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NEWSLETTER

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UPDATES: WHAT'S NEW

Museum Update:
Please join us in welcoming Shawn Lum, ECM's incoming Museum Administrator. Born and raised in California, she is passionate about local history and has spent her 20+ year career as a museum professional in California. Shawn is a past president of the California Association of Museums. She currently serves on the Board of the Alabama Hills Stewardship Group and participates in the Lone Pine Civic Memory Working Group. Shawn moved to Lone Pine in 2018 to serve as the Executive Director of the Museum of Western Film History. Shawn spent over 30 years living on a working farm in Vacaville, CA, while working as executive director at Vacaville Museum. She is an avid backpacker with a particular enthusiasm for the Sierra. She has been hiking in the Eastern Sierra since she can remember lacing up her boots. She has summited Mt. Whitney several times, including trips with all three of her adult children. In her free time she explores other Eastern Sierra peaks, passes, cols and countless trails, hoping to someday teach her grandchildren to love wilderness adventures as much as she does.

Also, if you live locally and would like to volunteer some time to Museum projects, please call the Museum at 760-878-0364.

In this issue and other updates:
Since our last newsletter, there have been some Museum display changes and reorganizing, bookstore updates, and near-finalization of the Jane Bright Memorial Rock Garden. In this issue, we feature photographs of some of these. We hope you will be able to visit soon.

In the last issue, we asked for reader input on one of Mr. Schober's expressions, "Gee wrouchelems." One of our readers suggested the expression is "Jerusalem!" This makes much more sense than our best guess of "Gee whillikers!" Thanks, Ellen – you know who you are!

Finally, we have finished updating our membership software and, with it, our ability to email newsletters and announcements. If you are receiving this newsletter via email and wish to revert to a hard copy instead, please let us know. Conversely, if you are reading this as a hard copy and wish to receive it via email, let us know. As a reminder, our newsletters are also posted on our website. Our email: info@fecm.org.

Jane Bright Memorial Rock Garden

The Jane Bright Memorial Rock Garden was inspired by Keith Bright (1915-2010), long-time community leader and former Inyo County Supervisor. Keith's vision was to increase awareness, particularly in school-age children, of their physical surroundings by teaching about the wide diversity of rocks exposed in Inyo County. Keith wished that the garden be a memorial to his wife Jane (1920-2008), who was a geologist.

The Jane Bright Memorial Rock Garden features rock specimens collected throughout Inyo County that represent over 1.7 billion years of geologic time. They are arranged according to age. Inyo County is rich in mineral resources. There are specimens of metallic and nonmetallic mineral commodities. There is also a kiosk with displays describing the nature of minerals and rocks, a geologic map of Inyo County along with a description of the geology of Eastern Sierra region, a discussion of geologic time, and a more general presentation of geologic history featuring evolution of life on our planet.

The rock garden was designed and assembled by David Wagner, a long-time member of the FECM Board of Trustees. Financial support came from generous donations to the Jane Bright Memorial Fund and FECM. Donations of construction material from the Granite Rock Company and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power are greatly appreciated. The Environmental Office of the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe provided graphic support for the displays which is greatly appreciated. Volunteers, too numerous to mention individually here, assisted with collecting specimens, construction of the garden, and general cleanup.

The garden is expected to be completed in October 2021.

Jane Bright

Courtesy of the Bright Family

Rock Garden

Courtesy of Dave Wagner

At the Museum

All photographs courtesy of the Eastern California Museum, these and more are now on display, with the exception of Walter Starr's last photograph, which is not yet on display.

A1230.1: One large rock broken into two pieces containing three petroglyphs of bighorn sheep. The rock came from the Hanson Indian Ranch in Panamint Valley. The drawings are very clear, well-preserved, and in excellent condition. Loaned in 1962 by Dugan Hanson.

Walter Starr's Last Photograph

1996.23.2: Framed photo of Lake Ediza, Clyde Minaret, and Crest. This photo was the last one taken by Walter "Pete" Starr, Jr. before his death climbing the Minarets in 1933. Gift of Michael Eichorn.

