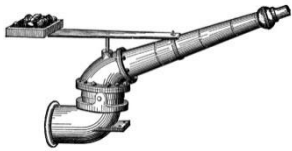


# KENTUCKY CAMP CHRONICLE



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## Headquarters Building Kitchen Renovation

By Mark Doumas

The renovation of the original kitchen in the Headquarters building is well underway. Since the Forest Service acquired ownership of the site in the late 1980's, this room has been used for tools and material storage. As such, it has been off-limits for public tours and had become the room neediest of rehabilitation of all the habitable buildings on site.



*The Verde Valley School team joined us for the November 2018 Project Week*

We got a huge start on this project in November of last year during our annual "Project Week" when the Verde Valley School joined our "regular" volunteers for a fun week of work. Tools and materials were moved from the Headquarters Kitchen to the previously-remodeled "back room" of the Gold Processing building. This new workroom space is a bit smaller than the Headquarters Kitchen, so, we had to sort and thin-out materials and tools that were no longer needed. Two pickup truck loads of degraded or unusable supplies were disposed of. Serviceable items that were no longer needed were sold at the swap meet and on eBay.

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Electric power has now been extended to the Gold Processing Building. The Verde Valley Team was instrumental in digging a 70' trench for electrical conduit from the site's main electrical service panel to a junction box in the Gold Processing Building. Outlets and lighting have been installed in the new work room and we also installed spare circuits for electrifying the main room of the Gold Processing building in the future.



*Doug Maus directs the completion of the trench.*

The soil removed for the conduit trench was screened for artifacts. The soil was then backfilled and compacted into the trench. Recovered artifacts include numerous fragments of assay crucibles, an ammunition clip and glass. Artifacts will be described in a future newsletter article.

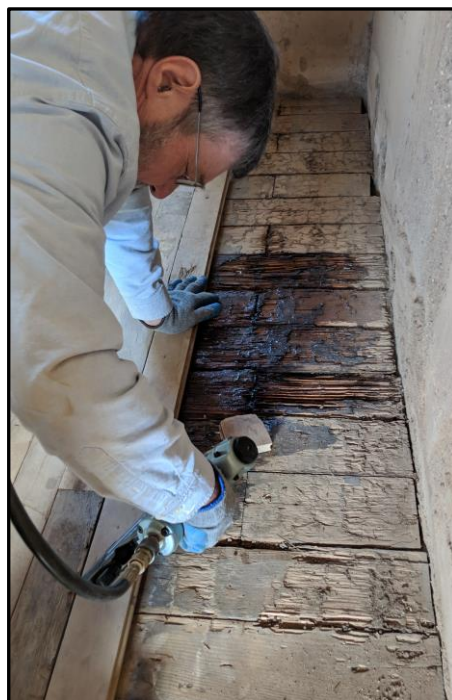


*Fragments of crucibles found while digging the electrical trench.*

Once the Headquarters kitchen was cleared-out renovation was started in earnest. The plywood covers were removed from the three main windows. The original glass windows were installed. The fourth window into the pegboard tool area remains covered in plywood for security reasons. This plywood window cover will be replaced with a glass when we move the pegboard and tools to the new workshop on a future work day.

Assessment of the kitchen floor revealed that it was in relatively good shape and does have a second layer of boards or "subfloor". There was rot damage along the north wall extending about two feet into the room. The top layer of floor boards in this area was removed and epoxy was used to reinforce the damaged subfloor boards. The top floorboards in this area were replaced with good historic wood salvaged from the original boards and from materials stored in Cabin A. This floor treatment was not as extensive as previous floor replacements on the site but it should last another 10 years or more.

Electrification of the Kitchen has started. Channels have been cut on three walls for the conduit that will provide power to new electrical outlets.



*John Weiss installs rehabilitated floorboards*

We hope to complete the renovation of the Headquarters Kitchen during the remainder of 2019. Much work still needs to be done: One remaining boarded-up window needs to be replaced with a glass window. Several more electrical outlets need to be installed and wired. The walls need to be replastered. A connecting door between the kitchen and the dining room needs to be installed. We'll need to furnish the kitchen in a period-appropriate décor. (Including the old wood burning stove which currently resides in the Gold Processing Building.)

