



Sierra Nevada Logging Museum

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Message from our President, Ginny Kafka

Dear members and friends,
 I chose, and was chosen, to be President of the Friends of the Logging Museum for at least one more year. A major reason for my choosing to do this is that we still had a number of pending projects that had not been completed. Hopefully, this year, we will get most of those done. This newsletter should bring you up to date about the tremendous progress that we have made. The one area where we've not made much progress is in getting more volunteers, particularly more docents. Many of the docents in the past, and still somewhat at this time, are people that were associated with the timber industry in the era that we have most emphasized because of the Blagen Mill and Linebaugh Logging in our community. Those folks have, in some cases, passed on as did our great friend that you'll read about in this newsletter, or have gotten too old to be able to docent. **We badly need volunteers, particularly docents!** Help us please.

What we've done, what we are doing, and what we intend to do:

Our Driveway: In order to finish up our county requirements and get final approval for our building, we had to complete our driveway and a section of Dunbar Road that tied into our driveway. Last year, we reported that thanks to K.W. Emerson Construction, the grading and road preparation was completed. This was a huge task involving trees, banks, water lines, grade setting, etc. and if we had had to pay for the work, it couldn't have gotten done. Since we

last reported on the project, the asphalt has been laid, and we have received final approval from the county, which included getting back our assurance bond which was designed to make sure that we finished the project. K.W. Emerson also put in the asphalt for us, but they and we were unable to get the asphalt donated, so the museum put out about \$40,000 for materials, part of which we got back from the assurance bond. The contribution of the Emersons was astounding. What they got out of it besides their own satisfaction was our thanks and a plaque on our wall. A huge thank you, Jean and family.

Our Memorial Wall: The Daltons from Jackson Rancheria had given us some money a few years ago to do something significant in memory of Earl Dalton who was killed in a logging accident. Bill Kafka built the wall using donated and reduced-price materials. The wall was dedicated during the 2010 Memorial Day weekend. We have the names of 26 men on the wall, but we know there were others and we need the help of the public to identify them.



President Ginny Kafka and kneeling logger artist, Nancy Muleady-Mecham.