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SUMMER 2017



1933 DUESENBERG MODEL SJ SPEEDSTER

- One-off Coachwork by Weymann
- Supercharged Fishtail Speedster
- One of 5 Duesenbergs commissioned by Lake Tahoe Playboy, Captain George Whittell
- Completely Original & Unrestored
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WELCOME TO THE 2017 SUMMER OF WATER *and* SUNSHINE!

They say be careful what you wish for...this sentence needs no conclusion as those of us who have braved this past glorious, challenging, crazy winter can attest.

Thunderbird Lodge was buried under snow most of the time, but even though she wore the coat majestically, if not for Dennis Maloney and his team's heroic efforts to dig us out every morning, we would likely still be in hibernation. That said, we ask the snow gods to make a smaller donation next year instead of the 385% we received the past few months. We're all about the numbers here!

Walking to boathouse has been like Christmas every morning since February. The water is way up and we can't wait to celebrate the Lady of the Lake—*Thunderbird* yacht—this summer! She is looking beautiful as ever and everyone who sees her swears she is "chomping at the bit" to get out and let those "lungs" go!

Our winter, once again, was a busy one. Brad Carter's snowshoe tours, Chef Darren's spectacular Valentine's pop-up dinner, corporate meetings and site tours, have kept us all going without any hope of Mai Tai's or tans.

Instead, we humbly accepted the history collection of the Incline Village & Crystal Bay Historical Society as that venerable organization dissolved after preserving the community's history for the past 12 years. We will soon relocate their former exhibit from the Incline Village Starbucks location to a gallery at the Incline Village Crystal Bay Visitor's Center. We shall certainly care for, preserve, and display these treasures to the public for years to come. And, with financial support from Incline Village resident Nancy Binz, we've produced a wonderful film to introduce the Whittell Estate to visitors from around the world.

With amazing winemaker's dinners, an all-new Thunderfaire featuring 12 wineries and breweries plus 8 regional chefs, creative Thunder Thursday programs, children's education tours and all the great things we have planned for our valued members, we are sure this will certainly be a summer to remember.

We truly look forward to seeing you again and to sharing a wonderful season of water and sunshine!



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BLUE JEANS AND BORDEAUX

In May and June 2017, the gates of famed Red's Ranch will be thrown wide-open to 16 fortunate couples who purchased a weekend food and wine extravaganza to benefit Thunderbird Lake Tahoe. The two-night stay celebrates the style of celebrated French wines while luxuriating in a not-so-rustic retreat at the base of eastern Nevada's Ruby Mountains. The fundraising getaway was featured at the September 2016 Winemaker's Dinner at Thunderbird Lodge with proceeds being used to make government-mandated upgrades to the historic estate's water treatment facility.

HIGHWAY 28 BIKE ROUTE CONSTRUCTION

Construction of a new multi-use path from Incline Village to the Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park at Sand Harbor will slow traffic and create delays all summer long. Visitors from the Lake's North Shore should allow extra time to get to Thunderbird events. But it will all be worth it when, in the next phase of construction, the path is extended to the front gate of the Whittell Estate and Thunderbird Lodge. In addition to tours arriving by kayak, motorboat, and shuttle buses, Thunderbird will soon offer pedal tours of the Estate.

THUNDERBIRD HIGHLIGHTS

VALENTINE'S "POP-UP" DINNER

In a fireside respite from winter's tumult, Chef Darren Weston prepared a 7-course dinner for 12 lucky gentlemen to express how one lady makes each of their lives special. Deliberately capped at 24 guests, this event for Flagship and Castle Club members immediately sold out and was the intimate and elegant affair we imagined it to be. Standby for more surprise dinner events like this to come.

THUNDERBIRD YACHT — A DECADE BACK HOME

This year marks the 10th anniversary since the beloved *Thunderbird* yacht came into the public trust—first conveyed to Foundation 36 and then Thunderbird Lake Tahoe. After the yacht's 3-year hiatus from the Lake, now is truly a fitting time to celebrate the generosity of Mrs. Joan Gibb and all the others who made (and make) *Thunderbird's* presence possible.

BONANZA TV SHOW COLLECTION

With the acquisition of the assets and programs of the Incline Village & Crystal Bay Historical Society, Thunderbird is honored to present the Bonanza TV collection of artifacts from former Incline Village resident, Chuck Greene. Chuck is the son of Lorne Greene, the renowned Canadian actor who played Ben Cartwright in the long-running series. This summer, the Bonanza collection and other Incline Village and Crystal Bay historic artifacts may be viewed in the gallery of the Incline Village Crystal Bay Visitor's Center at 969 Tahoe Blvd, Incline Village. Call 1-800-GO-TAHOE for more information.





J-162 SERIAL #2183 DELIVERED 1929

As this car was to be reserved for his personal use, Whittell envisioned this Long-Wheelbase Coupe as a strict two-seater, with the added privacy of a fixed roof, roll-up windows, and a cavernous integrated trunk. The highest price ever paid for an American car in the world, J-162 was auctioned in 2011 for \$10.34 million at Pebble Beach.

J-120 SERIAL 2354 DELIVERED 1931

The only Long-Wheelbase speedster and another one-of-a-kind built to Whittell's order by Johnson Motors, San Francisco. Coveted by John V. Lewis, son of Whittell's attorney, Whittell gifted the car to the young man for his 21st birthday in 1953 with only 2,200 miles on the odometer.



The Duesenbergs *of* Captain George Whittell, Jr.

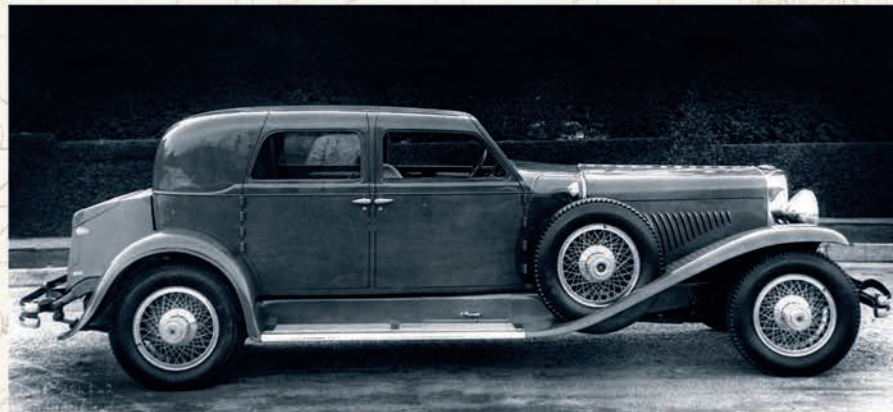
Through his unrivaled combination of means and taste, George Whittell Jr. was able to acquire a variety of superb mechanical objects, the quality, style and value of which are, in and of themselves, worthy of discussion. Throughout his life, Whittell took a keen interest in the latest technology, particularly vehicles that promoted fast living. As a youth, he owned expensive automobiles and speedboats but, when he tired of those, the Captain formed liaisons with local police and fire departments in order to gain privileged access to specialized equipment. This passion for technology and speed, coupled with vast exposure to exotic locales and high culture, imbued Whittell's personal collection with unmatched character and distinctive visual branding.

Every vehicle he purchased or commissioned unmistakably bore the imprimatur of the Whittell stable. Viewed in this wider context, it becomes clear that he regarded these objects not merely as means of transportation but as works of art and status symbols. To many, Whittell will always be known as Duesenberg's best customer. He did, after all, purchase six new Model J chassis – the most expensive American automobile available at the time – and had them individually tailored to his refined aesthetic sensibility. No other client approached his insatiable appetite for luxury cars.



