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Cabin Tour - Camp Wasted & 6 More

by Jean Faszholz

If you have always wanted to see the inside of Camp Wasted, you won't want to miss this year's Cabin Tour. Look for maps on the trees and signs and balloons at the seven cabins. The maps will also direct you to the stops along the Wilsonia Quilt Trail. Refreshments will be served on Laura Keiser's deck, overlooking the meadow. Bring your guests; we know you will enjoy the Tenth Cabin Tour!

WVI BBQ Dinner, General Meeting and Elections This Saturday, August 2nd, 6pm

Come on over to the Clubhouse for the annual BBQ dinner. Meat and bread will be served; please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. After the dinner, WVI will hold its Annual General Meeting. Come listen, ask questions, and get involved in the business of the Village. Up for re-election are Board members Dick Moss and Linda Montgomery.

UPDATE from the Wilsonia Historic District Trust

by Jim Spitze

The WHDT held the 22nd Annual Meeting of its Board of Directors on the 6th of July, with all board members in attendance: Gus Collin, President; Drew Sorensen, VP; Steve Stocking, Education Chair; Jim Spitze, Secretary; Sally Tripp, Treasurer; Jean Faszholz, Hospitality & Historic Cabins Tours; Dede Virgo, Masonic Tract Representative.

Gus reported that Woody Smeck, SKCNP Superintendent, had recently dropped by for a half hour informal conversation, which Gus described as a sign of the much improved relationship between the NPS & Wilsonia. Woody will be giving a talk at the Mineral King Annual Meeting on "Why these communities (i.e. Mineral King & Wilsonia) were so important to the formation and conservation of these parks."

We also learned: 1) That the NPS Land Protection Plan was been reissued with the 25% restriction on increase in cabin square-footage entirely gone, and 2) That we need to move swiftly to apply for a \$1.5 million grant for construction of a fire protection system for Wilsonia. The NPS has been made aware of the need for fire protection for Wilsonia and is cooperating. We agreed that we should encourage this.

We approved a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the park and approved in concept (subject to further review) a set of Architectural Guidelines for Wilsonia. We discussed the potential of a museum within Wilsonia and agreed that we should start small, with something in our Clubhouse, and then perhaps move to one of the NPS-owned historic Wilsonia cabins.

The most momentous event of the meeting was the retirement of WHDT President Gus Collin after twelve years of service! The board unanimously elected Drew Sorensen, our current Vice President, to replace him. Our sincere thanks to Gus for his many years of cordial and highly effective service to the WHDT and to all of Wilsonia.

Upcoming Events:

Aug 1 - Friday

WVI Board Meeting - 7pm

Aug 2 - Saturday

Clubhouse Rental - 9 to 1pm

Cabin Tour - 1 to 4pm

BBQ Dinner and Potluck
6-7pm

WVI General Meeting 7pm

Aug 3 - Sunday

W.H.A.T. Hike - 9am



Wilonia Advisory Team

The Wilonia Advisory Team will be meeting again on Friday afternoon August 15th at 3:30 pm. This meeting will take place in the Wilsonia Clubhouse to allow Wilonia residents who wish to attend a more convenient location. For this and all other meetings, Wilonians can call in on a conference line. Contact Dick Moss or Neal Mixer (numbers on back page) for the call in number and procedure.

At the last meeting, held in Visalia on July 17th, the main topics of discussion were the Draft Architectural Guidelines and the approved Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the alternatives for the 12 NPS-owned cabins in Wilsonia.

The Architectural Guidelines, when approved, should streamline the permit process for those wishing to make improvements or alterations to their cabins. It will also help guide cabin owners in how to maintain the historic status of their structures.

An action plan for the disposition of the 12 NPS-owned cabins is in the works. The NPS will be providing information about the property exchange alternative as well as the possibility of adaptive reuse or long-term leases of the cabins.

Minutes of all meetings (once they are approved) are posted on the Wilsonia webpage. Copies of minutes can be mailed to you upon request. Please contact Neal Mixer to have copies mailed to you.

