



# *Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation*

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## **...And Now for Something Completely Different**

**This month's newsletter will be a bit of a departure from the norm. The Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation is moving forward with restoration work at the Historic Grammar School. Since this restoration is only possible thanks to your membership and donation dollars, we feel it is time to report to you what those precious dollars actually accomplish.**

**In walking around the 154 year old building, it was noticed that most of the woodwork was in serious need of attention.**



**Cracks and gaps were developing which allowed water to get into places where water shouldn't be. This in turn created more cracks and gaps, and on, and on. A consultation identified the problems and arrived at solutions to not only repair existing trouble spots, but to minimize any future deterioration.**



**Believe it or not, that is the same doorway shown above. The window was rotten beyond repair, so was removed. Work was begun in the spring of 2024 and completed shortly thereafter. The restoration and improvements are as follows:**

**Improvements Accomplished by  
Alex Armstrong of Armstrong Construction.**

- 1. Scrape, sand, caulk, prime, and paint entire east entrance below roofline.**





**Included repairing and painting windows and window trim, rear double doors, and both side doors.**



**Also added a weather proofing strip between east entrance doors.**

**2.Repair, square, scrape, sand, caulk/fill, prime, and paint**

exterior doors and window frames at workroom, both lower hallway side, and dance room.





**Includes metal rain shields on each door top and installing new threshold seals.**





**Removed and filled unnecessary screws, plugs, and hardware. Also filled “rat entrance” with steel wool and covered with mortar. Included repairing water damage on dance room door bottom.**

**3.Repair, scrape, sand, caulk, prime, and paint west entrance doors and porch posts.**



**Create metal covers for porch post trim to prevent further water damage.**



**Included replacing sliding front door lock with long, more secure, version.**

**It was decided that a return to the two-tone color scheme for all exterior doors would be appropriate. The photographic evidence shows this arrangement at least as far back as 1896 if not earlier.**





**We thought it was worth an experiment to see how it looks.**



**Please stop by and see what you think.**

**Once again, it is your membership dues and donation dollars that make this restoration work possible. Please consider a membership or donation so that we can continue to bring back to the community this valuable historic landmark.**

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SCCBF's current renovation project is the Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School which is rich in Gold Rush history. This beautiful building is California's second oldest two-story brick schoolhouse. 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](mailto:info@cityofsuttercreek.org) / [website - cityofsuttercreek.org](http://website-cityofsuttercreek.org)

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