

SHARPSTEEN MUSEUM

OF CALISTOGA HISTORY

NEWS

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Raise a glass to the Instant Wine Cellar!

This year's Instant Wine Cellar promises to be the most exciting ever, especially because of the generosity of three donors who have contributed spectacular items for the Live Auction.

Our MCs this year are Dario Sattui and his fiancé Irina Yartseva. Among their duties will be to auction a week at Dario's Tuscan property, Monastero di Coriano, a



fully restored Augustian monestary built more than 1,000 years ago.

This is an opportunity normally available only

to wine club members at Castello di Amorosa. The high bidders will stay in a two-bedroom, one large bath apartment that sleeps

Dario Sattui will auction off a week's stay at his property at this 1,000 year-old Tuscan monastery.

4, and have use of a pool, fully-equipped kitchen and outdoor cooking and eating area.

The apartment is completely updated, tastefully furnished with antiques, and includes free wi-fi.

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The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Susana Tovar is the winner of the 2019 Paul Claudon Sharpsteen Museum Scholarship award of \$2,000.

Susana Tovar recipient of \$2,000 Paul Claudon-Sharpsteen award

Susana likes being a part of a community like Calistoga that help others. Her work with the Soroptimists and Interact club has helped her achieve more than forty hours of community service. She has also been ASB Treasurer and prom organizer.

Our winner appreciates the fact that Sam Brannan was a self-made man and is—like him—actively making herself into a worthy citizen.

She applied to eleven colleg-

es and was accepted at nine of them. After UC Santa Barbara, she plans to attend law school so she can help families navigate legal issues.

Susana expresses a desire to follow the spirit of Sam Brannan, "If you're persistent you can make an impact."

The committee feels she demonstrates persistence, and will succeed.

Dina Corcoran
Scholarship Committee

Docent Spotlight: Great Docent work done this day

On a recent Wednesday, docents Barbara Maxfield & Rita Tucker were working the morning shift. A couple from Quincy, IL, Jim & Lois Perry, walked in the door. As Rita greeted them and began a conversation, Mr. Perry told her that he was in Calistoga looking for an old war buddy, a man he had served with in the early 1970s, a man he met during their Air Force days at Castle Air Force Base in Merced, CA.

Once they had been discharged, Mr. Perry's buddy told him he was going home to Calistoga to attend to the family home and property. Mr. Perry had visited once decades ago but could not quite remember where his friend's home was, nor did he have a phone number.

Barbara and Rita kept talking with him, getting

descriptions of the home, the area, a blacksmith shop? Our docents took notes and were given Mr. Perry's business card being unable at that point to answer his needs. Rather than simply putting the note in one of our Director's boxes, or leaving it taped to the cash register, Rita called me at home. Perfect docent procedure!

It was important for our visitor to see his old war buddy. And this need became our mission. I got all the information from Rita, then spoke to Barbara for even more info.

My husband, Dan, happened to walk in the door. Dan is born and raised Calistoga. I asked him if he knew the "buddy" (name omitted for privacy). Dan said "Yes of course", the buddy still lived in the family home.

I telephoned Mr. Perry immediately with the

good news. Luckily he and his wife were still in town enjoying a meal at Café Saraformia. Dan took the phone, had quite a conversation with Mr. Perry and gave him clues and directions to his buddy's home.

Long story short, due to the efforts of docents Barbara Maxfield and Rita Tucker, a simple phone call to me at home and with my husband's help, old Air Force war buddies met again after nearly 50 years.

This is what the Sharpsteen is about. Never let a question or inquiry go unanswered; always go the extra step. I am so proud of what was accomplished on this day. We have the best docents that can be found anywhere!

Kathy Bazzoli
Board of Directors

Calendar August

Special Exhibit Opens
Preserve-Honor-Educate
Napa Police Historical Society

Wed., Aug 7. 5:30 pm
SMF Board Meeting

Wed. Aug. 14, 10 am
SMA Board Meeting

Sat. Aug. 24, 4-7 pm
Instant Wine Cellar
Boys & Girls Club

September

Wed. Sep. 4, 5:30 pm
SMF Board Meeting,
Museum House

Wed. Sep. 11, 10 am,
SMA Board Meeting,
Museum House

October

Wed. Oct. 2, 5:30 pm,
SMF Board Meeting

Wed. Oct. 9, 10 am,
SMA Board Meeting

BEST OF THE BEST Team Docent for May-June

Christine Amey
Bev Barnes
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Gwen Becker
Jane Bennett
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Emma Mazzola

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Lauren Thollander
Rita Tucker
Wendy Watson

Gold Star Awards
to those docents
working the most

shifts in May & June:

13 shifts- Marilyn Glaim
12 shifts- Lorne Glaim
10 shifts- Wendy Watson
9 shifts- Lauren Thollander
8 shifts- Jane Bennett, Judith Cornils, Pat Larsen
7 shifts- Kathy Bazzoli,

Anne Scott
6 shifts- Christine Amey, Ellie Robinson
5 shifts- Bev Barnes, Emma Mazzola



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Information about the property can be found here: www.vsattui.com/visit/go-abroad-with-us/

The second live auction item is a wine lover's delight. Sir Peter Michael and the staff at Peter Michael Winery in historic Knight's Valley have donated 6 bottles of their flagship wine, Les Pavots, a tour and tasting for 6 of the Peter Michael Winery estate, and a two-day stay for six at the "cabin" on the estate; again another opportunity usually available only to wine club members.

