

TRINIDAD MUSEUM SOCIETY

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President's Message:

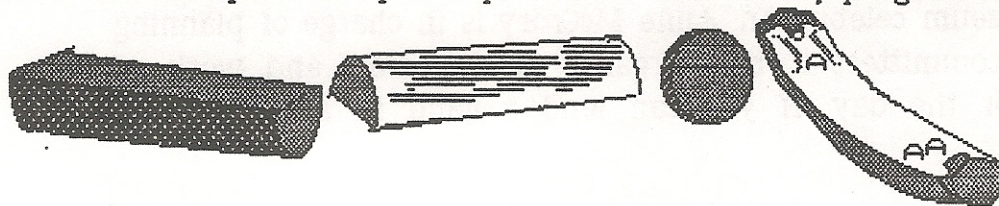
Because of the way plans now stand, our new museum building will be dedicated in conjunction with the festivities of the third annual Historic Day in April; it is time to consider the next step. An acquisition committee has been appointed to start developing material for exhibits. The fact is, we have had our eyes open for some time, especially in the field of Natural History.

A modest reference library is in the offing, so books will be gratefully received. Artifacts from the three ages of Trinidad are needed. First age, Indian; Second age, Mining; Third age, Lumbering. Don't forget that we once had farming and a grade A dairy along with the horse and buggy days, and of course an active whaling station.

You are hereby appointed as a committee of one to try to bring some of these long-lost items to light for our Museum and for future generations.

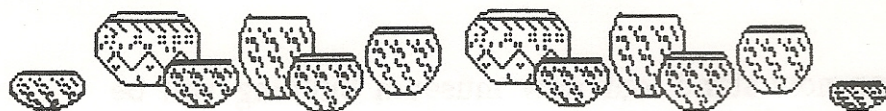
Ray Davis

Tsurai Canoe: In September the Arcata Redwood Company delivered a 20,000 pound twenty foot long redwood log to our project site on Main Street. Within a very short time, under the able supervision of Axel Lindgren, the canoe began to take shape. Before splitting the log, a one-foot segment was removed from each end, to show the original diameter of 58 inches. Charles Fleschner is counting the rings and making note of significant dates within the approximate 945 year growth period. Axel has had the assistance of some Indian carvers and also eager amateurs who want to try their hand on the axe. However, most of the work is being done by Axel himself. Every day he is doing a magnificent job of shaping both the log and public awareness. Visitors to Trinidad are all fascinated by the canoe project. A guest book is now providing a record of visitors signatures. When the exterior is completed the hollowing out will begin. The final ceremonial burning and charring is planned to take place in April as part of the Historic Day program.

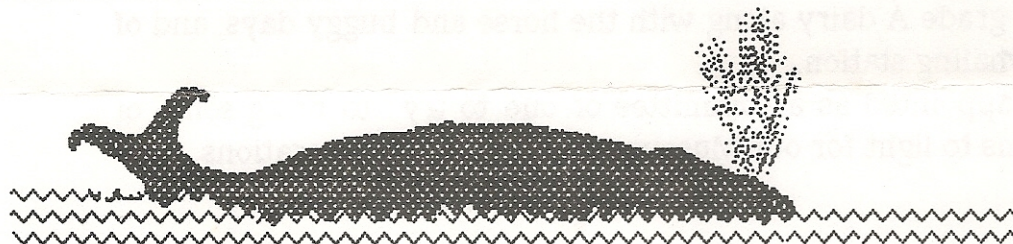


Indian Basket Materials: A group of members made a trip up Little River, with LP permission, where they gathered five-finger fern. Another trip was made to Big Lagoon to cut back a few clumps of Hazel trees, encouraging growth of new shoots which will be gathered in the spring. These materials will be used in an exhibit on basket making, along with bear grass, willow

root, spruce root, chain fern, and willow sticks contributed by Katie Boyle, Ruth Greenberg and Lynn Pauley.



WHALES AND WHALING IN THE TRINIDAD AREA is the title of an exhibit to be installed in the Telonicher Marine Lab on completion. The Museum Society and the Telonicher Marine Lab are cooperatively planning this project and can use your help. If you have (or know of) any old photos, artifacts, tools, bones, or mementos of the old whaling days please call Bill Marshall at 677 - 0477.



Trinidad History Class: Watch for an announcement early in January. Ned Simmons will be teaching a course on the History of Trinidad. Call Katie Boyle at 677-3537 if you are interested in signing up for this.

Building Progress Report: Jim Fassio states that the sheetrock, fan, heating, rough wiring, lines and electrical service are all installed. Work is progressing well and no matter how much rain comes, the Museum Center will be completed and ready for inauguration on Historic Day!

Trinidad's Historic Day Celebration will take place on April 12, 1987. The theme will honor the contribution of Native Americans. Present plans include the canoe ceremony, demonstrations of basket-weaving and materials, and a traditional Indian salmon feast. This will be a welcome addition to our Museum celebration. Anne McCrory is in charge of planning and is setting up committees to help organize the program and work on various projects for the day. If you can lend a hand in any way, call 677-0152.

Monthly Meetings are always scheduled on the second Monday of the month. The board decided to try meeting at 1:30 in the afternoon instead of evenings. For the next three months meetings will be held at 749 Edwards Street at 1:30 P.M. **Mark your calendars!**

November 12 ----- December 8 ----- January 12

All members are invited to attend.

If you have not yet paid your dues please send \$10.00 to P.O. Box 1126

We need you!