credit: Dick Morton

Members of the Spark n A's - Model A Ford Group included the Museum as a stopping point during their Around the Lake Auto Tour this summer.



The summer Ride Boat Program was a success, with Captains and First Mates logging 17 hours on the water and providing Lake tours to 103 passengers.



Smitty encouraged youth visitors to participate in the "Fish of Lake Tahoe" activity during Living History Day on July 25.



Board Member Roy Dryer shared his face painting talent during Living History Day in July.



Children, parents and grandparents were challenged with a pirate-themed scavenger hunt while visiting the Museum this summer.



## EVENTS

### FALL AND WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **Thursday, October 29 Family Night Out**

Activities, crafts & a family-friendly movie (costumes encouraged), 5pm – 7pm

#### **Every Sunday in November Family Fundays**

Children's activities, scavenger hunt & hands-on crafts, 10am – 5pm

#### **Sunday, November 29 Give "Thanks" for Museum Supporters**

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving Holiday, join Museum Staff for hot chocolate & treats with guided tours @ 2pm, 10am – 5pm

#### **Saturday, December 5 \* Truckee Annex Open House,**

10434 River Park Place.  
Join Museum Staff for an in-depth look at vessels and artifacts not currently on display at the Homewood facility. FREE admission with a toy donation for Toys for Tots, 10am – 5pm

*\*Weather permitting, call the Museum to confirm.*

#### **Museum Fall Schedule: October & November**

10am – 5pm every Friday, Saturday, Sunday

#### **Museum Winter Schedule:**

10am – 5pm, Friday, Saturday, Sunday on select weekends in December, January & February

#### **Come visit us at the Homewood Museum**

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**December 18, 19, 20**

**January 8, 9, 10**

**January 15, 16, 17**

**February 12, 13, 14**

**February 20, 21, 22**

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Friends of the Museum and Friends of Friends gathered for the TEASER Roundtable event on July 31. The event was moderated by classic boat historian Brian Robinson with members including Tom Bredt, Tony Brown and Dave Olson on-hand to share memories on the historic vessel.



During the final event of the 2009 Lecture Series, official photographer Bill Briner shared memories, insight and photos from the 1960 Winter Olympics. PHOTO: Dick Morton

Friends (left to right) Ann and Clark Sperry, Pam Elmore, and Cheryl and John Cox reminisce during the Annual Friends Dinner in June.



Volunteers Al Le Bel and Josh Leonard spent the afternoon at the Museum's outreach booth at the ACBS South Lake Tahoe Boat Show in July.