



Tickets on sale now for Aug. 24 IWC

Order your tickets now for the Museum's biggest fund-raiser, the Instant Wine Cellar, scheduled for 4-7 pm, Saturday, August 24 at the Boys' & Girls' Club.

Now in its 31st year, this year's IWC will feature tastings of fine wines from member wineries of Calistoga WineGrowers, delicious appetizers from both the Museum's Hos-

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Meet the author and discover the 'Hidden History of Napa Valley'

Join author Alexandria (aka Alex) Brown as she explores the lesser known stories of the ordinary people who helped shape our modern-day wine country from the late 1800s into the 20th century.

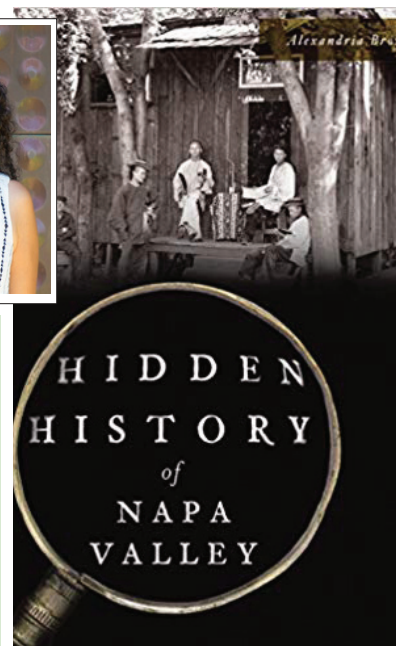
Learn the unknown and lost stories of these people whose efforts helped form a valley far removed from vineyards and now-famous growers on Saturday, June 8 from noon to 1 p.m. at the museum.

During interview, Alex tells us many additional stories had to be left out of this first edition.

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Meet author
Alex Brown
Sat., June 8
12-1 pm
at the
Museum



New exhibit showcases police history



Napa Police Historical Society's mission statement says it all: "To honor those who have sacrificed their time and efforts by remembering the past."

Join us at a special preview of an extraordinary new exhibit "Preserve-Honor-Educate" on Friday, August 2 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Sharpsteen Museum.

The Napa Police Historical Society was founded in 2006 by Todd Shulman, a police officer with a keen interest in history. Since its founding, the Society has collected over 10,000 digital images, nearly 300 unique documents, over 400

insignias, and almost 300 pieces of memorabilia as well as vintage police vehicles.

As much of this collection as possible will be loaded into our five large display cases and ready for your appreciation at the preview grand opening. A media presentation is also in the works.

Shulman, the organization's current Board President, will be present to greet attendees and answer any questions. We also hope to see his fellow Board members, Evangeline Tai, Officer Mike Walund,

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*Message from
the Board:*

Time for new year, goals

Here we go again. June 1 marks the first day of our new fiscal year 2019-2020. It's time to renew memberships (reminders will be sent), schedule events and more events, and set new and growing goals for us to achieve and share.

As our current fiscal year ends, we are proud to announce that 9,920 visitors passed through our doors, and this doesn't include babies or puppies. Getting people in the door is the hard part, but due to our most effective team of volunteer docents, our guests always leave with a smile on their face and continue to revisit bringing friends, neighbors, and club groups for personal tours.

Speaking of docents, that is one of our goals for this new year. We currently have 35 working docents. Since we will be entering our 41st anniversary, we would like to increase that number to "lucky 41". If you've ever considered becoming a docent, now's the time.

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Alex will be ready to regale us with many stories, question and answer period and personally autograph purchased books.

