

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS RANCH GETS FIRST AID TREATMENT

Supporters of WSS rise to the occasion - Mohawk Valley Stewardship Council organizes work party to apply "band-aid repairs" to stem further decline.



Jim Harper & Sam Pettinato put up the new banner

Due to the generosity of many local and other fans of the WSS Ranch, as witnessed by the large turnout at The Mohawk Valley Stewardship Council's June fund raiser, work is proceeding to apply much needed emergency repairs to the ranch house. Volunteer contractors and craftsmen led by Kim Kalbaugh will be shoring up the sagging front balcony and side addition, blocking all the upper story windows, and replacing the missing roof panels. The Council continues to work with the Feather River Land Trust and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to secure grants for the assessment and ultimately the purchase of the ranch house and property with the stated goal of returning the WSS Ranch to its former place as a community meeting and recreation venue. Watch for the scaffolding!

Although the Council is heartened at the response to our call for immediate aid, more long term support is sought. The work we will be doing in September and October can only be considered as temporary in nature, but we have high hopes that our goal of acquisition will indeed be realized and that we will be able to tackle the restoration of what has been revealed to be a VERY STURDY historical structure. For more information on how you can help please visit the web site www.mohawkvalley.us or contact Alice Berg, President, at 836-1201.



Alice Berg & Sally Tantau check out the placement of the new banner



Bill & Sally Tantau, Alice Berg & Susan Pettinato after a mornings work on the project

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Alice Berg takes a break



Overgrowth that needs clearing



Loads of brush to clear



Jim Harper, Bill & Sally Tantau and Alice Berg debriefing