



The Transmitter

Transmitter—Official Newsletter of the Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse Association

Fall 2015

**FFPA—Celebrating
30 years of service!**

Join Us for the 4th Annual Electricity Fair!

The Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse Association is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year in its mission to maintain and support the Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park in interpretive, educational and conservation activities. And thus we are excited to assist in hosting the 4th Annual Electricity Fair on Saturday, **September 12 from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. This is a **FREE** community event.

We have been actively planning for another great turnout by the community as State Parks, FFPA, park volunteers, SMUD, SacEV.org, and FOLFAN collaborate to warmly invite families to again celebrate at the Powerhouse. FFPA is also thankful for its corporate sponsors: Kindercare, Safeway and Walmart.

Safeway is sponsoring power snacks and refreshments for purchase. There will be a host of activities for children, including cooking and making crafts with solar energy with support from Walmart and an activity table sponsored by KinderCare. Mr. Electricity will be on hand helping children make speakers out of paper cups. Electric automobiles will be on display. Other activities include tours of the Powerhouse and interactive exhibits in the Visitor's Center/Museum. Relive history by dressing as Ben Franklin and taking your photo in the smile booth.

We enthusiastically invite you and your family to this free, family fun day by the river. *K-Hits 101.5 will be broadcasting live from the event.*

Questions? Email us at info@ffpaonline.org.

Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse Association is a proud cooperating association with the California State Parks in maintaining and supporting the Folsom Powerhouse.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



President’s Message—Tell a Friend

Powerhouse Park Visitors—By the Numbers

Apr-Jun, 2015

- 206—Scheduled tour visitors
- 4,185—Park visitors
- 1,809—Powerhouse visitors (inc Lower)
- 1,490—Visitor Center visitors

Tours included CA Energy Storage Alliance, Intel, cub scouts, schools, and American River College classes

To schedule your group tour. Call the tour office at (916) 985-4843 between the hours of Noon to 4:00pm, Wednesday through Sunday.

The Park offers picnic tables and access to Lake Natoma. It is also a photographer’s delight.

Thanks so much for the support you gave us for our first *Powerfest—Taps & Tunes*. Because of the help and support of volunteers, FFPA members, CA State Parks and the community, the event was

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successful and we plan to bring it back, bigger and better, in 2016. Many people visited the park for the first time during the *Powerfest* and enjoyed the park and the format.

We have been busy preparing for the fourth annual Electricity Fair to be held September 12 from 10:00am to 2:00pm on the Powerhouse grounds. If you haven’t had the opportunity to attend the Electricity Fair, it offers fun for the entire family. It is a free event and promises to be better than ever.

Without exception, folks who visit the Powerhouse for the first time realize

that it is a special place—a unique property revealing an important moment in late 1800’s history. It is easy to take a gem like the Powerhouse for granted, but we must not do that. We are fortunate to

have this park in our backyard which serves as a wonderful day activity or opportunity to spend time with family and friends that visit from out of town.

CA State Parks, who owns and manages the Powerhouse, does not have all the financial resources to support all the maintenance and upkeep needed to fully maximize the grounds, visitation hours, and docent activities. It is because of these needs that the Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse Association (FFPA) was established 30 years ago.

FFPA is one of 88 cooperating associations to State Parks. Your contribution

to FFPA insures that your money goes directly to the Powerhouse. Ways you can help us assist State Parks in preserving the Park: tell a friend about your Powerhouse visit, join FFPA, buy a brick for display in front of the Visitor’s Center, volunteer at or sponsor an event. Visit our website, FFPAonline.org, for more details. Many thanks for your support!

Brad Livingood

Leave a legacy. Many thanks to those who have already *left a legacy* by purchasing a commemorative brick (or two). This project is an opportunity for you to leave a legacy for your family, a friend, or a colleague. See page 5 for a list of individuals who have already stepped up to leave a legacy and page 6 more information.

Superintendent's Office Gets a New Roof

One aspect of the FFPA mission is to fund conservation efforts at the park. Below is an example of the type of projects that we help fund, although this project of replacing the roof on the Superintendent's Office and Machine Shop Building was funded by the California State Parks.

Photo courtesy of Brad Livingood



Raise Your Hand to Support Our Community Treasure

If you have talents in grant writing, fundraising, media relations, event planning, membership recruitment, or retail sales, and are interested in putting your talents to work on the board, email us at info@ffpaonline.org.

Current Board Members

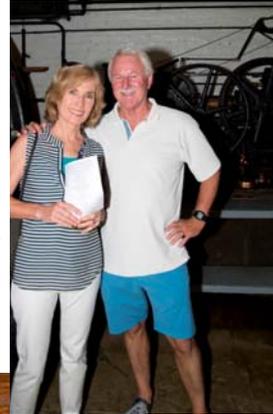
Brad Livingood, president; Karen C. Polastri, IOM, vice president; Bill Johnson, immediate past president/secretary; Rick Dwyer, treasurer; Ken Appel, director; Tom Boyd, director, Pat Homans, director



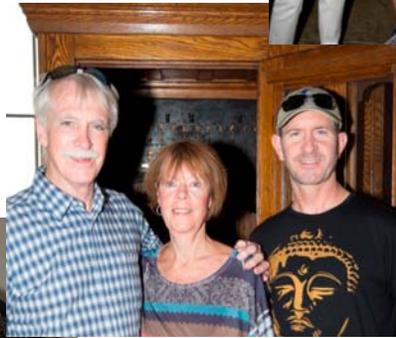
Powerfest — And a Good Time Was Had by All



Mike Francois and Dana Jones



Joni and Gary Matson



Rich Lynn, Jyl Simpson and Greg Lynn



Paula and Dave Sanderson

Joe Diniz, Alice Giesel, Many McCormack, Gina Lopez and Lisa Pena



Azuar



The expansion of the brewing industry in Sacramento was in no small part due to the pioneering advancement of the commercial electric power grid that first began with the building of the Folsom Powerhouse.

