

NEWSLETTER

Rebirth of 1840s Log Cabin and Update of Society Plans

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Historic Log Cabin Winter 2012
-photo by John Welter

What a difference a year makes in the life of a log cabin! “Much was accomplished this last year in the restoration of the cabin due to the dedication of volunteers at Innsbrook, according to Project Manager Wayne Edwards. (more details on page 2)

Anyone who wishes to roll up his or her sleeves at the cabin reconstruction site is asked to contact Wayne at 636-745-3108 or wntedwards@centurytel.net for work days. Also check www.InnsbrookHistoricalSociety.org to learn about on-going activities.

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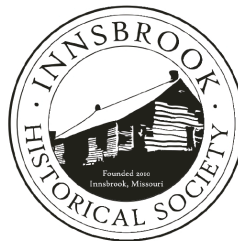
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IHS MISSION STATEMENT:

The Innsbrook Historical Society seeks to restore and preserve historic structures and adjacent properties within the Village of Innsbrook in order to educate and deepen the understanding of the legacy of the land and its inhabitants with the hope



of bringing friends and neighbors together to celebrate the Innsbrook area history in a natural recreational setting.

(Read John Welter’s “A Letter from the President” on page 2 to find out how our mission is being fulfilled.)

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: JOHN WELTER

The Innsbrook Historical Society (IHS) continues to grow and diversify into areas related to our personal and geographic roots. It started with a plea to the Innsbrook Corporation not to destroy, what appeared to be, a historically significant but badly neglected structure along with other "buildings" on the site about three years ago.

- During this time, a group of like-minded Innsbrook citizens have come together to, among other things:
- *confirm that the structure was historically significant and worthy of restoration/reconstruction after much deconstruction;
 - *incorporate as a 501 C-3 "not for profit" organization after first having the Innsbrook Corporation deed over approximately two acres of property to IHS;
 - *start the genealogy work focusing on the original and subsequent owners of the property;
 - *lay the ground work for archeology exploration of the site, and
 - *begin the process of designing and furnishing the cabin.

We've done all these things because, as the Leadership Team expresses, it is "a labor of love". We REALLY believe this; we want to make the Society relevant to the residents of Innsbrook and our neighbors.

The cabin site will continue to be improved and made relevant both as a respite to trekkers and also to serve as an entertainment venue (we have already hosted Innsbrook Institute concerts as well as our own sponsored "Sunday Afternoons at the Cabin" Concerts). In time this venue will also provide a learning center for early American frontier living. Included in our plan for the

restoration of the old barn, we will develop a pavilion for family learning and enjoyment.

I celebrate our first newsletter as a way to say we have



lots of "stuff" planned for the coming year and in the future. Newsletters will give IHS chairpersons the opportunity to disclose future plans; promote our Cabin Dedication Event over Labor Day weekend; showcase our third annual Log Cabin Open, and highlight our solicitation for period correct furnishings.

Lastly, thanks to all for the support you have given us. Your words and your membership dollars convey your continued support. As always, we strive to improve our Innsbrook experience.

THE LOG CABIN SHINES WITH ELECTRICITY AND MORE UP-DATES FROM IHS PROJECT MANAGER WAYNE EDWARDS



Electricity was brought to the cabin last year due to the efforts of Lynn Laws and many other dedicated volunteers. A quick glance, may not reveal all the improvements. Linger at the cabin site for a while and you'll surely notice the stone steps, windows, chinking, new roof, and improved grounds, just to name a few accomplishments. Every aspect was done by volunteers.

See page 3 for a complete listing of these accomplishments and our future plans.

UP-DATES FROM PROJECT MANAGER WAYNE EDWARDS



Beneath the shade of the walnut trees, the historic log cabin gives volunteers a chance to experience “hands-on history” of the land where we live.

2012 Accomplishments

- Roof completed
- Stone steps built (time capsule embedded in steps)
- Rocking chairs donated, stained and varnished for the front porch
- Lot cleared of brush
- Front yard terraced
- Foundation tuck pointed
- Cabin re-chinked
- Electric brought to cabin
- Cabin wired for electric
- Walnut logs harvested and cut into lumber
- Log barn cleared and old barn below cabin removed
- Stone reclaimed from shed by big barn
- Windows built and installed

2013 Plans

- Build back wall of the dogtrot (breezeway)
- Enclose the upstairs bedroom
- Finish chinking
- Install drop siding on gable ends and dogtrot
- Build chimneys
- Build and install gutters
- Build and install interior doors and back door
- Obtain and install flooring
- Finish trim
- Paint
- Obtain and install electric fixtures
- Build and install display cases
- Replace retaining wall at rear of cabin

The weather since the first of the year has not been too conducive to working at the cabin, but we have put in a few days. We were just notified that the walnut flooring has been milled and is ready for pick-up. We will pick up the flooring and store it until we finish installing the outside siding and make the cabin weather proof.

