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~mid-summer edition~

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Even though the calendar nearly reads August, and back-to-school sales fill the store aisles... summer in Wilsonia is still in full swing. This Saturday features the Cabin Tour from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. That evening, join us for the annual BBQ dinner and WVI General Meeting and Elections.

Cabin Tour is a YES!

by Jean Faszholz

We did not think there would be enough cabins for a tour this year. A number of "for sures" had to cancel. But all is well... we are going to have a great tour this year with 8 cabins of every description. Gus and Barbara Collin are very accommodating, as usual, and agreed to open up their old historic family cabin again and also let us serve refreshments in their yard.

There will be maps on the trees, signs and balloons in front of each of the 8 cabins. You can start at the Speth and Collin cabins and enjoy your cookies, popcorn and lemonade first. Or, you might like to start at the other end of Wilsonia and tour the Smith and McKinney cabins. Or, start in the middle at the Stocking, Ikuta, Ambrose/Collins or Gerdes/Faszholz cabin.

It's your choice... **Enjoy the cabin tour!**

Wilsonia Ladies' Tea

Saturday, August 6th - 12:30

\$5.00 donation at the door

Come join the ladies of Wilsonia for our annual tea in the Clubhouse. Grab your hat and tea cup and enjoy an afternoon with tea-time treats and friendship.

We have a guest speaker, Patt Rank, who is going to showcase some of her button collection and talk about the history of buttons. If you haven't seen antique and collectable buttons, you are in for a treat and an interesting afternoon. She is hopefully going to bring some to sell for all of you sewers and crafters.

For reservations call Corky Harmon: (559) 367-6330 or Uschi Hamm: (559) 287-4803 or (559) 643-0807 (limited to first 40 ladies)

Silent Auction

Thanks to the hard work of auction coordinator Sheri Parkinson and crew of Corky, Sara, Uschi, Linda, Jean, Mary Anne and Penny we had another great fundraising success. Thanks also to Ty and Chuck for set-up help and support, and to Neal for collecting the money. The wonderful donated items: fresh fruit, baked goods, one-of-a-kind knick-knacks, furnishings and decorations combined with a pool of generous Wilsonia bidders to raise **\$1649**. Once again a Big Thank You to Randy Wood for his donation of a custom wood drink cooler and numerous other antique wood boxes and creations.

Some of the items that did not sell at the auction were sold for half price on Sunday. The remainder were donated to a local charity... thanks Barbara. Thank you to all who participated in this annual event.

Historic Plaques

If you are interested in purchasing a bronze plaque for your cabin please contact Gus Collin at 559-335-2993 or wilsoniagus@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:

July 30th - Saturday

WVI Meeting - 10 am

Fire Committee Mtg - 11:30am

Cabin Tour - 1 to 4 pm

BBQ Dinner - 6pm

WVI General Mtg - 7pm

July 31st - Sunday

WHAT Hike #3 - 8 am

August 6th - Saturday

Ladies Tea - 12:30 pm

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July... in review

The month began with a 3-day celebration of Independence Day. The weather was perfect for the activities which make up the busiest time of year for Wilsonia. To start off, on Saturday the 2nd, we held our annual Auction fundraiser (see article on left). In the evening, a large crowd came for the Potluck sponsored by the Wilsonia Daughters of the American Revolution. Sunday morning, a small contingent met to work off some calories from the potluck... the WHAT group ventured off to hike to Big Baldy. Sunday afternoon was free of events, so folks could enjoy family time and get busy cleaning and decorating their jeeps and trucks for the Parade. (Cont. on pg. 2)

Juni Fisher Concert
at the Wilsonia Clubhouse,
August 27th, 2 pm

Tickets: \$15 per person

contact Sally Tripp: 559-269-4441
or sierra64@sbcglobal.net

In Memory of

Daniel Warren

A Wilsonia friend and neighbor
who will be dearly missed.

14th Annual Quilters and Crafters Retreat

By Mel Peters

On Monday, July 11th, many Wilsonia women and their buddies could be seen lugging sewing machines, fabric, cutting mats and other supplies into the Clubhouse for the Retreat. Our numbers keep growing! We were bursting at the seams! (sewing pun intended). There was much fun and productivity, and just a little grumbling when seam rippers had to be used.

We had a salad lunch on Monday honoring two of our long time quilters, Priscilla Burrus and Kathleen Moody. Our usual Thursday night family potluck overflowed with food and fellowship. We all look forward to our next retreat: July 10-15, 2017.

Fire Inspection Reports will be mailed out soon. When you receive your report, please read it carefully and do what you can ASAP to help make your property and the entire Village safe from wildfire.

If you would like to get involved in helping keep our community FireSafe, why not attend the next Wilsonia Fire Committee Meeting on Sat., July 30th at 11:30 am.

coming soon... WILSONIA CABIN FOR SALE

83656 President's Lane

Contact Tim Thiesen – Guarantee Real Estate

(559) 352-9891

tathiesen@msn.com

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\$250,000

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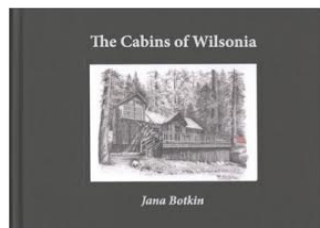
Two Story, 4 lots, Two Bedroom & Two Baths

Contact owner for more information:

gulmertk@gmail.com

To view, contact Neal Mixter: 559-246-7963

The Cabins of Wilsonia
A look at 21st century cabin life



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273 drawings, many quotes from cabin folks

\$75, including tax

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WVI Board Meeting

The most recent WVI Board Meeting was held on Saturday, June 27th at 2pm. Business discussed at that meeting:

- NPS, Wilsonia Advisory Team and WHDT Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- Wilsonia Fire Committee
- Clubhouse maintenance, procedures and repairs, including bidding for restroom improvements
- Upcoming Events: auction and potluck and parade

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Reports are available on request. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 30th at 10am.