Photo credits. Thank you to Stephen Porten for the portrait shots and Bill Johnson for photos of the crowd and the band

FFPA Family Science Club ... Exploring the Possibilities!

Folsom Powerhouse



A program of the Friends of the
Folsom Powerhouse Association

FFPA is exploring the possibility of launching a new science club and is starting to reach out to garner interest and support.

Below are some of the elements we are working on that may be included as benefits of the FFPA Science Club.

- Bi-monthly digital newsletter, *Explore*, with DIY science projects, and local science events and activities. Fun for the whole family.
- Special club benefits at our Annual Electricity Fair (coming for 2016).
- Special tours and events for club members at the Park.
- Discounts on science kits.
- FFPA’s quarterly digital newsletter, *The Transmitter*.

We are offering the first six months of club membership for free (once the Club launches) if you sign up now either at the FFPA table at the Electricity Fair or online through our website, www.ffpaonline.org (look for the Science Club button)

Come explore the possibilities!

Legacy Bricks

Thank you to the following individuals who have purchased bricks. The ground is currently being prepared for the laying of the bricks. Do you know of a quality brick mason willing to help FFPA with this project? Contact Board treasurer, Rick Dwyer, at rick@prop-con.com.

Hal and Sandy Higgins

Paul C. Money

Bill and Denise Johnson

Debbie Monez

Craig Jones in honor of John P. Drewry

Stan and Joy Newell

Fred W. Kellie

Joyce Park

Norman Livermore

Stephen L. Porten

Brad Livingood

BUY A BRICK TODAY!

You may purchase your legacy brick online at www.ffpaonline.org.

Leave a Legacy...buy a brick or two!



The Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse Association is pleased to collaborate with the California State Parks on the beautification and enhancement of the Visitor's Center with a new brick pathway. This capital improvement is also an opportunity for members of the community to leave a legacy with their names, or the names of their family members or colleagues, etched in the brick. Form is also on our website, www.ffpaonline.org.



Leave a legacy at the Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse Association!

Purchase a \$100 memorial brick that will be used to pave a new walkway at the Folsom Powerhouse Visitor Center. It's easy and your brick dedication will leave a legacy at the Folsom Powerhouse!

<p>ORDER FORM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete Order Form. 2. Make \$100 check payable to: FFPA 3. Mail completed form & check to: FFPA 4. Retain "Charitable Receipt" for tax purposes. 	<p>Fill out boxes as you wish them to appear on the brick.</p> <p>Example:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>M</td><td>A</td><td>R</td><td>T</td><td>I</td><td>N</td><td>F</td><td>A</td><td>M</td><td>I</td><td>L</td><td>Y</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>M</td><td>O</td><td>M</td><td>&</td><td>D</td><td>A</td><td>D</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>J</td><td>A</td><td>S</td><td>O</td><td>N</td><td>&</td><td>A</td><td>B</td><td>B</td><td>Y</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </table>	M	A	R	T	I	N	F	A	M	I	L	Y			M	O	M	&	D	A	D				J	A	S	O	N	&	A	B	B	Y																																						
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Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse Association, Federal Tax ID#68-0062027, a 501 (c)(3) organization, acknowledges the receipt of \$ _____ from _____.

Donor has received no goods or services for this donation.

FFPA Admin. Office, 950 Glenn Drive, Suite 150, Folsom, CA 95630

Help Protect the Historic Red Bank / Mormon Island Pioneer Community

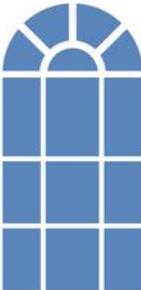
A Call for Volunteers

Friends of Lakes Folsom and Natoma (FOLFAN) is calling for volunteers to assist with an important educational project designed to help protect the natural and cultural resources at the historic Red Bank / Mormon Island pioneer community at Folsom Lake State Park.

If you are interested volunteering, contact Jim Cassio at (916) 320-4944 for more information and / or to sign up for a free volunteer interpretive training session led by California State Parks.



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2015 Calendar of Activities & Events

September

12 — 4th Annual Electricity Fair, Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park, 9980 Greenback Lane, Folsom, 10:00am to 2:00pm. **FREE.**

12—Italy on Wheels Italian Cars, Motorcycles and Bicycles, Murer House, 1125 Joe Murer Court, Folsom, 10:00am to 2:00pm. **FREE.**

12—Murer House Inaugural Bocce Tournament, 11:00am to 1:00pm, for more information email folsomite@aol.com

12 & 13—The Museum of Wonder & Delight, 3-day grand opening begins with a ribbon cutting on Sept. 11 at 12:30pm. This museum stars one-of-a-kind collection of vintage toys, international folk art, antique dolls, Christmas ephemera, and more. www.folsomhistoricalsociety.org

October

17 — 4th Annual Festa Dinner, Murer House, 1125 Joe Murer Court, Folsom, 4:00pm to 7:00pm, 4-course dinner with wine and live entertainment, for more information call 916-985-8597 or email a-herndon@sbcglobal.net

Coming soon! The **Folsom Railroad Museum** is planning to celebrate 10 years of Light Rail service to Folsom. Stay tuned for more information.
