



Nevada County December Depot & Museum 2002 Newsletter

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New Again!

We've been closed while the building has undergone extensive renovation and restoration. See the other two articles in this newsletter for more details.

Now, the work to move back in begins. When everything is back, we'll plan a grand opening to also celebrate the 25th anniversary that passed while we were closed.

New Board and Slate of Officers

A new Board of Directors and a slate of officers were elected on November 17, 2002.

Board members serving a one-year term are Danny Stewart, Paul Boyd, Eddie Daniel, Jon Chadwell, Ronnie Vandiver, and Bill Griffin. Other board members are Michael Jimerson, Howard Taylor, and James Roy Brown, serving in their official capacities as President of the Prescott-Nevada County Chamber of Commerce, Mayor of the City of Prescott, and Nevada County Judge, respectively.

Officers are Danny Stewart, President, Paul Boyd, Vice-President, Eddie Daniel, Secretary, and Bill Taylor, Treasurer.

Curator Search Begins

Health problems have necessitated that our curator, John Teeter, retire. So, we are looking for a volunteer curator. At the time this newsletter is going to press, we are accepting letters of application. If you are interested, or know someone who is, let us know! We'll also need volunteers to help with reestablishing the exhibits and help as tour guides when the museum reopens.

The Restoration Grant

In February 2000, the 1912 Missouri Pacific Depot at Prescott was the beneficiary of a grant for renovation and restoration. Funding of \$164,888 came from the grant with an additional \$41,222 from a 20% local match. The City of Prescott, owner of the building, paid the local match, plus the architect's fee of \$18,900, the \$2,061 fee for grant administration, \$3,700 for refinishing cabinets and displays, and \$1,000 for alarm system equipment and three years of monitoring. That brought the total renovation and restoration project to \$233,771.

The grant was under the Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (1988) and was administered by the Arkansas State Highway Commission as part of the Arkansas Transportation Enhancement Program.

The grant application was written in November 1999, by Karen Ward of the Prescott City Council while she served as the manager of the Prescott Downtown Development Office. Without Ms. Ward's effort, the grant would not have been possible. Jon Chadwell, Executive Director of the Prescott-Nevada County Economic Development Office, handled most of the planning details and monitored the construction.

Some of the work done in the renovation and restoration are in another article in this newsletter. More information about the grant and its history are on our web site, www.depotmuseum.org. Click "About Us" and look for the link.

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With a \$20.00 contribution.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Contributions go toward operations, maintenance of the building, preservation of artifacts, expansion & cataloging of exhibits, and work on the history of the County.

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Highlights of the Renovation and Restoration

- A wheelchair ramp was installed on west end of building.
- The freight storage room on the west side of the building was converted to a display area and community room. The wooden railroad tie floor was refinished and stained. This room will be available for some community functions such as education of students in the history of the county.
- Over the years, bricks in the sidewalk had been replaced by asphalt and concrete. These patches were replaced with brick "pavers" to look like the original construction.
- The new entrance is on the street side of the building, not from the back of the building next to the fence. Brick "pavers" at this door were re-laid to create easy access for wheelchairs.
- All electrical and phone service was run into the building underground and overhead connections were removed to allow the depot to more accurately match the original appearance from 1911.
- Outside light fixtures were replaced with those consistent with the 1940s. The lights come on in the evening to provide pleasing highlighting of the building's features.
- The electrical system, inside and out, was updated.
- Wiring was installed for a telephone system and computer networking.
- Fire alarm and security systems were installed.
- Central air conditioning and heating units were installed. Fences were placed around the outdoor units.
- The interior was updated to retaining the historical flavor of the 1930s. Ceilings were left high. Door archways were left high. Rotten or removed windowsills, window framing, and door framing was restored to match the original condition of the building. Much of the original trim was used and other trim made to match. Several interior doors were restored or refinished. The wooden paneling and lowered ceiling in the old entry/office area were removed.
- Plaster on the ceilings, which had suffered from years of vibration from passing trains, was replaced with sheet rock and brought up to date.
- Commercial tile was installed in the original waiting rooms on the east side of the building.
- All plumbing and sewer connections were completely redone to meet modern codes.
- Restrooms were modernized and made accessible to handicapped and disabled.
- A separate office area was created for the depot manager. This allows for more secure storage of records and photos.
- A small coffee bar area was added to one of the waiting rooms.
- The two storage rooms were cleaned, sealed, and had heating and air added to allow for better storage of historic materials.
- Some items donated to the museum have been made ready for display. One example is the wall unit originally located behind the chairs at Fore's Barber Shop.
- Several fixtures were restored or refinished.

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