

# Mineral King Chronicle

Photo by Sharon Devol



## Letter From the Director

LISA MONTEIRO



Hello MKPS Supporters,

As autumn settles in and the temperature is dropping I am excited for what lies ahead for us at MKPS. Though we had a scary few weeks with the evacuation of Mineral King and areas along Mineral King Road this past summer, we continue to be thankful to the fire fighters and other first responders that keep protecting Mineral King.

We had a great summer in the time that we were able to be in Mineral King. Our Music in the Mountains concert had record breaking attendance, huge thanks to Ted Nunes, Allan Benton for performing at this event and to Michael Botkin and Keith Cosart for all of their help making it possible. In September we held the In a Landscape fundraiser at the Tulare County Museum. If you were able to attend you know what a magical evening it was and we hope to work with Hunter and his talented team again next year!

Looking to the future, we're thrilled to announce that we've submitted a proposal for a federal grant aimed at creating a new Mineral and Mining exhibit in the Mineral King Room at the Three Rivers Historical Museum. If awarded, this grant will allow us to share the unique story of our region's rich geological history and the ties to many lesser known stories, which has influenced the landscape of this community. We can't wait for this project to take shape!

We are excited to kick off our year-end campaign and hope that you will consider making a donation to MKPS when making your year-end financial decisions. More info on that and ways to donate on page 3. Thank you for continuing to support our mission as we grow and evolve. We couldn't do it without you. I look forward to sharing more "historic" moments together this season!

With warm regards,

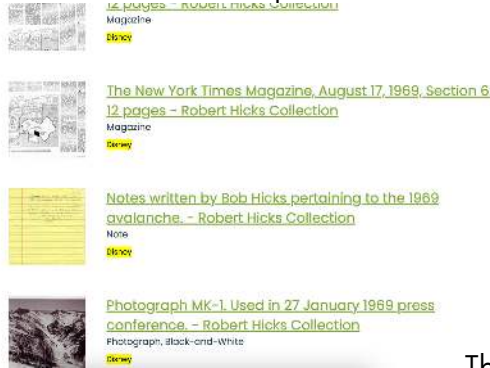
Lisa Monteiro

Did you know you can view our collection online? Our archivist Antoinette Cloutier uploads new items regularly as they are digitized and cataloged into our Past Perfect collection management software. Scan the QR below to be taken to the site!



The homepage of the digital collection

An example of how search results are displayed




The Archive Record for a handwritten note written by Bob Hicks

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## Archive Record



Title	Notes written by Bob Hicks pertaining to the 1969 avalanche.
Collection	Robert Hicks Collection
Object Name	Note
Catalog Number	2013.010.024
Description	There was no [?] and [?]. There was no surprise for the 1969 avalanche. "The village had been planned and on the private land, but after the 1966 survey by Andre Roche it was moved to the intersection of Monarch and Kaweah Creeks which was a few hundred yards to the north (where the road turned southward toward Farewell Gap)"
Date	1969
People	<a href="#">Hicks, Robert</a>
Search Terms	<a href="#">Disney</a>
Parent Object ID	<a href="#">2013.010.015</a>

# Year End Campaign

The season of giving is underway! Your dedication to the mission of preserving and promoting the history of Mineral King and the Southern Sierra makes the work we do possible. It is because of supporters like you that we have been able to achieve so much and continue to protect the history of Mineral King and share it through our programs and exhibits. We take our role as stewards of this incredible place seriously and are proud to serve as a source of connection and discovery for all of you. I would like to invite you to consider MKPS for your year-end contributions.

For this year's campaign, you can designate your donation to a specific project or contribute to our general fund to sustain operations. Current funding needs include:

- New interactive mining exhibit in the Mineral King Room
- Video Series
- General Fund

To learn more about how your contributions make a difference, we encourage you to visit our website, follow us on Facebook and Instagram, or reach out to me directly. To donate through our website please scan the QR code below or head to [www.mineralking.org/donate](http://www.mineralking.org/donate). You can also mail a check to:

MKPS  
PO Box 86  
Three Rivers, CA 93271

On behalf of the Mineral King Preservation Society, thank you for your support. Together, we can continue to honor and protect this extraordinary place for generations to come.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Lisa Monteiro



*Thank  
You*



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# A Return to Mineral King

Brendan Black shared some images with MKPS that were taken during recent hikes and shared this background on himself: I am a jazz musician and teaching artist (currently teaching for VUSD) and I like to climb mountains and study the natural world in my free time.

I think I was 6-7 when I first visited the Mineral King Valley. My grandfather and my dad took me on a day trip (maybe around 1989-90?). After that, I believe the next time I was there was in 2013, for the last days of a backpacking trip. I've since been back many times.

I return to play among the peaks, surrounded by an indescribable beauty propagated by everything that is there. The Mineral King area is one of my favorite places in the world, and being able to spend time there is a gift.





# Music in the Mountains



Music in the Mountains was held on Saturday, August 10th and was a wonderful evening in Mineral King! Music was provided by Ted Nunes and Allan Benton and though they had big shoes to fill following many wonderful years of music by Mankin Creek, it was unanimous that everyone loved Ted and Allan. They played a great mix of Ted's originals, country and Americana tunes, as well as many popular cover songs. We had our largest turnout of attendees in the last five years and everyone enjoyed the music, sandwiches from Sierra Subs, and gorgeous backdrop as the sun set over Mineral King Valley.





