



# WILSONIA TIMES

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## Greetings!

from Chuck Burgin - WVI President

The Wilsonia Board has planned a very busy summer this year! We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the various potlucks, programs, meetings, Black Pot Cook-Off, Ladies' Tea, hike, campfire... I'm already tired just thinking about it.

Just a reminder, we need to clean up our lots and take advantage of the NPS dump which they have opened for our use. Also, we are in Tulare County and there is a strict leash law. We ask that you keep this in mind, particularly when it comes to social events. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact any of the Board members.

Looking forward to having a wonderful summer in Wilsonia!

## Black Pot Cook-Off

The Wilsonia Black Pot Cook-Off returns for a fifth time this summer, on Saturday, June 15th. This year's cook-off will be held at a new location on Hazel Lane, by the Burgin and Goble cabins.

Cooking starts at 2pm (or earlier if you need more time). You are welcome to come and go as you please, but you will want to hang around for the food, fun and friendship. If you are new to black pot cooking, great recipe ideas are almost endless, and many black pot recipes can be found online.

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## Wilsonia Historic District Trust

by Gus Collin WHDT President

The National Park Service (NPS) has developed a plan and environmental assessment (EA) to address the 12 NPS-owned structures in Wilsonia. The alternatives have been developed from information derived from internal and public scoping. The EA is available for public review through April 30, 2013. Comments must be received by April 30, 2013. The 100 page report and who to contact can be found at:

<http://www.nps.gov/seki/parknews/upload/FINAL-NR-Wilsonia-EA.pdf>  
(ed. note: link also on the Wilsonia website)

We are putting together our response with the help of the Historic Resource Group and attorneys Chris Campbell and Bruce Owdom. As soon as we complete our letter we will make it available as a guideline. It is very important that we again follow up with letters asking to preserve the historic integrity of the Wilsonia district. If you know of anyone who has land adjacent to or of interest to the NPS who would be willing to trade for one of the historic cabins in Wilsonia, please let us and the NPS know. It appears this may be the only way to preserve the historic cabins.

## WHDT sponsored activities

One of the goals of the WHDT, in addition to preserving the historic status of the Village, is to provide education. WHDT education chair Steve Stocking has several great activities planned for this summer, beginning with the July 4th wildflower program and July 5th nature walk. All are listed on the calendar insert. More info on each will be in upcoming newsletters.

## Upcoming Events:

### May 24th

Trash Service resumes

### May 25th

WVI Board Meeting - 1 pm

Potluck Dinner - 6 pm

### May 26th

Rubber Duck Race - 1 pm

### June Weekends

Yard Clean-up Time

### June 15th

Black Pot Cook-Off - 2 pm

### June 22nd

WVI Board Meeting - 10 am

see complete schedule on  
calendar insert



## Have you paid your 2013 cabin dues?

If there is a dues insert included with your newsletter, please fill it out and send it in with your payment. Thank You!

## Snow Report

The 2012-2013 winter season was another disappointingly dry one. Totals for the season, so far, for Grant Grove:

Snowfall: 85.5" (average 188.7")

Precipitation: 24.04" (average 42.8")  
from July 1st, 2012 to April 22, 2013  
(data from the National Weather Service)

Thanks to Postmaster Jerry  
for his frequent winter updates and photos  
of Wilsonia and Grant Grove  
on the Kings Canyon Post Office Facebook page

In Memory of

**Daniel De Foe**

**Byron Lighty**

and

**Bernie Mitchell**

Wilsonia friends and neighbors  
who will be dearly missed

### Rubber Duck Race

The duck race, which is becoming another fun Wilsonia tradition, will take place this year on Sunday, May 26th. Join your Wilsonia neighbors that Sunday at 1 pm on the corner of Hazel and Lilly (DeJager/Hickey Cabin) for a fun, friendly competition and fundraiser. Separate heats will be held for adults and children. Entry fee is \$5 per duck.

### Black Pot Cook-off continued

Rules for the cook-off: To compete, you must cook on-site. Bring your own ingredients to assemble and cook at the event, and of course, bring your black pot. Coals will be provided. Lemonade will be served, but if you want other beverages, please bring them. If you are not cooking, a small salad will help balance the dinner menu. Judging and dinner will be at 5:30 pm. There will be prizes again this year for the crowd's favorite recipes.