J-460 SERIAL #2478 DELIVERED 1931

One of the most glorious coach-built cars created, Captain Whittell retained this all-aluminum Murphy Coupe for nearly two decades. Much like his later life, the sale of the car was shrouded in mystery. It was conveyed to Evelyn Turner in 1949 purportedly in partial settlement for a legal claim.

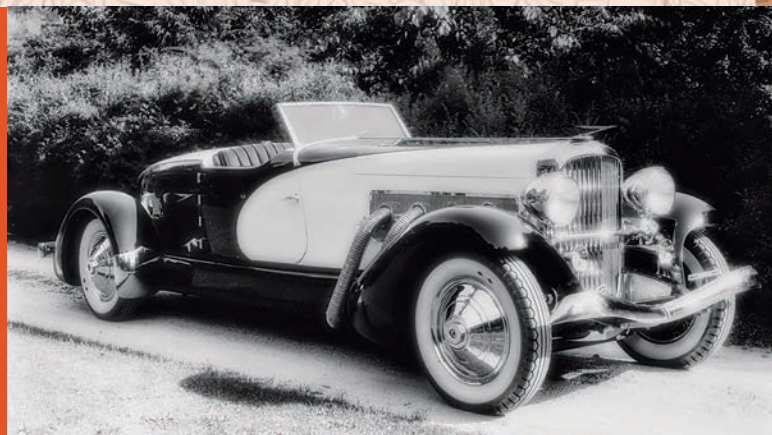


J-287 SERIAL #2305 DELIVERED 1931

Known as the "Mistress Car", Whittell ordered, participated in the design, and then inexplicably had the new car delivered to a Miss Jesse McDonald of Los Angeles, CA. Perhaps the most revolutionary feature of the design is one the casual observer will never see – its all aluminum construction. Built entirely without structural woodwork, its strength was derived from the clever use of cast aluminum supports combined with fabricated aluminum reinforcements. It was a revolutionary concept – both in its lack of wood framing and in its exclusive use of aluminum – and one that would not be seen again in a production car for decades to come. Compared to ordinary wood framed classics, J287 delivers a more nimble ride and more responsive handling – with none of the ponderousness that typifies wood-framed carriage-style construction.

J-218 SERIAL #2243 DELIVERED 1929

One of a kind built "locally" for Whittell at San Francisco's Johnson Motors. Unique Whittell features include doors that curve into the roof for easy access, navigational red and green side lights, and—of course—a siren and red light. Whittell sold this car to his friend George Newhall (from whom he bought Lake Tahoe's Skunk Harbor property) in 1937.



J-508 SERIAL #2537 DELIVERED 1933 - (COVER PHOTO)

Unlike the Murphy-bodied cars, this Duesey was a unique fish-tail speedster by Weymann. Driven only 900 miles, the car saw almost no use after its supercharged engine failed during a memorable, albeit brief, joy ride.

That Whittell chose Duesenberg is telling. In 1931, it was the only car available with enough cachet and technical marvels to satisfy a man like himself. As J. M. Fenster of Automobile Quarterly observed, "The J-Duesenberg offered the combination of attributes most valued by Whittell, especially in the power it imparted. On paper, it was not even approached by other cars, but on the road, it was just a car the way a crown was a hat... By all means, a man to impose his will on others, the implication of the Duesenberg's power would not be lost on George Whittell." Of his six Model Js, the Walter M. Murphy Company bodied five.

Due to their proximity and experience with the demands of a high-profile clientele, Murphy was perhaps the only coachbuilder suited to work with the visionary captain. In less than three years, Murphy produced five cars for Whittell, each one bearing the unmistakable signature of his input. Among the defining themes were chrome trim, aluminum construction, state-of-the-art accoutrement and nautical references. Truly fitting for a man who lived life at full throttle.

—Adapted from a publication by Gooding & Company © 2011

THE WORLD *of*

Captain George Whittell Jr. is the catalyst for all that Thunderbird Lake Tahoe does today. Our work is to ensure that we pay Whittell's legacy forward for future generations to appreciate his innovative spirit and passion for preserving the land and cultural heritage of Lake Tahoe's east shore. We do this by protecting and interpreting the region's treasures: the George Whittell Estate National Historic District, Thunderbird Lodge, *Thunderbird* yacht, and vast archives and collections pertaining to Lake Tahoe's art, history, and environment.

George Whittell Estate National Historic District

More than 10,000 visitors experience the George Whittell Estate each year, Nevada's only National Historic District at Lake Tahoe. Sitting at the crossroads of history, the estate's public tours and education programs offer a window into the region's past: Native American, westward expansion, Anglo settlement, lumbering, mining, railroading, maritime transit, rustication, tourism, casino gaming, conservation, real estate development, environmental activism, and recreation all intersect here. Once encompassing nearly 45,000 acres, Whittell secured the expansive estate from development and, thus, Nevada's shoreline remains pristine and open as compared to the Lake's built-up California side.

Thunderbird Lodge

Thunderbird Lodge is the epicenter of the Whittell Estate's 12 historic buildings. Nevada's first and only State Architect, Frederic J. DeLongchamps, designed the Tudor Revival-style mansion to be a summer residence for the Captain, his guests, and his beloved animals (which included his constant canine companions, a very special lion, an elephant, and numerous other species he claimed to prefer over the company of most others). Constructed in 1936 and resplendent in period furnishings, the Lodge is a tribute to the enigmatic Whittell, a sportsman and industrialist turned conservationist with a penchant for secret passages, wild creatures, salacious soirees, exotic motorcars, boats, aircraft, and innovative technology of all kinds.

After the Captain died in 1969, New York financier Jack Dreyfus acquired the Estate and built a contemporary addition to Thunderbird Lodge which now houses administrative offices, a theater and event venue, conference facility, and the Thunderbird Store.



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Thunderbird Yacht

The *Thunderbird* yacht may be the most famous (and most expensive for its time) wooden speedboat in existence. Built in 1939 for a then-pricey sum of \$81,000, the yacht (worth \$5.5-million today), is powered by twin Allison engines from vintage WWII P-38 fighter airplanes. She is the focal point of our maritime heritage program, partnerships with children's organizations, and a key fundraising vehicle for our charitable programs.

Thunderbird Art and History Archives and Collections

Extensive collections and archives pertaining to the greater Lake Tahoe-area makes Thunderbird the de facto repository for the region's art, films, photographs, furnishings, government and corporate records, maps, artifacts salvaged from the Lake, family heirlooms, land held in trust, and hotel, casino, and recreation memorabilia. Once the largest private landowner in Nevada, George Whittell cherished all that is Lake Tahoe. We uphold his passion for the region by preserving, expanding and sharing these valuable collections.

