

An evening with ESIA at the Authors and Artists Series Winter 2020 Author Talk



By Molly Trauscht

If a mountain could tell its life story, what would it say?

One of the most celebrated mountains in the world is situated in the Sierra Nevada range, right in our backyard. Yosemite's Half Dome rises thousands of feet above the valley floor, where it has been admired for thousands of years.

Beyond its grandeur, Half Dome has quite the story to tell. Have you gazed at its sheer face and wondered what happened to the other half? Or maybe you've climbed the cable route to the summit, following an unphased and speedy Lyell salamander (*Hydromantes platycephalus*) and pondering how such a tiny creature could live on the desolate and rocky summit.

Have you ever wondered about the earliest inhabitants' spiritual creation stories of this majestic mountain? Half Dome is famous for its beauty, but it is also a symbol of strength, resilience, freedom and belonging. What could we learn if we listened to its story?

Hear the iconic story of Yosemite's Half Dome on Feb. 27 as Joe Reidhead shares the motivation and inspiration behind his book

"Half Dome: The History of Yosemite's Iconic Mountain." Reidhead will focus on the intersection of the monolith's story and the stories of the people drawn to it, tracing this granite mountain's story through the ages, from 500 million years ago to the present day.

Learn about Half Dome's fiery beginnings and discover its unique summit ecology. Hear the origin story that the Native Americans shared, the Ahwahneechee, decedents of Miwok, knew the mountain as "Tis-sa-ack," which is often translated to "face of young woman stained with tears." Feel the exhilaration of the first humans to climb its steep face, learn the tragic tales of death that have befallen many on this dome, and tune in to the management of a mountain that belongs to all. And of course, find inspiration from the beauty that the planet holds.

This event is part of the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association's (ESIA) continuing Authors and Artists series hosted in partnership with the Inyo National Forest. This series features presentations by many of the authors and artists whose interpretive and educational merchandise

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are sold in ESIA's 17 U.S. Forest Service and U.S. National Park Service visitor centers and ranger station bookstores operated by ESIA.

The Author Talk will be on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the U.S. Forest Service Auditorium next to the Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center, and is free and open to the public.

Reidhead's book will be available for purchase onsite, and immediately following the talk he will be available to autograph copies.

(Molly Trauscht is the operations manager for the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association. As one of the oldest non-profits in the region, the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association was established in 1970 by citizens interested in helping the U.S. Forest Service provide interpretive education relevant to the unique surrounding landscape.)

Joe Reidhead will share his experience and inspiration behind his book Half Dome at the Winter 2020 Authors and Artists Series hosted by ESIA.

Photo courtesy of Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association

Mammoth hosts U.S. Grand Prix Jan. 29-Feb. 1

Tenth time MMSA has hosted Grand Prix

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The final stop of the Land Rover U.S. Grand Prix will be held at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area Jan. 29-Feb. 1, Mammoth Mountain officials said.

The event will host men and women's FIS World Cup halfpipe and slopestyle competition.

According to Mammoth Mountain Ski Area spokeswoman Lauren Burke, "Mammoth Mountain has proved its ability to breed talent and foster a culture of athletic development that almost seems embedded in the mountain's DNA. Mixed with a healthy amount of natural snowfall and the world-class Unbound Terrain Parks, it's the perfect formula to set athletes up for success."

Over the years, she said, visitors and athletes can see evidence of these elements coming to fruition through "ground-breaking athletic performances and milestone moments."

Hosting the Grand Prix 10 times, "Mammoth has been fortunate enough to name our Olympic athletes three times including in 1998 - the first year the Olympics hosted snowboard halfpipe as an official event," she said in a recent news release.

"Mammoth also hosted the final qualifying event before the 2014 and 2018 Olympic Winter Games. Furthermore, the U.S. Snowboard Team has been utilizing Mammoth's amazing terrain and facilities since early 2001, when halfpipe coach Pete del Giudice took Ross Powers and Kelly Clark to Mammoth to train prior to the 2002 Salt Lake City Games; both Ross and Kelly went on to win Olympic halfpipe gold medals."

Clark's journey with Mammoth came full circle when she qualified for her fifth and final Olympic team in 2018 at her home resort, she said. "Joining Kelly that night to celebrate their Olympic nominations was Shaun White and Chloe Kim, who both went on to take home gold medals in Pyeongchang," Burke said. "(They) both call Mammoth Mountain their home resort."

Burke said the best place to watch the action is from the Tusks Sundeck at Main Lodge, the base of the pipe, or along the fence line in Main Park. There will be snow-stairs cut into the halfpipe wall to allow for easy access to watch, she said. The center of Main Park (along the jumps) allows the best view to watch the slopestyle unfold each day.

For more information and a schedule, go to <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/events/land-rover-us-grand-prix-mammoth-mountain>.



The Grand Prix at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area always gives competitive skiers a chance to shine and sometimes it can lead to Olympic gold.

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OBITUARY NOTICES

NANCY ARLENE PIPER 1954 – 2020



Nancy Arlene Piper, 65, was called home January 18, 2020. She was welcomed into eternity by the late Robert McDowell Sr. They shared 14 years together. Born in Bishop on June 10, 1954, Nancy is preceded in death by her parents Steve and Corrine Piper.

