



## May 2017 Motherlode Monitor Newsletter

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### ***2017 Membership Renewal Time***

Renew your membership for 2017 or join the Sierrans as a new member. Please find Individual/Family Membership and Corporate Membership Forms at [www.sierrans.org](http://www.sierrans.org). Print, fill out the form, and sent your check to the address on the form. We look forward to building our membership further in 2017 and having you on board!! Become a voice for the resource industries in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

### ***Upcoming Events***

***Saturday June 3 2017, 4 p.m., Dedication Ceremony for a Historical Plaque Honoring Robert S. Shoemaker, North Star Museum and Pelton Wheel Exhibit, 10933 Alison Ranch Road, Grass Valley, CA***

A dedication ceremony for a memorial plaque honoring the late Robert S. Shoemaker will be held on June 3, 2017 4 p.m. at the North Star Museum and Pelton Wheel Exhibit in Grass Valley. The Sierrans raised the money to manufacture the plaque and donated it to the City of Grass Valley, owners of the Museum. The Nevada County Historical Society is the operator of the Museum.

Bob is best known locally for his activities at the Museum where he started as a docent and eventually became Director. In 2013, he was named Citizen of the Year and Director Emeritus of the Museum by the Nevada County Historical Society, in recognition of his years of service in the preservation and interpretation of Nevada County history and particularly the role of gold mining therein. Bob was also a member of the Sierrans for Responsible Resource Development and, prior to

that, the Sierra Nevada Mining and Industry Council.

Bob was an international expert in the field of metallurgy and was a major contributor to development of various processing technologies used throughout the world today. He was involved in the design of over 80 heap leach and 40 milling operations around the world. He was involved in numerous mining related organizations and was past President of the Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration and American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers. Bob was inducted into the National Mining Hall of Fame in Leadville, Colorado in 2015.

This event will be attended by the Shoemaker family and friends and it is also expected that members of the Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration ("SME"), Engineering Association of Nevada County ("EANC"), Grass Valley City Council, and other interested organizations will attend. It has been advertised on KNCO radio and in the Union Newspaper, as well as through the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce. Please turn out for this event to honor Bob and note that it will be in lieu of our monthly membership meeting for June.

Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to David Watkinson at [dwatkinson@sierrans.org](mailto:dwatkinson@sierrans.org) or (530) 271-0679 if you plan to attend - by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

***Wednesday June 7, 2017, 12 noon, Sierrans' Board of Directors Meeting, 431 Crown Point Circle, Suite 150, Grass Valley, CA.***

This meeting is scheduled for 12 noon. Note, as outlined above, that there will be no regular membership meeting this month.

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### ***Boy Scouts of America Mining in Society Merit Badge Project***

Tom Jepsen, one of the Sierrans' new members, has suggested the Sierrans become involved with the Boy Scouts of America ("BSA") to assist local scouts in obtaining their Mining in Society Merit Badge. The BSA launched the Mining in Society Merit Badge in 2014 as part of a series of merit badges focused on science, technology, engineering, and math ("STEM") projects. The Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration ("SME") was instrumental in the development of the badge.

This Project will involve the development of a comprehensive program with a variety of components (including options) that that Scouts will have to complete to earn the badge. Given the education, expertise, and experience of many members of the Sierrans in the mining industry, our organization is ideally suited to developing a locally oriented program for the Scouts.

Contact Dave Watkinson at [dwatkinson@sierrans.org](mailto:dwatkinson@sierrans.org) or (530) 271-0679 if you are interested in becoming part of a working group to develop the local curriculum and materials needed, and ultimately to help deliver the program to local Scouts.

### ***Grass Valley Walking Tour Brochure Highlighting Mining Attractions***

The Sierrans are looking to establish a Walking Tour Brochure to highlight mining attractions in the City of Grass Valley. The goal would be to place this brochure in the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce and other tourist attractions in the City and promote local mining attractions (such as the Empire State Park and North Star Museum and Pelton Wheel Exhibit). Brochures could potentially be developed for other cities in the Sierra Nevada Mountains to promote tourism related to the resource industries.

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### ***Sierrans' Placemat Project***

The Sierrans are looking at the potential to develop placemats that could be used in local restaurants and eateries to promote the resource industries in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. For example, a

placement could be developed featuring the "City with the Heart of Gold" for Grass Valley. We are currently looking at developing designs and determining costs for the printing the placements. We then plan to talk with restaurant owners about the concept, get feedback, and determine the economics of the project and how to fund it.

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### ***Sierrans' Scholarship Program***

The Sierrans are moving to establish a scholarship programs. Comments from membership at our last meeting suggested that we initially establish two \$500 scholarships and these scholarships initially be established in Nevada County associated with Sierra College.

Contact Dave Watkinson at [dwatkinson@sierrans.org](mailto:dwatkinson@sierrans.org) or (530) 271-0679 if you are interested becoming part of a Public Education and Scholarship Committee that would set up the criteria used to award scholarships, short list and interview applicants, set up the program with the College, etc.

### ***Sierrans' Calendar***

The Sierrans' for Responsible Resource Development 2017 Historical Calendar, featuring historic resource industry photos, is available. Remaining calendars are now available at a discounted price of \$5.00.



### ***Contact Us***

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