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"Mule team hauling the electric generator by the granite rock at the bottom of Cement Hill Road."

"In the distant background is Sugarloaf. In the near background are the hydraulic diggings where the Rood Center is now."

New Volunteers Take on Greater Roles

After a great turnout for our January Steering Committee meeting, we were able to fill a number of open positions with volunteers. Thanks to all for their enthusiasm and participation.

Four new neighborhood reps have been named: Patt Lind-Kyle for Central Cement Hill, Debbie Wandro for Southside Cement Hill, Terry Wagner and Bill Sheatsley for Indian Flat. Bob and Susie Willour will be representatives at large and they also volunteered to serve on the audit committee.

Alana Lucia will be our webmaster – improving and maintaining our gchna. com website.

You may already have noticed some changes. Alana is busy gathering material to post so the site will be a ready source of information for the neighborhood. If you have suggestions to improve the site, please email Alana at alinthegarden@gmail.com.

Take Advantage of the Defensible Space Chipping Program and Help Us Stay a Firewise Community

Act now before Fire Season arrives. The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County is still offering its chipping program to county residents. Due to limited grant funding the program may be suspended during fire season (typically starting toward the end of May). So call now 530-272-1155 to make arrangements or go online to http://www.areyoufiresafe.com to learn more.

■ Chipping piles should be stacked along a road or driveway frontage

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GCHNA Reminders -Mark Your Calendar

April/May - Time to remove Scotch Broom from your property. Handpulling and hoeing of young plants and mechanical removal using specialized tools like weed wrenches (available from the Fire Safe Council May to Feb) are effective strategies. Join the Scotch Broom Challenge. Get info at 530-272-1122.

Next GCHNA Steering Committee meeting - Monday, July 1, 6-7 dinner and socializing, 7-8:30 business meeting at the Firehouse at Coyote and Hwy 49.

Steering Committee meeting - Monday Oct. 7, 6-8:30 at the Firehouse. Any member interested in being involved is invited. RSVP to Ellen Hagan 530-265-9746

GCHNA FAMILY PICNIC Sunday afternoon, September 15.

Chipping Program from page 1 allowing the crew to work from the road or driveway.

- Piles must be placed within 5 feet of chipper access.
- Piles must be placed on the uphill side of road or driveway.
- Piles must be free of roots/ stumps, rocks and mud, poison oak, scotch broom and blackberries and other vines.
- Piles must be stacked with the cut ends facing the same direction, pointing towards access route to piles.
- Piles must not be higher than 3 feet high.
- Material can be up to 8" in diameter and needs to be longer than 3 feet.

Note: a suggestion donation of \$75 / bour will help keep the program available. Remember that chipping cost includes a crew of workers. Still a bargain!



Bill Sheatsley

Bill Sheatsley and his wife, Stevie and two grown daughters have lived in Nevada County for 23 years having fled Santa Barbara for a quieter life style. They used to own the Nevada Street Cottages and now live on Indian Flat, across from Hirschman's Pond in the stucco house with the rusted metal roof. Bill has worked in residential construction and Stevie was a realtor until recently. They hope to do a little more gardening.



Terry Wagner

I live at 16392 Indian Flat Rd. and work in Sacramento and from home, so I haven't been able to fully develop all my interests. However, when time allows, I love to garden, go for an early morning walk in the neighborhood where I see my early morning walking neighbors. I enjoy time visiting with my mom and dad who live in Marysville and my 3 kids who live 5 blocks from each other in midtown Sacramento. I always enjoy what my husband of 31 years calls "date night" even if it's just a movie out. We feel very fortunate to be able to live in such a beautiful part of the state with truly some of the nicest people on the planet.



