

Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation

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SUTTER CREEK
COMMUNITY BENEFIT
FOUNDATION

Fiscal Year 2024 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/DONATIONS

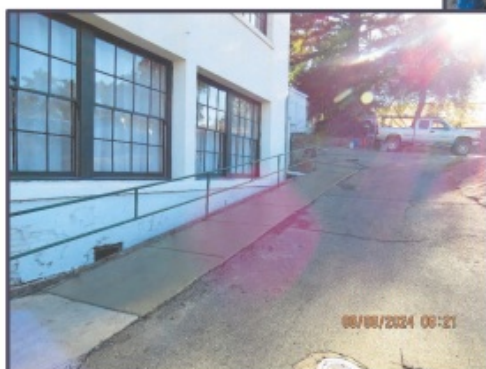
MAY 2024

In walking around the 154 year old building last May, 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. Contractor Alex Armstrong identified some of the problems and arrived at solutions to not only repair existing trouble spots, but to minimize any future deterioration. The restoration and improvements were as follows: **(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. (4) 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.**



SEPTEMBER 2024

The old crumbling sidewalk and landing for the stairs at the south side and rear entrance has been replaced. Not repaired, but jack-hammered out and completely removed and hauled away. A new reinforced bed of rebar was laid and fresh concrete poured and finished to create a new, safe sidewalk that will last for decades to come. A new walk was also constructed on the north side where none previously existed. It is now possible to walk all the way around this historic building safely. This much needed improvement was made possible thanks to a generous donation from Sean Murphy of Town and Country Contractors Inc. Sean and his company have funded numerous projects throughout the restoration efforts led by the Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation. Financial support such as this is critical to the success of our restoration efforts. John Swift, one of the Directors of the SCCBF, contracted Josh Hill of James Hills Concrete Company to do the job.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

March 26, 2024 was a special day here in Sutter Creek. Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. O'Neill-Luevano, are both teachers at the Sutter Creek Elementary School on Spanish Street near the high school. They arranged with Frank Cunha, Director at the Knight Foundry, for their 3rd grade classes to take a walking tour of the town visiting various historical sites and public offices. Frank Cunha (from Knight Foundry), along with Tim Murphy and Rick Champlin (from SCCBF) made sure each student and their teacher had an opportunity to ring the old school bell, and tried to answer zillions of questions.



The SCCBF, Sutter Creek Fire District, and Passport to Amador Rotary Club have successfully brought back the annual *Sutter Creek Firemen's Dinner Dance* held on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. This year, over 300 local residents and guests enjoyed a tri-tip and spaghetti dinner with music by Darin Sexton and the Highway 49. This event began three years ago and 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.

Sutter Creek Fire Dinner Dance "Fireman's Ball"



August 31, 2024

Doors open: 5:30
Dinner: 6:30 Tri-tip and Spaghetti
Dancing: 7:30-10:00
350 Hanford Street

Tickets:
Adults \$40
Children Under 12 \$15

Tickets available:

Online
suttercreek@foundation.org



In October, the Sutter Creek Business Association sponsored a Scarecrow Contest along Main Street and some of the side streets. SCCBF's entry was located at 54 Main Street in front of Serra gift shop. There were over 28 scarecrows displayed during the entire month of October.



2024 SCCBF Lecture Series

All lectures were
held at the Historic
Sutter Creek
Grammar School
and were free to
the public

January 28 Knight Foundry Documentary
Sunday, 3:00 pm *Knight Foundry – A Living History*

February 10 Teresa Guidi, Amador County Archivist
Saturday, 5:00 pm *Photographic History of Sutter Creek*

March 16 Glen Villa, President of the Miwok Heritage Center
Saturday, 5:00 pm *A History of the Local Miwok People*

April 20 Martin Ryan, 25th Amador County Sheriff
Saturday, 5:00 pm *Learn about his 46 years in Law Enforcement*

May 18 Kimberly Wooten, Archaeologist and Local History Author
Saturday, 5:00 pm *Historical Archaeology 101*

AMADOR GIVING TUESDAY

Each year, SCCBF joins the Amador Community Foundation at Katharine Drexel Parish for this globally recognized day for giving back – #GivingTuesday. This is another major source of funding for us.

SCCBF distributes a complimentary newsletter each month with a different topic. In most cases it relates to an historical place, person, or event. Information on our lectures and events are also distributed to our readers. The current newsletter and prior editions can be accessed through our website (www.sccbf.org).



Starting in 2021, we established yet another way to continue with our community enrichment endeavors. Three scholarships, each for \$1,000, continue to be awarded yearly. SCCBF is proud to continue this program as part of our vision. If you would like to be a donor, you can designate that your donation be specifically applied to this fund or to our general fund that is used to address needs that make a lasting contribution in our community.

2025 PLANS

- Create a living history video tour of Sutter Creek's most significant historical sites.
- Help facilitate return of the "The Great Sutter Creek Duck Race" at Minnie Provis Park on April 26, 2025. Duck tickets will be going on sale early 2025. The Duck Race is a Sutter Creek classic springtime family-friendly community event, benefitting local nonprofits and projects. This year's focus will be the Sutter Creek Community Pool.
- Begin renovation of room 3 in the historic Sutter Creek grammar school.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The work of the SCCBF 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 SCCBF 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. SCCBF complies with all State and Federal requirements necessary to maintain a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt status (Tax ID #87-1825043).

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Tim Murphy
Vice President – Amy Clingan
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Board Member – Lauren Hartwick Baggett
Board Member – John Swift

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distribution list.**

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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