July 4th Weekend Wrap-up

The big holiday weekend began with the Independence Day parade through the Visitor Center parking lot. We had a good showing from the patriotic Wilsonia community. The NPS scaled down their involvement this year, but WVI will be discussing with them how to keep this Village tradition alive for years to come. The afternoon Ice Cream Social was again a very popular event (see below).

On Friday evening Steve Stocking presented "The Giant Sequoias of SKCNP", and on Saturday morning, he led a group around Wilsonia to talk about the wildflowers and other flora and fauna native to our area. Thanks to Steve the WHDT education chair for this yearly *edutainment*.

The annual Silent Auction, our biggest fund raiser of the year, proved to be our biggest ever. Thanks to the hard work of the auction coordinator Sheri Parkinson, and the auction crew of Susan Doyle, Karen Carlstrom, Linda Montgomery, Sara Klein, Penny Burgin, Jean Faszholtz and Uschi Hamm. Thanks also to Chuck Burgin and Neal and Leighanna Mixer for their help, and to Barbara Collin for taking the unsold items to a local charity,

Our net proceeds this year total \$2160.74 (surpassing the previous record of \$1910 in 2012). This would not have been possible without the generous donations from so many Wilsonians, including Randy Wood, who donated several unique wooden boxes and furniture items, including a wooden beverage cooler that became the highest bid item of the evening. George Burgess' donation of a leather recliner generated some competitive bidding, and Lois Borba donated a handmade quilt. Thanks also to Mark and Patty Grove for donating gift certificates to Bear Mountain Pizza and Bear Mountain Auto Parts. Jana Botkin also donated one of her original pencil drawings to the auction. A big thank you to all who bid and bought at this fun annual event. Be thinking of what you can donate for next year.

Also happening at the weekend events was the pre-sale of Jana Botkin's book "The Cabins of Wilsonia" and her original pencil drawings, both of which are still available. The book will be coming out this fall. Please see the paid advertisement inserted in this newsletter.

July 4th Ice Cream Social

We had a record crowd! Close to 150 Wilsonians enjoyed ice cream and toppings at the Clubhouse on the afternoon of the 4th. Every bit of two 3-gallon tubs of ice cream was consumed. Dick Peters scooped, while Erica, Carina, Janae, Tyler and Dede served toppings. Carol Sacco and Mel Peters were extra helpers. Thanks to all who made the day so much fun. Thanks to your generous donations, the ice cream was paid for with a some money left over to split between the Wilsonia Historic District and WVI.

Welcome to the Village to:
Dennis and Denice Ikuta
New cabin owners on Hazel Lane

WVI Board Meeting

The WVI Board of Directors held their second summer meeting on Saturday, June 28th at 10 am at the Clubhouse. Business discussed:

NPS Report

WHDT Report and W.A.T. Report

Treasurer's Report - Dues, Purchases & Fundraising
Clubhouse Schedule, Cleaning and Maintenance

July 4th Weekend Events - Parade, Auction, Potluck
August BBQ Dinner, General Meeting and Elections

The next Board Meeting will be at a new date and time of Friday evening, August 1st, at 7pm, at the Clubhouse. All are welcome to attend.

Host(s) needed for the Labor Day Potluck!
Please contact a Board Member

PLEASE use great caution when having a campfire, using the barbecue or any other open flames!

Have a source of water and/or fire extinguisher close by at all times. Please monitor all fires.

One small mishap could cause disaster for our Wilsonia.

Extreme Fire Danger - Please Clean Your Property

Even if you do not use your cabin, if you own it, it is your responsibility to make sure the yard is cleaned up. Please make arrangements to clean your property, to make your cabin and the community of Wilsonia FIRE SAFE!

All natural yard waste can be disposed of at the NPS dump. Please check out a key at the Visitor Center desk.

Hey, could you put something in the newsletter about:
(these are requests from your Wilsonia neighbors)

- ◆ Please slow down when driving in Wilsonia. There may be children at play and people walking in the roads.
- ◆ Please keep your dog on a leash and under your control at all times, on and off your property. Please keep your dogs from barking incessantly.

