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Preston Castle Haunt is Here October 12,13,19,20,26,27

Started in 2010 almost on a whim, the Halloween Haunt (as it was called back then) was created and operated by just a handful of volunteers. Taking advantage of the inherent spooky atmosphere of the Castle and using borrowed Halloween decorations and costumes, visitors were escorted in groups through the dark hallways and rooms in a small portion of the castle. Guests encountered all manner of scary (and sometimes silly) scenes, from witches and werewolves to clowns and mad scientists.

Over the next few years, the Haunt grew and became more popular. More hallways, rooms, and stairways were opened each year as the building was improved upon, and more and more talented volunteers joined the team of designers, builders, actors, costumers and makeup artists. The theme of the haunt also became focused on the history of the facility, with costumes, set designs and music harkening back to the early 1900's.

Now the Preston Castle Haunt is bigger and better than ever with hundreds of volunteers and experts involved in its creation and execution. We use high tech animatronics, special effects, dynamic lighting, and custom props, set designs and soundscapes to give our visitors the ultimate haunted experience in the spookiest setting around. People travel from all over California and even from other states to experience our unique Haunt. Our objective is to make you scream, laugh and have lots of scary fun... <<insert evil grin and diabolical laughter here>>

The Preston Castle Haunt brings six nights of fun and fright: October 12th, 13th, 19th, 20st, 26th, and 27th -- 7 to 11 pm. This is a fun "scare" tour and not a historical tour of the Castle. We will have food vendors, as well as some great

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merchandise, including cool T-Shirts, for purchase.

Tickets: \$25 General Admission. A special \$35 VIP Fast Pass entitles you to gain access via a much shorter line.

Come and see if you dare!

Gates open at 6:45 pm, scare tours start at 7:00 pm. Admissions are limited for each night, so order early to make sure you can get in. Tickets will not be sold at the gate. No Refunds.



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If anyone wishes to add or change anything in the newsletter, or would like to get copies of past issues, please let us know at info@prestoncastle.com or at the next meeting. We always enjoy hearing from our readers!

Olde Tyme Christmas December 8

It's our last event of the year, so don't miss it! Olde Tyme Christmas at the Castle wraps up our season of events and tours, until we start again in Spring 2019. This is your chance to buy the perfect items for the holidays and your last chance to tour the Castle. From 10 am to 4 pm, vendors will occupy the Castle with displays of unique and impressive creations.



The Castle will be decorated inside and out in gorgeous holiday decor and lights. Santa will be on hand starting at Noon. Self Guided Castle tours will be from 10 am to 2 pm.

The holiday bazaar is FREE! Daytime Self Guided Castle Tours \$15. For Vendor information: info@prestoncastle.com



Paracon 2018

On August 3rd & 4th Castle Spirits Paranormal hosted its 4th Annual Paranormal Conference to benefit the restoration of Preston Castle. Paranormal enthusiasts from all over the West Coast (and several from the East) converged for not just a meeting of the minds but also fascinating presentations, a unique vendor hall, symbolic cemetery tour, camaraderie, food and ghostly fun.



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This year was one of the most active investigations on record and many guests still talk about the ghostly personal experiences they had. Castle Spirits would like to thank ALL our generous and amazing guests, particularly Patrick Doyle and Jay Verburg (the Dark Zone team) for their generosity and sharing their stories and friendship. We would also like to thank Spooked in Seattle, Ross Allison and June Antoinette Nixon for lending their expertise and support in what was a very informative and amazing cemetery tour; and Jeadene Solberg's team, Northern Nevada Ghost Hunters for all their help behind the scene. Finally, we would like to thank the volunteers (which include the Castle Spirits docents) who give their weekends to make this event and others throughout the year a resounding success. See you next year and Thank You for your commitment and support!

Wine Tasting and Tour

August 25th was a perfect day for the 14th annual Wine Tasting and Tour. Years past have seen very hot temperatures but this year only upper 80's. A sellout crowd visited the Castle to sample varietals and blends from 13 wineries. Music by Midtown Jazz kept the crowd happy on the patio where light appetizers were served.

