

The STAR

June 2015

THE NORTH STAR HISTORIC CONSERVANCY NEWSLETTER

Our Mission: To rehabilitate the Julia Morgan-designed North Star House and its immediate grounds, reconnecting it to the greater Grass Valley area and to restore its place as an active hub of the community.

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President's Message

By Joe Heckel

John Taylor - June 2015 The Passing of a Friend and Founder

Our organization was saddened to learn that John Taylor, past president and founder of the North Star Historic Conservancy (NSHC), has recently passed. We will miss his presence, commitment and integrity. John was integral in saving the North Star House and creating the NSHC to serve as the non-profit to restore it. He served NSHC in many capacities including president and secretary over the years; the number of hours he invested into the property are too numerous to count. His vision of opening the North Star House and the historic grounds to the public was always his primary goal. The present board would like to believe that he was pleased with the progress of the house and its transition into a cultural events center.

Nevada County is blessed to have many incredible non-profit organizations, many of which were started or staffed by volunteers from the community. For each non-profit, there are always a few key individuals or "founders" who identify a need and step up to make it a reality. It is rare for a founder to stay as committed to an organization as John Taylor has been over the years. Since NSHC was created in 2006, John remained a constant presence in addressing any number of issues or topics, but always worked to advance the organization. One of his more recent successes was in bringing the Nevada County Grower's Market to the property; an event now enjoyed by our community. You could say that the North Star House had become one of John's children, in that he lovingly cared, nurtured, and worked to restore this historic building and grounds.

Our board will miss John Taylor. We will miss seeing him at our events, meetings, and even working on the grounds as he kept doing, even in recent years. We can only hope to carry his spirit and commitment forward to a day when the restoration of the North Star House and historic grounds are fully complete. **Thank you, John.**

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AUG 29TH "House Party" and SEPT 20TH "Conversation with Julia Morgan"

John Taylor - You Will Be Missed

With the passing of an extraordinary man and a great friend-- John Taylor-- we want to present just a few highlights of his legacy to our county.

John was never one to rest on his laurels, as he put in another full career of working for good groups and causes after he retired as Nevada County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures. After his retirement John turned his considerable talents to working for the betterment of Nevada County for the next several decades. He was past president and board member of the Nevada County Land Trust, now the Bear Yuba Land Trust and for many years served on the Land's Committee. John worked as Nevada County Farm Bureau Manager and served for many years on the Nevada County Fair Board. Additionally, John served the Board of the Nevada County Resource Conservation District, the Resource, Conservation and Development Council, and the Economic Resource Council. He was a member of the Local Agency Formation Commission, and until his passing served on the board of the Alta Sierra Homeowners Association.

John brought dedication and a wealth of skills to any work he undertook. He maintained the highest standards in all he worked on over his lifetime. As one of the founders of the North Star Historic Conservancy, John served as president, secretary, and on the grounds committee. His knowledge and service on the NSHC board provided invaluable continuity for us as we move towards our goal of creating community cultural events center. We so appreciate all of John's work for Nevada County and his commitment to and hard work for the North Star House.

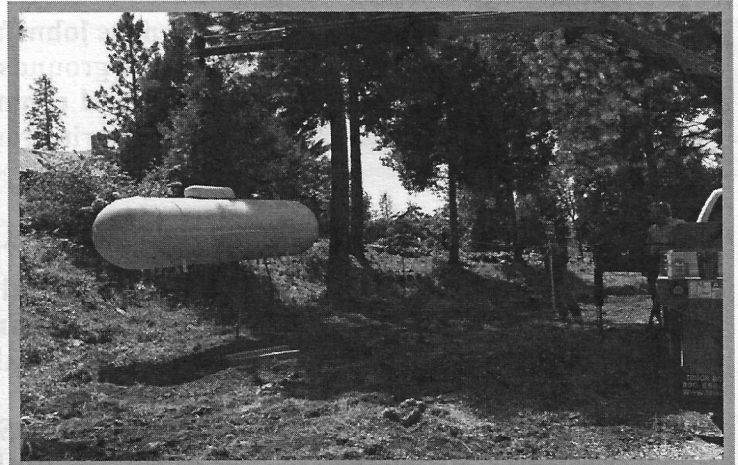
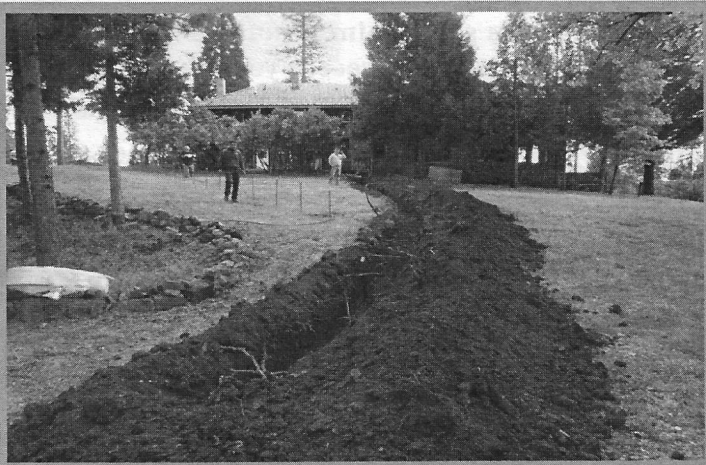
We are all better people for having known him.

