

# PLACER HISTORY PRESS

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## History Award

The 2023 History Award was presented to Phil Sexton. This is an award given by the Society and the Placer County Historical Foundation.

Phil is an outstanding recipient of this award. His specialities are the Chinese railroad workers and the Donner Summit area.

You can find several talks by Phil on youtube. Well worth the time and you will learn a lot!

## Posthumous History Award

This award went to Karri Samson, one of our long time board members. Karri was an outstanding historian and chairman of the Society's Landmark Committee. She also sat on the board of the Foundation. She was a co-author of the book on the Bowman area.



Presentation of the History Award at the December 2023 PCHS dinner meeting. L-R: Councilman Mike Holmes, April McDonald-Loomis (PCHS), Phil Sexton, Hal Hall (PCHF) Mike Lynch (PCHF)

## NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the new newsletter from the Placer County Historical Society and the Placer County Historical Foundation. Both of these organizations have all kinds of on-going projects. But unless you go to one of our meetings you might not know what's going on. There are also history happenings around town that many of us wonder about. The Old Town Post Office is a good example. We will try to keep you up to date on local history events on a regular basis. If you have any news about history happenings around the county **please** share with us at [placerhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:placerhistorical@gmail.com)

**History News**

It looks like the key and mail business that went into the Old Town Post Office building was unable to come to an agreement with the property owner over the rent and have left the premises after an extremely short stay. We were all hoping that business could keep the location open. Councilman Mike Holmes is working with Representative Kiley's office to hopefully get some help bringing back a post office branch there.

The County Domes are currently being nominated for National Register Status by the Placer County Historical Foundation.

The Lincoln Highway Association is interested in leasing the Hallbom House from the Placer County Water Agency. Ralph Gibson, museum head, is spearheading the attempt to save this historic building.

The Hammond Rock House # 1 has been successfully listed on the County's register of Historic Places by the Placer County Historical Foundation.

The Benton Welty Historic Classroom at City Hall is now open to the public from 11 to 2 each weekday. All are welcome to come and view the recently renovated classroom. It is a step back in time. Drop by!

The PCHS is working on changing out the cases on the second floor of City Hall. Watch for the coming new displays!

The Powers Mansion Inn on Cleveland Street has seen some activity. Word is that it has been purchased and renovation work is in progress. Does anyone have any additional information on this? if so please share.



The Foundation is working with the Tahoe National Forest to survey the Deadwood and Last Chance Cemeteries. The Deadwood Cemetery was greatly impacted by the 1960 Volcano Fire and again by the 2022 Mosquito fire. The Foundation is asking the Forest Service for permission to use ground penetrating radar to locate human remains with the goal to mark those spots to honor the pioneers buried there.



The photos above show the Last Chance Cemetery before and after the devastating Mosquito Fire in 2022.