July... in review (continued)

The Parade had over twenty entries, including the ever favorite Gunning/Kirchman entry. This year their entry featured a variation on a Disney theme: "Wilsonia, the happiest place on earth". Many favorite Disney characters were spotted, including Tinkerbell. The parade wrapped up with the singing of our National Anthem led by retiring NPS employee Mike Faulkner.

July 4th Ice Cream Social

A big crowd gathered at the Clubhouse to celebrate July 4th with ice cream and all the toppings. Thanks to servers Dick Peters and George Burgess, and the topping brigade of Tyler, TJ, Tyler, Logan, Laura, Sarah and Claire. Decorations by Sally Tripp festooned the Clubhouse. It was a tasty, fun and patriotic afternoon.

May 29th Duck Race Report - by Sara Klein

On a brilliant Wilsonia afternoon with the last sprinkle of precipitation hours behind the 3:00 start time of the Wilsonia Village Duck Race at the corner of Hazel and Lily Lane, the race began on time. A crowd of nearly 50 Wilsonians and one Park Ranger and his family gathered to witness and participate in this "quasi-annual" event.

Duck Race organizers Sara Klein and Sheri Parkinson narrowed the Rubber Ducks down to the smallest sizes as the stream in nearly it's last fluid days could only support smaller ducks. As it was, an occasional stray duck would be caught in the culvert mid-section or in twigs and would have to be flushed out by willing helpers. The race started on the upstream side of Hazel and finished a few stones below the culvert bridge.

The first child's race with 10 participants finished with winning Duck #21, bought by Gianna Magnone; 2nd place with duck #29 went to Jizelle; and 3rd place with duck #13 to Ruby Parrack. The second child's race winner was Sydney Magnone with duck #34; 2nd place with duck #22 went to Ruby Parrack; and 3rd place with duck #37 to Noah Lawrence.

The Third race of the day brought in 14 adult participants who bought 17 ducks at \$5.00 each. The crowded field yielded an unknown winner: Lydia ?, with duck #38.

Not willing to finish with the fun, another Child race was held with 6 participants. Surprisingly, duck #21 came in first again, with new owner Tristan Ramirez. Sister Teagan Ramirez came in second with repeat winner duck #34, and third place Analla Ver with duck #33.

At the finish line, Ty Parkinson and Mark Hickey called the winners.

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Summer 2016 - Remaining Events

All events at the Clubhouse unless stated otherwise

Sat. July 30	10 am	Board of Directors Meeting
	11:30 am	Fire Committee Meeting
	1-4 pm	WHDT Cabin Tour
	6 pm	WVI Barbecue Dinner / Potluck
	7 pm	Annual General Meeting & Election of Board Members
Sun. July 31	8 am	W.H.A.T. hike #3 - Destination TBA
Sat. Aug. 6	12:30 pm	Ladies' Tea
T-Th Aug. 9-11	All Day	Clubhouse Rental
Sat. Aug 20	1 pm	Advisory Team / NPS community lunch - location TBA
	7pm	Buck Rock Foundation Presentation (postponed from June 25th)
Sat. Aug 27	2 pm	Juni Fisher Concert - WHDT fundraising event
Sat. Sept. 3	6 pm	Potluck
	7 pm	Bingo / Game night
Sun. Sept. 4	8-11 am	Pancake Breakfast - Adults \$5, Children (12 & under) \$3
	1 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Mon. Sept. 5	8 am	W.H.A.T. hike #4

Land Exchange within Wilsonia

As reported in the last Wilsonia Times, the intention of the Wilsonia Land Exchange Project is to return eleven or twelve National Park Service (NPS) owned properties to private ownership or potential leasing option in exchange for parcels of land in Wilsonia without structures.

The NPS will open a request for proposals in the fall for individuals who are interested in land exchange or lease. If you have undeveloped property in Wilsonia that you may consider selling, there are interested parties wanting to purchase land to use for the exchange.

If you have land that you may be willing to sell to a private party or are interested in an exchange, please contact:

Denise Robertson, Management Assistant
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
559-565-3105 and email Denise_Robertson@nps.gov.

Sequoia-Kings Canyon Dark Sky Festival – August 5-7 from exploresequoiakingscanyon.com

The night sky in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks is nationally recognized. Our darkness not only adds to the aesthetic qualities of the wilderness, but is important to the health of our wildlife. As most of the world is faced with the effects of artificial light pollution, the Dark Sky Festival aims to educate visitors about the importance of this park resource and inspire them to take action in their own community. We hope you join us August 5th, 6th and 7th for the third annual Dark Sky Festival and share your passion for the night sky and astronomy during this fun weekend.

"Tales from the Past"

Wednesday nights, 7:30pm at the John Muir Lodge
Featuring outlaw Chris Evans (portrayed by Tim Christensen)
Check out other events in the Park at:
www.exploresequoiakingscanyon.com

NOTICE ON DUMPSTER USAGE

Wilsonians... please use the dumpsters **ONLY** for disposal of household garbage. Large items, furniture, household discards and empty boxes are **not allowed**, and take up needed dumpster space shared by all your neighbors.



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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

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*Be a considerate neighbor and
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Wilsonia and in the Park*

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

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