

# TRINIDAD MUSEUM SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 1126, Trinidad, CA 95570. November, December, January 1987-88

\*\*\*\*\*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish at this time to give well-earned recognition to Axel Lindgren for his many months of work in carving the beautiful Yurok canoe which is now in it's "permanent" home at the Trinidad Museum Center. Currently Axel may be seen almost daily, busily carving on a second canoe and discussing canoe making and Indian lore with classes of school children and many other interested visitors.

In addition to work at the canoe site, Axel often accepts invitations to talk at schools and other organizations. As we all know, in the past, Axel has used the completed canoe for educational and publicity purposes on such occasions as Trinidad's Historic Day, and the "fur-trading" enactment with "Sir Francis Drake" on the Golden Hinde in Humboldt Bay. Newspapers and television reported this dramatic event.

Kay Johnson, Pat Patterson and many others too numerous to list in this brief note, have given valuable assistance on the canoe project. However I do wish to specifically to credit Arcata Redwood Co. and members of their personnel who made this exciting project possible. In addition to donating the huge redwood log for carving, the management of Arcata Redwood arranged for transportation of the log from Orick, and placing it precisely at the work site on the Main Street property of Glen and Janice Saunders. Thank you both for the use of your property.

To Axel Lindgren and all who have helped, we extend our appreciation and warm thanks for the outstanding success of the canoe project and the favorable publicity it has brought us.

Charles Fleschner

The Trinidad Museum Society offers many thanks for donations made by  
Richard "Salty" Allen.....for a large bevel-edge plate-glass showcase.  
Tim Stackpole..... for 5 beautifully hand-crafted plexiglass cases,  
primarily for insect exhibits.  
Ray Davis..... for wooden exhibit cases with plexiglass tops and locks.  
Kay Johnson..... for an exceptional well-preserved fossil clam shell.  
Bill and Chuck Snell..... for the loan of animal hides and trade beads  
used in the Indian welcoming ceremony by Axel on the Golden Hinde.

A postscript is in order about the Museum House Tour. It was a success on all counts except for the fog that shrouded the coast and obscured the lovely views. Kay and Ray Davis have given a rain-check (or Fog check?) to all who visited their place to entitle them to a return on a sunny day.

The good that came from this outing was in the area of esprit de corps. Another open house in the spring might be in order. This event should not become a "tourist Gimmick" but should serve as a social event between neighbors and Museum members. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

A good time was had by all and an expression of gratitude goes to the folks who opened their homes; Davisos, Saunders, Hardisons and Jennings. The Museum benefited with a dozen new memberships, as well as some renewals. A little more than \$200 was generated for the good of the cause. Much thanks to the members who organized and staffed this event.

Ray Davis

Our Museum Center is now open on a limited basis- three days a week- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1 to 4. We need more volunteers to assist us , so that by next summer we will be ready to welcome people all week long. So far, Charles Fleschner, Raul Biascochea, Adrienne Love, and Ruth Greenberg have been standing by. Visitors are pleased with the exhibits, enjoy talking about their interest and enthusiasm for the greater Trinidad area, and are eager to learn more about it. Thanks to Charles, Bill and Loretta Marshall, Katie Boyle, Ruth Greenberg , Ann McRory, and many others, we have made a wonderful beginning. If you have not come in to see your Museum, plan to do so soon. You will feel rewarded for your contribution and involvement. We welcome suggestions and ideas from our membership to help us grow and flourish.

Regular Museum Board meetings are held at the Museum Center at 7.00 P.M. on the 2nd Monday of each month. Mark your calendars for November 9 - December 14 - and January 11. All members are welcome to attend if they wish.

Take a look at the address label on this newsletter. Did you forget to renew your membership? The last date you paid your dues is on this label, so if you forgot , please renew now. We need you!