

# PLACER HISTORY PRESS

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## New City Historian

The city of Auburn has selected Carol Cramer as the new City Historian. Carol brings years of experience to the job from her time as a Walking Tour guide of Old Town Auburn and her years of work at the County Museums. She is already at work on several projects and we look forward to what she will bring to the position.



*You are cordially invited to join us for an exhibit unveiling party*  
**Featuring Esther Birdsall Darling**  
*World renowned early 20th century author & adventurer*  
 Presenting the first in the series "Unique Characters of Auburn"  
*Sponsored by the Placer County Historical Society*  
 Friday, March 29, 2024 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Auburn City Hall, 2nd floor - 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn  
 Renee Chambliss, Professional Audiobook Narrator will share a short reading from  
 Esther Birdsall Darling's most famous book, Baldy of Nome  
 Light Appetizers Provided - [www.placercountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.placercountyhistoricalsociety.org)

We hope you will join us for this event. It is the first in a series celebrating "Unique Auburn" characters. Do you have a family member and some memorabilia you would like to share with us? We will be looking for people for the upcoming displays.



The force behind the new display. These ladies did an incredible job! Left to right: Kim Haswell, Sally Miller, Carol Cramer.

**History News**

The Foresthill Odd Fellows Hall is looking for help in restoring the building.

You can contact the Foresthill Historical Society for more information or to offer your help.

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It look like the Placer County Community Foundation has taken an interest in helping get a tenant in the Halbom House. No news yet.

Heritage Trail is coming up. The Benton Welty Historic Classroom and the historical City Hall will be on the schedule for June 8th. Watch for dates for the other museums. The new Auburn Journal Museum is on the tour this year.

The Placer County Historical Foundation is busy with several ongoing projects according to President Hal Hall.

- Steven's Trail National Register of Historic Places plaque and interpretive sign
- Hammond Rock House placement on the Placer County Register of Cultural and Historic Resources
- Deadwood and Last Chance Cemetery projects
- Placer County Domes pending placement on the National Register of Historic Places

The Foothills Motel built in the 1950s has just had a major makeover and the new theme is mid-century modern. Although completely redone and modernized, the owners are focusing on the motel's historic roots with the ambiance of the 1950s. Sounds like a fun place to stay!



Can anyone help us identify these Auburn Hook and Ladder guys? On the photo above under each man is part of a name. L-R: Red, Abe, Carl, Hank, Lauren, ?, ?

How about the one below? Send any clues to [april.pchs@gmail.com](mailto:april.pchs@gmail.com)



We are in search of any photos of the Auburn Volunteer Fire Department pre 1992. Do you have any to share? The Hook and Ladder Association and the PCHS are working on a book about their history. Please help!

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