

Summer 2017 Events Newsletter of the
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**EVENTS COMING THIS SUMMER**

**MUSIC IN THE MEADOW**

The **Coarsegold Historic Museum** (& Historical Society) will present their 13<sup>th</sup> annual **Music in the Meadow** event on **JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12 to 4 p.m.** Tickets only \$10. Come enjoy good live music under the big tent, lunch cooked by Oakhurst Kiwanis, snacks, beer & wine, displays from Fresno Flats Museum and Nelder Grove and the King Vintage Museum, tours of the museum and a huge silent auction. This is the museum's one major fundraiser for the year. Tickets may be purchased from the Docents at the museum or at the door. Call the museum for further information: 559-642-4448, Thursday thru Saturday 10 to 2; Sunday 12 to 4.

**Note: Please bring your own comfy chair!**

**COARSEGOLD HISTORIC MUSEUM** offers an in-depth look at the local Indian tribes and the history of the Pioneers in this eastern Madera County mountain area. Hundreds of artifacts take you to the days of yesteryear. Four buildings include the main museum "barn," the Picayune School (1913 to 1956), the "Old Adobe Freight Wagon Way Station" (built in the late 1800s), and now open the "home section" of the building with displays from the Vintage Museum, et al., and the Blacksmith Shop—Free entry but Donations are always appreciated. **Open 10 to 2 Thursday thru Saturday, 12 to 4 Sunday, 9 to 11 Monday.**  
[www.coarsegoldhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.coarsegoldhistoricalsociety.com)

**HUGE YARD SALE** at the Coarsegold Historic Museum on Friday & Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring bags, boxes, etc. and take home **treasures!** Sale to benefit local Chapter GZ of PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization).

**AHWAHNEE HILLS REGIONAL PARK** will be presenting a **Veterans' Memorial Dedication** at the Park on **June 14 from 10 to 12.** Local Veterans will be raising the flag. There will be tents, but please bring your own comfy chair and sunhat. Ahwahnee Hills Park is open and ready for you to hike, picnic and explore! Go to [www.ahwahneepark.org](http://www.ahwahneepark.org) to check out all this new GEM has to offer! (No bicycles allowed at this time, please.)

**THE GOLDEN CHAIN THEATER:** Again this year the new venues for our favorite local theater are outstanding. Several Broadway and local hits will delight everyone! Call 559-683-7112! Tu & Th 10-2 for reservations.

June 2 to 18 (Melodrama): **THE DRUNKARD**  
June 24 & 25: **Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?** Live musical tribute to the film (George Clooney)  
July 8 & 9: **Schoolhouse Rock!** Nerve-racked school teacher on his first day of teaching.  
July 14 thru 16: **Legally Blond, Jr.,** Musical  
August 4 to 20: **I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!** Just think of Seinfeld set to Music

**THE FOSSIL DISCOVERY CENTER OF MADERA COUNTY** invites you to their coming event: **Father's Day** special on June 17<sup>th</sup>—Free Admission!

**THE FOSSIL DISCOVERY CENTER** is located off Exit 164 on Hwy 99 just outside Chowchilla at 19450 Ave. 21½. The Discovery Center and dig site has the largest Pleistocene fossil bed in the western United States. This is truly a wonderful adventure for children and adults alike. You'll be amazed at the "dig." [www.maderamammoths.org](http://www.maderamammoths.org)  
SJV Paleontology Foundation, PO Box 1020, Madera 93639 559-665-7107.

**CENTRAL SIERRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM:** 42642 Tollhouse Road at Shaver Lake at the entrance to the Edison Campground. Ongoing lecture series called "Sierra Voices": free talks held in the media room at the museum. Info: 559-841-4478. THE SIERRA STEAMERS operate the fully functional Dolbeer Steam Donkey. It was used to move large trees from where they were felled in the forest to the mill. [csbs@netptc.net](mailto:csbs@netptc.net)  
The museum has an extensive calendar:

Central Sierra coming events:  
May 26: Museum opening 7 days a week: 11 – 3.  
May 26: Friday in the Pines – Katwood Willie: 6 p.m. in the Amphitheater at the Museum  
May 28: Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up: 10 - 3  
May 28: Power-house Demonstration at Noon  
June 3: Hikes for History #1 – Balsom Forebay; 10 a.m., Meet in Museum parking lot  
June 10: Sierra Voice Presentation – Richard Ross—The History of Blayney Meadow; 1 p.m. in the Media Room at the Museum  
June 17: Annual Fundraiser Dinner (Advance purchase