### Silent Auction

**Saturday July, 6th 1- 8 pm**  
**Goods, Crafts and Food needed!**

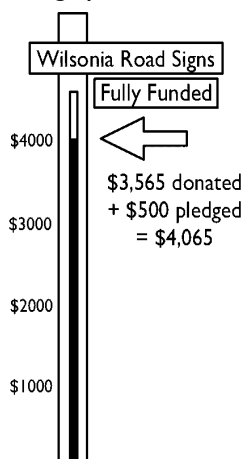
Please bring your donated auction items to the Clubhouse on weekends through July 5th, or contact a Board Member for other arrangements. We are asking for nice, new or very gently used items only, please (this is not a white elephant or yard sale). Thanks in advance to all who donate to and participate in this annual fundraising effort.

Last years auction raised \$1915, can we top that??

### Road Signs Fundraiser

Thanks so much to all the very generous Wilsonians who have contributed to the road sign fundraiser. We have received \$3,565 and have pledges of \$500 more. Our goal is to reach \$4500 as the projected cost for the project is \$100 per sign for each of the 45 sign locations. Construction and installation of the signs is planned for this summer.

It is not too late to donate to the project. We are still seeking sponsors for the signs at the intersections of:



- Fern & President's
- Cedar & Meadow
- Park & Fir
- Tyndall & Grant
- Brewer & Alta
- Whitney & Grant
- Whitney & Alta
- Muir & Sierra
- Goddard & Kaweah
- Goddard & Kearsarge

If you would like to sponsor a sign for \$100 or donate any amount towards the project (or join with neighbors to sponsor one), you may

send donations to the address on the back page or contact any WVI Board Member. Thank You!

### Winter Planning Meeting

The WVI Winter Planning Meeting was held on Saturday, February 23rd, 2013 at 10 am, at the Kings River MHP Clubhouse in Reedley. Business discussed:

- WHDT Report - NPS owned cabins
- Wilsonia Road Sign Project
- Treasurer's Report - Dues and Fundraising
- Scheduling of the Summer Calendar of Events

Thanks to Uschi Hamm for hosting the meeting and the potluck luncheon that followed. It was nice to see and visit with Wilsonia friends in the off-cabin season. The next Board Meeting will be on Sat. May 25th at 1pm at the Clubhouse.

### New NPS Sequoia-Kings Superintendent

Woody Smeck, deputy superintendent at Yosemite NP, has been chosen to serve a 120 day assignment as acting superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP beginning on April 7. Smeck has over 29 years of experience leading and managing national parks and conservation partnership programs and is a proven leader in building coalitions. He replaces Karen Taylor-Goodrich.

*PLEASE read and share the insert on Fire Safety*

### June is Yard Clean-up Month Mild Winter = High Fire Danger

WVI asks you to set July 1st each year as the target date for having your property cleared of fallen branches and pine needles, and for creating a fire safe perimeter around your cabin and other buildings.

Once again, this year there will be open access to the Park Dump every weekend in June for disposal of your natural yard waste. On weekdays, and at all other times the rest of the year, you may gain access to the dump by signing out a key at the NPS Visitor Center.

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

**No plastic trash bags are allowed at the dump! The only materials allowed in the dump are natural yard waste - pine needles and branches. No lumber, household trash or discards of any kind are allowed. No plastic bags!**

Please make an effort to be in Wilsonia sometime during the month of May or June to clean your yard and make your cabin and our community FIRE SAFE!



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## We Need You! Please Host A Potluck

by Sally Tripp

Three potlucks a year, 200 cabins with families in Wilsonia, just 3-6 people needed each year to host potlucks. No problem right? Wrong! Why? We don't know. You all are the greatest community of people anyplace, who will do anything to help your neighbors. That's what makes Wilsonia such a wonderful place. Here's your chance! Sign up today to host a potluck.

Wait a minute you say, there are 4 potlucks each year: Memorial Day, Independence Day weekend, first weekend in August and Labor Day. That's true, but the first weekend in August potluck is traditionally hosted by the WWI Board, so no volunteer host is needed for that one. That only leaves 3 potlucks that need to be hosted.

Maybe nobody asked you to host a potluck (we are asking you now); maybe you don't know what hosting entails (list of duties below), maybe it never occurred to you that help was needed (now you know). Your time donation of about an hour before and about a half hour after is all that is needed. Duties to host a potluck include:

- Arrange tables and chairs (usually they are already set up) Maybe you have a new way to set them up?
- Wipe tables off
- Decorate tables with your own decoration or use decorations already in the Clubhouse
- Put tablecloths on serving tables and put out hot pads
- Put sodas in tub on the counter out for sale.
- Make coffee (decaf and regular) the directions are in the cabinet on the inside of the door
- Cut desserts into serving sizes
- When it is time to eat (after the opening remarks), uncover dishes and insert serving spoons
- Afterwards, clean up... usually several people will help you. (no need to put tables and chairs away)
- Take trash to dumpster

That's it! Easy Peasy!!! The board will arrange the evening events, you can suggest after supper activities if you'd like. With all the creative people in Wilsonia, we know some of you would do an excellent job of hosting. Grab a neighbor or some of your family and volunteer today to help out the Board and your community and host a potluck. Maybe there are a group of you who want to host together with or without a theme, even better. Once a group of Wilsonians who are also in the Daughters of American Revolution hosted the Independence Day potluck. It's a fun and easy way to help out. Sign up today, please contact a board member listed on the back page and let them know which potluck you'd like to host.