Deborah Wandro

I'm Deborah and my husband Jack and I have lived on Cavanaugh Lane for 13 years now. I am an artist so most of my time is spent at home cre-



Bob and Susie Willour

We've lived on Shoshoni Trail since 1976. I've lived in Nevada County since I was 5 yrs old and Bob moved here in the early 70's working for the U.S. Forest Service. He retired in 1999 after a 30 year career in Timber Management and Silviculture. I worked for a few years for Bank of America and in local retail stores, but was predominantly a Mom to our two daughters and a homemaker.

We like to travel and enjoy museums and historical places. We have a travel trailer and try to get in several camping trips a year. Bob loves to go fishing and I like to do Cross Stitch and enjoy cooking. Bob enjoys eating so that works out well. We've been married for 39 happy years. We have 6 grand-children and great-grandkids so far.

ating mixed media art collages. I sell some of my work in the local store Neva. Co. in Nevada City under my artist name Deborah Gail, and I also have an online shop on Etsy.

My children are all grown and have made me a grandmom to 4 beautiful grandchildren, so that is such a joy in my life.

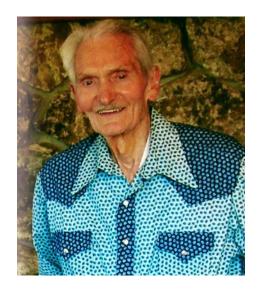
Planning events and decorating for them are two of my passions, and I look forward to using them as needed for our community functions.



Long Time Resident Glen Arch Cooley Dies At 94

by Patt Lind-Kyle

Glen Cooley died peacefully in his home on December 11, 2012 with his two children Diana and Gene by his side. Glen, his wife Nathalie and their children moved to Nevada City in 1965 after he retired from the USAE After their home was built on Cement Hill Rd, he became informed and active in local environmental efforts. He had a life long appreciation for the natural world and was dedicated to protecting the environment. He gave an enormous amount of time and energy to many projects that affected our lives on Cement Hill. Marty Pezzaglia, one of our past presidents, said of people like Glen, "We are the influence, we are that ever mysterious bunch of caring citizens that make up the government of the people." In 1973 he helped found the Nevada County Environmental Council and in 1981 he was instrumental in forming the Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association. He also worked



on building John Olmsted's Independence Trail.

When he and Nathalie were in their 60's you could see them running on Cement Hill road. They would soon to be founding members of the Trailblazer runners and later help found the Nevada County Hiking Club. Glen was even in the Senior Olympics at age 75 setting new state records in the javelin. It was just two years ago that Nathalie died. They were married for 62 years. His daughter Diana said,

"She died in his arms and this represented who he was - a kind, caring man". She also said, "At age 93 he was still trimming and climbing the trees on his property. He was happiest digging with a pick and shovel on the land." Glen also had a creative side not usually seen by others. He was a calligrapher, a cartoonist, and wrote and published several short stories about his travel adventures.

We are honored to have Glen as a neighbor. He was a caring man who loved our community, helped found our GCHNA, and supported keeping the rural environment that we have today. We will miss your energetic spirit, Glen.

Here is a poem by Stephen Grellet that Glen lived by.

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer orneglect it for I shall not pass this way again.

GREATER CEMENT HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: 2013 APPROVED BUDGET & 2012 STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES

Revenues	APPROVED 2013 BUDGET		2012 BUDGET		2012 ACTUAL	
Member Dues (& some member donations)	\$	4,500.00	Ś	4,600.00	\$	4,550.00
Interest, other income or misc adjustments	Ś	-	Ś	-	Ś	-
Donations (possibly from Ferrellgas)	Ś	_	Ś	_	Ś	_
Total Income:	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,600.00	\$	4,550.00
Expenses						
Picnic	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,194.41
Gifts, honorariums	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	32.95
Spring Event	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$	195.10
3 Newsletters (including postage)	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,300.00	\$	1,895.23
Mtg Room Annual Rent (\$100) + Food/Refreshments	\$	1,600.00 *	\$	150.00	\$	300.00
Membership (FONA, Land Trust, Firesafe Council)	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	250.00
P.O. Box Rent & postage (non newsletter)	\$	120.00	\$	60.00	\$	170.50
Consulting - Legal and other	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	-
Web site Training & other web site expenses	\$	200.00	\$	220.00	\$	175.35
Misc: Bank chg. other printing, stationery, supplies	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	125.60
Expense for Community Block Grant Info Mtg	\$	_	\$	-	\$	112.50
Total Expenses:	\$	6,170.00	\$	4,980.00	\$	4,451.64
Revenues less expenses	\$	(1,670.00)	\$	(380.00)	\$	98.36

