

YANKEE HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER – JULY 2004

**Yankee Hill
Historical Society
Sponsor of
Messilla Valley Schoolhouse
Restoration**

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Messilla Valley School, circa 1962

Officers

President, Bob Huffman,
Vice Pres., Jay Nicholson
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Director, Leatrice Lubner
Director, Marji Corey

Meetings

Meetings are held monthly on
the second Tuesday of the
month at 6:00 p.m. at the
Messilla Valley Schoolhouse.
Visitors are welcome.



What's new since our September 2003 newsletter?

- **Restoration progress** - a fresh coat of white exterior paint, restored windows, heating and air conditioning unit, new wiring, interior paint, six new "schoolhouse" lights, new doors and more.
- **Fundraisers** - Yard sale held June 26, 2004 and yard sales are planned for July and August.
- **Former students visit school** - Grimshaws visit on September 22, 2003.
- **School history** - We are adding to our history collection.
- **Annual meeting and election of officers** - Officers were installed May 11, 2004.
- **Work Parties** - We meet every Wednesday at 9 a.m. Volunteers and visitors are welcome.

July 2002



June 2004



Board of Directors – May 2004



May 11, 2004 the Board of Directors were installed at our annual meeting and election of officers.

President Bob Huffman is holding a newly framed newspaper article titled “Moving History” published by Enterprise Record-Chico on May 11, 2002.

Marji Corey, Jay Nicholson, Bob Huffman, Debbie Ingvoldsen, and Leatrice Lubner



School History

Did you know that Messilla Valley School was once the subject of a TV show.

On April 21, 1957 Messilla Valley School was the last in a series called “There is a Telling.” The TV series was presented through Chico State and was aired on KHSL Channel 12. In the half-hour show Hector Lee tells the story of the school, the community, and the greatly admired teacher, Miss Alma Hesbol. Interspersed are three ballads sung by Tom Lee. The nine-page script is very enjoyable to read and gives a real feeling of the importance of the one-room schoolhouse that is now being restored by the Yankee Hill Historical Society.



June Yard Sale, a Great Success

Our first fundraiser of the year was a yard sale held on June 26, 2004 at the schoolhouse. Thanks go to the volunteers who organized and ran the yard sale and the Yankee Hill community for attending and supporting this fundraiser.

YHHS All-Star Work Team



Don Dooling, Bob Huffman, & Jay Nicholson

We appreciate **all** our volunteers, but we wish to give special recognition to this team of three – Don, Bob and Jay. They have been on the job putting in hours and hours of their time and have tackled any and all projects. **Thank You!**

Former Students Visit the School



Mary McMullen, Jay Nicholson, Margaret Dequine, Chuck Grimshaw, & Del Dequine

Former students, Margaret (Grimshaw) Dequine and Chuck Grimshaw, visited the school on Sept. 22, 2003. We had a great visit and learned a lot about their school days and life in Messilla Valley. Margaret and Chuck each made a substantial donation.

Heat & Air Conditioning Unit



Jay Nicholson & George Donaho

In December 2003 a new Heat and Air-Conditioning Unit was installed. Architect George Donaho donated the unit. *Thank You, George.*

Painting Day



Mary McMullen, Barbara Huffman, Mabel Lager, & Katy Divine

October 18, 2003 was painting day at the old schoolhouse. Thirteen volunteers put in a full day of painting. Some worked from the ground level, and others climbed tall ladders, and worked from scaffolding on top of a forklift. It was quite a job and was only accomplished after hundreds of hours of preparation. Paint donated by **Corlin Paint**.

Interior Paint & New Lights



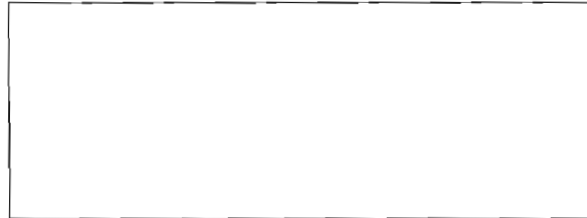
June 2, 2004 interior paint on the schoolhouse walls and ceilings was completed. Also notice the newly installed "schoolhouse" lights and new front door.

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Work Parties!

Work Parties are held every
Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the schoolhouse.
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Upcoming Yard-Sale Fundraisers

Yard Sales are planned for July and August. The July sale will have a Golden Feather Schools' table with computers. Spaces are \$10. If you have any items to donate or would like to help, please call Marji, 534-3045.

Membership Application

Annual membership - \$10.00 per person

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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