### 11th Annual Quilters & Crafters Retreat – 2013

by Mel Peters

Are you ready for lots of fun and lots of stitchin'? Then join us at the Clubhouse for our annual Retreat, Monday thru Saturday, **July 15–20** (Sat. afternoon is clean-up time.) Doors will open at 9am; we'll stay as late as we want. We are again asking for \$1 per person per day donation to offset the cost of electricity. This event is open to all quilters, needle workers, and crafters. You may join us for one day, two days or the week, whatever fits your schedule. We have a fun Retreat project planned.

#### See the attachment to this newsletter

Bring your project(s) and usual supplies; we will supply two ironing boards and irons. Please bring a heavy-duty extension cord for your sewing machine.

Bring your lunch to eat at the Clubhouse, if you wish. We will probably have a potluck dinner, with husbands and friends invited, one evening during our Retreat.

All Wilsonians are welcome! Even if you don't participate, you are welcome to come see what we're doing. Questions? Contact:

Mel Peters: (559) 877-5412 or (559) 335-2020

dicknmel@netptc.net

Priscilla Burrus: (805) 772-3171



### CABIN TOUR - August 3rd

By Jean Faszholz

**Shall We Do It Again?** Last year's Cabin Tour was the usual big hit. I heard some owners were not quite ready with "fixing up" last summer but might be willing to open their cabins this year. Remember, almost every cabin is a work in progress so none of us fellow cabin owners expect perfection! Please see Jean or Neal at the 4th of July "doings" or phone Jean at the cabin (335-2563) if you have questions or would say "YES" to being on the AUGUST 3 CABIN TOUR.

You'll love meeting your Wilsonia neighbors!

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*Have a cabin that you are interested in selling or leasing? List it here and on the Wilsonia Webpage - contact Neal (559) 246-7963*



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## SERVICE CHANGE REQUESTED

### WVI Board of Directors 2012 Contact information

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Grant Grove	NPS Visitors Center		(559) 565-4307	335-2856
Ash Mountain	NPS District Office	www.nps.gov/seki	(559) 565-3341	

**EMERGENCY \*\* CALL 911\*\* and 565-3196 / 3197 NPS Dispatch**

#### **Bear sightings, problems or questions?**



Please contact  
the KCNP  
Bear Tech at  
**(559) 565-4258**

#### *JUNE is Yard Clean-Up Month*

*Please make an effort to make  
your cabin property FireSafe  
before July 1st*

#### **Still getting your newsletter in the mail ?**

You can receive it by email  
and save some paper and the cost of a stamp.

Email your request to:

**wilsoniatimes@gmail.com**

**Type "subscribe" in the subject line  
& provide your name and cabin address**

# ***WILSONIA VILLAGE***

## **Summer 2013 - Calendar of Events**

All events at the Clubhouse unless stated otherwise

<b>Sat. May 25</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>
	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Potluck</b>
<b>Sun. May 26</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Rubber Duck Race - contest/fundraiser - Hazel &amp; Lily Lane</b>
<b>Sat.-Sun. in June</b>	<b>8 am - 5 pm</b>	<b>Yard Clean-up Weekends</b>
<b>Sat. June 15</b>	<b>2 pm</b>	<b>Black Pot Cook-Off - new location - Hazel Lane</b>
<b>Sat. June 29</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>
<b>Thur. July 4</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Independence Day Parade</b> at the Visitor Center
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social</b> – Dick & Mel Peters Hosts
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Wildflower Program: Natives to Grow Here</b> - by Steve Stocking
<b>Fri. July 5</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Wildflower/Nature Walk</b>
<b>Sat. July 6</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>WHDT Meeting</b> - at the Collin Cabin
	<b>1-8 pm</b>	<b>Silent Auction</b>
	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Potluck</b>
	<b>7-8 pm</b>	<b>Silent Auction concludes</b>
<b>Sat. July 13</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Visit the Ishi Giant - a hike to the big tree</b>
<b>Mon.-Sat. July 15-20</b>		<b>Quilters &amp; Crafters Retreat</b>
<b>Sat. July 20</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Campfire Night</b> - location TBA
<b>Sat. Aug 3</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>
	<b>1-4 pm</b>	<b>WHDT Cabin Tour</b> (tentative)
	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>WVI Barbecue Dinner / Potluck</b>
	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
<b>T-Th Aug 6-8</b>		<b>Clubhouse Rental</b>
<b>Sat. Aug. 10</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Ladies' Tea</b> (tentative)
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Eric Blehm's "The Last Season"</b> - Talk and Video
<b>Sat. Aug 24</b>		<b>Clubhouse Rental</b>
<b>Sat. Aug. 31</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Potluck</b>
	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Bingo / Game night</b>
<b>Sun. Sept. 1</b>	<b>8-11 am</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>
		Adults \$5, Children (12 & under) \$3
	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>