Outside work will be totally dependent on the weather and we may not be able to finish this until early spring. In the meantime we will be working on the inside of the cabin making and installing interior door frames and doors and a door frame and door for the rear dogtrot. Once all the door frames are complete and installed we will finish trimming all the doors and windows, both inside and the outside doors that still need trim. Work will also continue on insulating cabin walls and covering the upstairs walls with planking.

The flooring will be one of the last tasks for the restoration of the cabin building itself, which we hope to complete early spring. As the final tasks we will install light fixtures, baseboards, paint and clean-up a few odds and ends. At this point the committee that will furnish and decorate the cabin will be able to take over.

Clearing the area around the cabin of lumber, etc., and final grading and landscaping will finish the cabin building restoration. -Wayne Edwards

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM CHAIR JACKIE GRAH

One of the main goals of our committee in 2013 is to obtain permission from any property owners who have tombstones on their land to allow us to photograph them. We will research the people interred in the grave sites and their families. Our ultimate goal is to publish this research and photos into a booklet tentatively named “The cemeteries of Innsbrook, MO.”

We are also working with the Warren County Historical Society and the website Find-a-Grave to photograph the tombstones in Harmonie Church cemetery to provide a copy to the Society and upload to the website. If you would like to volunteer for one of these projects, please contact Jackie Grah at

limbfinder@centurylink.net.

BUILDING INTERIOR DESIGN AND DISPLAY REPORT FROM CHAIR CAROLYN CRANSTON

In keeping with the vision of the log cabin as a learning center, where young and old can experience how life was lived in the pre-Civil War days, as well as a place for family and friends to



enjoy picnics, music and lectures, we have come up with a "Wish List" of items that can either be donated or purchased for the log cabin and surrounding buildings.

All items donated will be recognized and listed accordingly. Items from the 1840 - 1850 period style would be most appreciated and donors will be recognized.

Below are a few things currently on our "Wish List" for the display room in the log cabin. Contributions can be made toward the following:

- Overhead TV (to project IHS related videos)
- Wood Burning Stove
- Wall shelves (TBD)
- 1-4 Display Cabinets
- 4 Outdoor Light Fixtures

These are basic items for now as we will be updating and revising our list as we determine our needs. We will be working on several more rooms in the log cabin as well as other buildings on the property this next year. So there will always be an opportunity for you to be a part of this wonderful cabin restoration process.

Please contact Carolyn Cranston at carolyncranston@gmail.com or 636-745-3220 for further information on donations or contributions.

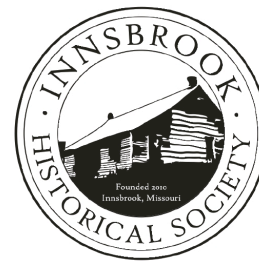
MEMBERSHIP NEWS & INVITATION TO JOIN THE IHS FROM CHAIR DEBBIE PRICE

While the Innsbrook Historical Society's membership year began July 1st, we are continuing to ask new members to join us and former members to renew. As you can see in this newsletter, work continues on the cabin and many new events are planned. Of special note is the Archeology presentation in April (see below).

As part of our genealogy efforts, we will also be photographing tombstones at Harmonie Church. Details to follow.

We invite you to join the IHS by completing the membership form available at our website, <http://www.innsbrookhistoricalsociety.org/SocietyMembership.html> and sending it along with your check to:

Jim Lang
Innsbrook Historical Society
 2266 Alpine View Drive



ARCHEOLOGY REPORT FROM CHAIR CECE LUECKING

Save the date: Sunday afternoon, April 14, 2013. St. Louis Community College professor of archeology, Michael Fuller, will give a presentation on discovering our past, especially at the log cabin, based on archeological finds. More information to follow.