Apparently, when Norman Clyde found Pete Starr's body, he also found his camera, which contained this last photograph.

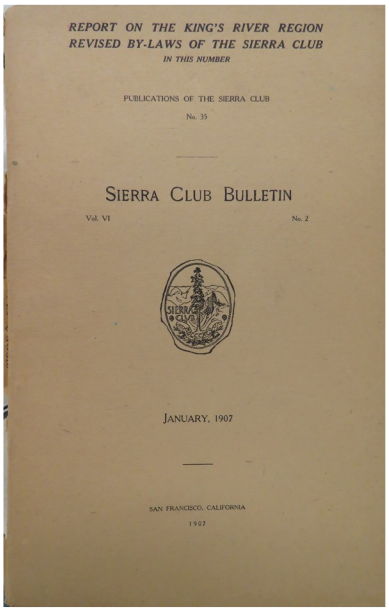
2021.11.1: Drawing of the third courthouse, which was used from 1887-1923. It replaced the second courthouse, which was destroyed in the 1886 fire. The third courthouse was deemed too small, and was demolished after the fourth and current courthouse was finished.

A506.1: Sign advertising the toll rates for the road going between the Owens Valley and Deep Springs Valley via Westgard Pass.
Gift from Mel Head in 1955.

D.S.V. Toll Road Rates

Wagon and Two Horses	$1.00
Each Additional Animal	50 cts
Horse and Rider	25 cts
Each Pack Animal	12½ cts
Loose Stock Each	10 cts
Sheep, Goat, and Hog	5 cts

No accession number yet: Cross-section of the Roosevelt Tree that stood for 107 years in Big Pine. When it was cut down in 2020, a slab was reserved for the museum by the Big Pine Civic Club.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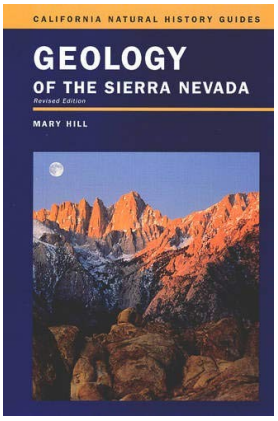

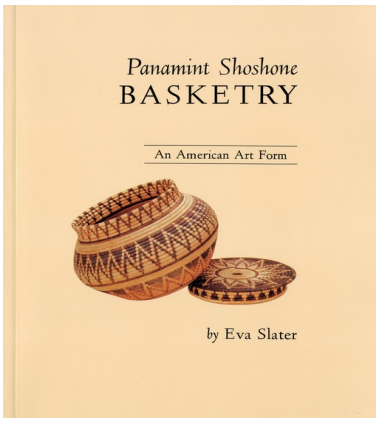

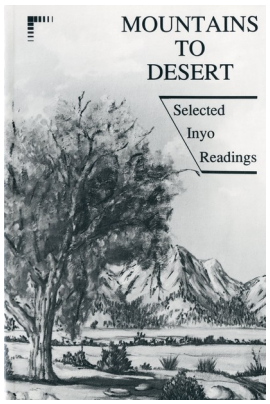

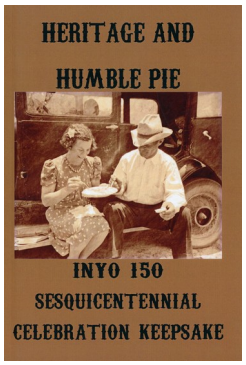

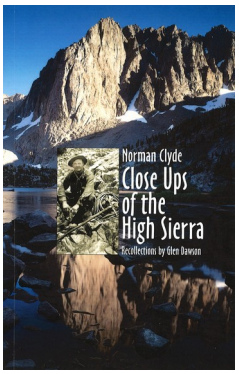

Geology of the Sierra Nevada by Mary Hill	$26.95
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Slim Princess T-Shirts and Hats	$20.00
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