^{*}Includes \$200 refundable security deposit to NCCFD for room rental

Approved by Steering Committee on January 7, 2013



1896 "NEWS": Electric Pole Line Carries Cheap Power over Cement Hill to Nevada City & Grass Valley

By Susan Wiesner

This imagined headline reflects what might have been the talk of our neighborhood in February 1896. The convergence of several factors made the time ripe for a hydro-electric power revolution in California. This story focuses on the local development of the Nevada County Electric Power Company which ultimately combined with other power companies and evolved into Pacific Gas & Electric Corporation (PG&E).

In 1895 the power sources for gold mines were either steam power, from the burning of wood fuel, or water power. However, water power from a Pelton wheel was only available to mines located 100-200' below a constant water source. Hard rock mine operations required power to operate pumps, hoists, mills, rock breakers and compressors. By the mid 1890's trees available to burn as fuel for steam power had been depleted and several mines were shutting down for lack of affordable power.

That soon changed after the World's Columbian Exposition, held in 1893 in Chicago, featured an International building devoted to electrical exhibits. George Westinghouse won a bid against General Electric Company and introduced the public to electrical power by dramatically illuminating the Exposition. The public was fascinated by the potential applications.

Two enterprising men, aware of the need for developing electrical power, joined forces to take advantage of the opportunity to provide electricity to the mining industry. Alfonso Adol-



AlfonsoA. Tregidgo (left) and Eugene De Sabla, Jr. (right)"

phus Tregidgo ("Alf") a Cornish miner who had worked in quicksilver and copper mines and Eugene J. de Sabla, Jr., a descendent of French nobility, teamed up to create a company to sell the concept to local mine owners. The two men already had a vested interest because their own Peabody Mine in Grass Valley was lying idle for lack of power. John Martin, an agent for the Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company, arranged for Stanley engineers to come assist with the project.

A survey of the mines (which became part of the business "prospectus" used to sell interest in the venture) demonstrated the potential electric load need for 4220 HP and supported the construction of a hydro electric plant on the South Yuba River and the power lines to carry the electricity to the mines of Nevada City and Grass Valley.

Work on the plant commenced about June 1, 1895. The initial plant equipment was transported by mule and wagon along Cement Hill Road and down what is today Augustine Road to a point several hundred feet above the South Yuba River, about two miles downstream from Purdon Crossing. From there it was lowered on sleds down the canyon walls to be installed just above the water edge. Later a steep road was extended to access the plant. The equipment included two Stanley induction generators (two phase, 133 cycle) capable of deliver-

ing energy at 5500 volts. Each would be direct driven by a 36" Pelton water wheel. A diversion dam 1-1/2 miles above Purdon Crossing, ditches and a flume (6' wide X 4-1/2' deep) carried water from the South Yuba River to the top of the penstock approximately 200' above the plant. The force of the falling water then drove the two Pelton water wheels.

Power poles carrying two direct electric lines were installed up the steep canyon face from the river. The pole lines continued almost due south up to the ridge of Cement Hill near the intersection of Augustine Road and Cement Hill Road. From that point they ran southeast, passing by Spanish mine and then continuing to Champion Mine where they split in two directions: one line to the Grass Valley substation and the other line to the Nevada City substation (a stone structure still visible on Wyoming Road close to the Miners Foundry). Transformers at the substations converted the 5500 volts of power into 1000 volts.



"The Rome Powerhouse circa 1898; the steep terrain is evident from the overflow water cascading down on the right."