There will be a Celebration of Life at the North Star House for John
on July 11th from 4-7pm **MUST RSVP**
Please RSVP to info@bylt.org

Construction Update!

We're getting hotter!!

The photo below shows the trench ready for our propane pipeline. Heat is restored to The North Star House!



Doug Forster, Rhett Mohr, and Vance Goss overlooking the new trench

Propane tank being installed!

We Have Donated Over 27,000 Volunteer Hours Towards The North Star Conservancy

Interview with Lorraine Gervais

The North Star House was transformed into a Speakeasy on May 8, complete with flappers, "Bootlegger Cocktails," vintage cars, and hot jazz performed by Lorraine Gervais and the Sin City Society. We sat down recently with Lorraine and learned more about her band, her musical interests, and her connection to the North Star House.

Lorraine Gervais and the Love Bombs have been performing together for over twenty years. The band reflects Lorraine's interest in great listening and dancing music, 3-part harmonies, and music that begs listeners to sing along! They play music familiar to many, including R & B, Mowtown, and Linda Ronstadt, Stevie Wonder, and Fleetwood Mac covers.



Lorraine describes her style as "a party, vintage sound and very old school." The 8 piece band consists of a bass player, drums, guitar, saxophone, keyboard, two back-up singers, and Lorraine. Lorraine has long had an interest in the Craftsman style of architecture, and the North Star House fits perfectly into this love. Her own home is a newer craftsman, designed by David Wright. She values the North Star House as a "living museum." Just walking in, visitors are "immersed" in history. She sees the potential in the house as a community cultural events center, and can see herself playing there "for all kinds of events. It's a fun place to be!"

Lorraine Gervais and the Love Bombs have a very busy few months ahead, playing at different venues in the area. Visit LorraineGervais.com for a schedule of their upcoming concerts, including the second annual

House Party at the North Star House on August 29! You don't want miss this!

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

The work of the North Star Historic Conservancy continues to move forward with the help of hard working and dedicated board members and volunteers. These volunteers have donated over 27,000 hours towards reaching our goals. Each issue of the "Star" introduces some of these amazing volunteers. This issue focuses on new board member,

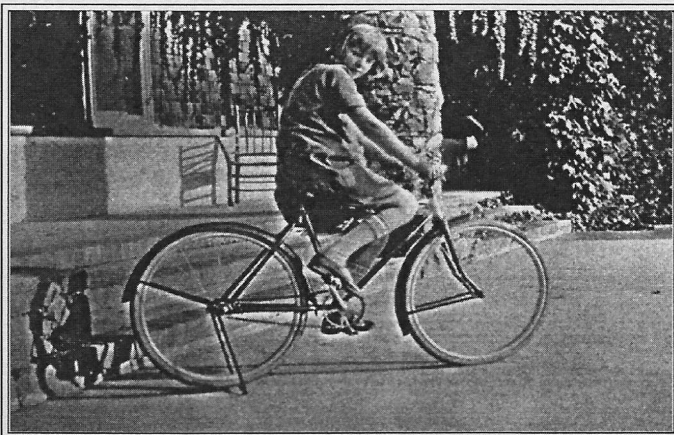
SUSAN KANE

SUSAN KANE HAS BROUGHT THE NORTH STAR HISTORIC CONSERVANCY INTO THE

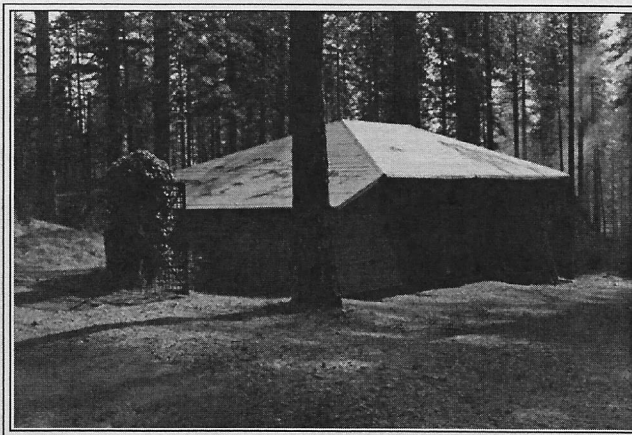
ELECTRONIC AGE!