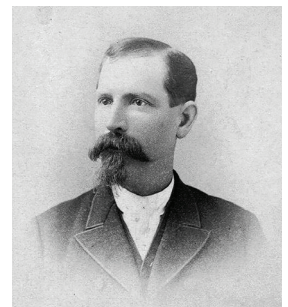
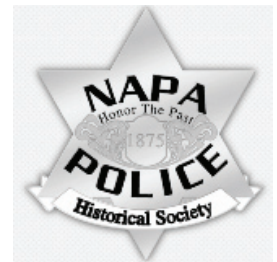
Uncover the story of Napa's first Chinatown, once home to nearly 500 immigrants, dwindling to less than seventeen.

Meet the small but determined group of African American farmers and barbers who called Napa home. And we can't forget the indomitable May Howard, a successful business owner and brothel owner.

Learn the uglier stories as well, such as the attempt at dominance of the Ku Klux Klan during and

up to the 1920's.

Books will be available for sale at the event at \$21.99/ea., less 10% discount for members. For those of you that have already purchased a copy from the museum, simply bring it to the event for signing.



*Artifacts from the
Napa Police Historical
Society.*

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Chief of Police Steve Potter and other representatives and members of the law enforcement community. For more information on this organization, visit: www.napapolicehistory.com

You will have another opportunity to meet Shulman later in the fall as he returns for a "Meet the Author" event.

His published works thus far are most likely familiar, "Murder & Mayhem in the Napa Valley" and from the "Images of America" series, "Napa Police." Date to be determined.

Our preview celebration is free and open to the public. Appetizers will be served, Napa Valley wines will be available, and our ever-present and popular gift basket will be raffled.

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pitality volunteers and Chef Rick Warkel, silent and live auctions, and the always-popular baskets of goods, services, gift certificates and wine donated by local businesses and friends of the Sharpsteen. The highlight of the event is the Grand Prize raffle when two winners will each receive five mixed cases of premium Napa Valley wines.

New this year is the ability to pre-order tickets

to the August 24 event. An order form is included in this newsletter. You can order both Grand Prize raffle tickets and event admission tickets on the same form. Orders for Grand Prize raffle tickets received by July 15 will be entered in a special "Early Bird" raffle for extra prizes. Tickets are also on sale at the Museum and event admission tickets will also be available at the door on August 24. As always, Grand Prize raffle tickets will be available for sale

during the event. Raffle tickets are \$10 each, or 5 tickets for \$40. Admission tickets to the August 24 event are \$10 each for Museum members (renew your annual membership now!) or \$25 each for non-members. Additional ticket order forms are also available for download on the Museum's website: sharpsteenmuseum.org.

IWC Co-Chairs Pat and Dave Larsen need lots of help with mailings, wine and merchandise solicitation and pick-up, basket assembly and set-

up and clean-up on the 24th. We're especially in need of special items for the small live auction. If you have a vacation property or special talent or skill that could be turned into an interesting auction item, please consider making a donation. 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.

Pat Larsen
IWC Chair

Children's summertime activities

Looking for some fun summertime activities for the kids? Every Thursday at 10 a.m. June 13 through July 25 (no program on July 4) the Sharpsteen Museum will be abuzz with activity and entertainment.

Children ages 3 and up (those under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult at all times) are invited to free weekly programs presented jointly by the Napa County Library System, Calistoga Branch and the Sharpsteen Museum Association.

This summer's theme is "A Universe of Stories" with special emphasis on space and its exploration. Seating available on a first-come basis. The programs are 40-45-minutes long.

Jackie Lang
Education Chair

SUMMER READING SCHEDULE



All events are held at 10 a.m. at the Museum EXCEPT the August 1 Celebration Party.

June 13: "A Universe of Stories." Napa County Librarians will introduce program,

June 20: "Captain Poluto Visits Planet Earth," by Joe Leon of Caterpillar Puppets.

June 27: "Bubbles with Sterling the Bubblesmith!" Amazing bubble creations.

July 4: No program. Enjoy your Fourth of July week!

July 11: "Boswick's Reading Circus." Juggling, comedy, and silliness with Boswick the clown.

July 18: "Magic Show" by Magic Dan.

