

GCPS Progress Report
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By Diane Sterne

- Thank you Howard Peet for another generous donation to the GCPS. We are extremely grateful for your continued support over the years!!

- Thank you also to Rick and Lorrie Rhodes for their generous donation. They interred the ashes of their mother, Dorothy Irene Rhodes to be with her husband at the Cemetery. I added Dorothy's name to the index board at the Cemetery and also to my binder of records. Dorothy is also now included on the Findagrave site together with some photos and a lovely biography from her obituary. Thank you so much Rick and Lorrie for your donation.

- Thank you Todd Lester for posting the GCPS AGM Poster on various Facebook pages. Your Social Media expertise is greatly appreciated!!

- So much is getting done! ☺ Jackie of Auto Tac has made the direction sign for the Delprato cabin. This was funded by the grant from the Heritage Branch. The sign is beautiful! Bob Sterne and I got it mounted at the start of the trail that leads to the Cabin. It is past the corral. You won't be able to miss it if you go in there. The Heritage Branch had suggested we put up the sign.

- The Delprato Cabin roof is fixed! Also funded with a grant from the Heritage Branch, we hired All Purpose Roofing to do the repairs. Thank you Maurice Chartrand and Tim for your hard work. It looks fantastic and we won't have to worry about snow and rain getting into the Cabin. As we agreed previously, the stove pipe was not reinstalled for fear it could get knocked out again from heavy snow, and it also posed a fire hazard. The wood stove is still the centerpiece of the Cabin, but it is not to be used. I have put up a sign reminding anyone in the Cabin not to light a fire in the stove.

- Maurice and Tim also put a new roof on the former sauna (again, funded by the Heritage Branch grant). This building is used by the GCPS as a shed to store supplies, but the roof was a mess. We feared the building would fall down some winter after

a heavy snow. Maurice and Tim put up some supports and a metal roof (using some roofing we had scavenged from the property a few years ago and ridge cap donated by All Purpose Roofing). Their hard work has saved this building! Thank you Maurice and Tim!

- Maurice and Tim have also been removing metal from the dump site at the Cabin. Thank you again Maurice and Tim for your hard work!!! AMAZING!!!
- Bob and I winterized the cabin: The bucket mouse trap has anti-freeze in it, batteries are removed, cameras are down, and I went into the cellar to shoot pack rats (4 in the cellar and 1 in the outhouse). I poured an entire bottle of ammonia along the outside of the cabin under the porch where the rats have been entering. Bob crushed some rat poison pellets (the kind that won't hurt secondary critters that might eat dead rats) and mixed it with potato flakes. I put it on the freezer in the cellar in case more rats go down there. As an aside, I have learned pack rats are very intelligent. They have used sticks, mud and leaves to insulate the top of the cellar walls. There were many nests in the cellar as well as an unbelievable amount of food (leaves, etc.) that the rats had "packed" down there. I wonder if that means we are in for a very hard winter. The wood that was beside the woodstove has been removed since the stove is no longer operational. We brought home the "Welcome to Joe Delprato's Cabin" signs that were on the old ladder. The paint didn't hold up, so they need repainting over the winter. We also brought home the bottled water from the fridge so that it doesn't freeze over the winter. Bob put some wood stakes in the ground and flagged where he would like Ernie Rice to place the picnic table when it is completed.
- There were many positive entries in the guestbook we have in the mailbox outside the Cabin door. Visitors are really enjoying the surprise of finding the Cabin. Bob went through the thousands of photos from the cameras and found one showing a moose in the Cabin yard. There was also a series of pictures of a bear cub stealing a boot under a bench on the porch. He then stood up at the front door making it look like he was knocking on the door. It is a very cute photo! There were the usual deer and cows visiting the yard and one hummingbird who couldn't resist being photographed.
- There is no update to give regarding the Cemetery lease.

- Eight hundred maps have been taken from the mailbox at the Granite Creek town site this year.