She not only set up the eScrip Program for us, but she developed the Constant Contact program, allowing us to reach hundreds of people with North Star House news! She also volunteers at many North Star events, always willing to roll up her sleeves and get to work. Susan was educated at Kendall College and Northeastern Illinois University. She currently works as Regional Coordinator/Project Manager for Sierra Cascade Land Trust Council. She previously worked for the California Council of Land Trusts, the Nevada County Land Trust, and Placer Union High School District. Along with the North Star Historic Conservancy, Susan volunteers for radio station KVMR and the Local Food Coalition.

We are lucky to have Susan on board!



Answer to last issue's mystery photo:
This photo is Mary Hallock and
Arthur DeWindt Footes, granddaughter
riding her bike at the North Star House

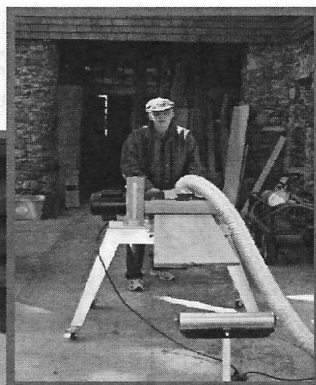


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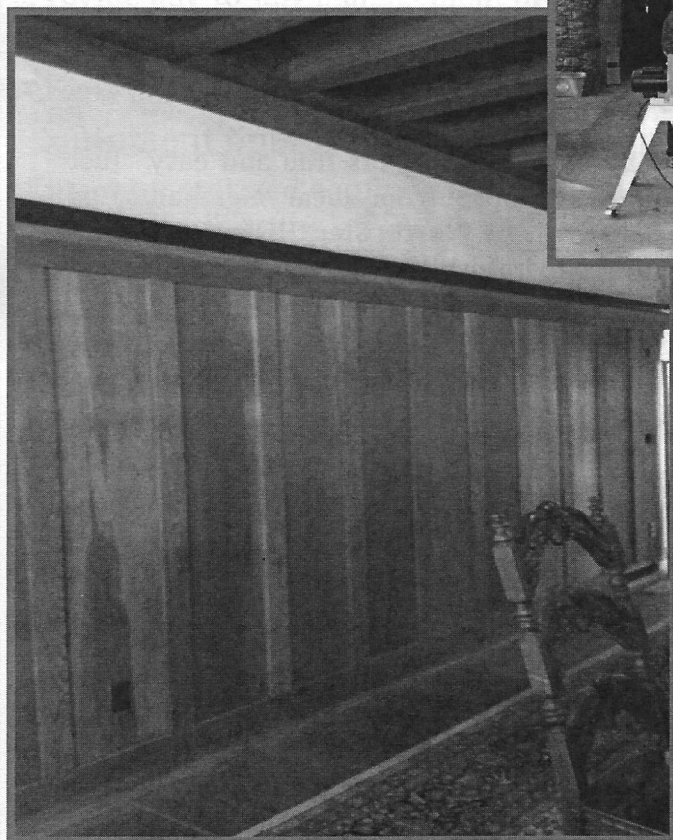
Can you identify this historic photo?
Answer will be revealed in next
month's issue of "The Star."

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beautifully refinished
dining room
panels!



Volunteer
Rich McRay
dedicated
hands on!



***The Growers' Market
is up and running at the
North Star House!***

***Open each
Saturday from 8-12:30***

The market features delicious pro-
duce, lovely flowers, crafts, food
vendors, live music, and children's
activities.

***Come on out and
support our local farmers***

..and while you're there, pay a vis-
it to The North Star House, you'll
be impressed to see the fabulous
progress being made!

Visit the ***caterer's kitchen***, see the
beautifully ***restored dining room
paneling***, and peek into the newly
sheet rocked "***Bride's Room.***"

***You'll be amazed at
what's happening!***

My Visit to Mary Hallock Foote's Hometown

By Carol Stuart

Mary Hallock Foote was the wife of Arthur DeWint Foote, mining engineer and superintendent of the North Star Mine. Theirs was the first family to live in the Julia Morgan designed North Star House. Mary Hallock Foote is recognized as a leading American illustrator and author.