July 25: "Xtreme Science Magic" by educator Don O'Brien.

August 1: Celebration Party at Calistoga Library (1108 Myrtle St.) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Presentation of stories, summer reading awards, craft making and treats.

Docent Spotlight: Season of Farewells, Good-byes

This is a season of farewells. Hardest of all are the permanent farewells to Sandy Herlihy and Sylvia Marciano.

We had said a happy good bye to Sandy not so long ago as she and her husband left the museum to move to their Novato home, but then we learned that she passed away before she and her husband had enough time to enjoy it together.

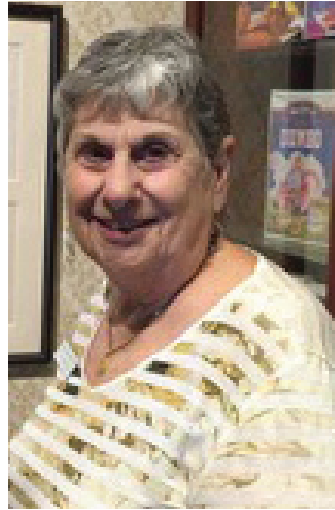
And Sylvia, just as she had always done, signed up with a friend to work the Wednesday and Thursday morning shifts on May 1 and 2, but just before the work reminder calls went out, we learned that she had passed away the night before.

Two of our other favorites, Patsy and Bill Hahn, have told us good-bye because they are at a stage of needing more time to look after their own needs and spend more time with their friends. We'll especially miss their sunny smiles on many Sunday afternoons at



Sandy Herlihy

the museum. I called them my Sunday angels, because Sunday is a hard day to fill, but they loved the Sunday afternoon visitors. We'll also miss them as we search for someone to do the Sharpsteen Special Exhibits that inhabit the big glass cases in the middle of the museum for six months at a time. For many years Patsy, with the help of Bill, planned, worked, helped set up and take down the exhibits, and then went looking for more special exhibitors.



Sylvia Marciano

And just as Bill and Patsy worked together, so have Lorne and I as we've worked to keep the museum staffed for two shifts a day, 363 days a year. (Yes, we do take off Thanksgiving and Christmas.) We're saying good-bye to being in charge even though all the docents have made it a fantastically rewarding experience.

Kathy Bazzoli, our first vice president, has helped us every step of the way and has personally taken many shifts herself. And

though we won't be in charge any more, we still plan to fill lots of shifts, so we're not in the least saying good-bye to the other docents or board members.

We're only taking a break from the responsibility of making sure every shift gets filled, and with grateful hearts, we're welcoming Jane Bennett to the chair's position and Wendy Watson to the assistant chair role. You've met them both recently in the docent columns, so I won't say more except that they are experienced, professional women and enormously responsible. Jane runs a business out of her own home as a NY Life agent, and Wendy, a retired Episcopal priest, volunteers every Sunday to work at several of the nearby Episcopal churches.

Good luck, Jane and Wendy, and remember, we're only a phone-call or an email away.

Marilyn Glaim
Docent Chair

BEST OF THE BEST Team Docent for March-April

Christine Amey
Bev Barnes
Kathy Bazzoli
Gwen Becker
Jane Bennett
Ray Branstetter
Geri Burquez
Judy Cornils

Al Derrick
Donna Dill
Claire Flickinger
Lorne Glaim
Marilyn Glaim
Bill Hahn
Patsy Hahn
Linda Hanson

Pat Haynes
Gisela Huesman
Jackie Lang
Pat Larsen
Sylvia Marciano
Barbara Maxfield
Emma Mazzola
Jo Nobel
Judy Parent
Ellie Robinson
Anne Scott

Lauren Thollander
Rita Tucker
Wendy Watson
Helen Yost
Ron Yost

**Gold Star
Awards**
to those docents
working the most
shifts in January &

February:

10 shifts- Lauren Thollander; 9 shifts- Gwen Becker, Judith Cornils; 7 shifts- Pat Larsen; 6 shifts- Christine Amey, Lorne Glaim, Wendy Watson; 5 shifts- Ray Branstetter

Volunteer Opportunities

- “Coffee Hour” chair person responsible for early morning guest lecturers.
- Special Exhibits chair person responsible for temporary, rotating 6 month exhibits.
- Newsletter editor and co-editor

For more information and details, please use the Contact page on our web site www.sharpsteenmuseum.org and send us a message, or simply call the museum and leave your name & number.

