

*Late News From The Meadows*  
The Mountain Meadows Association Newsletter  
Honoring the Dead, Historic Preservation, Fellowship, & Reconciliation  
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PLEASE JOIN US IN 2012

Membership in the Mountain Meadows Association makes a significant contribution in preserving the memory of those who died at Mountain Meadows. Our Association works diligently toward accomplishing several worthwhile goals. First, we focus on honoring those who died in September 1857. Second, we seek to preserve and promote a truthful interpretative history of this event. Third, we use our resources to protect and preserve Mountain Meadows from desecration. Fourth, we sponsor activities that foster fellowship among people who are concerned about this tragic event. Fifth, we operate a website that promotes communication between friends and relatives. Sixth, we promote reconciliation among those who are descendants of the victims, the perpetrators of the Massacre, as well as those who have no connection to this disaster.



All dues, donations, and contributions from our members are spent promoting these goals of the Association. The President, Vice President, Board members, Secretary-Treasurer, and other members do not receive any pay for their services. Instead, they freely donate their time and money. The officers meet via teleconferences frequently to plan various projects. Furthermore, they plan and conduct the annual meetings, write the newsletters, manage our website, work with government officials, collaborate with the LDS Church, cooperate with other non-profit associations, and solicit help from influential people.



For several years, our Association has worked diligently with various groups trying to get the Federal Government to grant National Historic Landmark status for the burial sites of those who died at Mountain Meadows. Our efforts included drafting letters, attending meetings in Washington DC and San Francisco, and collaborating with LDS Church officials, the Mountain Meadows Foundation, and Mountain Meadows Massacre Descendants. Finally in 2011, we convinced government officials that the region deserves this lofty recognition. This classification provides national publicity as well as helps preserve the sacred nature of Mountain Meadows.

Please join with us in achieving the goals of the MMA. During the past year, we have strongly supported Barbara Jones Brown's and Anna Rolapp's quilt reconciliation project. Nearly one hundred families sewed words and pictures on quilt blocks that filled two quilts. One quilt will hang in Arkansas and the other in Utah. We are also currently working to prevent the TransWest Express 600 KV Direct Current Transmission Project from building a power line that would intrude on the sacred space at Mountain Meadows.



Members realize several personal benefits. First, they enjoy the satisfaction of working for an extremely worthwhile cause. Second, they may deduct their dues, expenses, and donations to the MMA on their income tax returns. Third, members receive copies of the newsletter, which reports the activities and plans of the Association. Fourth, they may attend the annual meetings, which include many monumental activities that have already been mentioned such as dedicating grave sites, gaining National Historic Landmark, and holding meetings honoring the dead. Fifth, members have the opportunity to enlarge their circle of friends.

Please continue your membership by following the instructions on the membership form below. Furthermore, please forward this newsletter to relatives and friends, and encourage them to join the Mountain Meadows Association. If you have not paid your dues since January 2011, please fill out the form below and send it to Terry Fancher at [tnf49@aol.com](mailto:tnf49@aol.com) or mail it to 16 Spencer Street, Braintree, MA 02184. You may also pay dues on line at <http://www.mtn-meadws-assoc.com/dues form.htm>.

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### MEMBERSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues are \$20.00 per year. Please check the following appropriate categories:

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