

GCPS Progress Report
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- Bob Sterne cut out a piece of the blazed tree at the Cemetery that was on the ground. He and Diane Sterne wrapped it in plastic bags and took it to the Princeton Museum together with some other photos and information on its history.
- Todd Lester picked up two more bags of cans for us. He turned them in with some other cans he had from before and got \$34.22! Thanks so much Todd! The GCPS really appreciates your work doing this to help us raise money.
- Thank you George Elliott for the great poster you created for the party tomorrow! Thanks also to Todd Lester for posting the party information on numerous Facebook pages!
- Thank you George Elliott and Dawn Gardner for all the work you have put into organizing our ribbon cutting ceremony for the Granite Creek Town Site which will be tomorrow (Sept. 21 at 11:00 am)! You have both done an outstanding job!!
- Recently I received a manuscript in the mail from Ronald Shearer who is an Emeritus Professor of the University of British Columbia. He has written a paper about John Dean (a well-known figure in British Columbia history) and his time as a prospector at Granite Creek in 1886. Mr. Shearer has a copy of the Dean Diary (as do I) and has used it for his paper. I asked Mr. Shearer if he would allow us to put the manuscript (once he has polished it) on the GCPS website and he has said yes. As soon as I receive it from him, I will pass it on to Ole Juul to put on our website. I was given John Dean's Diary in 2013 by a guest of ours (Jarrett Teague) who had written a book about Dean while he lived on the Island. I did not have permission from him to put it on the website so I have just been holding onto it. While we won't be publishing the Diary, having this paper is just as good since Mr. Shearer has done extensive research into Dean's life. This will be a great addition to our website and I thank Ronald Shearer for his generosity in sharing his paper with the world through our website. Mr. Shearer indicated to me he wants to do more research using the old mining records I transcribed a few years ago for the Museum. I mailed him a thumb drive with my transcription and photos of the pages from the books since he said he wasn't sure when he would be able to get to Princeton again (he is 86 years old).
- Dawne Nugent contacted the GCPS website asking if we had information about a relative named Malcolm (Mac) McAuley who she believed moved to Granite to operate a butcher shop. I could not find any reference to him in my records for Granite Creek or Coalmont. I did find some newspaper references to him living in Keremeos. I gave her quotes from the newspapers (I believe there were 4 or 5 references) and also gave her an email address for the Keremeos Museum so she could pursue her genealogy research there. She emailed me back to say there was a short blurb in the paper about Mac McAuley moving to Granite to open a butcher shop. Unfortunately, I have nothing to help her with this as I have no records or reports referring to a butcher shop in Granite in 1911. I also checked my records for the butcher shop in Coalmont, but couldn't find his name connected to it.
- Discuss leftovers from party.