### **CLUBHOUSE RENTAL**

The Wilsonia Clubhouse is available for rental to WVI members for family or social gatherings.

For details or to reserve a date, contact:  
Neal Mixter (559) 246-7963  
wilsoniatimes@gmail.com

Potlucks are open to all WVI members and guests – please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert.  
Coffee provided, drinks for sale - Don't forget your table service.

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## Fire Safety Is In Your Best Interest

The following preventive measures can help reduce the likelihood or potential damage of a fire:

**1. Cleaning of Yards to Reduce Fire Danger:** It is important that once the snow melts, that we all clean fallen branches and needles from around our cabins. This will reduce the fuel load and help prevent the spread of fire should one occur on or near our property. Yard trash can be disposed of at the Park dump. A key can be obtained at the Visitor's Center to unlock the gate for access to the dump (only natural materials please).

**2. Fire Extinguisher Inspections:** Fire extinguishers should be tested and checked periodically to make sure that they will work properly when needed. We will try to schedule a day when fire protection company personnel can visit Wilsonia to be available to test these for a small fee. Extra or new fire extinguishers will be available for purchase as well.

**3. Cleaning of Chimneys:** Depending on the amount of usage, chimneys should be inspected each year and cleaned every two to three years to remove creosote build-up, which could lead to a chimney fire. Inspections can reveal leaks through which carbon monoxide could fill up the cabin and kill the occupants. The use of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors is critical for the safety of you and your loved ones.

**4. Proper Firewood Storage:** When we had a Wilsonia Fire Protection Plan prepared in 2004, the consultant found that only 15% of the people had their firewood stored properly. In the report, the following helpful information was provided:

“Firewood stacks represent a two-fold problem for fire protection. They provide for an easy ignition source especially as the firewood ages and start to deteriorate. A piece of rotten firewood ignites easily when moisture conditions are low. Once ignited, a pile of firewood creates a long lasting intense heat source with many flying embers. An average cord of firewood weighs approximately one ton and creates a lot of heat energy when burned. Firewood should be stored at least 30 feet away from structures and stacked tightly. If it is not possible to store firewood further than 30 feet from a structure then it should be stored in an enclosed fire resistant storage shed. Within Wilsonia it is common to see firewood stored on or under decks, stacked against walls or trees, or in loose piles near structures or propane tanks. Firewood should also not be stored for a long period of time. Firewood older than about two years starts to rot and deteriorate increasing the likelihood of ignition from flying embers. It is highly recommended that a metal screen material be installed around the base of wood decks to keep flying embers from blowing under the porch and starting a fire.”

Remember, a little prevention could save your cabin or that of your neighbor.

Larry Duba  
Vice Chairman, Fire Committee

## Project for Quilters & Crafters Retreat

July 15-20, 2013

We are going to make a Jar Quilt.

Please bring with you to the Retreat:

- . One or two 5 ½" x 9" fabrics depicting anything you can put in a jar: fruit, vegetables, butterflies, bugs, thimbles, flowers. You may bring as many fabrics as you like.
- . Black thread
- . Something in a pint or quart jar that will be used for a door prize. Do you do canning? Bring a jar to share, or fill a jar with sea shells, buttons, fabric, ric-rac, embellishments or whatever!

We will provide:

- . Fabric for the jar lids
- . Fabric for jar and lid corners and sashing
- . Sewing directions

If everyone brings a couple of jar fabrics, we'll have enough jars for two quilts! We'll put the quilt(s) together at Retreat. Our drawing will be on Friday morning, July 19th, after Sew and Tell. (Bring something for Sew and Tell!)

Would you like to do a Spicy Spiral table runner like Judith Stone and Sandy Gaither were working on at the 2012 Retreat? Please call Judith (559-909-0797) or Sandy (559-308-1056) for a supply list. They will have instructions and verbal explanation at the 2013 Retreat.

Looking forward to seeing you July 15th. We are going to have **FUN!**

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