required); 5 p.m.; Media Room  
 June 23: Friday in The Pines – Gilly Girls; 6 p.m.; Amphitheater  
 June 24: Hikes for History #2 – Old Railroad Grade Road; 10 a.m.; meet in Museum parking lot  
 July 1: Shaver Lake Fireworks Show & Boat Parade – sponsored by Shaver Lake Visitors Bureau; dusk; Shaver Lake  
 July 2: Pancake Breakfast: 7 to 11 a.m.; Shaver Lake Community Center  
 July 2: Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up: 10 – 3; Museum parking lot  
 July 2: Powerhouse Demonstration: Noon  
 July 8: Sierra Voice Presentation – David Rodriguez: Lumbermills in the Shaver Lake Area  
 July 16: Steam Donkey Engine Steam-Up & Powerhouse Demonstration (see times – July 2)  
 July 16: Ice Cream Social: 1 to 3 p.m.; Museum patio  
 July 22: Hikes for History #3 – Historical Railroad Trail; 10 a.m. parking lot  
 July 28: Friday in The Pines – The Grass Less Traveled; 6 p.m.; Amphitheater at the Museum  
 August 5: Black Pot Cook-Off (Advance ticket purchase required); 1 p.m.; Shaver Lake Fishing Club  
 August 12: Sierra Voice Presentation – Randy McFarland: 100 Years of Camp Sierra (Tour following presentation); 1 p.m., Media room at Museum  
 August 19: Hikes for History #4 – Bald Mountain; 10 a.m.; parking lot  
 August 25: Friday in The Pines – Rock Therapy; 6 p.m.; Amphitheater

**COARSEGOLD HISTORIC VILLAGE** lies within the heart of Coarsegold, Hwy 41 & Rd 415. In years gone by it was a popular stopping place with a lovely hotel, swimming pool and golf course. The history of the property would fill a book! Visit the many shops here and have a wonderful breakfast and lunch at the new restaurant **The Wild Fig!** You can fill your prescriptions at the Coarsegold Pharmacy and pick up antiques at the south end of the site. Grab a cup of specialty coffee—enjoy!!! There are many shops to browse Thursdays thru Sundays. Also, the Historic Village is the site of numerous events during the year:

May 26 – 29, Memorial Day: Peddlers' Market  
 June 10: Hummingbird Festival  
 June 17: Round II Wheels  
 August 19: Next Fighter Up  
 September 1 – 4: Labor Day Peddlers' Market  
 September 29 – October 1: Sierra Art Trails and Chukchansi Pow Wow  
 October 25: Coarsegold Community Fair  
 October 28: Tarantula Festival  
 November 25: Christmas Arts & Crafts  
 For specific information on each event, go to [www.CoarsegoldHistoricVillage.com](http://www.CoarsegoldHistoricVillage.com)

**FRESNO FLATS HISTORIC PARK AND MUSEUM** is open to welcome you to experience many sites from the past. The museum is located on School Road (427) near Yosemite High School. 559-658-2019.

**The 21st ANNUAL HERITAGE DAYS AT FRESNO FLATS** will take place on **September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**. The annual parade will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday and this year will end at the museum. Good food, crafts, music—all here for your enjoyment. Watch the *Sierra Star* for all the complete information.

**SIERRA MONO INDIAN MUSEUM** in North Fork: The museum houses an **impressive display** of traditional Indian arts and dioramas of North American animals. Enjoy exploring local native culture and history, a nature trail and an Indian Village. 33103 Road 228, North Fork. The museum is open from 10 to 3:30, Mon thru Fri. Information at 559-877-2115. [www.sierramonomuseum.org](http://www.sierramonomuseum.org) [monomuseum@gmail.com](mailto:monomuseum@gmail.com)

**POW-WOW...AUGUST 5 & 6** at Minarets High School on Rd 200 near Hwy 41. Tickets \$2 presale or \$5 at the gate. Sierra Mono Museum Indian Fair Days & 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration. Dancing \* Food \* Crafts \*

## **OTHER MUSEUMS/HISTORIC SITES**

**THE CALIFORNIA STATE MINING & MINERAL MUSEUM** The State M&M Museum contains fantastic crystals, gold, gemstones and mineral specimens from California and around the world. The Museum houses the state's official mineral collection and includes mining artifacts and an underground mine tunnel. Learn how large commercial mining operations changed the face of California as the gold rush waned. See the famous Fricot Nugget, a rare 14 lb. crystalline gold specimen from 1865. There is a free junior ranger program for kids, and gold panning is offered on selected weekends. (Call for availability.) The Museum Shop has mineral samples, jewelry, gifts and books on geology, prospecting and California history.

The Museum is located at the Mariposa Fairgrounds, 2 miles south of the town of Mariposa on Hwy 49. Open hours are Thursday thru Sunday from 10 to 5. \$4 for adults; 12 and under free. [www.CAMineralmuseum.com](http://www.CAMineralmuseum.com). 209-742-7625. See us on Facebook. [Rockmuseum@sti.net](mailto:Rockmuseum@sti.net)

## **CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE SIERRA**

The hands-on museum is open at 49269 Golden Oak Drive (Oakhurst) on Tuesday thru Saturday from 10 to 5. \$6 for those age 2 to 59; under 2—free! Annual memberships are available. **See the website for many, many events.** 559-658-5656 [www.childrensmuseumofthesierra.org](http://www.childrensmuseumofthesierra.org)

**LITTLE CHURCH ON THE HILL** The Little Church on the Hill in the Oakhurst Cemetery is a Historic Site. It dates to 1894 and has been fully restored. Visit Monday through Friday. The church is available for weddings (call Jackie Mallouf at 559-683-6832 or David Sebastian at 559-683-4673) and memorial services (see Robert in the cemetery office).