In the summer of 2012, I visited Mary Hallock Foote's hometown of Milton, Ulster County, New York. Milton is located on the Hudson River about 75 miles north of New York City. Mary's father built the family home in the 1800's, and Mary was born there in November of 1847. The home eventually became the Carlton Inn, and today is privately owned.

Because of the riverboats, nearby train station, and the early road system, the Hallock family was well-located for entertaining famous guests. Visitors to the home included Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass, surely providing stimulating, if controversial, conversation.

Mary was educated at home until the age of thirteen when she enrolled in the Poughkeepsie Female Seminary, which later became Vassar College. In 1864 she was accepted at the Cooper School of Design for Women in New York City. There she studied fine arts, color, engraving, and illustration techniques...all skills that she utilized in her lifetime of book and periodical illustration.



Say YES to eScrip

You can now support the North Star Historic Conservancy by using eScrip! It's free and easy. Just go to the eScrip website, www.escrip.com/signup. You can choose from local merchants, as well as dining and travel options. Please consider designating the North Star Historic Conservancy as a recipient. It's a terrific way to support our efforts to refurbish The North Star House!

Center Stage Performance Fun at the NSH



SAVE A TREE!!

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For those of you who want to continue to receive a hard copy in the mail, you don't have to do a thing. You will continue to receive your newsletter via the postal service.

Volunteer Coordinator

Work with Program and Event Chairs to determine their volunteer job needs

Write and submit job needs pieces to newsletter and media

Phone interviews with new volunteers to determine their skills, time & interest

Scan/email prospect's signup sheets to appropriate Program & Committee Chairs

Follow up with volunteers to check if their new jobs are meeting their expectations.

If you have any questions about the Office/administrative jobs please call Cheryl Belcher
530-205-8793 or email at: cherylmbelcher@gmail.com

Experienced Masons and Mason's Helpers

Re-grout the lower floor stone walls around the House

Build new stone walls—some cemented and some dry stack

If you have any interest in the Construction Team jobs,
please email Larry Dulmage at: ldulmage@att.net

Grounds Team VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Newly designed Heritage Garden needs volunteers to:

Help build a rock Wall, Construct a Garden Shed, and Install new Fencing and gate

Project planning and estimating

Define elements of a project in sufficient detail to estimate materials and labor required.

Project management

Provide day-to-day management of project, in accordance with approved plans.

Documentation

Create and/or update AutoCAD drawings to accurately show work.

Equipment operation and maintenance

Current motorized equipment includes a diesel tractor, gas riding mower, and two gas golf carts.

Irrigation installation and maintenance

Install irrigation systems involving PVC pipe and manual and/or timer-controlled electric valves.

Maintain existing systems. Involves some design.

Concrete work

Build forms, place rebar, pour and surface concrete. Projects will be modest – paths, footings for light posts, ADA parking and paths.

Painting

Prepare exterior surfaces, prime, and paint. Small outbuildings, no tall ladders involved.

Lighting and electrical

Install exterior lighting and associated wiring. Install sprinkler controls.

**If you have questions about any of Grounds Team
jobs, email: DougForster@earthlink.net**

"HOUSE PARTY OF THE YEAR" AT THE NORTH STAR

WITH LORRAINE GERVAIS AND HER LOVE BOMBS
VINTAGE MOTOWN • R&B • ROCK • POP • & A LITTLE LINDA RONSTADT

AUGUST 29TH 2015

Enjoy a dance concert under the stars with casual lawn seating, tantalizing snacks, and thirst-quenching beverages. Sponsored by The North Star Historic Conservancy to benefit the ongoing restoration of Julia Morgan's North Star House.

SATURDAY
7:30PM - 10:30PM

*Great Food & Drinks are available for purchase
Leave your coolers & picnic baskets at home*

Admission: \$40.00
Members: \$35.00

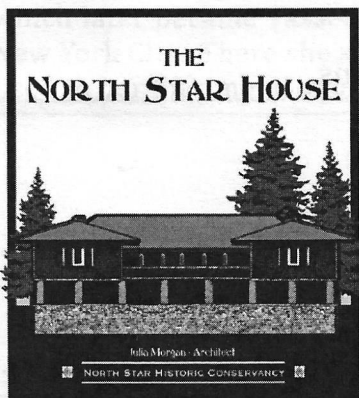
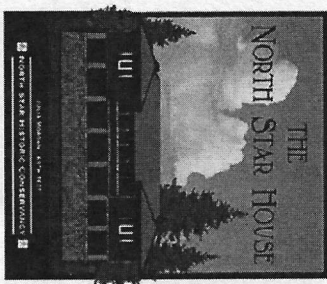
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