Programs

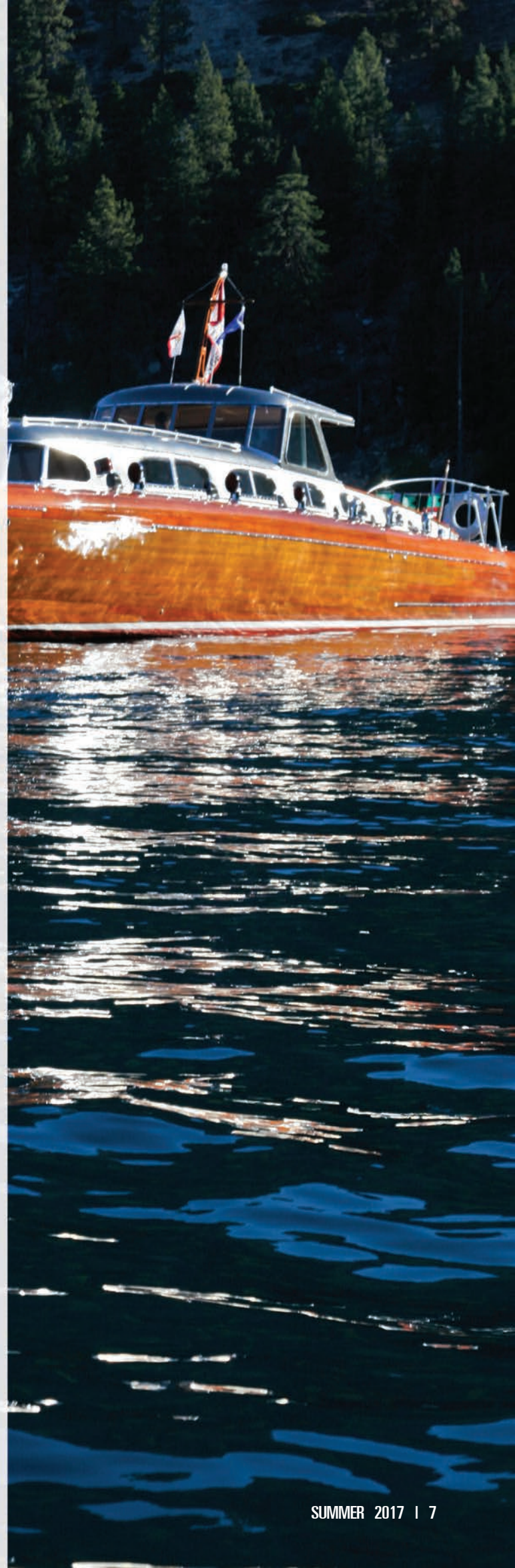
Thunderbird's prime directive is the preservation of Lake Tahoe cultural resources for public appreciation. Professional and volunteer craftsmen continuously work on archival, maintenance, and repair projects year-round. Each task presents an opportunity for learning and estate visitors frequently experience "preservation in progress."

Public education is woven into the fabric of Thunderbird's cloth. Through interpretive tours, speakers' bureau, school field trips, fireside chats, and digital programs, Thunderbird projects Lake Tahoe's art and history to the public at-large. In partnership with public television, we are presently producing a documentary film on the history of Lake Tahoe's east shore.

Outcomes

Thunderbird may seem like just another beautiful estate on a stunning lake, but our vision—and our future—is much greater. In the past 10 years, we have managed to preserve the late George Whittell's grand Lake Tahoe estate and his prized *Thunderbird* yacht. Through public tours, charitable contributions in all amounts, educational programs, exclusive corporate and social events, and our coveted membership program, Thunderbird Lake Tahoe has become a global model for historic preservation.

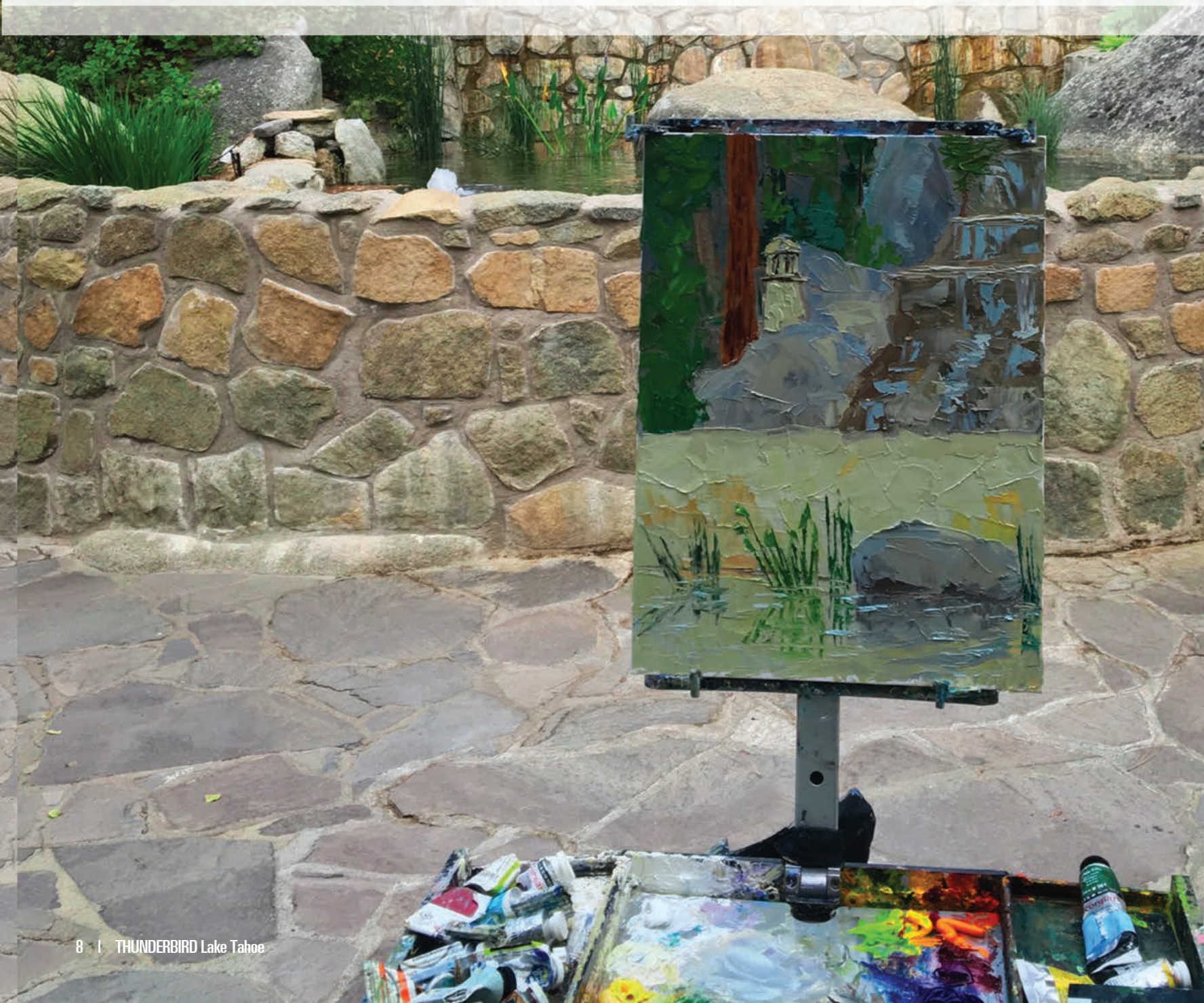
Drawing from more than 25,000 objects, Thunderbird will soon launch one of the nation's first digital museums: showcasing Lake Tahoe's cultural and environmental history to researchers and audiences worldwide. The outcome of our hard work has resulted in Thunderbird having truly become *the* museum of Lake Tahoe art and history.

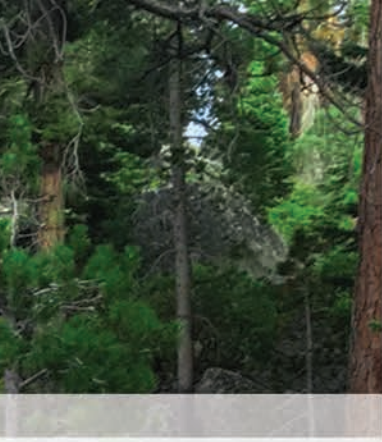




Inspiring curiosity, appreciation, understanding and stewardship of Lake Tahoe's art, history and environment through preservation, education and conservation.

