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October/November 2018 Newsletter

*New Exhibit Coming to the Sharpsteen*

## Life in the Slow Lane- Brass Era Cars

Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club

Previews Friday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7 pm

Even though we will be saying goodbye to our current Sharpsteen family exhibit, "Early Day Automania", we will be on the same track, following a passion of Ben Sharpsteen, with our new upcoming exhibit from members of the Horseless Carriage Club, Bay Area Chapter, titled "Life in the Slow Lane- Brass Era Cars". If you have seen Ben's artwork in the prints we offer at the museum portraying the Horseless Carriage era, you will understand this exhibit completely.



The Horseless Carriage Club of America is a nationwide organization dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of automobiles built before 1916. Typically referred to as the Brass Era, this unique period of automotive history begins around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and is defined by carriage coachwork, gas lights, hand cranking and the extensive use of brass.

These early conveyances were called horseless carriages as they were capable of transporting people and freight faster and over longer distances without the need of a horse. Unlike the horse, the automobile did not require feeding or care when not in use but they often received the same colorful lecture by their owner when they did not perform.

For the most part, only the wealthy owned automobiles during this pre-1916 era. Ownership required a pioneering spirit, inventiveness, and superior mechanical ability. The automotive industry blossomed and consumers were swept up by all that was new. Travel, advertising, fashion, music and driving accessories were all made popular in this era. The upcoming exhibit will spotlight this moment in automotive history and the way it changed our lives.

Although we cannot load the museum with the cars themselves, you will see the brass lamps, pieces of the carriages, fashion such as dusters, goggles, accessories, an actual gas pump for home use, more brass- this collection is endless and all five display cases will be packed with era history for your perusal.

Join us on Friday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> as we travel back more than 100 years into the dawn of a new era. Members of the club will be on hand to answer questions from the curious and interested.

Open and free to the public. Wine and appetizers will be offered.

Help us celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary- see you soon at the Sharpsteen!



## EAT LIKE SAM- PARTY LIKE IT'S 1869!!!



Historic Dinner at the Hydro  
Wednesday, October 17  
5:30-?

To further celebrate the Sharpsteen's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be hosting a historic dinner at the Hydro on Wed. Oct. 17. Gayle Keller has worked her menu magic, so you can enjoy a meal reminiscent of the era of Sam Brannan's Calistoga. In fact, we expect Sam and Ann Eliza Brannan to be in attendance. I'll bet you never dreamed that you could sit and dine with the man himself? Now is your chance.

From appetizers, to salad, to whole-hind hanging beef, roasted pork, vegetable medleys, scalloped potatoes, biscuits and more and more. Dessert will be old-time pound cake with brandied berries and whipped cream. Wine is included with dinner service.

Doors will open at 5:30 for appetizers and a no-host bar. Dinner to begin approx. 6:30.

Space is limited so reservations must be paid early and in advance. Price is: \$100 each for members, \$125 each for non-members. Tickets available now at the museum or on our web site: [www.sharpsteenmuseum.org](http://www.sharpsteenmuseum.org)

Don't let this opportunity slip by. Hope to see you all there!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sharpsteen Members,

Fall has arrived and with it comes shorter days, cooler temperatures, the end of harvest, leaves changing color, and the beginning of the rainy season. In my garden there are a few tomatoes, peppers, and basil left to pick. At the museum, our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is winding down with just a few more events scheduled for this year. I hope you can join us for these.

What a wonderful night the IWC was at the cool Boys & Girls Club on August 25<sup>th</sup>. First, I would like to thank Pat and Dave Larsen for chairing this fundraiser. They worked countless hours to make this event successful. Second, I would like to thank the numerous museum volunteers who did the many various job assignments to make this event to run so smoothly. Third, I greatly appreciate the wineries and businesses that made donations for our various raffles. Fourth, thank you to those board members for their generous sponsorship donation. Finally, I would like to thank the community for attending this event, making it a fun and successful night.