When completed, the Kitchen will be open to the general public and will help provide a complete picture of mining camp life at the turn of the last century.



## Photos from the Caretaker

Here are some photos taken by our April caretaker and FKC member, Martha Jo Billy:



## Forest Service Fee Proposal - Update

In an earlier newsletter, we reported that the Coronado National Forest had been conducting a series of public meetings to discuss the need to address a budget shortfall for recreation sites throughout southern Arizona. The proposal included increasing site-specific user fees, closing facilities, or a combination of both.

Kentucky Camp was one of the sites proposed for a new user fee. While Kentucky Camp does have some of the amenities allowed for charging fees under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act, ongoing site and maintenance expenses are provided predominantly by volunteers and proceeds from the Cabin Rental program.

We are pleased to report that Kentucky Camp is no longer being considered for having a user fee.



**Membership Renewal**

Don't miss out on the fun, the excitement, the Chronicle, and the opportunity to participate in Kentucky Camp's future! Renewing your membership is a simple way to support our ongoing rehabilitation efforts at Kentucky Camp and represents our primary source of funding. Student, Individual and Family memberships are very reasonably priced. If you'd like to give at a more substantial level, consider a Supporting or Contributing membership..... Or, even a Lifetime membership! Remember, Friends of Kentucky Camp is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization: your membership fee may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes.

To see if your membership is current, look at the mailing label on the front of this newsletter. If it says "Renew in June of 19" then your membership has expired and it's time to renew. (If your mailing label says "Renew in June of NA", then you are a lifetime member or have received a courtesy copy.) If your renewal year is in error, contact John Weiss at 520 323-0358 or [jweiss25@cox.net](mailto:jweiss25@cox.net).

**TWO Ways to Renew:**

1) Renew online at the Friends of Kentucky Camp website:

<http://www.kentuckycamp.org/>

Choose "Support Kentucky Camp". Using the online renewal process, you can also choose to have your newsletter delivered electronically versus hard copy.

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Did you know that Kentucky Camp has a Facebook Page?  
Search for us at:  
[@FriendsofKentuckyCamp](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKentuckyCamp)

Our next volunteer day is planned for Friday, June 14 from 8 AM to 2 PM. We'll be installing electrical service in the Headquarters kitchen and light maintenance work.

We have an email discussion group for Friends of Kentucky Camp where we discuss current events. To join the discussion group, send an email to:

**[FriendsofKentuckyCamp-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:FriendsofKentuckyCamp-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)**

If you have changed your email address recently and wondered why you no longer receive discussion group email, you need to resend an email to the above address from your new email account. To unsubscribe, send an email from the email account you want to be removed from the discussion group to:

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**IMPORTANT!**

If you prefer to renew your membership using the traditional mail-in form, please detach (or copy) this page and return to the Friends of Kentucky Camp asap:

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Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_ made payable to Friends of Kentucky Camp for membership through June 2020.

Please circle:

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**Friends of Kentucky Camp Mail-in Ballot**

The board of directors recommends a "for" vote on this slate of directors. The term for all positions is two years. You must be a paid-up Friends of Kentucky Camp member to vote. If you are a lifetime member and want to avoid the cost of mailing-in a ballot, email [jweiss25@cox.net](mailto:jweiss25@cox.net) with your "For" or "Against" vote.

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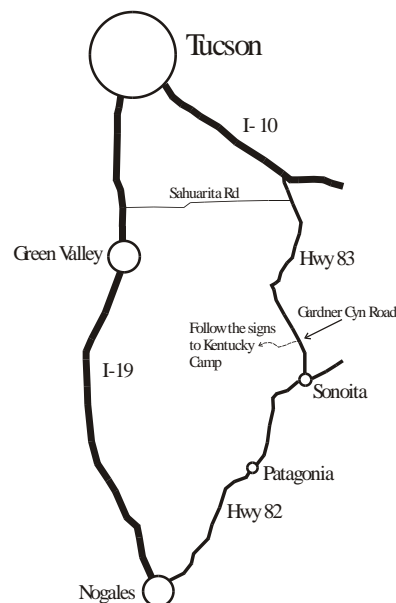
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