



# WILSONIA

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## Curtain Closes for the 2012 Season

The first dusting of snow fell on Monday the 22nd, the dumpsters have been removed, and the Clubhouse is closed up for the winter. Lots of great activities marked a very busy and fast summer in Wilsonia.

The WVI Board of Directors will be meeting again in February for the annual winter planning meeting. If you have comments, questions or any suggestions please contact a Board Member for discussion at the meeting.

The WVI dues for 2013 are now payable, please fill out the form on page 3 and send it in with your payment.

## NPS Owned Cabins in Wilsonia

The NPS is currently evaluating the options regarding the NPS owned cabins in Wilsonia that were presented to Wilsonia cabin owners at the July 8th meeting. On September 8th a joint letter from the WHDT, WVI and the Sierra Masonic Family Club was sent to SEKI NPS superintendent Karen Taylor-Goodrich. The letter reiterated our requests:

1. That we establish a MOU or MOA that outlines how SEKI NPS will work with the WHDT and the property owners in Wilsonia in the future regardless of which Superintendent resides in Ash Mountain.
2. That we develop a mutually beneficial relationship that includes NPS provided information that is accurate as to the NPS current and future actions as they relate to Wilsonia's future and the related Park intentions.
3. That the NPS owned Historic Cabins that are threatened by further degradation are stabilized prior to this winter to avoid further loss and allow for the consideration of all alternatives currently being considered in the VA.

The NPS plans to complete their study and present the preferred alternative and accept public comments sometime after the first of the year. We plan to meet with the superintendent again at that time.

## A letter from Jana Botkin - cabinart

Dear Wilsonia Cabin Owners,

I was privileged to spend a week at the Wirht family cabin (in the Masonic Tract) in August to continue work on my upcoming book, *The Cabins of Wilsonia*.

During my visit I met with friends from previous visits and made new friends. We had a fun time at Gus and Barbara Collin's place one afternoon (ask Dick Peters about pinching your lip or Francine Piarulli Graham about WD-40!)

Many of you provided me with quotes to use in the book, and I am still looking for more. This book is your story of cabin life in Wilsonia, your ideas, memories, impressions and thoughts, rather than the actual history of the cabin. If you have something to share, you can email, write, or call me. (contact info at the end of this letter)

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## Upcoming Events:

### October 31st

Garbage Service Ends

### February 23rd, 2013

WVI Board Meeting - 10am

Planning Meeting and

Potluck Lunch

Fire Committee Mtg - 1pm



## THANK YOU !!

Wilsonia Village could not function as a community without the countless hours of labor put in each year by volunteers.

### Thanks to:

**Gus Collin, Dutch Scholten** and the **WHDT Board** for the hours spent on issues to protect our historic community

**Steve Stocking** for coordinating the educational programs each year

**Max and Linda Montgomery** for hosting the Black Pot Cook-off

**Dick and Mel Peters** for hosting the Ice Cream Social... every year

**Mel Peters** and **Priscilla Burrus** for coordinating the Quilters' Retreat

Coordinator **Jean Faszholz** and the Burgin, Goble, Haile, Jones, Mitchell-Stevens, and Sledge-Moody families for sharing their cabins for the Cabin Tour

**Margaret Hyun** and **John Wilson** for hosting the square dance

**Corky Harmon** for coordinating the Ladies Tea

**Dave Faszholz, Dick Peters** and **Alan Leighty** for maintaining the Clubhouse floor

**Jean Faszholz** for making beautiful wreaths sold for the road sign project

**Sheri Parkinson** for her 6 years of service as WVI Board Secretary. Sheri kept great records, was invaluable in our annual auctions and was always willing and able to serve the community

The **WVI Board Members** who gave up so many hours to clean-up, set-up, close-down and manage all the little (and big) things that keep the Village going.

## Road Signs Fundraiser

by Neal Mixer

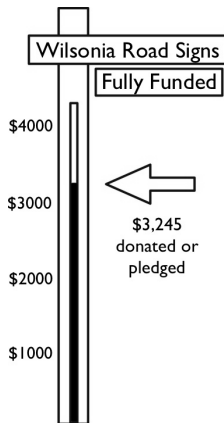
Thanks to all of you generous Wilsonians, the Road Sign Fundraiser is over 75% funded. To date we have collected \$2,745 and have pledges of \$500 more. Our goal was to reach \$4200 as the projected cost for the project is \$100 per sign for each of the 42 intersections in Wilsonia. The

construction and installation of the signs is planned for early next summer.

WVI and Tulare County have reached an agreement for the project. WVI will pay for the materials and Tulare County will provide the labor for installation.

The signs will be wooden with wooden cross-arms and brown reflectorized road signs, allowing them to be easily visible to emergency responders and visitors to Wilsonia. A sample is at the corner of Lilac and President's Lanes.

We are still seeking sponsorships for the signs. If you would like to sponsor a sign for \$100 or donate any amount towards the project (or join with neighbors to sponsor one), you may send donations to the address on the back page or contact any WVI Board Member. Thank You!



### letter from Jana continued from front page

I explored a little wider. The Manzanita and Azalea trails must be really fabulous in the early summer. (Joan, thank you for warning me to go in the morning because it is hot!) And I noticed that "General" has been dropped from the name of the General Grant Tree. Anyone know why this is??