She attended Bishop Union High School and graduated then went to college at South Bay in Los Angeles where she met Robert McDowell Sr. She was employed many years at the Paiute Palace Casino for many years as a house keeper and maintenance and later moved up to Housekeeping supervisor.

She was a member of the Bishop Paiute tribe. She enjoyed drinking coffee, crocheting, playing games on her tablet, gambling at the Paiute Palace, and watching First 48hrs and the New Orleans Saints; but most of all she absolutely enjoyed and loved spending time with her grandkids. She will be remembered for her warmth and nurturing straightforward ways. She always took care of not just her kids but to all who might have needed it. She will also be remembered by her smile and great laugh, quick wit and humor.

She is survived by her five children, Tanya Piper, Robert McDowell, Thomas McDowell, Steven McDowell, and Melinda Peggy McDowell; grandchildren, Quanah Davis, Bear Piper, Jarrid Cortez, Robert McDowell III, Larielle McDowell, Derrick Cortez, Ella McDowell, Hayden Dondero, Thomas McDowell Jr., Imory McDowell, Dominique McDowell, Gianni McDowell, Austin L. Anderson, Artemia Anderson and Austinn Harold Anderson; one great-grandchild Makenna Davis; Daughter-in-Laws Callina Cortez, Alena Donders and Sheila Anderson; 3 loving brothers and 1 sister, Gerrald Lewis, Floyd Piper, Donovan Piper and Charlotte Martinez; numerous nieces and nephews from AZ to here whom she was very close with and many great friends and relatives from all over.

Rest in Paradise for eternity Mother, Grandmother Aunt + auntie gramma, sister and friend. A cry dance will be held Saturday, January 25 at dusk at Nancy's home on 798 Winuba Lane. Services at 12 p.m. on Sunday, January 26 at the Barlow Lane Gym following a pot luck. Cremation is planned followed by a private interment for family.

CHARLES RICHARD LIPPOLDT 1936 – 2020



Charles Richard Lippoldt; born November 12, 1936 in Okarche, OK, died on January 17, 2020 at his home in Bishop, CA. Charles lived in Inyo County for 43 years and loved to go camping, fishing. He also, likes to travel, watch sports and bowl.

Charles was preceded in death by wife Teryl Lippoldt, son Timothy Lippoldt, brother, John Lippoldt and sister Alice (Toots) Miller.

Charles is survived by son Anthony Lippoldt, daughter Kimberly Seguine, sister, Pat Edon, Mary Kate Hicks, Lynn Zucksworth, brothers, David Lippoldt, Dennis Lippoldt, William Lippoldt. He is also, survived by grandchildren, Holly and Boyd Lippoldt. Brendon Frazier, Kristen Pierce, Allene Clark and Ray Seguine III, great grandchildren, Kia Frazier, Parker and Austin Pierce and last but certainly not least Grace Brodbeck.

Services will be held at Brune Mortuary, January 29, 2020 at 11 a.m., followed by a graveside Service at East Line Street Cemetery.



JOHN SLEE SR. 1953 – 2020



On January 19, 2020, John Slee Sr., loving husband and father of three children, passed away peacefully at his home in Bishop, CA at age 66.

John was born on March 15, 1953 in Santa Monica, CA to his parents, Kenneth and Elizabeth Slee. He graduated from Bishop Union High School in 1971. He received his AA degree from Pierce College in Woodland Hills, CA a few years later. John moved back to Bishop where he started a portable welding business called "John's Portable Welding." In 1981, he opened his muffler and welding shop, "John's Muffler and Automotive" that he owned and operated successfully for 34 years. His goal was always to provide quality service with honesty.

On February 11, 1978, John married the love of his life, Cindy Gail Slee. They raised two sons, Patrick and John Jr., and one daughter, Kimberly.

John had a passion for collecting antiques. He enjoyed spending time with family camping at Grant Lake and fishing on the pontoon boat. He loved to Jeep around the beautiful Bishop countryside and traveling to new places with his wife. John was known for his sarcastic sometimes ornery sense of humor to some and his big tender teddy bear heart to others.

John was preceded in death by his father Kenneth and his mother Elizabeth. John is survived by his wife, Cindy, his son, Patrick and wife Melissa, his son John Jr. and wife Shirley, his daughter, Kimberly Ward and husband Dave. His two grandsons, John Vernon Slee and Thomas Ward; his four granddaughters, Sage, Sadie, and Chloe Slee, and Kayla Maes. He is also survived by his siblings, Kenneth Slee, Jr., Susan Slee Fasching, Randy Slee, Katie Slee Mangan, William Slee, and Betsy Slee Troop, and their families.

A special thank you to Ruby Allen at Hospice of Owens Valley for her loving care and support during John's final days. Also, the family would like to extend their sincerest gratitude towards Brune Mortuary for their tender and professional care. As well as, a warm thank you for the overwhelming love and support we have received from family and friends during this difficult time. We appreciate you all.

A "Celebration of Life" Service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Calvary Baptist Church, 1100 W. Line St, Bishop, CA 93514. A light lunch reception will follow.

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