Thunderbird Lake Tahoe offers a multi-disciplinary array of programs and receives no government support for operations. Thunderbird is funded entirely by gifts from families, businesses, and foundations. Contributions in any amount are appreciated.





ART, HISTORY, AND LIFESTYLE COLLECTIONS

Thunderbird safeguards more than 25,000 items in its extensive collection of Lake Tahoe maps, paintings, photography, drawings, artwork, documents, films, and 3D artifacts. Presently campaigning for funds to become one of America's first digital museums, Thunderbird is developing the facilities and systems necessary to make its entire collection available on-line to researchers and the public at-large.

THUNDERBIRD Art • History • Environment PROGRAMS



THUNDER KIDS

A framework for teachers to develop and implement unique curriculums in a historic setting. In peak years, more than 2,000 students engage in Thunderbird's K-12 educational programs.

ARTISTS-AT-THE-CASTLE

These grants give local artisans unprecedented access to create and sell art at Nevada's only cultural heritage center at Lake Tahoe.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Thunderbird Lake Tahoe spends more than 80% of its revenue, expertise, energy, and human capital on preservation projects, operating and maintaining Thunderbird Lodge and *Thunderbird* yacht, and caring for its collections. Each activity is leveraged to educate the public about preservation methods and practices: architecture, stone masonry, archiving, shipwrighting, and more. Volunteers perform much of this work supervised by paid staff and skilled craftsmen.

FACILITY GRANTS

During off-peak times, qualified public charities and government agencies utilize the Whittell Estate for board and staff retreats, public meetings, and program activities. Past beneficiaries include the Nevada Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation, Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe, Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation, U.C. Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center, Nevada Museum of Art, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Tahoe Maritime Museum, and many more.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Staff and volunteers are available to groups, schools, clubs, and service organizations to speak about a wide range of Lake Tahoe art, history, and science topics.

PUBLIC EDUCATION TOURS

Guided public tours of Thunderbird Lodge are offered Tuesday – Saturday from May through October. Hosting nearly 10,000 visitors annually, volunteer docents share what we know about Lake Tahoe's art and architecture, maritime heritage, land use, conservation, the legacy of the enigmatic Captain George Whittell Jr., and more.

TOURS BY WATER

Licensed cruise operators offer boat tours to Thunderbird Lodge. Private boats may not dock at Thunderbird Lodge.

Cruise Tahoe from South Shore

Tuesday – Saturday, June – October. 9:30 a.m. check-in Zephyr Cove (Nevada) Resort Pier.

Daily cruise to Thunderbird Lodge including continental breakfast aboard and picnic lunch on the estate grounds.

For reservations call 1.775.230.8907 or book on-line at CruiseTahoe.com.

Action Water Sports of Incline Village from North Shore

Thursday – Saturday, June – October. 9:00 a.m. check-in Hyatt Regency beach gazebo.

Daily cruise to Thunderbird Lodge including continental breakfast.

For reservations call 1.775.831.4386 or book on-line at AWSIncline.com

Tahoe Adventure Company Paddle Tours

By Appointment, June – October. Mornings from Nevada Sand Harbor State Park.

For the ecologically-minded, local adventure guides offer kayak tours to Thunderbird Lodge with beach picnic lunch.

For reservations call 1.530.913.9212 or book on-line at TahoeAdventureCompany.com

TOURS BY LAND

All land tours include shuttle bus transportation departing from the Incline Village and Crystal Bay Visitor's Center located at 969 Tahoe Blvd, Incline Village, Nevada. Please check in 30 minutes prior to your tour.

\$39 adults, \$19 children ages 6-12.

Duration: 90-minute tour of the Lodge, boathouse, and grounds.

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday - May 23 – July 1
10:00 a.m. / 11:30 a.m. / 1:00 p.m. / 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday - July 5 – September 16
10:00 a.m. / 11:30 a.m. / 1:00 p.m. / 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday - September 19 – October 21
10:00 a.m. / 11:30 a.m. / 1:00 p.m. / 2:30 p.m.

Garden Tours with Mimosas & Morsels

Saturdays - July 8, July 22, August 5, and August 19 at 9:30 a.m.

\$100 per person adults only, please no minors.

This expanded 2-hour tour features the Lodge, grounds, and an introduction to the Thunderbird gardens by one of our master gardeners.


Wine and Cheese Tour

This extended 2-hour tour allows extra time on the grounds with a selection of wine, beer, artisan cheeses, and hors d'oeuvres.

Fridays only - June 16 – October 20 2:30 p.m. Price is \$100 per person adults only, please no minors.

PRIVATE AND GROUP TOURS

Thunderbird offers private and group tours at select times. For private and group tour information, call 1.775.832.8750 or visit ThunderbirdTahoe.org



TOUR THE CASTLE-IN-THE-SKY, THUNDERBIRD LODGE, AND THE WORLD-FAMOUS *THUNDERBIRD* YACHT

Docent-guided tours reveal the mystery and legacy of the enigmatic George Whittell Jr., the tycoon who purchased and protected nearly 45,000 acres of Lake Tahoe's east shore. You'll discover the history of the Lighthouse Room, Old Lodge, the servants' quarters with original kitchen, as well as the 600' underground tunnel leading to the cavernous boathouse. You might glimpse the fabulous wooden speedboat, *Thunderbird*, built for Whittell in 1939 and powered by twin Allison engines from vintage WWII fighter aircraft. Walk along the serpentine Dragon's Tail path to the enchanting Card House with its celebrated poker game stories. All tours offer breathtaking views of Lake Tahoe, the nearby mountain ranges, elegant gardens, lagoons, waterfalls, and fountains. Discover the magic of Thunderbird Lodge—the history, the architecture, and the men and women of Lake Tahoe's gilded age.

From May through October, public tours of Thunderbird Lodge are available by land, by tour boat, and by kayak. Wine tours feature Thunderbird Lake Tahoe house wines by Darcie Kent Vineyards.

- Reservations are required for all tours.
- Self-guided tours are not available.
- Smoking is not permitted in the buildings, on the grounds, or aboard shuttle buses and watercraft.
- Children must be at least six years old.
- Comfortable walking shoes are required and a warm jacket is recommended.
- There is no self-parking at Thunderbird Lodge unless approved in advance by management.
- Tours are offered at special events throughout the season, including Thunderbird's Winemakers' Dinners and Thunderfaire: Grape and Gourmet on the Lake.

Public Tours 1-800-GO-TAHOE
www.ThunderbirdTahoe.org

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Memberships keep the wheels of Thunderbird turning. Half of Thunderbird Lake Tahoe's nearly \$1-million annual operating budget comes from valued members at every level. Our members relish the camaraderie of sharing art and history together accompanied by fine wine and gourmet fare from the Thunderbird Culinary Program.

CASTLE CLUB \$100,000+ Lifetime Gift

A premier membership program for legacy gifts of \$100,000 or more to the permanent Preservation Fund endowment. Contributors at this level are automatically inducted into the Castle Club offering unprecedented access to the programs of Thunderbird Lodge and Yacht. Additionally, Castle Club contributors enjoy the privileges of members-only events and activities, including all of the offerings of the Flagship membership program.

There are many ways to structure your Castle Club contribution including multi-year gift commitments, transferring highly appreciated stocks or securities, directing mandatory IRA distributions, or gifting from family foundations or donor-advised funds.

Castle Club contributors enjoy concierge-level recognition, unparalleled access, plus all of the privileges of Flagship membership.

