

WHAT: **SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

**WHERE: **Empire Mine State Historic Park
10791 East Empire Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945****

**WHEN: **Sunday May 9, 2009
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM****

**ADMISSION: **\$3.00 for adults 17 and over
\$1.00 for children 6 – 16
Free for children under 6****

**INFORMATION: **530-273-8522
www.empiremine.org****

You are invited to attend the annual Spring Open House at Empire Mine State Historic Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday May 9th. Activities will include living history presentations in the Bourn Cottage, Mine Yard and Clubhouse. In the “cottage”, volunteers will be dressed in period costumes and will recreate characters from the Empire Mine’s colorful past. There will also be live music throughout the day. Mr. & Mrs. Bourn and their guests will greet you and speak to you as if you were visiting in the year 1905. In the mine yard, volunteers portray workers of the past and enact a working day at the mine. Meet the office staff and other mine workers, see and hear working machinery, smell the blacksmiths burning coal, and feel the coolness of the mineshaft.

This year we encourage the ladies to don their fancy bonnets while they stroll the Park plus it will allow them 10% off any purchase of a potted plant, including our roses. The gardens should be blooming and you will have the opportunity to purchase heirloom plants propagated in our greenhouses. The gift shop will be open with various gift items and mineral specimens for purchase. Locally known Sweeneys Weenies will be providing various hotdogs & beverages plus Lazy Dog Confections will have their wonderful ice cream selections. Children will have the fun of decorating a potted plant for a Mother’s Day gift. All proceeds benefit the Empire Mine Park Association in its ongoing programs to restore the historic buildings and grounds and to enhance educational opportunities at the Park.

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