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## Preston Castle Foundation's Quest for the Deed is over!

The Preston Castle Foundation is pleased and proud to announce that they have received the Deed to the Preston Castle and surrounding property, totaling almost 13 acres with 5 freestanding buildings. This has been the major focus of the Foundation's fund raising and preservation and rehabilitation efforts over the past several years.

The strikingly beautiful Romanesque style Preston Castle, on a hill in Ione, was actually the administration building for the Preston School of Industry, the first major attempt in California at rehabilitating, instead of just imprisoning, young offenders.

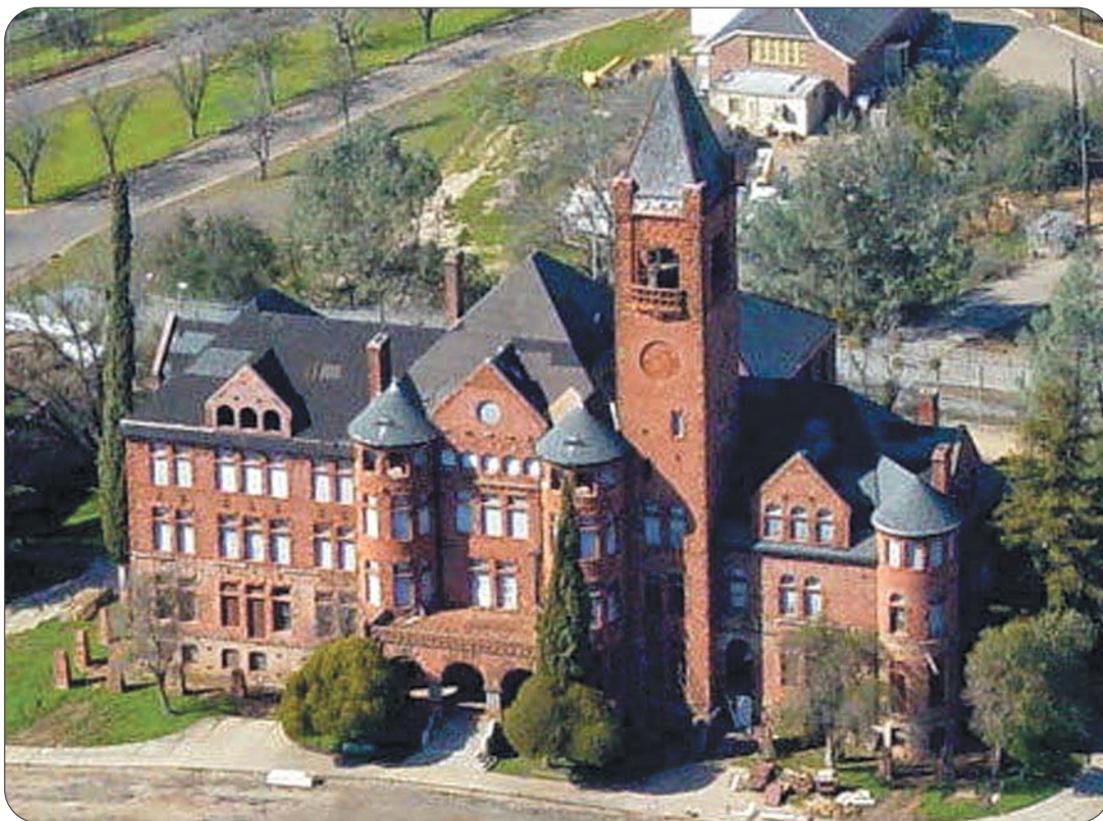
Opened in 1894, the Preston School of Industry became a leader in the juvenile prison reform movement by giving convicted boys a real chance at life by educating them not only in academics, but in all of the useful trades of the time.

In 2002, the Foundation was successful in obtaining a 55 year lease from the State of California for the purpose of preserving, rehabilitating, and utilizing the historic Preston Castle site. Funds raised through historical tours, paranormal tours, grants, and donations enabled much needed improvements to be accomplished.

