It is the morning of Nov. 8, 2018. A collector is busy setting up a new exhibit of vintage toys at the museum. He feels uneasy and sees the smoke clouds gather overhead. Quickly he begins repacking as many pieces as he can but needs to leave many. Less than an hour later, the Gold Nugget Museum in Paradise, in northern California, was burned to the ground.

There is no surviving inventory of the Gold Nugget’s collection. From memory the museum’s staff and volunteers are piecing together a list of artifacts of the museum, founded in 1973.

You can’t replace history, but with heart and fortitude, you can try. For now, The Gold Nugget has relocated to the Paradise Train Depot.

On Thursday, March 12, from 5:30-7 pm, You will have the opportunity to meet these formidable volunteers, directors and members of the Gold Nugget at the Sharpsteen Museum. With video presentation, they will share their experiences of loss and the strength it takes to stand up strong against a raging fire. Date and time to be determined, please check the web site sharpsteenmuseum.org for updates.

We hope you will gather with us for this event; give your support to the Gold Nugget as thanks that your museum still stands. Free of charge and open to the public.

For more information about the Gold Nugget Museum, please visit their website: goldnuggetmuseum.com