FLAGSHIP \$5,000 • \$10,000 • \$25,000 Annual Gift

Elite Flagship members are sustaining Thunderbird's operating costs with annual gifts of \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$25,000 at the Captain, Commodore, and Admiral levels respectively. Thunderbird is able to achieve a substantial matching gift if it can maintain 50-families or businesses gifting \$10,000 in each of 5 consecutive years.

Flagship members share in premium friend-raising and networking events including Thunderbird's famous Thunder Thursday receptions all summer long, Thunder de Mayo and holiday parties, "pop-up" dinners and activities, the Chairman's Reception, invitations to exclusive members-only winemakers' dinners, and private guided tours. Additionally, Flagship members at the Commodore and Admiral levels enjoy boat docking privileges at Thunderbird events and may partake in cruises aboard *Thunderbird* yacht reserved exclusively for members at these levels.

FRIENDS \$100 – \$2,500 Annual Gift

Whether the child who gives from her piggy bank or the family making an annual gift matched by an employer, Friends are the bedrock of Thunderbird and provide critical support for programs.

Friends receive a variety of benefits tailored to the giving level including complimentary tour passes, invitations to attend certain events, and discounts on merchandise at the Thunderbird Museum Store.

Membership levels and privileges are subject to change at any time without notice. Membership subject to Thunderbird Lake Tahoe rules, terms, and conditions.



MEMBERS' HAPPENINGS

BECOME A FLAGSHIP OR CASTLE CLUB MEMBER OF THUNDERBIRD LAKE TAHOE AND EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF THUNDERBIRD LODGE AND YACHT AT OUR MEMBERS-ONLY EVENTS.

THUNDER THURSDAY RECEPTIONS

Savor the stunning summer alpenglow from the gazebo, Old Lodge terrace, or any of the beautiful grounds at Thunderbird Lodge. Our chef will surely impress with a dazzling array of hors d'oeuvres and selection of fine wines. We've invited a variety of artists, entertainers, and winemakers to make each week a unique experience. Thunder Thursday is the perfect time to show the George Whittell Estate to your friends, or to see and be seen before dining on Lake Tahoe's North Shore.



FLAGSHIP AND CASTLE CLUB MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS

THURSDAYS
JULY 6 - AUGUST 31
5-7 PM

THUNDER DE MAYO CELEBRATION



Taco 'bout a fiesta! Margaritas, Mariachi, and south-of-the border favorites with a Chef Darren twist. Join us to celebrate Mexico's heritage and party like it's 1862. It's a perfect way to kick off the summer at Lake Tahoe. Tours are offered and sombreros are optional!

EAST SHORE, LIGHTHOUSE, LAKESIDE, FLAGSHIP AND CASTLE CLUB MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS

5-7 PM

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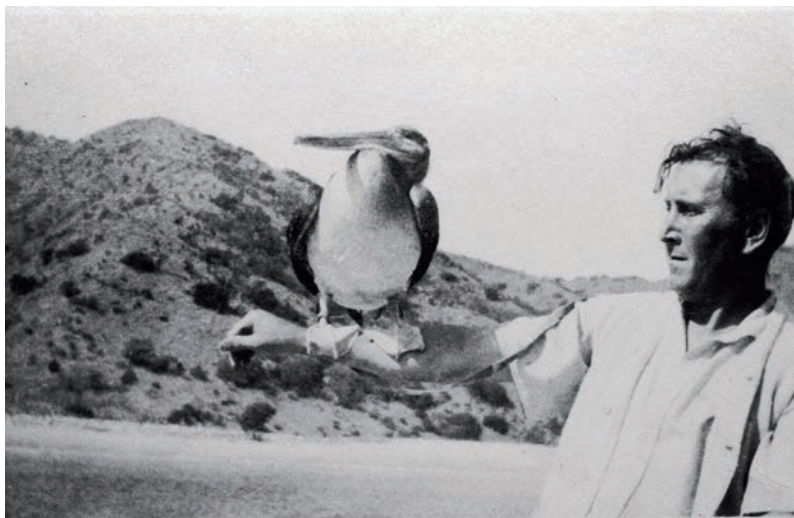
CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 5-7 PM

Thunderbird Governing Board Chair, Pete Sturtevant, hosts an intimate evening at Thunderbird Lodge to thank you for your support. There will be a brief program accompanied by a selection of fine wine, beer, and appetizers.

LIGHTHOUSE, LAKESIDE, FLAGSHIP AND CASTLE CLUB MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS

CAPTAIN'S INVITATIONAL BIRTHDAY DINNER



THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 28
4-8 PM

Honoring the man who started it all, Captain George Whittell. We will raise our glasses and celebrate his legacy and the rare and beautiful gift he left to all of us to enjoy.

BY CURATOR'S INVITATION

FULL MOON CRUISES



MONDAY, AUGUST 7
&
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Experience the deep basso notes of *Thunderbird's* twin aircraft engines under the light of a full moon in the summer on Lake Tahoe. Does it get any better? Clean, crisp and delicious, the hors d'oeuvres, champagne, and fine wines are reminiscent of Sinatra and all the many celeb's that have been on board.

FLAGSHIP AND CASTLE CLUB MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS

HOLIDAY PARTY



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
4-7 PM

Celebrate the end of another great year and help us ring in the holiday season. The Lodge will be decorated beautifully, fires will be roaring, wine will be flowing and our chef will make sure the delicacies from the kitchen prove to be crowd pleasing! It's our way of thanking our amazing members and guests.

LAKE SIDE, FLAGSHIP AND CASTLE CLUB MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS

RESERVATIONS 1.775.832.8750
OR EMAIL: RESERVATIONS@THUNDERBIRDTAHOE.ORG

WINEMAKERS' DINNER SERIES

The highlight of Lake Tahoe's summer season, these elegant affairs pair renowned chefs and vintners to create the most memorable special events. These popular fundraisers offer a unique composition of wine, cuisine, castle tours, the glorious grounds, panoramic sunsets, and unparalleled auction and raffle items. Each event always sells out so make your reservations early!

June 11 – Liberty Food & Wine Exchange and Whitehall Lane

Liberty Food & Wine Exchange is Reno's hot new artisan eatery and wine bar by renowned regional chef Mark Estee, returning to Thunderbird for his 15th consecutive year. Celebrating 20 years of winemaking, Tom Leonardini of Whitehall Lane Winery showcases his family's premium vineyard sources and wine that continues to turn heads today.

July 9 – Thunderbird Chef Darren Weston and Arietta Winery

Our own Executive Chef Darren creates melodious dinner magic when his cuisine is paired with wines born of a passion for music. Arietta's incomparable Fritz Hatton will "take flight" with wines that are balanced, vibrant, deep, and complex. Need we say more?

September 10 – Calafuria Reno and Jarvis Estate

Reno's trending Midtown bistro is Calafuria where chef-owner Tim Magee celebrates coastal Tuscany including Livorno classics. Will Jarvis and the Jarvis Estate team will present wines from their underground winery that utilizes a combination of rotary fermenters and classic oak cuves (tanks) from Cognac to help create the Jarvis Estate signature style of wines.

October 8 – Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe, and Pride Mountain Winery

Executive Chef Mark Jeffers inspires memories that will transcend the season on his inaugural event at Thunderbird Lodge. Suzanne Pride Bryan and Stuart Bryan put the finish on the series with an array of big red wines on the black-fruit side of the ripeness spectrum while maintaining balance, nuance, and complexity.

Upgrade any winemaker's dinner event to include a pre-dinner VIP cruise aboard *Thunderbird* yacht with a celebrity winemaker sharing rare reserve and library wines from the winery's estate cellar.