We look forward to meeting you!

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Enlist a friend to work with you, the buddy system is always a good direction to go. Plus each shift is a mere 2-½ hours.

Another goal is to rejuvenate the ever popular Lecture series. In the works, guest speakers from Sutters Fort, Sacramento & other California historical organizations, Disney animator history, and county landmark restoration programs may be presented.

It is the Sharpsteen’s duty to you as

members, friends, and supporters, to give you as many opportunities as possible to learn our history, to share and become engaged. We continually strive to always look up, to step forward, to create a positive environment for every person who crosses our threshold. The past 40 years could not have been accomplished without you and we look forward to your ongoing support to make our “lucky 41” the best year yet.

Any suggestions for future programs are always appreciated. Hope to see you all soon.

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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

Mark Homer

& Joanne Lortiz

Valerie Babisky

Karen Cunningham

Susan & Ed Napoliello

In Memoriam

Sylvia Marciano

Sandy Herlihy

New to the Cottage: 100-year-old dolls, spinning wheel

Three new additions to the Sharpsteen Museum Cottage include two century-old dolls and a 1839 spinning wheel.

The first doll is a sweet baby wearing a white bonnet and dress. She came with and is sitting in an unusual wicker carriage. The carriage appears to be built so that a dog or small person could tow it as it has a handle and only two wheels. According to the donor, both the doll and carriage-cart are around 100 years-old.



A second doll is a little girl dressed in white lace. She sits in the middle of the bed watching all of her friends. She was manufactured by a German company, Simon



and Halbig, which was in business from 1869 to 1932. The donor is sure this piece is also over 100 years-old as well.

By the way, we are looking to give lovely,

old-fashioned names to these two new cottage residents. Our first thoughts were Penelope and Prudence, but we would love to hear from you with other ideas.

The next addition to our collection is an 1839 spinning wheel and spinners weasel, which measures the yarn after it is spun. This piece is quite fragile so it has been placed in the barn area.

Bev Barnes
Collections Chair

Gift Shoppe

Thanks to all who have donated to "Members' Treasures". We had to put another cabinet in the gift shop just to display all of the goodies that have come in. Stop by soon and check out the new display. Spring and summer is a time for outdoor activities, and I have already picked out some fun outdoor toys for the kids. Thinking about what else I can bring in and, again, members treasures comes to mind. I would love to include any table cloths, napkins, handkerchiefs etc.- items you may have hiding in your drawers and closets. Who loves eating outside on a warm summer night at a beautifully set table? I raised my hand. Did you?



Becky Turner, Gift Shoppe Chair
and Sierra Turner, Co-chair

Calendar

June

Wed. Jun. 5, 5:30 pm, SMF Meeting

Sat. Jun. 8, 12 pm, Meet the Author

Wed. Jun. 12, 10 am, SMA Meeting

Thu. June 13, 10 am, First Summer Reading Program meeting, Museum

July

Wed. July 3, 5:30 pm, SMF Meeting, Museum House

Wed. July 10, 10 am, SMA Meeting, Museum House

August

Fri. Aug. 2, 5:30 pm, Preview Party for Napa Police Historical Society

Wed. Aug. 7, 5:30 pm SMF Meeting, Museum House

Wed. Aug. 14, 10 am, SMA Meeting Museum House

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

Instant Wine Cellar Tickets on Sale Now!



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