DINNER, RAFFLE, AUCTION, AWARDS AND COWBOY POETRY
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015
MARK TWAIN HALL, CALAVERAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
No Host Bar 5:30 PM ~ Dinner 6:00 PM
DINNER: $30

COWBOY POETRY BY:

Wendy Brown-Barry
Wendy has lived in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada in the Gold Rush-era town of Mariposa since 1971. She and her husband Kevin live on The Round Tuit Ranch with their horses, dogs and cats. Her love affair with the High Sierras, and her camping trips on horseback have inspired her to compose poetry about her adventures in the back country. She began performing her poetry in 1996, and coordinated the Cannonball Cowboy Gathering in Mariposa for seven years. In 2011 she published her first book of cowboy poetry entitled “Mountain Majesty.”

Mike Bryan
Mike Bryan is a rancher and packer from Scott Valley in Northern California where his great grandfather packed food and supplies to the miners in the 1850’s and 1860’s. Mike had a commercial packing business for about 20 years and is well known locally as a cowboy poet.

Ken Graves
Ken Graves is a fifth generation packer in the Yolla Bolla Mountains. Ken’s family has been ranching in the same area since 1850. Ken has been packing for 38 years for the US Forest Service. He is currently the Region 5 Center of Excellence Co-Director and 2014 Rose Parade survivor. Ken’s poems come from experiences survived.

Mike McFadin
Mike McFadin grew up in Northern California; his Father was a Forest Service District Ranger in Covelo. As a result, essentially Mike has been with the Forest Service his whole life. Mike is currently the Wilderness and Trails Manager for the Trinity River Management Unit on the Shasta Trinity National Forest. Parts of his duties are to manage the stock program. They have a large stock program in Weaverville that is used for moving supplies and field camps into and out of wilderness and other areas un-accessible by vehicles. Mike say’s “Those of us who choose this work do it out of passion; the pay alone isn’t enough to tempt anyone who doesn’t love the way of life we lead. It is an honor to manage public lands and a privilege to work in the high country we call home”.

Bill Roberts
Bill Roberts is a packer on the Klamath National Forest. His over 40 years of clearing trails and packing horses and mules to supply work crews has been his life’s work. He recently published a book of poems and pictures about his experiences.