VIP Cruise tickets are priced at \$1,000 per person per event (\$750 charitable). All-inclusive VIP cruises admit one to the cruise, dinner, and on-site parking. VIP Cruise arrival time at Thunderbird Lodge is 4 p.m.



Those who purchase tickets to the entire series of 4 dinners will receive the winemaker's selection of a complimentary bottle of wine from each dinner attended, one bottle per series ticket purchased.

Winemakers' Dinner tickets are priced \$250 per person per event (\$150 charitable). Shuttle transportation departs Incline Village, Nevada at 4:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. Limited on-site parking is reserved exclusively for Castle Club and Flagship Members and VIP Cruise guests.

THUNDERFAIRE: GRAPE AND GOURMET ON THE LAKE - AUG. 13

The all new Thunderfaire showcases 12 purveyors presenting a dazzling array of California wines, craft brews, and distilled spirits at Thunderbird Lodge. Accompanied by delectable bites from 8 area chefs, enjoy an afternoon strolling about the grottoes and secret spaces of the Whittell Estate grounds while taking in the sights, entertainment, and prizes featured throughout the expansive property.

Thunderfaire tickets are priced \$195 per person per event (\$125 charitable). Shuttle buses begin departing Incline Village at 4 p.m. and run continuously until 8 p.m. No on-site parking is available.

MEMBERS, GUESTS, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
For Reservations 1.775.832.8750
or: ThunderbirdTahoe.org

WINE AND DINE AT THUNDERBIRD LODGE

Fundraising Galas to Benefit the Programs of Thunderbird Lake Tahoe



The historic Whittell estate was the most exclusive spot on the Lake in its iconic heyday ... and it still is today. Just as the buildings and grounds have been preserved at great expense, so has the Captain's spirit of celebration. Thunderbird has hosted heads-of-state, Hollywood stars, famed authors, poets, history's brightest minds, and celebrated heroes. Now you too may share in the magic and help save the place fondly known as the Castle-in-the-Sky.



NEW BEGINNINGS

Thunderbird Lodge is idyllic for a distinctive Lake Tahoe wedding. Intimate and dramatic, no matter the season, the stunning indoor and outdoor spaces make planning simple and the outcome unforgettable. As such, we are discerning, hosting only 4-6 gala weddings and a limited number of champagne ceremonies each year in order to preserve this special place. The Whittell Estate is also available for military ceremonies, rehearsal dinners, retirement dinners, and more.



EXECUTIVE MEETINGS & TEAM GETAWAYS

Plan, review, collaborate and celebrate shared success in the finest secure and private setting that is sure to inspire. 180-degree panoramic views of the Lake Tahoe basin are the backdrop for your business retreat or event. A variety of corporate sponsorships may be tailored to suit your needs.

CASTLE DINNERS

Up to 24 guests may enjoy an intimate lakeside luncheon or dinner at the Whittell Estate. Following hors d'oeuvres and a private tour, our Thunderbird chef will present a tailored four-course gourmet menu for you from an array of local purveyors.

The charitable, educational, and preservation programs of the non-profit Thunderbird Lake Tahoe are supported entirely by philanthropy.



THUNDERBIRD EXPERIENCES

The former home of the enigmatic Captain George Whittell Jr, Thunderbird Lodge is a distinctive hideaway, fairytale wedding location, and an elegant off-site and meeting venue. Mostly, Thunderbird Lodge is a world apart.

THUNDERBIRD YACHT CRUISES

To enhance your occasion, the “Lady of the Lake”, *Thunderbird* yacht, has returned to grace the pristine blue Tahoe waters. Up to 20 passengers may join a breathtaking cruise, all the while sipping on fine wines, tasting delicious bites, and learning about Lake Tahoe’s history as the shoreline passes by.

ENCHANTED GATHERINGS

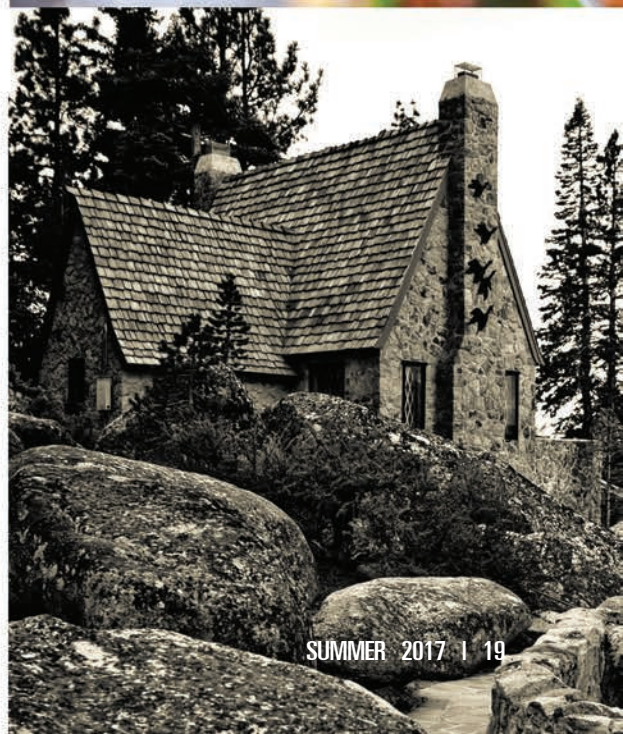
A grand reason for every season! Family gatherings, a special anniversary, a long-awaited reunion, birthdays, proposals, and more. Our regional network of professional event partners will assist you in expertly crafting each detail from start to finish.

OVERNIGHT LODGING

Cap your evening with an overnight stay in our fairytale stone cottage—rusticate in luxury at Thunderbird Lodge. Occupancy is limited to two guests in one cottage per night.

As the stewards of Lake Tahoe’s art and history, we make Thunderbird Lodge and Yacht available to a select few major supporters of Thunderbird’s programs. To protect Lake Tahoe and its treasures, sponsor a special occasion or memorable event today.

For information 1.775.832.8750
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The Preservation Fund represents a portfolio of major gifts received from individual donors, businesses, family foundations, private foundations, and donor-advised funds at community foundations. The Fund's corpus—or principal balance—is never touched and only the investment income the Fund earns is used for regular maintenance of Thunderbird Lodge and Yacht.

To sustain preservation and ensure public access for generations to come, the Preservation Fund must grow to \$20-million by 2020. We remain extremely grateful to the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation and all our individual donors who started us on this journey. The Thunderbird team is proud of its success in growing the Preservation Fund to within halfway of its target goal!

ERIC RUSSELL PHOTOGRAPHY

Like many non-profit organizations,
the future of Thunderbird Lake Tahoe
rests with building a permanent
Preservation Fund, or endowment...


THUNDERBIRD Legacy

CASTLE CLUB

Despite numerous economic challenges over the past seven years, Thunderbird Lake Tahoe is occasionally blessed with gifts of \$100,000 or more to its Preservation Fund. Major contributors at this level are automatically inducted into Thunderbird's Castle Club to enjoy unparalleled access, programs, and members-only events.

Matching gift opportunities are presently available. Passionate donors eager to grow the Preservation Fund have pledged to match \$100,000 and higher contributions dollar for dollar.

There are many ways to structure your Castle Club contribution including multi-year gift commitments, transferring highly appreciated stocks or securities, gifting an I.R.A. distribution, donor-advised funds, or make a bequest from your estate.



...however, unlike non-profits having
an endless need to raise funds,
Thunderbird has a plan to achieve
its mission into perpetuity.

***Your contributions
make a difference:***

- Cash
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MAKING A BEQUEST

Bequests let you make a meaningful gift to Thunderbird Lake Tahoe without jeopardizing your family's security. A bequest can be cash or tangible property, or can be a percentage of your estate, or a specific dollar value. Your bequest may be designated for general purposes, the permanent Preservation Fund, or for a specific Thunderbird program or preservation project.

