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President's Message:

Summer is tourist time in Trinidad when throngs of people from near and far come to fish, visit and enjoy the opulent beauty carved by nature. The rich heritage of this quaint little town is on review at the Trinidad Museum Center located on Trinity Street. The Center is open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 12: to 4:30 pm, or any day of the week by special appointment. The Museum exhibits of photography, artifacts and all memorabilia will be explained and interpreted by the friendly knowledgeable staff comprised of a well-trained docent auxiliary and the Museum Director, Patti Spears.

The canoe project continues to grow, starting on a small lot on Main St., a block from the Museum Center. The Museum and the canoe project became an institute and were pictured on national TV on 3 occasions, along with the wall-to-wall size mural which depicts prehistoric Tsurai, the southern most village of the Yurok territory.

Message from Director, Patti Spears:

I wish to thank the Board of Directors and membership for their assistance in arranging for me to serve the needs of the Museum. I was in attendance at the original board meetings in 1983. I am very pleased to be back-in-the-action.

Presently, I am directing Museum efforts toward securing outside funding to develop projects that will provide interpretive collections of interest. Plans are developing to establish an extensive historical photo collection. We are also working-up arrangements with the HNCLT that will provide information relevant to our area's natural history.

The Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum has sandblasted the anchor found in Trinidad Bay last year. They will be bringing it to our Museum where it will be on display outside the building.

The completion of the third Yurok redwood canoe, by Axel Lindgren, is of great excitement, and has proven to be a fine seaworthy craft. It is

This beautiful mural sets the atmosphere for the Center. The canoe project is made possible by donation of two redwood logs by Arcata Redwood Co., and Louisiana-Pacific Corp. One canoe is an exhibit at T.M.S; another at the Southwest Museum in Pasadena. Plans for the third canoe to be displayed in Seattle at a Pacific Northwestern Tribal Seminar, are pending. (Updates will be posted as they happen).

At the Annual Board Meeting in April, two new Board Members were elected -- Sue Morton and Pat Caldwell. Another Board Member, Pearl Barkin, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Katy Boyle.

Thank you Katy, Jim Fassio, Bruce Pettit and Bill Marshall for your time and contributions during your tenures.

"Welcome aboard," Pat, Sue and Pearl. Also "welcome" to Helen Partee, newsletter editor and Patti Spears, Museum Director.

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to be a fine seaworthy craft. It is a likely possibility that our canoe will be taken to Seattle. There it will be entered in a Pacific Northwest Native American canoe race and regatta. This will provide a highly visible promotion for Trinidad and the Museum Society. This fine canoe may be sold to financially assist both the carver and the Museum Society. Much time and consideration will be given to this task in order that our canoe will reside in a place of prominent interest and honor.

As a final note, I would like to invite any assistance in keeping the Museum open. Any spare time you have to be at the Museum is welcome. Our regular hours are 12: to 4:30 p.m., Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Contact Patti Spears at #822-8125.

TRINIDAD MUSEUM SOCIETY

Name _____

Address _____

Individual \$10

Contributor \$25

Sponsor \$50

Benefactor \$100

Phone _____

Have items to donate

Can give some time

Mail to P.O. Box 1126, Trinidad, CA 95570

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President's Message, cont'd:

A General Membership Meeting is scheduled Sunday, July 23, 1989, at 11:a.m. at the Museum Center. A vote is required to approve or disapprove the recently revised BY-LAWS of the T.M.S.

Immediately following the General Membership Meeting, our summer **Fund Raiser** will commence: A **Yurok Salmon Bake** at 11:30 am, on Main Street near Trinity, the canoe carving site. The full course meal will include baked salmon, beans, Pan-bread and wild blackberries. (Twelve years old and up, \$5.00 per plate; under twelve \$2.50 per plate).

Don't forget the date, **Sunday, 23rd of July** Plan to attend. Mark your calendar.

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Canoe & Museum Funding to be Aided by Sale of Redwood Chips and Marine Artifacts:

To assist in funding tool replacement and other canoe-carving costs, and to aid financing Museum costs, President Axel Lindgren is planning to package and sell the redwood chips created in his carving of the redwood canoes, made in the design and spirit of his Indian ancestry.

The redwood chips will be packaged in clear plastic bags with a brief story of the ancient history of canoe carving and its cultural relationship to the Tsurai Indian people. In addition, packages of marine materials, such as Sand Dollars, shells (or other related marine materials) will be sold to assist with financing the Museum.

The redwood chips, Sand Dollars, shells, etc., will be sold at the canoe carving site, the Museum Center, or both.

Pat Caldwell

THANK YOUs

Our "thanks to **Janet and Bill Taylor** for their generous monetary contribution towards the Museum's Native Plant Garden

"Thanks" to **Janet Ruprecht** for her donation of a "kinship registry" listing names, places of birth, and occupations of the Trinidad Township in **1900** including Indian family groups

"Thanks" also to **Ralph Hunter** for donating 2 shingle bolt tongs used at the McConnaha Mill in Trinidad in the early 1900's

Many thanks to **Louisiana-Pacific Corp** for donating the old-growth redwood log from which another Yurok canoe has been hand-carved by Axel Lindgren, and launched in Trinidad Harbor in June

Many "thanks" to **Katie Boyle** for donating her collection of several years of the publication "Humboldt Historian," as well as her collection of local seashells . . . and particularly for her time, effort and contribution as a Director of T.M.S.

