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Railroad Scenes “Then and Now” Along the Donner Pass Route of the Transcontinental Railroad

May 18, 2019 Meeting and Program with Railroad historian and author Roger Staab

Our next guest speaker will be **Roger Staab**, a well-known railroad historian and author. Roger will show and compare historical and current photos of scenes on the Donner Pass route of the transcontinental railroad. There is no charge. This meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 7 p.m.

Colfax Passenger Depot
99 Railroad Street, Colfax

As a charter member and the historian of the Placer Sierra Railroad Historical Society (PSRHS), Roger has been collecting railroad images of the Donner route of the nation's first transcontinental-railroad for 19 years, supplementing historical photos with contemporary images that he has captured along the route.

He also serves on the Colfax Area Historical Society (CAHS) board as a member-at-large, and he is a volunteer at the CAHS Archives.

Roger retired from a career in electrical engineering with the federal government and now lives in Colfax. He has made numerous presentations about the history of portions of the railroad line between Roseville and Truckee.



He is the author of a book about the Towle Brothers' logging, railroad, and family businesses, and he is the co-author, with Arthur Sommers, of the Arcadia book *Railroads of Placer County*.



RAILROAD SCENES THEN AND NOW ALONG THE DONNER PASS ROUTE

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The above flyer shows a pair of the “then” and “now” photos that Roger Staab will be showing, comparing, and explaining in his presentation on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

Mystery Photo – Do You Recognize Anyone or Anything in It?



The above photo is part of a group of photographs that were taken in the Colfax or surrounding area. The year and specific location are unknown. If you recognize any of the details—the people, the signs or businesses, or the location, please send an email to the *Cobblestones* editor at dirkgifford@gmail.com.

Sesquicentennial of the Transcontinental Railroad

2019 is the sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meeting in Promontory, Utah, completing the transcontinental railroad. On May 10, 1869, Leland Stanford, one of the financial backers of the Central Pacific's building of the western railroad line to Promontory, Utah, drove the final, ceremonial 17.6-karat gold spike that connected the Central

Pacific and Union Pacific railroads, officially commemorating the creation of the Transcontinental Railroad. Union Pacific's official web site about the Transcontinental Railroad is "The Great Race to Promontory: The 150th Anniversary of Driving the Golden Spike," at <https://www.up.com/goldenspike/index.html>.

The Heritage Trail: Tour of Museums in Placer County, 2019

Summer-long Adventure 2019: 26 Museums, from Roseville to Tahoe

The annual Heritage Trail in Placer County is scheduled to run from June–September 2019. Specific dates for each location are being finalized and will be published soon on the Heritage Trail 2019's online blog at <http://theheritagetrail.blogspot.com/>. There is also a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/The-Heritage-Trail-134291069922394/>.

Twenty six museums and historic sites will host visitors and events throughout the summer. That is four more than in 2018. New in 2019 are the Truckee Railroad Museum, the Old Jail Museum in Truckee, the Placer Archives and Research Facility, and the Loomis Library. Each museum will be showcasing its local history in fun and entertaining ways.

Throughout the summer, each Saturday will highlight a group of museums and sites in one geographic area. The Colfax Heritage Museum will be grouped with the Golden Drift Museum in Dutch Flat and the Donner Summit Historical Society Museum in Soda Springs.

Admission will be free to the museums on their assigned Heritage Trail day. (At museums that charge admission, however, admission will not be free on other days.)

If you have questions about the Heritage Trail, call (530) 889-6500.

How to contact us

Call us: (530) 346-8599

Send us an email: museum.colfax@gmail.com

Send us USPS mail: Mail for both the Colfax Heritage Museum and the Colfax Area Historical Society is received at PO Box 185, Colfax, CA 95713.

Drop in at the museum: The Colfax Heritage Museum is physically located at 99 Railroad St, Colfax CA 95713

Web Site and Facebook Page

Our web site is at colfaxhistory.org. It has information about the Society and the Museum, including resources for historical and genealogical research. We have updated the web site to make it easier to read on phones and tablets.

Our Facebook page, [facebook.com/colfaxmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/colfaxmuseum), focuses on news and events about the Historical Society and the Museum.

CAHS Officers

President: Jay MacIntyre

Vice President: Dirk Gifford

Treasurer: Barbara Kelly

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Membership Chair: Chris Miller

Corresponding Secretary: Not currently filled

Archives Director: Swend Miller

Museum Director: Chris Miller

Member-At-Large: Roger Staab

Colfax Cobblestones Editor: Dirk Gifford

Webmaster: Dirk Gifford

Local Businesses and Organizations That Support CAHS

The Colfax Area Historical Society (CAHS) and the Colfax Heritage Museum (CHM) appreciate the support and services that local businesses provide.

The following local businesses and organizations are members of the CAHS, and we appreciate their support. We invite you to support them.

<p>American Legion Colfax Post 192</p> <p>P.O. Box 311 Colfax, CA 95713</p>	<p>Colfax Dental Center</p> <p>120 Whitcomb Avenue Colfax, CA 95713 (530) 346-6244</p>	<p>Colfax Garden Club</p> <p>P.O. Box 1801 Colfax, CA 95713 (530) 346-6215</p>
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Join the Colfax Area Historical Society

We invite you to join the CAHS and support the work of the Society, which includes the Colfax Heritage Museum. You will receive the *Colfax Cobblestones* newsletter four times a year by mail.

Each issue includes articles and photos about local history. Memberships are for one year, from July–June. **Memberships begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following year.**

<p>To join the Colfax Area Historical Society, fill out this form and mail it with a check to: CAHS, PO Box 185, Colfax, CA 95713.</p> <p>Your subscription will begin with the next quarterly issue.</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ ZIP _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Individual membership (one person)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family membership (including children)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Business or Non-Profit Organization membership (includes an ad in each issue of <i>Colfax Cobblestones</i>)</p>
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