# Curator's Corner

SANDRA STRYD

Isn't fall the best? Fall is a beautiful reminder that nature sheds its old layers, making way for fresh beginnings. It's a time of transformation; where the vibrant colors of leaves inspire us to embrace change and renewal in our own lives. MKPS social media pages (see links in this newsletter) have wonderful pictures of this transformation in Mineral King. Local artist Jana Botkin has amazing pictures in some of her blog posts on her web page at <https://www.cabinart.net/blog/>. Take a look and enjoy Mineral King at one of the best times of the year!



Need a book to read for that week you're in Mineral King? Working on writing your own book and need resource material? Mineral King Preservation Society is doing a bit of transforming as well. We now have a "working" library, located at our office, 40838 Sierra Drive, Three Rivers. Our members and friends can now go online and check out a book (or several books) on their way to Mineral King. Put a hold or check out your favorite book and I'll have it waiting for you. Please don't forget to return them for the next person.

The Mineral King Library was made possible by the generous book donations from Louise Jackson and Mary Dungan Megalli. We will be adding books donated by Alan George next. Receiving personal libraries is gift we love to get from our donors. We are still adding books, but I wanted to get the word out, that we're open for business! Send me an email stating you want access to the Library and I'll send you a code that you need to use each time you visit the library. Once you receive the code go to: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/MineralKing>

If you need help using the library, send me an email at [sandra@mineralking.org](mailto:sandra@mineralking.org). Thank you Rhys Vanciel for working so hard to get this library set up and going for our members and friends.

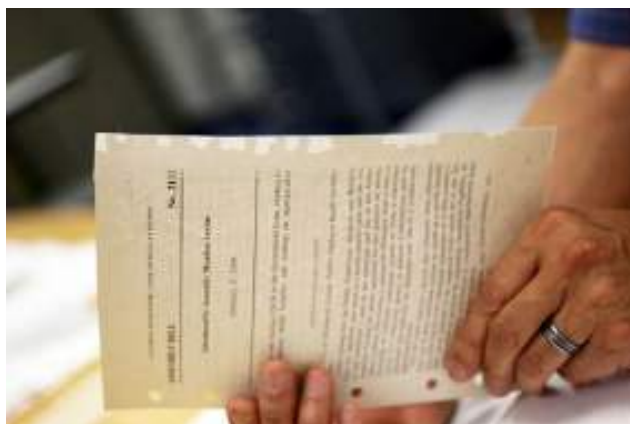
# Curator's Corner Continued...

## Got a tear in that photo? No problem!

I recently attended the Archive Preservation Workshop at the California State Archives. The California Archives, in Sacramento, awards 16 spots to attend, at no charge, twice a year. We are privileged to have been selected to attend. We had hands-on instruction on:

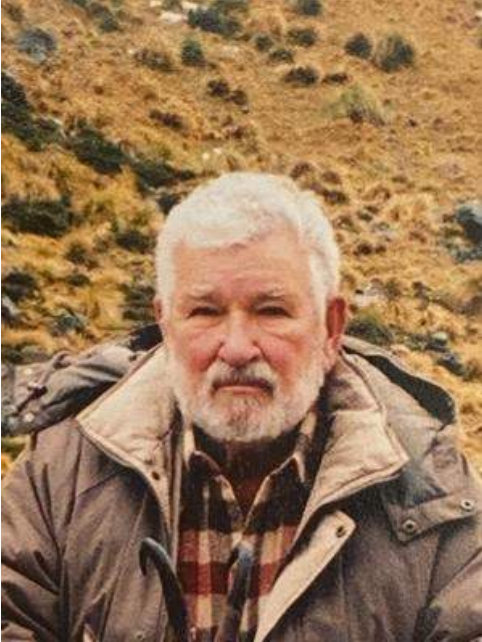
- Paper surface cleaning
- Paper flattening
- Preparation of wheat paste and methylcellulose
- Mending tears; paper edge reinforcement
- Mending tears in book pages
- Mending torn photos
- Encapsulation by hand
- Best practices in large map storage and repair

This was such an interesting and fun workshop, where I learned I can do repair work that I had no idea I could do! Should you ever get a chance to tour the California Archives, wow, don't pass it up. What an amazing place, and the secrets they have stored there, shhhh!



## **Stanley Lawrence Cosart**

1932 to 2024



Thank you to those that have donated to MKPS in memory of Stan. Your donations are greatly appreciated and we share all memorials with the family. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his friends and family.

## **Volunteer with MKPS!**

Looking for a meaningful way to make a difference? Join us and volunteer with MKPS! Whether you're passionate about history, preservation, or engaging with our community there's a place for you on our team. From helping with events to assisting, presenting about a historical topic related to Mineral King and/or the Sierra, help with exhibits or our Mountain Memories project, your time and talents can make a lasting impact. Reach out today and become a vital part of protecting and celebrating the legacy of Mineral King! Email me at [Lisa@mineralking.org](mailto:Lisa@mineralking.org) and let's chat!





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