OH, WHAT A YEAR!

As the year started, the Foundation was looking forward to a busy time – lots of maintenance and restoration projects were underway. School tours were filling up, private adult tours and bus groups had scheduled visits, reunions, weddings and retirements were all on the calendar. Our wonderful Gift Shop Manager Betty Hoffman retired, and other gift shop volunteers stepped up to help get ready for the year. A new inventory system was in place, shelves were stocked and labeled. Everything was looking great! Our first school tour went well in February, followed by Amador County Day March 7th. Though the weather was less than ideal, there was a good turnout with many enjoying Clancy’s games and the BBQ lunch. Everyone was ready for a great year. Then everything changed. Seventeen school tours, four bus tours, private tours and events have been cancelled. But thanks to our amazing volunteers, everything has not been quiet at the mine, as you will see in this newsletter.

Please see page 2 for information on the reopening of the mine starting first weekend in June.

Volunteers in Action

Volunteers are the heart of the Kennedy Mine Foundation. With so many restoration and maintenance projects planned, manpower is essential and our volunteers always accept the challenge!

The first task was the relocation of equipment and artifacts from the Sawmill Area to new locations. Amador Sawmill and Mining Association (ASMA) coordinated the relocation of the Fremont hoist drums and other equipment to the area near the Kennedy hoist foundations. Now the pieces are closer to the area in which similar pieces once would have been found.

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A big job! Relocating equipment and artifacts from the Sawmill Area
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We hope you will come and enjoy the Kennedy Gold Mine with us and perhaps become involved in the volunteer effort. Donations are welcome and are tax deductible.

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• Photos
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Board President

The mine will be open to the general public starting the first weekend in June, following county guidelines regarding social distancing. We recommend that visitors sign up for tours in advance online as space is limited. Please check our website or Facebook for current information.

While we remain closed through May, we will continue to work on projects...completing the storage shed, starting the tunnel, mowing, painting, staining, gardening and improving and developing displays. All of these take time, funding and most of all — volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping with any of the projects, or you would like to serve as a guide or gold panner, help with the gift shop, do a little research, assist with filing, advertising, or fundraising, we can certainly use your help!

We need teams for each special project and help on Thursdays, our regular workdays each week. Please email, give us a call, stop by or become a sponsor: manager@kennedymine.com 209-223-9542 or 209-304-0349

Take care, stay healthy and we hope to see you at the Kennedy Mine soon!

Linda Gonzales
Board President

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!
It has been a blessing to get so much done, and there is so much more to do! For years, we have hoped to make improvements to the headframe area to enhance the visitor experience. Thanks to generous donations totaling over $27,000 from the Jackson, Sutter Creek and Historical Preservation Foundation of Native Sons of the Golden West, we will be starting that project later this year! We’ll need a lot of help creating new decking and a viewing area for the shaft.
Next came the sad but necessary task of burning old stamp mill timbers which had become a major fire hazard. The Jackson Fire Department conducted the burn as a training exercise.

Jackson Rotary removed the brick walkway outside the Nurse’s Station and Change House to create a beautiful and more accessible entry area. With a great team effort, they cleaned the bricks, and leveled and expanded the area. Due to the larger size, more bricks were needed, creating another project. The walkway by the kitchen and restrooms was also brick and had become increasingly uneven, so to solve both problems, those bricks were removed to be used by the Change House. Members of the Trail Crew stepped up and a concrete walkway was poured in February, making the route from the handicap parking much smoother.

Volunteers

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A hot one! Jackson FD burns old timbers that were a fire hazard

Reduce...Reuse Repurposed bricks and smooth concrete create safe and inviting entries

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Thanks to the efforts of the volunteers from the Trail Crew, and donation of concrete from Knife River, the Boiler Building now has a concrete floor. Electricity and lighting make it a very different place! We look forward to the next steps of replacing the wood sills and lower metal panels before it’s ready for artifacts. A donated generator has been installed and will keep the lights on when the power goes out.

Two weeks later, the Trail Crew was pouring concrete again...this time for a pad for a new storage building. The building will hold tables and chairs for events on one side, with the other side becoming a “garage” for the ATV and sprayer. Wood purchased from ASMA will be used for the construction of the shed. It is located next to the Blacksmith shop and will be the same style.

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152 acres allows a lot of room for social distancing and with mild weather it has been a good time for cleaning up areas of the property. Once again, members of the **Trail Crew** took the lead in improving the north entrance by removing small trees and countless berry vines.

Their most exciting effort, however, has been the development of a trail from near the oil building to the mine office. The trail follows an abandoned ditch and passes the foundations for the old oil storage tanks. It’s short – about 10 minutes – but the views over the hoist area are wonderful!

Most of the work has been outside. The sawmill area has been mowed as has the area below the mine office. The mine office garden has also gotten some much-needed attention.

Unfortunately, the “tunnel” in the Change House is on hold; the working area is just too close. When restrictions are lifted, we will be ready to start. The timbers are waiting!
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One of the tallest head frames in existence...
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and fun experience for students of all ages.

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The Kennedy Mine grounds are a beautiful setting
for your celebration or other outdoor event, with
kitchen, picnic tables and restrooms available.

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