We had several wineries that were new to the Preston Castle Wine Tasting and Tour. The list of wineries participating included, from Amador County: Deaver, Drytown, Karmere, Scott Harvey, Story, Tanis, TKC, Uphill, Wine Tree Farm. Also, Stevenot and Twisted Oak from Murphys, Gianelli from Jamestown, and Boeger from El Dorado County. All of these wineries volunteer their time and donate their wines for the tasting in an effort to help us save the Preston Castle.



Basement flood - never a dull moment at the Castle

Director Opening

The Preston Castle Foundation is a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that is managed by a 13 member Board of Directors. The Foundation has an opening and is seeking to appoint a qualified and interested person to become a Director of the Preston Castle Foundation.

If you are interested in history and would like to help save and restore Preston Castle please send an email to: info@prestoncastle.com. Please state why you want to become a Director and summarize your qualifications.

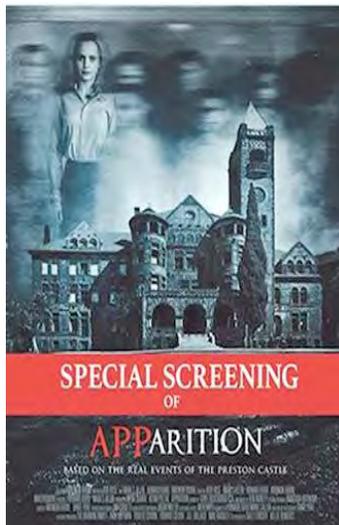
APPArition Screening

Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort is excited to announce a One Night Only: Special Screening of APPArition in the Grand Oak Ballroom on Tuesday, October 30 at 7 p.m., benefiting The Preston Castle Foundation.

APPArition is an already critically acclaimed supernatural-thriller (in theaters worldwide in 2019) based on the infamous real events of the historic Preston Castle in Lone, CA; starring Mena Suvari (American Beauty, American Horror Story), Kevin Pollak (Usual Suspects, Marvelous Ms. Maisel), Jon Abrahams (House of Wax, Scary Movie), and Annalisa Cochrane (Karate Kid: Cobra Kai).

"A group of young people, guided by an APP that connects the living with the dead, find themselves at an abandoned boys' home. A castle with a horrific history tied to each of them, for reasons they'll soon discover." Filmed right here in Amador County.

Tickets are on sale now for only \$10 and are available online at JacksonCasino.com. All ticket proceeds will go to the Preston Castle Foundation.



Will call opens at 5:30 p.m., the doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Concessions and Full Bar will be available for purchase.

President's Message

WOW. What an incredible year for the Preston Castle, and it is not over yet. We have the Preston Castle Haunt now in progress. We also have the Olde Tyme Christmas event on December 8 yet to come.

The Haunt Committee has been working since September 1st to make this the best ever. Committee Chair Jim Bennett and his volunteers have been building and training like never before. It is by far the biggest fund raiser of the year supporting our efforts to "SAVE THE PRESTON CASTLE". A huge thanks to Jim and the committee plus all of the volunteers.

Historic tours, conducted April through August, were better than ever. Sybil Griffith, the Chair of the Tour Committee, has led the committee and tour docents through a fantastic year of "Historic Tours" of the Castle to help in getting the story and history of the Castle out to the public.

Our many special events (Murder Mystery Dinner, Plays on the Patio, Wine Taste and Tour, and Paracon) have all added to telling the story of the Castle and raising funds for our efforts.

Planning is well under way for Olde Tyme Christmas, on December 8, our last incredible event of the year.

Of course we have faced challenges during the year. One such challenge was a pipe break in the limited Castle water system which flooded the basement. Our new Executive Director Cari Stouffer faced her first test under fire. Or was it under water. Cari was first on the line bailing out the basement with a bucket. Fortunately several volunteers, including but not limited to, Dave and Donna Munson, joined her and the basement was bailed out, the pipe fixed and minimal damage occurred. Pictures of that little bump in the road are in this newsletter.

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers, members and supporters of the effort to "SAVE THE PRESTON CASTLE". Without you we could not have accomplished what we did this year.

*Sincerely,
Karl Knoblauch, President*