Wilsonia Cabin For Sale By Owner

1200 sq. ft. 2 bed, 1 bath on 1/2 acre lot – Tehipite Lane
160' deep well and updated septic system
Great new kitchen and modern bathroom

\$390,000

contact owner at 208-762-7550 or 208-762-7334



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Summer 2014 – Remaining Events

All events at the Clubhouse unless stated otherwise

Fri. Aug. 1	7 pm	WVI Board of Directors Meeting (new date and time)
Sat. Aug. 2	9am-1pm	Clubhouse Rental
	1-4 pm	WHDt Cabin Tour - see page 1 article - maps will be posted
	6 pm	WVI Barbecue Dinner / Potluck - bring a side dish or dessert
	7 pm	WVI Annual General Meeting
Sun. Aug. 3	9 am	W.H.A.T. Hike #3 - details below
T-Th Aug. 12-14		Clubhouse Rental
Fri. Aug. 15	3:30 pm	Wilsonia Advisory Team Meeting - at the Wilsonia Clubhouse
Sat. Aug. 23	2 pm	Juni Fisher Concert 
Sat. Aug. 30	6 pm	Potluck (HOST needed please!)
	7 pm	Bingo / Game night
Sun. Aug. 31	8-11 am	Pancake Breakfast
		Adults \$5, Children (12 & under) \$3
	1 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Mon. Sept. 1	9 am	W.H.A.T. Hike #4
Sat. Sept. 6	1 pm	Advisory Team-NPS Lunch - location TBA

Juni Fisher Concert
at the Wilsonia Clubhouse
August 23rd - 2 pm

**Tickets: \$20 per person,
Children, 12 & under, \$10**

contact Sally Tripp
559-269-4441

WilsoniaSally@gmail.com

Potlucks are open to all WVI members and guests – please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert.

Coffee provided, drinks for sale - Don't forget your table service.

WATCH THE WEBSITE, BULLETIN BOARD & WVI NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES

CABINS FOR SALE - Realtor Listings

For Sale - Cabin on the Meadow

2 bed, 1 bath - Two Story with Sleeping Loft
Great Location - Back Deck Overlooks Meadow
\$345,000
contact realtor 559-638-2500 or 559-787-2981

For Sale

Big Family Cabin on President's Lane

4 bed, 2 bath - 1935 sq. ft. - built in 1994
\$353,000
contact realtor 559-638-2500 or 559-787-2981

Cozy Cabin on Willow Lane For Sale

2 bed, 1 bath - Historic Cabin - corner Willow & Lilac
Modern well - Preferable winter access
\$299,000
contact realtor 559-332-2410 or 559-287-1896

Historic Cabin For Sale - Quiet Location

1 bed, 1 bath with loft - 960 sq. ft. - Sierra & Tyndall
\$200,000
contact realtor 559-790-6432

HIKE - WHAT Happenings!!

WHAT (Wilsonia Hikers And Trekkers) had a great hike to the John Muir Grove on July 6, 2014. Fifteen hikers attended. The average age of the hikers was unknown, but the youngest graduated from high school in 1980.

WHAT will conduct their third hike of the year on Sunday August 3 at 9 am. Because it is a regular weekend, the hike will begin at the Wilsonia parking lot. An initial moderate hike, along with several extensions are available:

1) Wilsonia parking lot to the South Boundary Trail, to the Hitchcock Meadow Trail, to the Big Stump Trail, appx. 3.5 miles. On the Big Stump Trail we will see the Sawed Tree and Mark Twain Stump. We can have a car parked in the Big Stump picnic area for those who wish to end the hike at that point.

2) Big Stump Picnic Area to the Grant Tree, appx. 4 miles, plus a mile back to Wilsonia. Hikers have the option of cutting this hike short by taking the South Boundary Trail, Sunset Trail, or the Swale/Azalea Trail back to Wilsonia, instead of going all the way to the Grant Tree.

Date: Sunday August 3, 2014

Time: 9 AM

Bring: water, food, good shoes and a hiking stick

**Info: David Doyle 559-907-0890, Ty Parkinson
559-638-6176***

*Note: for a small fee paid in unmarked bills, Ty will carry you.



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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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