After taking more photos, I had to re-examine the design of the book. It is still looking as if I'll need about 240 drawings, 63 of which are finished. A realistic time frame for publication is probably 2 or maybe even 3 more years.

I asked several of you for ideas about the cover, and although we didn't come to any clear answer, I did get a great idea while out hiking. (I shared it with one cabin family - we'll see if they can keep secrets!)

Some of you have asked if you can commission me to draw your cabin. You certainly may, although it may not fit into the book as the design gets more and more set.

So, the saga continues, more will be revealed, and every other cliché that pertains to eating elephants one bite at a time...

My best,

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## WVI Board Meeting and Elections

The Annual General Meeting was held on the evening of Saturday, August 4th. Vice-President Susan Doyle presided over the meeting. Board Member elections were held. Karen Carlstrom was re-elected for a second term. David Brown was elected to fill the spot vacated by Sheri Parkinson who retired after serving two terms.

On Sunday, September 2nd at 1pm, the final meeting of the summer was held. Business Discussed:

- WHDT and NPS owned cabins
- Fundraising
- Road Sign Project
- Appointment of Officers (see back page)
- End of Season - Clubhouse Closure
- Winter Planning Meeting

The next meeting will be at 10 am on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at the Kings River MHP Clubhouse in Reedley. A potluck lunch will follow. All are invited. Contact Uschi Hamm at 559-643-0807 for more information.

## Garbage Service Will Resume in May

Garbage service is suspended each year at the end of October. If you are visiting Wilsonia in the winter months please come prepared to haul-out your garbage, trash or recyclables. Also, the recycle bin is not serviced during the winter months - please do not use it as a trash receptacle.

## Big Stump Entrance Station

To expedite entry when accessing your Wilsonia private property, you may obtain a gold vehicle sticker and use the far right lane at the entrance station.

Wilonia property owners may obtain the gold stickers for their vehicles at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center or at the Big Stump entry station. Other visitors to Wilsonia can obtain a non-recreation pass. Anyone wishing to visit any of the Park facilities must possess a NPS recreation pass.

## Winter Parking in Wilsonia

To make life easier for all Wilsonia winter visitors...

1) Please park your vehicle perpendicular or diagonal to the road, backed in (with the front of the car sticking out) so there will be more parking available.

2) Please be available to move your car as necessary for the snow removal equipment to come in and clear the road.

3) To facilitate this, please post on your driver's side dashboard or windshield the following information:

Your name, Wilsonia address & cabin or cell phone number



## Wilonia Cabin For Sale

83740 President's Ln

4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Bathrooms  
**Price Reduced**

Donna Lambert (559) 730-6858  
information and photos online  
realtor.com - search Wilsonia CA

or contact owner Karen Sledge - 559-734-9648

Annual dues are the primary source of income for Wilsonia Village Inc. and allow us to have garbage service, maintain and insure the Clubhouse, and provide other services and information to Wilsonia cabin owners. Please fill out this form and return it along with your dues check - **Donations beyond \$55 gladly accepted.**

*Please fill out the form completely, we need contact information for emergencies and to keep you up-to-date on important issues.*

**WILSONIA VILLAGE INC. - 2013 DUES ASSESSMENT TIME**  
**still just \$55 per cabin**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Other Emergency # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Name/relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cabin Address \_\_\_\_\_ Wilsonia Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the owner? \_\_\_\_\_ Other owner or co-owners name (for cross reference) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to receive newsletters by email (pdf format) \_\_\_\_\_ Please take me off the mailing list

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional email subscriptions - free of charge (please list on separate sheet)

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Make Check payable to WILSONIA VILLAGE INC. — the canceled check is your receipt.

Mail to: **WVI c/o 1118 S. KLEIN AVE. REEDLEY, CA 93654-3720**

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**We are here to serve you - what activities or events would you like to see for next summer?**

**Are you interested in helping? Hosting a potluck? Helping with an event?**

**Comments Please! Attach sheet(s) with this form**

**We will review all comments and suggestions at the Winter Planning Meeting.**

**Wanted:**

*Winter contributor(s) for the Wilsonia Facebook page  
for weather and snow updates*

*If you are in Wilsonia during winter weekends or holidays, please  
post or email your photos and updates - Thanks, Neal*

**CLUBHOUSE RENTAL**

The Wilsonia Clubhouse is available for rental for your family or social gathering. Call now for details or to book your preferred date.

Contact Neal Mixer 559-643-8518 or 559-246-7963

**Pancake Breakfast**

A big **Thank You** to the Tripp Family for organizing and hosting the fund-raiser breakfast once again. Thanks also to their cooks and helpers who made this annual Labor Day weekend event a big success.

91 adults and 18 children dined on the all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and eggs breakfast. The event raised \$330 for the WVI general fund.

If you came for breakfast, thanks so much for supporting Wilsonia Village. If you missed it, why not make a point of coming next year - always on Labor Day weekend Sunday. It's the best breakfast \$5 can buy.



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**EMERGENCY \*\* CALL 911\*\* and 565-3196 / 3197 NPS Dispatch**

#### **Bear sightings, problems or questions?**



Please contact  
the KCNP  
Bear Tech at  
**(559) 565-4258**

**- Please -**

*Be a considerate neighbor and  
help protect the native wildlife in  
Wilsonia and in the Park*

*Keep all pets on a leash or secure  
at your cabin at all times*

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