

GCPS Progress Report

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By Diane Sterne

- It is with great sadness that I must announce our amazing Chairwoman, Dawn Gardner, has stepped down. She will be moving to Hope and can no longer fulfill her duties as Chair. Dawn has been a great leader for our Society. She organized the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Granite Creek Walking Tour, helped clean the Cemetery, participated in multiple clean-ups at the Delprato Cabin and more. We will miss her and I, personally, will miss her as my friend. We wish Dawn all the best with her move and hope she keeps in touch to let us know how she is doing. I sent Dawn a thank you card for all her work, and I also purchased a small gift from the GCPS (a small, crystal, dragonfly sun catcher) to let her know how much she is appreciated.
- Special thanks again to Howard Peet for his generous donation to the GCPS! You are amazing Howard!!!
- Our AGM will be held in September (details later in this Report). If you are interested in any of the Executive positions, please send me an email. Executive positions include Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and multiple Directors. We are only meeting in person once a year for our AGM. Most of our work and voting is done via emails. We currently do not have any projects on the go other than maintaining the Granite Creek Walking Tour, Cemetery and Delprato Cabin.
- Our fantastic web designer, Ray Boyd, has kindly added a captcha to our contact page. I had been receiving a lot of spam emails, so Ray did this to lessen the number. Thank you so much, Ray for your great work!!! You are really appreciated.
- We went up to the Delprato Cabin and set batteries in all the devices. There were no mice in the traps. I spread some wood ash around the cabin as in the past. It seems to keep them out. I opened the trap door to the cellar but didn't go inside. I didn't smell pack rats but did pour a bottle of bleach down the ladder. They don't like strong smells. I did notice that the dehydrated potato mixed with rat poison (I used poison that won't harm secondary animals like owls should they come across a dead rat) was gone.
- Bob Sterne picked up two signs he had made by Jackie at Auto Tac in Princeton. They are for the Cemetery. Bob has already mounted them at the Cemetery. Here are some pictures of them:



- I started to clean up the Valley View area of the Cemetery. There are a lot of branches down. It will need more work. Bob Sterne has offered to take his chain saw in and cut any dead trees in the area. I think with some help from members and a rake, we can get the area looking really attractive. Perhaps we could even plant some bulbs or lily of the valley once it is cleaned up.
- Thank you, Dawn Tyacke, of 4WDABC Softroader for a donation to the GCPS. Her non-profit group likes to explore the history of different areas of BC. Bob Sterne thanked her for the donation and told her about the Delprato Cabin. Perhaps if she is in the area again with her group, they will check it out.
- I would like to discuss a matter at the AGM (please let me know your thoughts via email, if you won't be attending). As you may recall, before the big flood in November, it was discovered that the Blakeburn sign had been stolen. This was the second time it was taken. The GCPS isn't involved with Blakeburn, but I wanted to get your thoughts on us replacing

the sign anyway. I know that Chris Goodfellow did a really good job trying to make the last sign secure and theft proof. Unfortunately, when someone wants something, they will go to any means to steal it. I don't know if we would be throwing good money after bad to put a new sign up or if our members even want to do that since Blakeburn is not part of Granite Creek.

- Our AGM will be held on **Monday, September 12 at 1:00 at the Princeton Museum**. We normally hold our AGMs in March but haven't been able to since the pandemic. Hopefully next year we can go back to March. Anyone interested in filling an Executive position should email me at: gammiersterne@gmail.com. If you won't be able to attend the meeting, but wish to stand for a position, please put that in an email as it will be necessary to have for the AGM.
- Financial Report: 22 members; current operating balance: \$2,962.12 (minus \$800 for the picnic table from Ernie). The two signs from Auto Tac were \$56.00.