

June 2004 News Letter

1893 Pavilion Project Update

Kronenberger & Sons Crews Have Been Busy.

The Kronenberger crew began work in earnest just after the annual Living History Week. Their current mission is to strip the pavilion down to the post and beam frame, and then move the skeleton to the side. Once removed, the crews will then excavate a new cellar hole for the new foundation. The framework then will be replaced on the new foundation which will serve as the “bones” for the new retrofitted structure - a year round visitor center with space for exhibits and interpretive programs.



Friday May 14, 2004



Friday June 4, 2004



Friday June 12, 2004



Friday June 18, 2004

 Watch monthly News Letters for progress updates.

North Gate

The North Gate entrance on Rt. 58 is still closed. The DEP “heavy - equipment” crew, is due to come in anytime now to grade and fill the road with crushed run. This entrance will soon be the only one used during the construction projects at the main entrance.

June FAN's Meeting



The June meeting of the Friends group was held on Monday, June 14th at the Redding Town Hall.

Discussions held included:

1. The summary report of the Living History Week for students in area schools during the last week in May. The event was once again very successful and added dollars to the FAN's coffers.
2. The Treasurer's report which which included all of the income and expenses involving the Living History Week.
3. Kathleen von Jena's report on the status of the artifact inventory and the artifact restoration fees accrued thus far. More info next meeting on estimates for future restoration.
4. The 1893 Pavilion Project.
5. Summer re-enactor events to be held at museum.



Summer Re-enactors Program

Starting in mid-July, the FAN's will be hosting a program where re-enactors will demonstrate their craft in front of the museum. Surgeon, musket ball maker, tinsmith and colonial cooks and morewill demonstrate on Saturdays & Sundays (approximately 10am to 4pm).

Jim Freebairn, a whitesmith, demonstrates making 'lead' musket balls.



Start Thinking About The New Visitor Center

Even with the many thousands of dollars that the overall park's projects will cost this coming year, the new pavilion/visitor center will be the building itself not the interior furnishings like display cases, AV equipment, interpretative displays and decorations. Who will staff the building? This is where the Friends group can come into play.

The members who attended to this last monthly meeting began preliminary conversation on the subject. Like a sales shop manned by Fan's volunteers. Or interpretive programs for students before they enter the park..... Start forming ideas on how we can participate.

Old Put Rode Out Of The Park

Mariano Bros. Riggers & Crane Service had their crews on site early Monday morning June 21st. Helping supervise the removal of the 'Old Put' statue was Francis Miller from ConservArt LLC who will be restoring the statue back to mint condition in the months to come.

The crew worked all morning long chipping away at the concrete foundation to get at five heavy brass re-enforcement rods which had to be cut before the huge crane could lift the estimated 6,000 pound statue. Old Put and his horse were finally placed on the truck and carefully secured.



The statue of Anna Hyatt Huntington's Putnam's *Escape From Horseneck* was dedicated in September 1969 by the sculptress when she was 93 years of age.



The huge crane held the harness and the statue, while the crew cut the brass rods.



Around noontime, the statue was free of its restraints, and Put was lifted off the base.



The riggers spent a lot of time bracing and padding the statue for the ride to the studio.



Around 1:00pm, Old Put rode out of the park ... After guarding the entrance for 35 years!

Next Meeting



The next FAN's Meeting will be on Monday Evening **July 12th** at the Redding Town Hall. The meeting will start at **7:00pm**. Please come and join with us in the planning of events and projects at Putnam Park.