I would like to thank board members Kathy & Rick McCloskey for their many years of service at the Sharpsteen Museum. It was a shock to hear that they have sold their house and moved to California Gold Country. They both have been Golden Volunteers for us. I wish each of them joy and happiness as they start a new stage of their life together. We are going to miss them. Since Kathy and Rick were on the SMA Board of Directors we had to fill their positions immediately. The Board voted to replace Rick with Barbara Lencioni as our new treasurer. Just recently, Marcia Ciarlo volunteered to become SMA's recording secretary to replace Kathy. Thank you Barbara and Marcia for stepping up to fill these positions. The Board is still looking for someone to be our Coffee/Luncheon Chair and another person to serve as liaison between the community and the museum as our Public Relations Chair. See "Help Wanted" at right.

Maintenance on the museum and the museum house has been on-going this year. Calistoga painter Jim Wycoff has just completed painting the exterior of the museum and we've hired him to paint the exterior of the museum house as well. John Wargo has completely rebuilt our Museum House front porch, which was deteriorating from water damage and dry rot. Mark Poggendorf has begun restoration work on the 30 ft. diorama. The Board is only able to pay for these projects because of City grants, memberships, donations and sponsorships. You can pay your membership for this year either online or through the mail.

The remaining 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary events taking place this fall are "Eat Like Sam & Party Like It's 1869" at the Hydro on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-9 pm and the preview party for our new exhibit, "Life in the Slow Lane- Brass Era Cars" at the museum on Friday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm. I hope to see you at these celebrations.

Now that fall is upon us I'm ready to prepare my raised beds for some tulips and onions along with other fall/winter vegetables.

Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving!

Alan Rogers, *President*



Kathy & Rick McCloskey



"We bid farewell to the best among us, fully conscious of their greatness."



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### BOARD MEMBERS

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Gail Sharpsteen and Kathy Bazzoli

### 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.*

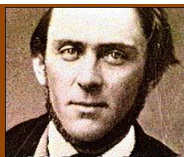


**Volunteers Needed!**

## OUTREACH & PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

A Standing Committee Chair position. Responsible for ongoing museum brochure placement at all local businesses including resorts, hotels, Visitors Center, etc. This will also include a Welcome and introductory visit to all new businesses opening in town. Attendance at monthly Board meetings not required but recommended.

If you are interested or have questions, please send an email to Kathy Bazzoli: [Kdbazzoli@aol.com](mailto:Kdbazzoli@aol.com).



**EAT LIKE SAM**

Paid reservations being taken NOW for the Historic Dinner at the Hydro. See Page One for details.



# IWC a Success- No Sweat!!!



A new location at the Boys & Girls Club and special passed appetizers from Chef Rick Warkel supplemented the always-popular raffle baskets, silent and live auctions and wine tastings to provide a fun afternoon for all who attended this year's Instant Wine Cellar on Saturday, August 25. Some 175 guests responded generously to Mayor Chris Canning's encouragement to bid up the prices on the three live auction items, while David Moon-Wainwright once again brought his sound system and music to add to the fun.

The live auction provided both entertainment and excitement as guests bid on a lunch for four at All Seasons with Supervisor Diane Dillon, an Italian dinner hosted by Centennial Circle Paisans Bob Pecota, Julianne Laks, and Pat and Dave Larsen, and a mad-dash three-minute shopping spree through CalMart. Thank you to all these generous donors.

A record eight local wineries were on hand to pour samples. Special thanks to Canard Vineyard, Chateau de Vie, Chateau Montelena, Clos Pegase, Fairwinds Estate, Hans Fahden Vineyards, Laura Michael Wines and Tom Eddy Winery for hosting the wine tasting and contributing wine for the raffle grand prizes.



Local journalist Pat Hampton won one of the grand prizes- six mixed cases of premium wines from 66 different Napa Valley producers; while the other was won by Thom Falcon, who attended the event for the first time.

As always, the Museum's hard-working Board members and spouses pitched in to help publicize the event, stuff envelopes, solicit donations, sell (and buy!) raffle tickets, assist with set-up and clean-up, and generally keep everything running smoothly. Donna and Bruce Dill, Jackie Lang, Diane Barrett, Sophie Gullung, Marta Naber and Sue Mauro gathered an array of donations from the local business community to stuff 15 raffle baskets full of goodies and offer 15 items for silent auction. Once again Barb and Doug Herrmann made countless trips to wineries throughout the Napa Valley to pick up donations, and Marcia Ciarlo kept track of all the raffle ticket sales. Thanks to all of you who helped to make the move to a new location such a success.

