



NORTH STAR HISTORIC CONSERVANCY

THE STAR

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017

A Glimpse at What Was Happening in Early 2017

NOTE: I am working on getting historical NSHC newsletters posted online. Some were sent electronically rather than printed. For those, Susan Kane has given me stories and photos that were in the issues and I have reconstructed the core content for our historical record.

For March, 2017, most of what I have is cryptic notes which were undoubtedly expanded into stories in that newsletter. Thus this newsletter contains mostly brief information rather than full articles. - Joan Clappier

Construction News

Alarm System: Waiting for inspection date

Building: The work goes on. We have a new lockable door to the MHF office, re-shingling on the Veranda has begun, installation of the paneling in the dining room will start next week.

The Julia Morgan room is in the midst of an incredible transformation! Having all new sheetrock installed, then painted, the windows are now being restored. And a new door has been ordered.

Work Shop: The junk has been hauled away thanks to Bruce Ivy and Peggy. We will finish cleaning it up then move the Work Shop upstairs which will reduce the mess down stairs

Environmental Health: Waiting for inspection Date

Windows and Doors: Bo continues to work on windows for JM room and the Living room. New door is on order for JM room.

YouthBuild students are re-shingling the Veranda side of The North Star House.

Enthusiasm for the Heritage Garden Keeps Growing!

The 49er Breakfast Club Rotary has taken on the Heritage Garden as their community service project for 2017. 49er Rotary will build a new shade pergola around the large Chinese Elm Tree near the center of the garden. About fifty volunteers from Rotary will participate on April 29th, working in the garden and on the grounds of The North Star House.

We are very excited to announce that Gil Mathews, owner of Plan It Solar, has donated a solar electric system to provide electricity for the Heritage Garden's lights and irrigation system. Gil and his crew are planning to install the system on April 29th.

Garden benches are being built by Larry Dulmage and his group of North Star House volunteers. They are styled after Craftsman vintage Park Service benches. Four benches, donated by Gary Emanuel, Charles & Betzi Hart, Lorraine Plagge and Nancy Tilman, will be placed in the Heritage Garden in the Spring.

The rock wall seating in the front of the Historic Garden has been completed by Ron Bailey Masonry. As weather allows, a second Chinese Elm, donated by Jean McKeen in honor of her late husband Dave, will be planted in the seating area in front of the garden.

Carole Miller, Paula Campbell and Lee Dempsy are working with WuWay Landscape Contractor and Designer, James Pyle to complete the layout for planting. Carole and Lee have been protecting heritage plants at their homes and will have them ready to plant once the irrigation system is in place.

We expect to recycle enough bricks from the NSH property to line the Heritage Garden pathways. We will be asking local businesses to assist us with pathway materials. The paths will be ADA accessible.

We still need funding and volunteers, come join the fun!! To help, contact Betzi Hart or Gary Emanuel by leaving a message at The North Star House phone number (530) 477-7126.

Volunteer Fair a Success!

NSHC held its first Volunteer Fair in late February, and were pleased to add over a dozen new volunteers to help us with our events, construction, garden and history tours of the House.

Upcoming Events

April 1: April Fools Magic Show

The Nevada County Magicians Guild will hold an April Fools Magic Show at The North Star House on Saturday, April 1. Walk-Around Magic begins at 6:30 pm and the Main Show begins at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at Mountain Pastimes, Elam Biggs B&B, and through Peter Franchino at 530-477-0906, or at the door.

Proceeds benefit the North Star Historic Conservancy.

May 7: A Conversation with Julia Morgan

On Sunday, May 7 the North Star Historic Conservancy presents **A Conversation with Julia Morgan**. Betty Marvin, well known for her compelling impersonation of Julia Morgan, will reimagine life in the early years of The North Star House. As an Architectural Historian, Betty is known for her work with the Oakland Heritage Alliance. The event will take place from 1:30 – 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$25/members, \$30/general public, and can be purchased online or Saturdays at The North Star House from 9 – noon, beginning April 15.

May 21: Craftsman Style Architecture and Julia Morgan-designed buildings

This event is sponsored by Cal alumni.

The Speaker is Karen McNeill, architectural historian, who will give a presentation on Craftsman Style Architecture, with emphasis on Julia Morgan-designed buildings.

The fees for the event will be \$23 for Cal alumni and for NSHC members, and \$28 for general public. We will have a box lunch from Summerthymes.

June 18 Gary Noy

July 30 Country Hoedown at The North Star House

December: Gage McKinney

Author Gage McKinney has deep roots in our region that go back 5 generations. He has written books about local history including his most recent book, "McBoyle's Gold" released in August last year. For his December talk, he will focus on "When Miner's Sang" and talk about the Cornish choir and play recordings of their songs.

Grower's Market at The North Star House



NOTE

This contains the primary information that appeared in the Spring 2017 issue of The Star.

This was created for our historical records and does not include standard features such as upcoming events, President's message, etc. that were in the original electronic newsletter.