

Eyes of the Forest Exhibit

Special message for SQF retirees, SQF friends, former lookouts, current lookouts, Buck Rock Foundation volunteers and friends:

The Kern Valley Museum is celebrating fire lookouts of the Sequoia National Forest! Local artist Carla Aubrey's oil paintings of fire towers are quite amazing, not to mention the lookout collection of materials that have been gathered thanks to many folks with an interest in the project and in preserving/restoring SQF Lookouts. Please join us for a day of celebration on Saturday, May 4, from 10:00-4:00 at the Kern Valley Museum in Kernville. If you miss us that day, the Exhibit runs from April 19-May 19; Thur-Sun from 10:00-4:00. (The museum docents are only there from Thursday to Sunday.)

Come join in the celebration!

Eyes of the Forest Press Release: See Below

Kern River Valley Historical Society

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Date: March 10, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

“EYES OF THE FOREST - SEQUOIA’S LOOKOUTS”

(KERNVILLE, Calif., March 2, 2019) - Second only to “Smokey Bear,” fire lookouts have become one of the national forests most widely recognized treasures. At one time, there were over 8,000 fire lookouts across the United States; today there are fewer than 900. Computerized lightning detection systems and air patrols have sadly taken over much of the role and importance of lookouts in locating wildfires.

To honor and help preserve the few remaining lookouts on the Sequoia National Forest, Kern Valley artist Carla Aubrey will present a special Exhibit featuring 30 of her original oil paintings depicting historic fire lookouts on the forest. The event is sponsored by the Kern River Valley Historical Society.

The public is invited to attend a special day of celebration on Saturday, May 4 at the Kern Valley Museum from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to view the Exhibit, **“Eyes of the Forest - Sequoia’s Lookouts.”** The Museum is located at 49 Big Blue Road in Kernville, Calif. Refreshments will be served.

The Exhibit includes paintings of former lookouts dating from the early 1900s through the 1950s, and original paintings of the nine lookouts that remain today. Other collection material includes rare historical documents, photographs, and past news articles. A lookout “Osborne Fire Finder” will be available on loan from the Forest Service National Technology and Development Center. The historic fire finder was used in fire detection and came from a dismantled lookout.

The Exhibit and Lookout collection will be on display Thursday through Sunday, starting April 19 through May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information about the Exhibit, please contact the Kern Valley Museum at (760) 376-6683 or visit their website at www.kernvalleymuseum.org.

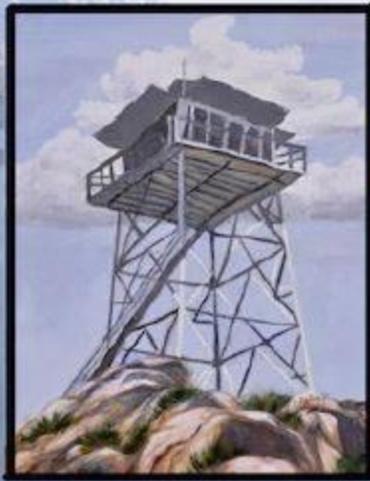
See flyer below:

The Kern River Valley Historical Society

Proudly Presents

“Eyes of the Forest -
Sequoia’s Lookouts”

Featuring the Art of Carla Aubrey



**April 19 - May 19
2019**

**Kern Valley Museum
49 Big Blue Rd.
Kernville, CA**

**Museum Open
Thursday - Sunday
10 am - 4 pm**

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