Pat Larsen, *Ways & Means Chair*

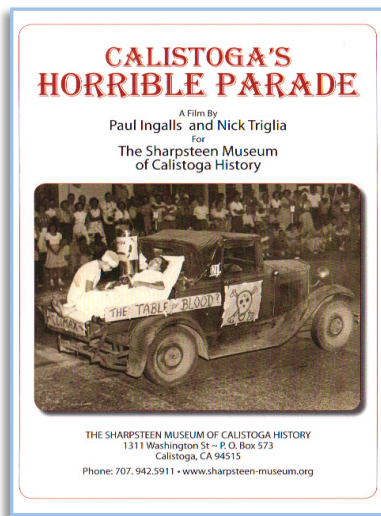


## Some Surprises and Smiles, as Hidden Treasures are Discovered: Scenes from Recent Art & Antiques Roadshow on September 19





## Notes from the Book Chair



“Calistoga’s Horrible Parade” is back! So many visitors have been asking for this DVD lately, and I thought it was out of stock. Next step was to look into having it reprinted, then lo and behold, I open a cupboard and there they were, a small box of 10 copies.

During July 4<sup>th</sup> holidays from 1949-1952, and again from 1957-1964, thousands of people came to Calistoga to watch the always madcap, consistently irreverent and occasionally gruesome Horrible Parade.

Nick Triglia and Paul Ingalls are the filmmakers. Both Calistoga natives, graduates of Calistoga High, historians and lifelong friends, their love of all things Calistoga brought this short film to the forefront of local legend. The Horrible Parade is described as being politically incorrect before anyone knew what that was. In this film, people who made the Horrible Parade a local institution trace its rise and fall, and show how it mirrored the rustic innocence and boundless enthusiasm of mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, small-town America.

No one who appreciates Calistoga should be without this film in their collection. Price is \$13.00 each, less 10% for museum members. Get ‘em while they’re hot!

Kathy Bazzoli, *Book Chair*, and Lorne Glaim, *Co-Chair*

## 2018 Christmas Faire

The 49th Annual Christmas Bazaar (now known as *Christmas Faire*) will take place on December 1st, 2018. As usual, the Sharpsteen Museum will have a booth selling crafts and possibly food items. The last two years we have not sold cookies etc. because of County regulations. If we can locate one or two commercial kitchens in Calistoga which will allow us to use their space to bake our goodies we could offer our members’ special baked items again for sale. If you are aware of a commercial kitchen that we can use please contact Pat Haynes at 942-6768 after October 17th.

Our first craft session will be on Wed. October 24th at 10 am in the Museum House. I hope to see all of our “regulars” there and it would be especially nice to see some new faces. Our working meetings are casual and fun and one doesn’t really need craft experience, just some enthusiasm! Questions? Call Pat Haynes at 942-6768. Hope to see you!



Pat Haynes, *Bazaar Chair, Crafts*

## Membership News

We finally have our “renewed” membership envelopes ready to go and will be in the mail within the week. Yes, we are a bit late getting these out so please keep an eye out for them and get them returned quickly because, believe it or not, June 1, 2019 is just around the corner and I’ll be sending them out again for the new year! Thank you to everyone who has already renewed online and in person at the Instant Wine Cellar and Antiques Roadshow events. And with the “Eat Like Sam” Dinner coming up Oct. 17, you’ll want to take advantage of the \$25 Member Discount on the Tickets (\$100 each for Members).

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or comments by calling 707-328-4891, or email: [membership@sharpsteenmuseum.org](mailto:membership@sharpsteenmuseum.org). We appreciate all the feedback we get. Please be sure to visit our new website: [www.SharpsteenMuseum.org](http://www.SharpsteenMuseum.org) where you can renew your membership with Visa, Mastercard, or American Express. There’s also lots of new stuff being added continually so please “check-it-out!”