**NELDER GROVE:** 1,540 ACRES in the Sierra Nat'l Forest, with over 100 mature sequoias mixed in a forest of pine, fir and cedar. It can be found just off the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway, only about 10 miles north of Oakhurst. The PERFECT area for hiking and camping!

Brenda Negley has written a fascinating book about Nelder Grove that is available at the Coarsegold Historic Museum, Fresno Flats Museum and local bookstores. [www.neldergrove.org](http://www.neldergrove.org) or call Brenda Negley at 559-760-9108.

**RAYMOND MUSEUM:** *The Charles Miller House features exhibits about the train coming to Raymond for 20 years and why "All roads led to Raymond!" Photos displayed tell the history of the area.* Raymond was the terminus for the railroad that carried passengers to Raymond from Berenda from 1886 to 1906. Passengers changed there to horse-drawn open stages to proceed to Yosemite over rough and narrow mountain roads. The museum was the home of the railroad station-master. Information: call 559-689-1886. Free, donations appreciated. Roads 600 & 608. Open Sundays, 12 to 4.

**YOSEMITE MOUNTAIN SUGAR PINE RAILROAD** and **THORNBERRY HOUSE MUSEUM** offers an exciting four-mile railroad excursion near Yosemite Park's south gate (Fish Camp) on Hwy 41. Ride into turn-of-the-century history where powerful Shay Locomotives once hauled massive log trains through the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Go to the website and check out *The MOONLIGHT SPECIAL* and the *MELODRAMA EVENING*

Also visit the Thornberry Family Log Cabin, over 100 years old, where the actual tools used by lumberjacks are displayed. Have fun at the gold

panning operation. Info at 559-683-7273, [www.ymspr.com](http://www.ymspr.com) 56001 Hwy 41, Fish Camp.

**SIERRA VISTA SCENIC BYWAY ASSN:** **Information:** Contact Doug Waltner at [dwaltner@netptc.net](mailto:dwaltner@netptc.net) or call 559-877-2860. [www.sierravistascenicbyway.org](http://www.sierravistascenicbyway.org)

**WASSAMA ROUND HOUSE State Historic Park**, 42877 Roundhouse Road (Road 628 off of Hwy 49), Ahwahnee, CA 93601, (209) 742-7625. This park preserves the traditional meeting place of the Southern Sierra Miwok people. Here, ancient customs of local Native California Indians are honored and passed down to younger generations. The Roundhouse is a wonderful ceremonial structure still in use today, one of the few left in California. **Event: Gathering Day, always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October** (Oct. 21, 2017). Regular hours: open weekends from 8 to 5.

## **Festivals and Performing Arts Annual Events in Madera County**

Summer Concerts in the Park: [www.maderaarts.org](http://www.maderaarts.org)

Madera Wine Trail: [www.maderawinetrail.com](http://www.maderawinetrail.com)

Sierra Art Trails: [www.sierraarttrails.org](http://www.sierraarttrails.org)

Chukchansi Picayune Rancheria Pow Wow:

[www.CoarsegoldChamber.com](http://www.CoarsegoldChamber.com)

Squirrel Cage Theatre: [www.north-fork-chamber.com](http://www.north-fork-chamber.com)

For more events go to: [www.maderaarts.org](http://www.maderaarts.org) or call 559-661-7005

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## **ARE YOU A TRAVELER?**

**TWO** trips in September 2017 are calling to you---

**September in ICELAND or NORWAY**

(NOTE: Only ONE space remaining to Iceland). **IF fascinating geology excites you**, the unusual country of **ICELAND** can be a destination in your future. **"Iceland: Fire, Sea & Ice"** is a Vantage group tour (24 max) that will cover this fascinating island. Call Jack at **559-642-4242** [gjack5420@gmail.com](mailto:gjack5420@gmail.com) for information on a group trip (maximum of 24) that will leave on **September 17, 2017**. Or call Vantage at 1-800-322-6677: Group code G679-200. Because we are planning so far in advance, very special discounts will be offered to those who make the decision early. Trip dates: September 17 to 29, 2017.

**IF a vision of fiords, islands and waterfalls** excites you, the "Happy Times Group" is offering a wonderful 15 day voyage up the coast of **NORWAY**. September 18<sup>th</sup>, **2017**, will be the departure date. A one night stay in Bergen and then travel on the ship—all food is included aboard. See [www.vantagetravel.com](http://www.vantagetravel.com) for all the highlights. **Vicki - 683-5854** can give detailed information. To sign up, call **Kurt Martell at 617-878-6199, Group #FA01-040**. This is also Vantage Travel.

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