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More information regarding
wine orders & preferences:
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As you make plans for entertaining, consider serving or gifting a choice selection of Innsbrook Historical Society Charrette Creek wines. IHS proudly offers a selection of wines from Argentina in support of the restoration project at our log cabin. With every case of Charrette Creek selected, a generous portion of the the proceeds, \$25 per 12-bottle case, will be donated to IHS. Four quality wines are offered at affordable pricing. (a tax rate of 8.425 % applies to all purchases)

2008 Charrette Creek Cabernet Sauvignon - This wine comes from the Valle de Uco, which is located in the Mendoza Region of Argentina. Enjoy this full-bodied red with beef and rich cheese, such as Cheddar and smoked Edam. **\$18.00 per bottle/\$216.00 per case (plus sales tax)**

2011 Charrette Creek Torrontes - A very versatile white varietal also coming from the Valle de Uco. Torrontes is a little known grape, which yields a fresh, crisp taste, a perfect match for seafood as well as a wonderful refreshment enjoyed any time. **\$16.50 per bottle/\$198.00 per case (plus sales tax)**

2010 Charrette Creek Malbec/Syrah - This full-bodied red from Mendoza contains two of the most famous red wines in the world. Its deep red robe is the first indication of an elegant, spicy selection. A wonderful accompaniment to roast turkey and game. **\$16.50 per bottle/\$198.00 per case (plus sales tax)**

2011 Charrette Creek Unoaked Chardonnay - This "other face" of Chardonnay also comes from Mendoza. While most Chardonnays are full-bodied and somewhat toasty due to their oak aging, this bright white wine provides a wonderful change. The crisp, refreshing taste is similar to that found in the Burgundy Region of France. Enjoy this treat with poultry dishes and fresh shellfish, such as oysters. **\$16.50 per bottle/\$198.00 per case (plus sales tax)**

Charrette Creek wines are sold by the case.

Cases containing a mixture of the 4 offered wines are possible and will be priced accordingly.

No shipping charge for Innsbrook delivery. **\$18 to ship anywhere in the USA.**

A beautifully presented 3-bottle gift box (you choose 3) is also offered. \$15 ships this box anywhere in the USA.

IHS TO SPONSOR EVENT AT THE CABIN SUNDAY , MAY, 19
 REPORT FROM PROGRAM/EVENT CHAIR DAN WEST



Don Collop poses with his chuck wagon at a Heritage Festival at Nifong Park, Columbia, MO. Collop told stories about cowboys and how important the chuck wagon was on the wagon trains moving west. -photo by Don Shrubshell/Tribune

**The Cowboy Way of Life
 Don Collop Keeps the
 Western Spirit Alive**

Plan to witness the living cowboy spirit on Sunday, May 19, at our historic log cabin, as re-enactor Don Collop of Colony, Missouri, portrays the character of “Cookie” the chuck wagon cook for cattlemen on the trail. “He was not only cook, but doctor, nurse, barber, and the one to settle all the bets,” says Don. He will take us to the days of the cattle drives via stories, poems, and song.

For more than two decades Don has been portraying the character of “Cookie” and still believes in the Cowboy Way of Life. Although Don admits to “cowboying” his whole life, he first got serious about re-enacting when he lived in Mexico, MO. During his three-decade tenure as

a lineman for Ameren Missouri, Don discovered the writings of famed cowboy poet Baxter Black.

Dressed in attire akin to the time, he began performing poems from other writers before small groups. Over the years Don has expanded to include other poets, singers, writers, and cooks - always in a timeframe depicting the authentic cowboy way of life.

Don is also dedicated to giving his presentations at elementary schools. “I love doing this for the kids and to keep the history of the cowboy alive,” says Don smiling. “Everything about the cowboy was just so great. He’d tell you the way it was. You could depend on him and he’d be there, riding for the brand. I think I was just born 100 years too late!”

Mark your calendar: May 19

Details on time to follow.
 Everyone is most welcome.

Calendar

On-going

IHS membership drive.
 See www.InnsbrookHistoricalSociety.org for membership forms.

On-going

Volunteer work @ Log Cabin
 Contact Wayne Edwards

April 14

Archeological Finds talk @ Log Cabin

May 19

The Cowboy Way of Life @ Log Cabin

Saturday, August 31, 1 - 3 p.m.

Dedication of the Log Cabin @ Historic Log Cabin site (See Below)

Friday, Sept. 27, 1:30 p.m.

Log Cabin Open @ Innsbrook Golf Course
 Contact Jim Douglass

Save the Date

AUGUST 31, 2013

**OFFICIAL
 DEDICATION
 OF THE LOG CABIN**

- *RIBBON CUTTING
- *INSTALLATION OF PLAQUES HONORING DONORS INSTALLED
- *ERA SPECIFIC ENTERTAINMENT
- *FOOD & BEVERAGES

We are looking forward to seeing you under the IHS Banner as we celebrate the culmination of our work at the log cabin. Details to follow.