DeAnn Wylie, *Membership Chair*

## Welcome New Members

Jane Bennett  
Carol Bush  
Linda & Jim Cantrell  
Mark Egbert  
Kevin Eisenberg &  
Mary Hastings  
Karen Eisenman  
Greg Ely  
Mette Frimodt &  
Dave Andersen  
Craig & Lisa Garber  
Stephen &  
Lois Hardison  
John & Pat Jackson  
Katherine & Louis LaBrie  
Kenn Madsen  
Brian & Kathy McBride  
Laura Homes Peters  
Mark Petersen  
Robin & Clive Richardson  
Patty Rose  
Larra Ryan

Jeanette Squire & Dan Montelli  
Jureen & Tony Tousley  
Sue Unger & Allan Buckmann

### Contributing

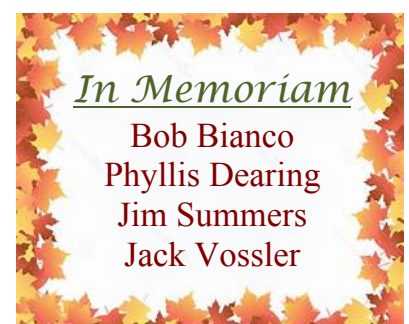
Cathy & Steve Prevost

### Sustaining Angels

Sara & Ed Kozel

### Business Sponsorship

Embrace Calistoga







## Docents: We Couldn't Have Done It Without You!

This column is for you, **Docents**. The rest of you are welcome to read as you wish. I love to say thank you every chance I get, but I don't often get a chance to say thank you by name in a public way, so here is what I appreciate about each of you.

**Kathy Bazzoli**, you're the one who invited me into the museum when I was new in Calistoga. You passed your job along to me, and you promised you wouldn't abandon me. You've kept your word. Whenever I need help, you jump right in, even though you're first vice-president of the museum with a million responsibilities. **Bev Barnes**, you take the hard-to-fill shifts too, in spite of the many other specialized jobs you do for the museum, and you and **Jim** are always at the extra events from set-up to clean-up.

Many of you take many more than your two shifts per month. **Judy Cornils** and **Wendy Watson**, you're both pure gold when it comes to extra shifts, especially those on the weekends. **Jackie Lang**, you keep busy as tour director and education chair, and **Pat Larsen**, you co-chair the Instant Wine Cellar event with Dave, but you and Jackie are always on the gold-star list of docents who take extra shifts, and you're at every event helping with every detail. **DeAnn Wylie**, you do our membership and figure out all the inscrutable tech stuff for the rest of us, but you are generous about taking shifts. And then there is you, **Lorne**, my gold-star husband, who always smiles when a shift is needed. "Sure we can do that," you say, and it's a refrain heard many times every month. I really couldn't do this without your daily support.

Many of you have been docents for a very long time, and the years have taken their toll on legs, ankles, knees, and backs. Every year brings new challenges, but you keep coming back, sometimes after months off for recovery; **John Clark**, **Al Derrick**, **Bill & Patsy Hahn**,

**Pat Haynes**, **Biserka Potrebic**, **Ellie Robinson**, **Josepha Walpen**- you're indomitable. You might get slowed down for a while, but nothing can stop you! And **Emma Mazzola**, I'm not going to whisper your age. No one would believe me anyway, but we count on you, not only to take your shifts, but to keep all our daily receipts straight, a challenging task when it comes to fixing up the errors of us well-intentioned volunteers.

**Ray Branstetter**, thank you for doing such a great job of training our docents and for always responding to requests for taking a hard-to-fill spot. **Donna Dill**, **Gisela Huesman**, **Sylvia Marciano**, **Barbara Maxfield**, **Anne Scott**, **Rita Tucker**- I can count on all of you to sign up and show up without being reminded, and you do a spectacular job of welcoming our visitors. **Sue Morton**, you've been a creative planner for coffees and luncheons and you still put in more than your share of time as a docent. **Jo Noble**, I can't say enough about all the food you prepare for our events, but I never have to beg you to take your share of shifts. **Shelley Martin** and **Linda Hanson**, both of you are super busy in your daily lives, so I especially appreciate your willingness to take a turn when we're desperate to fill a shift.

