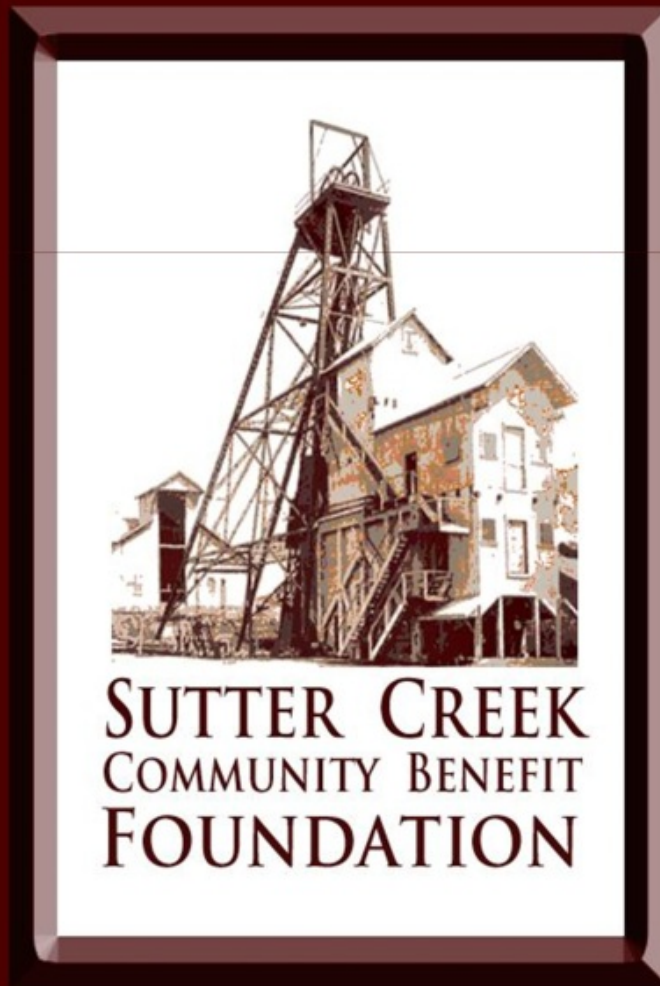


Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation

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Fiscal Year 2022 Report

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This report is intended to summarize the accomplishments, plans, and current status of the Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation (SCCBF).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/PROJECTS

The most significant Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 project was a major renovation to the east entrance of the Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School. The repairs and improvements went beyond cosmetic and greatly improved the functionality, safety, and structural integrity of the east entrance. The work was performed by contractor Alex Armstrong and BDK Gutters and coordinated by the Foundation Grammar School Committee, consisting of Rick Champlin and John Swift, at a cost of \$12,000.



The Foundation's Museum Committee created several major new exhibits which were the highlight of the annual Member/Donor Appreciation Event.



In addition, the committee sponsored the initial lecture series with a talk by local historian Frank Tortorich.

The Foundation partnered with the Sutter Creek Fire District and the Passport to Amador Rotary Club to bring back the *Sutter Creek Firemen's Dinner Dance*. The longstanding event was held September 3 after a hiatus of some 10 years, and attended by over 300 local residents and guests. This event is a major source of discretionary funds for the three organizations as well as an example of the local community culture we are committed to support.



The SCCBF Member/Donor Appreciation Event was held on December 3. The event was well attended and provided an opportunity to acknowledge the support and contributions of the community. It was an opportunity for the SCCBF Board Members to hear directly from the membership regarding their concerns and suggestions.

The SCCBF Newsletter continues to be very popular. The monthly email newsletter is produced by Nancy and Rick Champlin, who are always looking for topics and assistance. The current newsletter and prior editions can be accessed through our website (www.sccbf.org).



The Foundation funded the restoration of the historic “book sign” across from Miners’ Bend Park. The sign originally served as a welcome to the city at a time when the entire city consisted of what we now consider the historic district or “bowl”. The full story of the sign will be the topic of an upcoming newsletter.

The Foundation was once again able to award three scholarships of \$1,000 each to local high school graduates. The SCCBF is proud to continue funding the scholarship program as part of its vision.

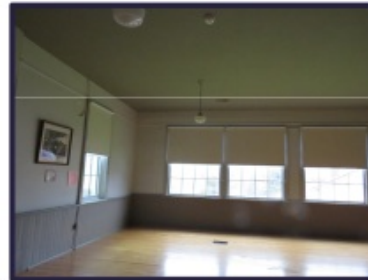
In 2022, the Foundation participated in the *Second Saturday Tours* of local, major, historical sites within the city. The Sutter Creek Historic Grammar School was open to visitors for self-guided tours. Staff were available to answer questions and provide additional information of the school’s history.

At the 150th anniversary of the original flag raising at the Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School, Amador High School students Seth Harlan and Nolan McMahan developed a video in observance of the event. A new flag, aluminum flagpole, and installation came in the form of a donation to the school and SCCBF from a long-time resident. You can view the video on our website's home page.

The Foundation is currently working cooperatively with the Amador High School digital team, under the guidance of their instructor, to produce an upgraded audio/video tour of the local historical sites.

GRANTS

In November, the Jackson Rancheria awarded a grant of \$1,500 for purchase and installation of solar blinds in Room 5 of the Historic Grammar School. Additional grant funding will continue to be investigated.



FISCAL YEAR 2023 PLANS

1. Restoration efforts to the grammar school will continue. Current plans include:
 - a) Install additional overhead lighting;
 - b) Repair/rebuild large format windows in the kitchen;
 - c) Repair roof leak around central chimney;
 - d) Installation of the final set of solar blinds in room 2.
2. Potential community events include:
 - a) The Sutter Creek Firemen's Dinner Dance;
 - b) Scheduled openings of the school and museum to the public;
 - c) A 5th "annual" shrimp feed fundraiser;
 - d) A Member/Donor Appreciation Event;
 - e) Guest lectures.
3. Potential new projects include:
 - a) The development of a high school elective *Local History Curriculum*;
 - b) Organization of a *History Club* open to interested parties of all ages.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The work of the Foundation continues to depend primarily upon membership dues and individual donations. Projects and operations are managed through an annual budget process, as approved by the Board. The Foundation maintains an emergency reserve of \$25,000 as well as a long-term/major project set aside to fund needed repairs to the exterior of the grammar school. Individual projects and events are funded directly from annual revenues. The Foundation complies with all State and Federal requirements necessary to maintain a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt status (Tax ID #87-1825043).

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Board Member – John Swift

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The Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School is rich in Gold Rush history. This beautiful building is California's second oldest two-story brick schoolhouse. The Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation has restored the first and second floor making it a wonderful rental for any occasion. There are four rooms within the Historic Grammar School that can be rented.



Contact the City of Sutter Creek for information on rates and availability - (209) 267-5647 ext. 230 or email info@cityofsuttercreek.org

Whether it's a love of our heritage, a special connection to our town's diverse, deeply rooted cultures, or a desire to improve your community, every donor's passion for Sutter Creek is unique. A donation to Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation is the perfect way to fund your passion and watch it prosper. By connecting people who care with causes that matter, we help ensure a stronger, healthier tomorrow. We provide a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving.

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