

THE CELLHOUSE SNITCH



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TOURS:

Just to recap, our tour schedule is repeated below from our last newsletter. If you are interested in leading or acting as a Sweep for our tours, you can email Karen Denning or Glen Whorton at the addresses listed in the sidebar. Glen will be conducting a basic training session in the Courthouse at 1pm, on Saturday, April 23rd. The information from this meeting will prepare you with the information you need for your participation. Bring a zip drive if you want a copy of his PowerPoint.

MAY – Sat. 7th, Sat 21st, Sat 28th, Sun 29th, Mon 30th;

JUNE - Sat. 4th, Sat. 18th;

JULY - Sat. 2nd, Sun 3rd, Mon 4th, Sat. 16th;

AUG - Sat. 6th, Sat. 20th;

SEPT - Sat. 3rd, Sun 4th, Sun 5th, Sat. 17;

OCT - Sat. 1st, Sat. 15th, Sat. 29th, Sun 30th, Mon 31st

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Jim Wells will be conducting training for those of you who wish to work in our store. We will be sending out a notice of that training when it is scheduled.

PROJECTS:

Our latest projects were primarily the work of Lee Perks and his sons. Despite the lack of rain in our area, the yard drains had become filled with sand and debris. Lee is the founder of L.A. Perks Petroleum Specialists. Lee and his sons generously donated their staff and equipment for two days to clear the drains and repair the grade adjacent to the Culinary sidewalk. Filling the grade makes the sidewalk much safer.



DRAINS ARE CLEAR



T.P. HUPERT, DRAIN INSPECTOR



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Lee Perks and Brew Brewster have also been working on the electrical faults in the Courthouse. They were successful in this effort and this means that the building will be much more comfortable this summer.



LEE BRINGS THE AIR CONDITIONER BACK TO LIFE

Lee will be bringing is an electrician to evaluate our needs in order to electrify the entire tour route. This inspection will take place on Friday, April 22nd. This will make the tours safer and more ‘illuminating’.

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PARANORMAL:

The Paranormal Committee continues their events and making a significant contribution to our income. The most dramatic of these events was a 19 person examination of the scary entities that inhabit NSP. These events usually start at 5pm and go till...



JOE KINSLEY POINTS OUT WHERE THE SCARY GUARDS LIVED

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MUSEUM – COLLECTION:

As a result of our meeting last month with Myron Freedman of the State Museum, Brew Brewster and Brian Hutchins took the State Museum Curators on a tour of the prison on Wednesday, April 13. The Staff were very impressed with the institution and saw opportunities for collaboration between us and the Museum. Specifically, their Outreach Coordinator and the Textile Specialist were very interested in working together.

Unfortunately, our perception of this meeting was to demonstrate the Visiting Room's suitability as a display area for our artifacts AND artifacts on loan from the State Museum. This was not the case as the Museum Staff were not aware of our intentions to borrow NSP items that are in museum storage. This will thus require more meetings and the attendant delay in obtaining prison artifacts from the State.

The Committee is working to produce photographs of NSP through 150 years. This process has also been slow due to the response of vendors to enlarge and mount the photos. This is apparently the result of pandemic supply chain and employee shortages.

We'll keep plugging.

We are still accepting donations of any objects, documents, or photos related to NSP. You can contact Glen Whorton at 775-722-0394 or gvwhorton@charter.net to increase our collection and document our history.

With all this action we are still looking for more committee members. We have volunteer opportunities in:

**Display design and construction,
Collection documentation, and
Oral history interviews.**

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Here's a little footnote to the Great Escape of 1871. There was no extradition with China!

The *Virginia Chronicle* says that David Boone Baker, one of the young men who participated in the Peonop car robbery, and also in the State Prison break of September last, shipped from San Francisco for China some time since. Baker was sent from Elko county for thirty years, and in the event he had remained at the prison and behaved himself for that length of time, he would have been discharged by the State, re-arrested by the United States authorities, tried for robbing the mail by force of arms, and in all probability would have been convicted and hanged. He preferred shipping before the mast. Baker had a large sum of money buried in Skull Valley, west of Great Salt Lake, and probably made his way to that point and seized it. Of his companions in the robbery for which he was sent up, one never was caught, Leander Morton was in the prison break and was hanged by the citizens of Inyo county, and Dan Taylor was severely wounded in the prison fight and is still at the Warm Springs.

The *Virginia Enterprise* mentions a new mode of prospecting recently

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