

GCPS Progress Report
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- Please be advised that we will hold our AGM at the Princeton Museum on Thursday, October 21 at 1:00. We are obligated to hold an annual AGM in order to maintain our Society status. Normally we held them in March, but since the pandemic, the date has been at a different time. I am hoping after this year, we can get back to our March AGM. Anyone wishing to be on the Executive, please send me an email at: gammiersterne@gmail.com so I can put your name on the list. Positions are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director (multiple members can hold this position).
- Thank you again to Howard Peet for another generous donation to the GCPS. Donations from you and other members will allow us to continue with our needed insurance. We are so very grateful to you!!!
- Delprato Cabin update:
Jackie at Princeton Auto Tac is working on the sign we need to direct tourists to the cabin and wagon road. It will be located just beyond the corral.
Ray the Roofer's people (All Purpose Roofing) are planning to begin work on the cabin and shed roof next week.
Ernie Rice will be making one of his iconic, log picnic tables to put on the site. It will be like the ones at the Granite Creek Town Site. He will also be removing the metal and truck cab from the dump site.
We can't wait for everything to be done. It is great to be able to call on local expertise to do the work. We are fortunate to have so many skilled people living in the area!
- I was contacted by the Princeton Museum to see if I could help out some people working on Vancouver's soon-to-be-open Chinatown Storytelling Centre. They were seeking information about Frenchy, the Chinese prospector/gardener who lived where the Rice Ranch is today at Granite Creek. I forwarded the information I had, but was not able to give them his proper name as I have never discovered that. They were most grateful for the information and praised our GCPS website for its information. Great work Ole!!!
- Lorrie Rhodes was asking for permission to bury her Mother's ashes beside her Father at the Granite Creek Cemetery. I explained that the GCPS is in the process of trying to become Operator of the Cemetery, but until then, there is no one who can give that permission. I also explained that, even though the Cemetery is closed, there is, on average, one interment of ashes annually. I asked, if she does inter her Mother there, to give me information about her Mother so that I can add it to the board at

the Cemetery, to my Cemetery record binder, and also so I can add it to the Granite Creek Cemetery records at Findagrave.

- Cemetery Lease update:
There is nothing to report. Ben Sampogna is still working on it.

- Financial/Member update: 20 Paid Members; \$2,186.33 (funds available); we are awaiting the grant money (\$2,450.00 – 80% will be given up front and 20% upon completion of the work which must be done by November 30) which should arrive soon. The work includes rebuilding some of the fences at the Cemetery. Ernie Rice has very generously offered to donate the wood for the fence repairs but will need some volunteers to assist with the work when the wood is ready. Volunteers will also be needed to stain the picnic table when it is delivered to the site.