Although you are not obligated to disclose any intended gift, doing so will allow Thunderbird to appropriately thank you for your generosity and update you about charitable works and progress toward achieving the Preservation Fund goals.

GIFTS OF ALL KINDS

Over the years, Thunderbird has benefited from gifts of all kinds including real property, highly valued boats and cars, appreciated securities, bonds, and art and historic artifacts consistent with the Thunderbird mission. If you wish to support Thunderbird and our long-term preservation efforts, please do not hesitate to have a conversation with us.

For more information about making a Legacy Gift to Thunderbird Lake Tahoe, please contact Chief Executive and Curator, Bill Watson, at 1.775.832.8755 or email Watson@ThunderbirdTahoe.org.

COASTAL ARTILLERY RANGE FINDER



The coastal artillery range finder has been a fixture at Thunderbird Lodge since the 1940s. These canvas-covered devices, manufactured by Bausch+Lomb, were critical to the defense of America's Pacific Coast from the Spanish American War through the conclusion of the Second World War. Thunderbird visitors often use the rangefinder to calculate how far Captain Whittell had to travel to reach the showgirls at the Cal Neva casino.



BEACON LIGHTHOUSE

Restored in 2011, the Thunderbird Beacon marks this winter's high-water levels just as it did in this 1958 shot. The east shore landmark continues to captivate boaters including the Crane children in the rowboat nearly 60 years ago. Watch for the beacon's shining light to illuminate Thunderbird events all summer long.



WILLIAM FISK HARRAH PHOTOS

Thunderbird's digital archives contain thousands of photos of casino-mogul Bill Harrah including this shot of Harrah, wife Scherry, actress Sandra Grant, and crooner Tony Bennett aboard the *Thunderbird* yacht. We spoke with Bennett last spring and, at age 90, he fondly recalls lazy summer afternoons cruising Lake Tahoe with the other celebrities who were performing at Harrah's South Shore Room.



Treasures of Tahoe



SKUNK HARBOR PHOTO

Located in this isolated harbor is an amazing stone house, built for the George Newhall family. The family's fortunes changed and following the stock market crash in 1929, they sold the property to George Whittell, Jr. in the early 1930s. Whittell spent several summers in the house until his mansion was completed north of Skunk Harbor in 1939.

SKUNK HARBOR BIRDS-EYE VIEW

This mapped drawing is a birds-eye view of Skunk Harbor's famed Estate in 1925. San Francisco financier George Newhall built the compound as a wedding gift to his wife, Caroline. Thunderbird Lake Tahoe team members interpret and care for this and other historic sites along Lake Tahoe's east shore.



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December 6, 1968

Mr. Donald F. Robb
Real Estate Investments
Dock 4, Ft. of Van Ness
San Francisco, California 94109

Dear Mr. Robb:

Thank you for your letter responding to our interest in acquiring Captain Whittell's property.

I have managed to establish the necessary interest and the strong desire to see this project concluded much as offered by the Captain. However, due to time and scope limitations, The Nature Conservancy will not be able to raise the purchase price in cash at this time.

The Nature Conservancy feels that Whittell Park can be established and at the offering price of \$15,000,000 if the non profit tax advantages inherent in our proposal are as advantageous to Captain Whittell as they would seem to be.

We suggest a no down payment purchase at the \$15,000,000 price payable in ten years, with a first mortgage to the Captain and the loan bearing 7% interest. If Captain Whittell will donate the annual 7% interest to the Conservancy he will gain a State and Federal Income Tax deduction in the amount of \$1,050,000 each year until the transaction is completed in 1978.

The transaction will have the following advantages for Captain Whittell:

- He received for the property at the end of
- taxes each year for

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PROTECTING THE LAND

Efforts to save George Whittell's vast land holdings started early, as this 1968 letter from the Nature Conservancy attests. In addition to Whittell gifting large tracts of land to the public trust, the Estate has a storied history of land conservation. In 1937, Whittell employed and housed the first U.S. Forest Service ranger in the Tahoe Basin and the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club was formed at a 1958 meeting held at Admiral and Mrs. John Crenshaw's cottage here.



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VOLUNTEERS

our Most Valued Contributors

THUNDERBIRD

10,000 VISITORS

Nearly 100 volunteers come together each year to help preserve Thunderbird Lodge and Yacht and welcome over 10,000 visitors from around the world.

SKILLED

Some trained volunteers become highly skilled tour guides, educating and entertaining our guests about the historic estate and legacy of bon vivant, George Whittell.

PASSIONATE

Our volunteers are made up of donors, employees, long time Tahoe residents, or dedicated friends who give their time to maintain the beautiful grounds, assist with events, and help with restoration projects such as archiving, painting, stonework, yacht maintenance, and anything else that may come up around the Estate. The list is never ending!



JOIN US

The World of Thunderbird fosters lasting friendship as a result of the rewarding work done for preservation. Add to that, the Fireside Chats, potluck dinners, and other special occasions that make for a fun and satisfying summer-at-the-castle. The lasting friendships they form and results of the work they do for preservation is rewarding enough, but add to that the Fireside Chats, potluck dinners, and other special occasions that make for a fun and satisfying summer-at-the-castle.

And to our volunteers - a heartfelt THANK YOU for all that you do!

If you wish to join the Thunderbird family, please phone us at 1.775.832.8750 or visit ThunderbirdTahoe.org/volunteering.

SPOTLIGHT

DARCIE AND DAVID KENT

Vintner Darcie and David Kent established Darcie Kent Vineyards in 1996 to carry on her 5th generation family tradition. Their small lot, single vineyard wines are crafted from sustainably farmed, family-owned vineyards in Monterey and the Livermore Valley.

In addition to being a gifted artist and chef, Darcie, and her husband are generous philanthropists dividing their time between the Bay Area and Lake Tahoe.

Here is Darcie and David's interview with Thunderbird Lake Tahoe Chief Executive & Curator, Bill Watson:

BW: In 1996, you decided to continue the family tradition. Was there a catalyst in that decision?

Darcie: After we were married, David and I were working for Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio. We frequently visited my relatives in St. Joseph, Missouri, where my great, great-grandfather Fritz Ruegsegger had emigrated from Switzerland in 1875 and planted a vineyard. My great-grandfather Christian built the Alpine Winery in 1883. It was one of America's first wineries holding bond number 62. The old winery survived Prohibition by operating as a speakeasy until Repeal. My aunt and uncle had great stories of working in the winery, such as bartering a bottle of wine for admission to the local movie theater, and this really piqued our interest.

David: In 1991, we decided to leave P&G and head to California to enter the wine business. Ernest and Julio Gallo were entering the fast growing premium wine segment and I wanted to be a part of it. Soon after that, we joined a home winemaking group in Modesto called the Woof Woof Winery, which was full of amazing young people all passionate about wine.

Darcie: I started illustrating various wine labels for Woof Woof and met our first winemaker, Brenda Lynch, whose husband worked with David at Gallo. Brenda and I wanted to start our own family wineries – while our husbands kept their day jobs - and this led David and me to the Livermore Valley while the Lynches headed to the Dry Creek Valley.

BW: Did the land drive the types of wine you are making or did you decide what you wanted to produce and then look for that land?

