

FRIENDS OF MIDAS: UPDATE: OCTOBER, 2008

Midas has lost a true and loyal friend with the passing of Mert Mickelson. Mert was a Charter Member of Friends of Midas who was always ready and willing to share his enthusiasm to make Midas a better place to live and play. He served as an FOM Trustee for approximately 13 years and could always be counted on to provide positive suggestions and direction for this organization. We have all benefited from Mert's presence in this community and he will always be remembered.

PLANTING TREES IN MIDAS: We are presently looking at Arbor Day in the spring of 2009 as our target date to begin the program of planting trees and installing the dripper/sprinkler systems. Another donation to the program has been secured: \$2000 of PVC pipe and needed accessories from Western Nevada Supply can now be added to the very generous support provided by Midas Bighorn Sheep, Midas Volunteer Fire Department, Elko County and Friends of Midas. Total funds now available for this program = \$8000+. Mark Barlow and Dwayne Jackson have indicated they will assist in the transportation of the trees to Midas. Requests for trees by property owners will be considered. All costs associated with their trees must be paid by the property owners. Requests must be in writing. Please send to Midas Tree Committee, HC66-Box 75, Midas, Nevada 89414.

MACY PLACE: A storage shed has been constructed and many of the finishing touches could be in place by October 31. The front will be made to look like an early assay office/1930's gas station. Jody and Cathy Squires put on the corrugated tin roof and thanks to Rick Isaef, a beautifully restored pump ca.1929 which Friends of Midas purchased early this year has been placed next to the building. The globe lights at dusk. An entrance door from Bill Vest's Bar (1950's) and courtesy of Pam Mortara's Family has been installed. Gene and Barb Casci have some old Nevada license plates which will adorn the building. Numerous old oil cans and dispensers are now in storage. There is some fire wood available on this property if you are willing to cut it and haul it. There is also some fire wood available at the old school house property. Call Friends of Midas: 775-529-0302.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND SPECIAL DONATIONS: Ron Granata has joined the ranks of Individual Lifetime Member. Thank you, Ron for this very generous show of support. In memory of her parents, John and Audrey Fitzgerald, Bobbi Geney provided the cash required to finish the cemetery paint job. Bobbi, your suggestion as to how we could stretch those dollars did not fall on deaf ears.....thanks for the donation and the advice. Jody & Cathy Squires donated a very unusual gas can. Skip & Dorry Powell have always been generous with their time and donations for Friends of Midas. This past month they donated a 25 gallon air compressor and an old buzz saw to the cause. Carl White has been coming to Midas to hunt and have a good time for many years. Now retired from his career as a dentist, this year he brought a box full of chemistry glass to be used in the assay office display. Rick and Lynn Isaef spend much of their summer in Midas and much of that helping with Friends of Midas projects. Rick's John Deere tractor/backhoe has lifted and loaded and pushed and shoved many items into place. Thank you all.....

WISH LIST

OLD WOOD, DOORS, WINDOWS, DOOR KNOBS, HINGES.....1940 OR BEFORE.

DELL OR HP LAPTOP COMPUTER WITH 15 INCH SCREEN – NEW – FOM NEEDS THE PORTABILITY OF A LAPTOP TO USE WITH PASTPERFECT TRAINING PROGRAMS.

AIR WRENCH WITH SOCKETS AND OTHER TOOLS NEEDED FOR MAINTENANCE.

ASSAY OFFICE ITEMS: SCALES, CHEMISTRY GLASS, BUNSEN BURNERS, CRUCIBLES, OVEN, CABINETS,

FRIENDS OF MIDAS IS A NON PROFIT, 501(c)(3) ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF MIDAS, NEVADA HISTORY. WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS AND MEMBERS. YOU SHOULD CHECK WITH YOUR ACCOUNTANT TO DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT DONATIONS OF CASH, PROPERTY AND ARTIFACTS ARE DEDUCTIBLE ON YOUR FEDERAL OR STATE RETURN.

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