



# QUICKSILVER COUNTY PARK NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Two additional ore cars have been added to the Outdoor Museum. These cars were originally donated to the New Almaden Museum in 1980 by Jim Zinardi when he closed the Guadalupe Mines and opened Guadalupe Disposal site. After building his office at the disposal site, he needed the ore cars back for added ambience. Jim came back to the Original Museum at Connie Perham's , where your organization was holding things and running visitors through, and asked for the cars. We were glad to give them to him as he had delivered all the outdoor mining equipment to us the previous year. Now years later after Jim sold the disposal company to Waste Management, the company discarded the ore cars and willingly gave them to us for our Outdoor Museum. They really enhance the site.

In August we will begin the Bell Tower at the entrance to the Hacienda Parking site at AQ. It has been on hold so the County Parks Department could prepare the area for the new permanent bathrooms at the site. As they are excavating the site, the contractor will build the foundation for the Bell Tower and then we can begin work on the tower. In the meantime we have received all the necessary permits to move the Rossi Retort from its site in the Spanishtown area and rebuild it by the Rotary Furnace. This retort was pretty much dismantled during the clean up of tailings at the Rotary Furnace. Now it will have a great place for visitors to view. This retort was considered the perfect "angle of repose" element for miners to convert cinnabar to mercury. We are delighted to see it brought back.

Get ready for Pioneer Day! October 11, 2014.

Have a great summer!

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