And to our newer docents, you've responded to our appeals for more docents. **Geri Burquez**, **Claire Flickinger**, **Marilyn Johnson**, **Patricia Murphy**, **Maria Reyes**, **Helen Yost**, **Ron Yost**- thank you for becoming part of our docent team, and I know I can count on you to be with us for many years, long after some of the rest of us have to give up.

Special thanks go to those of you who've recently moved on to other things. **Kathy McCloskey**, you've been priceless as a board secretary, but you still found time to docent. Enjoy your new home in Angels Camp. **Judy Parent**, you have had the best collection of stories for visitors, and you had a beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> c. gown created to wear in the museum. You've stepped out to take care of health, but I'm counting on seeing both you and your dress back in the museum. **Sonya Spencer**, you did the store and the docent work for more years than I can count, enjoy the break. **Ingrid Zehntner**, enjoy your extra free time holding the kitties at We Care. We miss you.

All of you, those who work a lot and those who work occasionally, and those who have worked, you have always been the people who make it possible for us to keep the museum open seven days a week. To you, a huge and heart-felt thank you. **Marilyn Glaim**, *Docent Chair*

Best of the Best Docent Team for July-August 2018:		
Bev Barnes	Patsy Hahn	Jo Noble
Kathy Bazzoli	Pat Haynes	Ellie Robinson
Ray Branstetter	Gisela Huesmann	Anne Scott
Geri Burquez	Jackie Lang	Rita Tucker
Judith Cornils	Pat Larsen	Josepha Walpen
Al Derrick	Sylvia Marciano	Wendy Watson
Donna Dill	Shelley Martin	DeAnn Wylie
Claire Flickinger	Barbara Maxfield	Helen Yost
Lorne Glaim	Emma Mazzola	Ron Yost
Marilyn Glaim	Sue Morton	Ingrid Zehntner
Bill Hahn		

### WANTED: Docent Volunteers to join our team.

Shifts are only 2-½ hours short, 2x per month, plus you will receive training in Calistoga & museum history! Want to be smarter than everyone else?

**Join today.**



## NEW at the Gift Shoppe

to visit the museum yourself to experience these collections. Price varies, but members still receive a 10% discount. See you soon.

Timeless collectibles have been added to our Gift Shoppe. Bowls, plates, pitchers, vases, beaded wraps from Germany, Austria, France and the US to mention only a few. Limoge and Lenox, pieces hand-painted by artist P. Buckley Moss and Art of Chokin 3 piece set. You'll need

Becky Turner, *Gift Shoppe Buyer & Chair*  
Sierra Turner, *Co-Chair*



### For Chamber Members Only

The Sharpsteen Museum will be hosting the monthly Calistoga Chamber Mixer on Thu, Nov. 8th, 5:30-7 pm.

Wine & appetizers will be served, plus you will have the opportunity to get a sneak-preview of the museum's new exhibit, "Life in the Slow Lane", a collection of horseless carriage memorabilia belonging to the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club (see article on front page).

Open only to members of the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce. Let's make it a good one!



## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

**Wed. Oct 3, 5:30 PM.** SMF (Sharpsteen Museum Foundation) Meeting.

**Wed. Oct. 10, 9:30 AM.** SMA (Sharpsteen Museum Association) Board Meeting, Museum House.

**Wed. Oct. 17, 5:30-9 PM.** Historical Dinner at the Hydro. See article on front page.

### NOVEMBER

**Wed. Nov. 7, 5:30 PM.** SMF Meeting.

**Fri. Nov. 9, 5:30-7 PM.** Preview Party- "Life in the Slow Lane- Brass Era Cars". See article on front page.

**Wed. Nov. 14, 9:30 AM.** SMA Board Meeting, Museum House.

### DECEMBER

**Sat. Dec. 1.** Christmas Faire, Fairgrounds, Oak St.

**Wed. Dec. 5, 5:30 PM.** SMF Meeting.

**Wed. Dec. 12, 9:30 AM.** SMA Board Meeting, Museum House.



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