Completing these projects satisfied key terms of the lease that would allow transferring ownership from the State to the PCF. This prompted, in 2011, the Preston Castle Foundation Board of Directors, under the leadership of Carol Lipchik, Director, to begin their Quest for the Deed.

Carol and her committee put together a large binder with Business Plans, Budgets, Strategic Planning, a Core Historic Structures Report and the Vision and Mission of the PCF. This book was used at a meeting with the landlord, the Department of General Services of the State of California, to officially ask for transfer of the deed to the Preston Castle property. This project could not have been completed without the expert help of several consultants. Mr. Rob Aragon of ...

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The beautiful Romanesque-style Preston Castle in Ione, California began as the Preston School of Industry opened in 1894. Courtesy Photo to The Gold Country Times

## The Dream Quest One Poetry & Writing Contest

Open to anyone who enjoys expressing their innermost thoughts and feelings into the beautiful literary art of poetry and/or writing a story that is worth telling everyone! Write a poem, thirty lines or fewer on any subject, style, or form, typed or neatly hand printed. And/or write a short story, five pages maximum length, on any subject or theme, creative writing fiction or non-fiction (including essay compositions, diary, journal entries and screenwriting). All entries must be typed or neatly hand printed. Multiple and simultaneous poetry and short story entries are accepted.

Postmark by: Dec 31, 2014. Winners announced Feb 2015. Cash prizes totaling \$1,275. All works must be original. More at [www.dreamquestone.com](http://www.dreamquestone.com)

## Glampers in the Foothills!

On Saturday, October 11th, 43 Vintage Trailers, ranging from tiny Teardrops to Vintage Airstreams filled the beautiful Gold Country Campground Resort in Pine Grove, California for a weekend of glamping. Glamping is a new word for a new kind of travel, defined as "glamorous camping". The Trailerettes donned costumes and decked out their vintage trailers in an amazing array of spectacular display!

The public was invited to tour the trailers and vote for the spookiest, the best glamping setup, the most original, and the coziest trailer setup. There were so many fabulous displays and everyone deserved the awards. In fact, in addition to the four major categories, ribbons were awarded to all participants.

The purpose of the event, headed by Trailerette's founder, Margaret Martan, was to not only have fun and learn more about vintage trailering, but also to help give back to the local community. Many of The Trailerettes donated stunning gift baskets and items for a raffle to benefit Operation Care, a local nonprofit organization helping victims of domestic violence. By 2:00pm when the raffle began, they had raised \$1,800, and after the raffle, one of The Trailerettes named J-Byrd



The Trailerettes - a women's vintage trailer camping group. Courtesy photo

donated an additional \$30, challenging the audience to match her donation or whatever they could do, so that the total donation would be \$2,000. By the end of the day, the total amount raised was \$2,118.

"Our staff and volunteers are so thankful for the contributions made by The Trailerettes," said Tammie Crabtree, Executive Director of Operation Care. "We had a great time learning about vintage trailering, and meeting a new group of friends. The proceeds from this event will go a long way towards serving victims of domestic violence." The Trailerettes are a group of women who have been camping together since 2010 in the Northern California area. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.trailerettes.net>

Operation Care has been providing services and safe shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault since 1980. During the 2013/14 fiscal year, 43 women and children were provided safe shelter. Advocates helped 40 victims with temporary restraining orders, and provided crisis intervention to 45 sexual assault victims. The staff provided 406 peer counseling sessions to 115 adults and 14 children, and hundreds of transports to appointments, court, and other locations.

The mission of the organization is to provide domestic violence and sexual assault support services, crisis intervention and education in our community. For more information, call 209-223-2897 or visit [www.operationcare.org](http://www.operationcare.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/operationcare>.

Trailerettes - a women's vintage trailer camping group, located in Northern California celebrating their 6th year of campouts in January, 2016. The majority of members own and camp in vintage trailers; campouts are for women only. The group no longer requires membership dues or a membership application. <http://www.trailerettes.net/>

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