David: Brenda was interested in Zinfandel, but we were interested in Merlot, which was just starting to rise in popularity. At the time Walla Walla, Washington was making some of the best Merlot's in America, but we found that same ideal combination of warm days, cool nights, persistent breezes and minimal rainfall in the Livermore Valley east of San Francisco Bay. In 1996 we purchased a 20-acre vineyard that had recently been planted to Merlot by the Wente family. Right away we started making a few barrels of wine and building a house to raise our children in the country.

BW: How do you know when you have a good vintage?

Darcie: Wine is alive; it's always evolving! The conditions during harvest – the avoidance of heat spikes and rain plus the advantage of cool nights, morning fog and afternoon winds all prolong the “hang time” of grapes – the amount of time the fruit takes to ripen on the vine. The best vintages seem to have the longest hang times. Although we grow mostly Cabernet these days, our original block of old vine Merlot still ripens three weeks after Napa Valley.

BW: Has the abnormal weather affected your crop this year? For better or worse?

David: So far, so good. A wet winter after five years of drought has given our vineyards a better cleanse than a spa week at Canyon Ranch. Many of the accumulated salts have been washed out of the soils and the vines are the happiest they have been in years.



David, Amanda, Darcie, and Kailyn

BW: What is your favorite wine that you've made and what makes it your favorite?

Darcie: It is hard to pick between your children, but I love the single vineyard Chardonnay and Red Blend that we produce for the Thunderbird Preservation Society and it is great that all the proceeds go towards protecting this national treasure. These wines are our go-to pours all summer on the lake.

BW: What is your personal favorite wine and food pairing?

Darcie: For white wine, it has to be our DeMayo Chardonnay with seared day boat scallops finished with a browned butter, lemon sauce. Our buttery-style Chardonnay with its subtle bourbon aroma nicely bridges the richness of this dish.

David: A French-rack of herb encrusted lamb chops topped with Gorgonzola pairs nicely with our Madden Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon. Both the Cab and the chops have bold, complex flavors that complement each other.

BW: Speaking of Madden Cab, you have been working with grapes grown on football hall-of-famer John Madden's vineyard for the past decade. How did this collaboration start?

Darcie: For ten years I was President of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation, which raised money for children's charities throughout the East Bay. The Maddens were always very generous with their time and resources and one thing led to another. David started leasing their best vineyards in Livermore so we could estate-farm select blocks for the Cabernet and Petite Sirah we produce exclusively for restaurants nationwide.

In addition to producing fine wine, you are a gifted artist in many mediums. You and David seem to have a passion for historic homes like the one you restored in Lake Tahoe. Tell us about it.

David: It is such a privilege to live at Lake Tahoe. Although it fell one vote short of becoming a national park, Lake Tahoe is certainly a national treasure. Those of us lucky enough to live here need to be good stewards of the lake. In 2011 we purchased an old cabin built in 1937 near the Twin Pines Cottage at South Lake. Both dwellings have been attributed to famed architect Julia Morgan. We restored our log cabin, preserving its old Tahoe charm and knotty pine, and brought it up to modern building codes. It was truly a labor of love.

If you weren't producing wines, what would you do instead?

Darcie: Paint full time. I was a freelance artist and illustrator before we started making wine. Our tasting room in Livermore is actually an art gallery where I show my acrylic and watercolor scenes of our beautiful wine country. I try to sprinkle in a few Sierra Nevada pieces as well. And of course, I still love painting wine labels.

Thunderbird is proud to serve fine wines by Darcie Kent Vineyards.

The 2015 release of “Thunderbird White” is based on the Kent family's award-winning Chardonnay and “Thunderbird Red” is a succulent cuvée of estate-grown grapes from two vineyards surrounding the family's Livermore, California home. All bottles feature original artwork by Darcie herself and are available for sale by the case or bottle at the Thunderbird Store. Thank you, Darcie, Kailyn, Amanda, and David for your friendship and support over-the-years!

THUNDERBIRD Yacht

Greetings from the helm of *Thunderbird* yacht...

We have the green light for the 2017 boating season! With a record-setting winter, Lake Tahoe may reach its legal limit. Lake Tahoe's water surface level is measured by the elevation in vertical feet above sea-level. The rim of Lake Tahoe's only outlet—the Truckee River dam at Tahoe City—is roughly 6,223' and the lake's legal limit is 6,229'. This limit was officially established in 1935 at the end of a nearly century old water war over Tahoe's water. But that's another story for another time. As I write this, the Lake's elevation is a tad over 6,227' – and there are still record levels of water stored in the Sierra snowpack. So what does all of this mean? For the first time in 3 years, we have plenty of water to operate the *Thunderbird* yacht!

I know I share your excitement for having *Thunderbird* grace Lake Tahoe's waters once again. I am also honored to be promoted Captain of the Yacht. This has been a goal of mine since I was a kid working on the gas dock at North Tahoe Marina back in the early 1990s. I remember a hot summer afternoon when I heard an engine note like no other I had heard before. I looked up to see *Thunderbird* for my first time. She was cruising west toward Tahoe City. As I watched her disappear behind Dollar Point, my intrigue immediately turned into a torrent of questions about that boat. I was asking anyone and everyone who would listen to me. This was also around the same time I became aware of Lake Tahoe's fascinating history and I delved deeply into every Tahoe book I could get my hands on. I did not know it at the time, but that moment set me on a course that brought me here today.

Welcome to summer 2017. I look forward to having you aboard *Thunderbird* yacht and sharing the amazing history and stories about the magical places on Lake Tahoe.

Climb aboard!
Captain Brad Carter





RECIPE

THUNDERBIRD

Culinary

Chef Darren Weston

Your culinary experience begins where all Thunderbird adventures begin: at the front gate. Open up, head on down, and venture in. On the steps, we might be waiting with a freshly squeezed blood orange mojito, a perfectly aged glass of red, or a bite of lobster. Head down the breezeway, step into the Old Lodge, and settle in for a memorable evening. It might be a night of BBQ and bourbon, truffles and caviar, or Bucatini and Barolo—regardless, it is sure to be memorable. Stroll out to the lawn, grab a cocktail, listen to the band, and marvel at that Tahoe sunset. Just beware of flying champagne corks. Adventure is my theme for

2017. Seems fitting with the most exciting yacht now cruising outside my front door. Of course, we'll step aboard for dinner now-and-again. But we will also feature beachside picnics, ice carving, and it wouldn't be summer without a whole roasted pig. Plus, cooking classes, and this year we'll employ the historic lodge kitchen, complete with Whittell-era recipes. Keep an eye out for pop-up dinners in 2017. Only recently satiated from a blowout Valentine's dinner, I am planning an Italian 5-course feast with amazing Italian wines. So, join us, come fearless and hungry, and we'll take care of the rest.



the LAST BARK

Dear Fans,

No one, I mean no one, is more excited for summer than yours truly!

After suffering through months of winter trying to find places to “go” (and I’m not talkin’ St. Barths or Argentina), because of the high snow banks, I’m finally relieved (pardon the pun) that the white stuff is melting away and revealing all the toys I neglected to store away for the winter.

Seriously, there was so much snow and ice for me to slip and slide on, all the girls are gossiping about my weekly manicures! (The women will explain).

Again, this year my humans are in the doghouse because they were too busy to get away and chill. The water is up and the *Thunderbird* yacht is ready to go. In anticipation, I’m forgoing my bikini bod and instead I’ll focus on testing out all the delicious recipes Chef is planning for the season of Thunder Thursdays and summer events. I got FUR going for me and I gotta say, it’s better than “shapewear” any day.

So, in closing, I’ve basically spent my winter days watching Animal Planet on TV while peering out at Dennis and his team working on their biceps (shoveling snow). I’m also making sure I get enough sleep for the dog days of summer tours, kids, wine dinners, programs, and parties!

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