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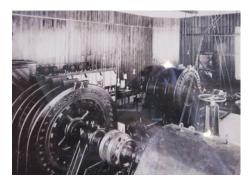


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Within three or four years of construction the Nevada Powerhouse became known as the Rome Powerhouse when Romulus Riggs Colgate became an investor. Romulus, nicknamed "Rome", owned the Spanish Mine just below Cement Hill Road and above Indian Flat Road near the Nisenan Indian Camp.

The "Rome" Powerhouse operated for only fifteen years until 1911 but the concept was successful. While Tregidgo moved on to follow mining opportunities in Alaska, De Sabla and Martin continued to build other hydroelectric facilities bringing power to industry and lights to our homes. They became known as the two "Fathers of PG& E".

Much information for this article comes from an interview with Dale Johnson, a PG&E retiree with an interest in local history. Dale teamed with our late neighbor, Mike Nevius, to create an informative Rome Powerhouse display at the Miners Foundry. The 1897 map of Mining Districts of Nevada City and Grass Valley showing the power line route is available at the Doris Foley Library. Other source materials included Electric World Vol. 59 no. 22 (June 1912).



"1896 Nevada Powerhouse interior showing two Stanley generators"



Patt Lind-Kyle

Patt and David came from the Bay Area in 1987 to live in Grass Valley. Just as they settled in, Patt got Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and was in bed for three years. Once recovered, they moved to Portland, Oregon, to be closer to their children. After nine years of grey skies and rainy days, they returned 14 years ago to Nevada City, and they are so happy they did. David has just closed his Leadership Development Consulting business of 30 years. Patt has now written three books, she is teaching, and has a consulting practice in the area of contemplative neuroscience.

Advance Notice - Save The Date

Dale Johnson will be doing a Bear Yuba Land Trust Trek to the Rome Powerhouse on Sunday, June 30th.

The trek starts at the Miners Foundry where Dale uses the "Rome" Exhibit to tell the history. The group then goes out to Lake Vera to visit the remains of the 1898 dam, on private property below the current Lake Vera Dam. Next they drive to the Powerhouse site and remains via Cement Hill Road and Augustine Road, right down to a landing above

the river. From there they walk down 82 steps to the site. The remains of the 1859 Excelsior Diversion Dam are also viewed from there. Return to town is made via Indian Flat Road and the old Downieville Highway, to drive past the historic Nevada City Substation building.

Interested neighbors should sign up with the BYLTrust and the cost is \$12 for BLYT members or \$17 for not-yet-members.

For more information check online at www.bylt.org or call Melony at 530-272-5994 ext 200.

The Loraxs of Hirschman's Pond Strike Again

A few dedicated neighbors on Indian Flat Rd. are speaking for the wildlife at Hirschman's Pond.

We attend meetings, provide input, network with like-minded groups as we begin a Management Plan for this gem in our midst! We have gotten great help from the Greater Cement Hill Association who has written a letter of concern about habitat issues at the pond, and the City is acting on the concerns. This week, the City has instigated ordinances to better manage resources: dogs will not be allowed off leash, no horses, no motorized vehicles, and no swimming, floating or boating will be allowed.

Contact Sierra Streams Institute to sign up as 'citizen scientists'.

Eileen Jorgensen



Are You On Our List GCHNA Membership Renewal Reminder By Eve Collins, Membership Chair

Thank you to the many members who have renewed their membership for the 2013 year. Please check our list in this newsletter for our current 2013 paid memberships to see if you paid this year's dues. Call the Membership Chair, Eve Collins if you have any questions. 265-6540.

Remember, the grace period is over on May 1st. After that date, if you need a fill up with Ferrellgas propane, and your membership has lapsed, you must contact Ferrellgas as they are not bound by contract to give the discount rate to non-members. You can in fact, renew your membership anytime during the year.

