2023 ANNUAL REPORT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Placer County Parks and Grounds Department thoroughly cleared Dutch Flat Public Cemetery, including the Chinese Cemetery section, of debris and large downed trees.
2. Dutch Flat Fraternal Orders Cemetery fence project completed.
3. Chinese Ancestry Restoration Project (CARP) established. Funds have been raised to restore Chinese Cemetery. Boundaries and grave sites have been identified.
4. Contracted with Bob Hermiston to restore the Hearse House. Work will start late September/early October, to be completed by November.
5. Placer County Facilities Department repaired front patio and steps of Golden Drift Museum.
6. Dutch Flat History Day coincided with Placer County Museums Division’s Heritage Trail Day. Opened and supplied Docents and special programming for Oddfellows Lodge, Dutch Flat Hotel and Dutch Flat Methodist Church.
7. Placer County Museums Division made improvements/revisions to Chinese History exhibit in the Golden Drift Museum.
8. Received 2nd $5000 grant from the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program.
10. Joined forces with Placer County Resource Conservation District to continue improvements in Dutch Flat Community Garden.

MEMBERSHIP: The Society consists of 83 members (individual and family), 6 fewer than last year. Membership dues received in 2023 total $4,380, as compared to $4,467 collected in 2022. Since Membership has been steadily declining, we plan to reach out to more of our community with the 2024 Membership Drive.
MUSEUM VISITATION: There have been 656 visitors to the Museum this year, as compared to 649 at this time in 2022. Sixty-eight visitors enjoyed our Open House in May, bringing the total for that month to 155. There were 107 visitors in June, 287 in July, and 96 in August. The largest single-day visitation occurred on July 4th, with 114 visitors.

FINANCIAL CONDITION (As of August 31): Assets total $132,108. Revenues exceeded expenses by $7,514. Cash increased by $7,450. Revenues consisted of Donations, $7,448, Membership Dues, $4,380, and Sales, $1,713. 2022 Sales were $804. Our Expenses, $6,265, consisted mainly of Landscaping, Insurance, and Volunteer Appreciation.

VOLUNTEERS: Anne Holmes has served as our Volunteer Coordinator for many years, donating her time to recruit, train and schedule docents. For 2024, we will need to find a new Volunteer Coordinator, as Anne has indicated that she would like to step down. We have a crew of 23 volunteer docents who have donated 419 hours of their time in 2023 to operate the Golden Drift Museum. Our Board of Trustees consists of 8 volunteers. I serve as Board President, Anne Holmes is Vice President, Ernie Bullard is Treasurer, Jeanne Wilson is Secretary and Jim DeCaro, Laura Glassco, Connie Gullings and Diane Star are Members At Large.

MUSEUM EXHIBITS: We continue to work with Placer County Museums Division to improve “the best little Museum in Placer County”. The Chinese History display was improved/ revised in 2023.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The terms of two of our current Board members, Anne Holmes and Ernie Bullard, are expiring. Thankfully, both have agreed to renew their Board membership. We will continue to have eight Board members, which complies with our by-laws.

I welcome your input. Feel free to contact me at SARAH@GOLDENDRIFT.ORG.

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