Finally, repeating their last year's donation, our friends at Cal Mart have offered another three-minute mad dash shopping spree through the store. The high bidder will not only be able to fill up to two shopping carts with produce, canned and packaged goods, meat and cheese, but will also be able to invite family and friends to the party to cheer on the lucky shopper.

If you cannot be present at the event to bid on the above live auction lots, an absentee bidding function will be set up on the Museum's web site soon.

Adding to the fun will be wine tasting hosted by



Peter Michael Winery has donated wine, tour and a two-day stay for six at the "cabin" on their Knights Valley estate.

Calistoga WineGrowers, delicious appetizers from Chef Rick Warkel and the Museum's hospitality volunteers, a silent auction, and the always popular raffle baskets filled with merchandise, gift certificates and wine donated by local businesses and friends of the Museum. The evening will end with the grand prize drawing for the two Instant Wine Cellar raffle winners, each of whom will receive 5 cases of premium wines from Napa Valley producers.

Both Grand Raffle tickets and admission tickets for the event, scheduled for 4-7 pm, Saturday, August 24 at the Boys' & Girls' Club, 1401 N. Oak St., Calistoga, can be purchased at the Museum or by going to the Museum website www.sharpsteenmuseum.org

and downloading a ticket purchase form. Admission tickets will also be available at the door, and Grand Raffle tickets will be for sale at the event. You need not be present on August 24 to win the Instant Wine Cellar raffle. Raffle tickets are \$10 each, or 5 for \$40. Event admission tickets are \$10 for Museum members, \$25 for non-members and guests.

IWC Co-Chairs Pat and Dave Larsen need lots of help with wine and merchandise solicitation and pick-up, basket assembly and set-up and clean-up on the 24th. You don't have to be a Docent or Board member to help out, so please give Pat and Dave a call at 707-341-3313, or email Pat at dirofdev48@gmail.com.



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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Museum's mission is to preserve and to provide for public exhibitions and study of the history of the community of Calistoga and the upper Napa Valley.

Welcome New Members

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Book Store: Best book ever on basket weaving

"Indian Basketry of Central California, Art Culture and History" by Ralph Shanks, M.A. and Lisa Woo Shanks

Covering Native American basketry from San Francisco Bay and Monterey Bay north to Mendocino and east to the Sierras, this is by far the best and most informative book we have seen on the great art of basket weaving of the First People of California. It also includes multiple references and examples of our local Wappo Tribe.

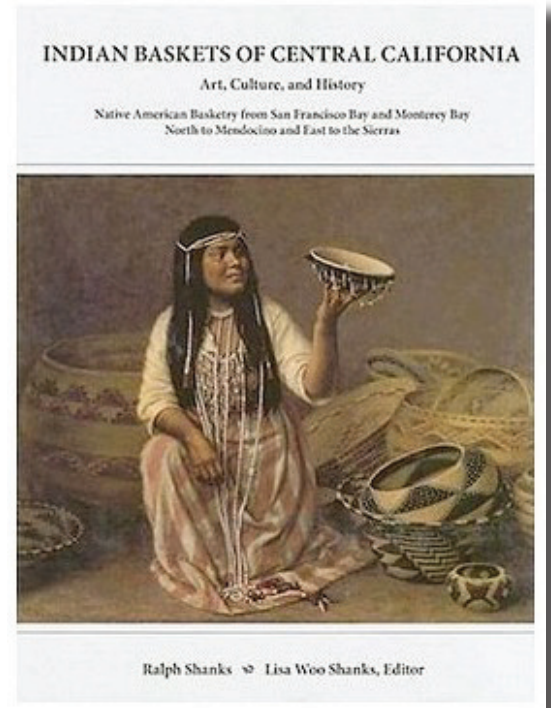
Nearly 200 full color photographs and drawings illustrate the rare, fine California Indian baskets from great museums and private collections in the US and Europe. Readers can learn to identify baskets from their personal collections,

learn to recognize plant materials used, and distinguish weaving techniques.

Ralph Shanks, VP of the Miwok Archeological Preserve of Marin, has conducted over two decades of research with basketry scholars and anthropologists across the country and Europe as well as working extensively with Native American cultural leaders, weavers and elders.

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Instant Wine Cellar Tickets on Sale Now!



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