As always, membership opportunities include: meeting your neighbors; attending open Steering Committee meetings where you are encouraged to voice your concerns; getting information and representation about issues that may affect our neighborhood; getting a great rate with Ferrellgas; and attending neighborhood events (Spring Event and the Annual Neighborhood Family Picnic).

Again, remember the grace period is May 1st. So, please fill out the membership form in this newsletter or use the form available on our website – www.gchna.com – and mail it with your check for \$20 to GCHNA P.O. Box 1343, Nevada City, CA 95959, by May 1st. Thank you so much for your support this past year and we look forward to your continued support in 2013.

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Here's my \$20 GCHNA membership fee for 2013. Enclosed	
NAME(s)	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE FAX _	
EMAIL	
Mail check & form to: GCHNA, PO Box 1343, Nevada City,	
GCHNA Neighbor	hood Representatives
West End Cement Hill West end of Cement Hill Road, including Sunshadow Circle, Cedar Song Road, and Garesio Ranch Road. Ellen Hagan, Tim Hagan, (timhagan@oro.net) 265-9746	Lower Cement Hill Road Lower Cement Hill Road, including West Piper, Deer Crest, Rancheria Court, Red Hill Road, Foster Driveway, Picton, Picton Way, and Foster Road. Open

Applewood Lane

Applewood Lane, including Indian Shack Road. Larry Cook, (2cooks@att.net) 265-3088

Gochine Drive

Gochine, including Mt. Auburn Circle. Carl Plaza, (plaza@ncws.com) 478-1802

Upper Cement Hill

Upper Cement Hill Road, including Pine Tree Place, Diamond Oak Drive, Bodie Ridge Road, Skyranch Road, and Elysian Way.

Willie Brusin, (wbrusin@att.net) 265-4018

Sunrock Road

Susan Wiesner: (sawiesner@gmail.com), 265-4824

Augustine Road / Excelsior Ditch Camp Road

Augustine Road, including Daisy Blue Mine, Leisure Lane, Lazy Oaks Drive, and Excelsior Ditch.

Marty Pezzaglia, (martypezzaglia@spiralemail.com) 265-3288

Crystal View Heights

Crystal View, including Golden Oaks. "open"

Central Cement Hill Road

Central Cement Hill Road, including Whispering Oaks, Merryhill Way, Gold Court, Spanish Quartz, Ragon Road, and Fox Hill Road to Central Cement Hill area. Patt Lind-Kyle (patt@lindandkyle.com) 478-9622

Indian Flat Road

Indian Flat Road, including Indian Trails, Country Circle, Woods Ravine Ct. and Robinson King Road.
Terry Wagner twags40@hotmail.com 470-9206 and Bill Sheatsley (stevieandbill@sheatsley.com) 265-2808

Southside Cement Hill

Highway 49, including Columbine Court, Delphine Lane, Shoshoni Trail, Old Faithful Court, Carli Way, Crooked Arrow Lane, John Barleycorn Rd., Frost Court and Cavanaugh Lane.

Debbie Wandro (1starrydeborah@att.net) 478-1498

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Wet Hill Road, including Sierra Springs Circle, Lower North Bloomfield Road, and Elliot Way. Nancy Paulson, (nanpaulson@sbcglobal.net) 265-5919

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The Fire Safe Council
Joanne Drummond - 272-1122
FONA Web Site
www.fona-nevco.org



GCHNA Mission Statement

The Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association is chartered to:

- Protect and preserve the rural qualities of our neighborhood by providing a forum for group action as needed.
- Communicate information quickly and efficiently about matters of neighborhood interest to its members and associates.
- Raise funds and supply volunteer labor for projects that enhance or improve our neighborhood.
- Be an organization through which our neighbors can meet and get to know each other in meetings and social gatherings.

Membership Guidelines

Fiscal Period is
January 1st - December 31st

Membership Dues due by February 1st Grace period to May 1st

Anyone may join anytime during the year but will have to negotiate with Ferrellgas if joining after May 1st.

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