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President's Message:

Sharpsteen wins another award

By Alan Rogers
President

This is the forty-second newsletter that I have written as president of the SMA—more than any other president has done. I



Alan Rogers

have shared the news of my garden, docent recruitment, museum events and maintenance, and thanked the numerous volunteers that have helped to keep this museum alive.

I have been asked to be president for another year which I'm willing to do if you vote for me, but I need to take a rest from writing the "Message from the President" section.

Therefore, guest writers will now pen

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Antiques, Art 'Roadshow' back May 10

Due to the popularity and success of our two *Roadshows* last year, Clars Auction Gallery will be returning to the Sharpsteen Museum for another popular art and antiques evaluation event on Friday, May 10 from noon to 3 p.m. Cost remains the same; museum members \$10.00, non-members \$20.00.

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Clars Auction Gallery returns May 10 for another very popular art and antiques roadshow at the museum.

GOOD NEWS & MORE GOOD NEWS!

'Brass Era' exhibit extended

Our current exhibit, the "Brass Era" sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club, Bay Area Chapter, has been so successful that we are extending this special exhibit for a few more weeks into July. Take advantage, this has been one of our most popular exhibits.

Opening in early August (date to be determined) will be a collection of artifacts belonging to the Napa Police Historical Society. Detective Todd Shulman established this society, and is the author of "Murder and Mayhem in the Napa Valley." Be looking to meet him personally at a lecture event later this summer.

When asked if Detective Shulman would honor us with an exhibit, he responded, "Thank you for the opportunity."

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Among the treasures found in the current exhibit "The Brass Era" are these accessories— a Model T manifold cooker (cooks your meal while you drive), and the "chauf-phone" (Chauffeur Telephone).



IWC returns to splendor of BGC Trinchero gym for 31st auction

For the 31st annual Instant Wine Cellar, we will return to the air-conditioned splendor of the Trinchero Gym at the Boys' & Girls' Club.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, August 24, 4-7 pm. All the favorite features of past versions of the IWC will be offered: wine tasting, raffle baskets, delicious appetizers, silent and live auctions, and two raffle grand prizes of five cases of premium Napa Valley wines each.

Once again, Chairs Pat and

Dave Larsen will need lots of help with wine and merchant donation solicitation and pick-up; publicity; raffle ticket sales; basket assembly; and event set-up and take-down. Leads for exciting Live Auction donations are especially needed this year.

If you can help out in any capacity, please contact Pat and Dave at 707-341-3313 or dirofdev48@gmail.com.

Pat Larsen
IWC Chair



Instant Wine Cellar takes place Saturday, Aug. 24 from 4-7 p.m. at BGC gym.

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that section of the newsletter.

Another fiscal year is about to end at the Sharpsteen Museum, and what a year it has been.

We celebrated our 40th anniversary with many successful events, such as the IWC (Instant Wine Cellar) at the new Boys and Girls Club; Dinner with Sam at the Hydro; two Antique Roadshows and the Brass Era "Life in the Slow Lane" exhibit.

A grant from the City of Calistoga has allowed the museum to complete some very important maintenance projects this year such as painting the exterior of the museum and a complete refurbishing of the diorama.

So, did you make a resolution to have a "Bob Experience" at the museum this year?

Again, change is taking place at the museum. Marilyn Glaim is stepping down as our Docent Chair. For the last three years, along with the help of her husband Lorne, her hard

work at keeping the docent schedule filled is the main reason the museum has been able to stay open every day. Thank you, Marilyn, for your and Lorne's many hours of service. Now you can be just a regular docent.

Another change that will take place this coming year is that Gail Sharpsteen and Kathy Bazzoli are retiring from editing our newsletter. In my opinion, they have produced an award-winning newsletter, which is very colorful while being informative. We are on the lookout for two energetic and creative people to be editor and co-editor.

The Board has extended the Brass Era exhibit until mid-July, so if you have not already seen this special exhibit please come in to view it and the refurbished diorama.

The Sharpsteen Museum has just won another award. We were voted by the readers of Bohemian Magazine as the 2019's Best of The North Bay in the category of "Children's Educational Center" Napa County. Jackie Lang, our Education Chair, along with the Napa County

Library-Calistoga Branch, have long been running a children's summer reading program. This along with enumerable classes of school children visiting each year are excellent learning programs that now have been recognized.

Since 2002, we have been awarded seven "Best of's" including Best Museum for two years running. We received this year's award at a party hosted by the Bohemian group on March 21st at the Goose & Gander Restaurant in St. Helena.

This award is another reason why the Sharpsteen Museum is such a gem.



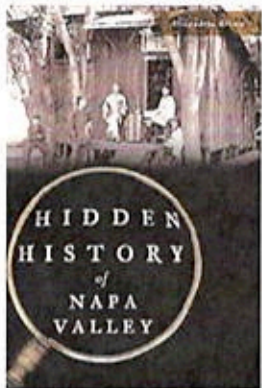
Finally, it is time to vote for the new boards for the SMA and SMF. Please vote and get your ballots in by May 6, 2019. If you have any comments or suggestions about the museum you can write them on your ballot when you vote.

Notes from the Museum Bookstore

'Hidden History of Napa Valley' Unknown and lost stories

Just released March 4 is "Hidden History of Napa Valley" by Alexandria Brown. The author's opening statement reveals her inspiration to tell the unknown and lost stories of the people whose efforts helped form a valley far removed from vineyards and now-famous growers.

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



Alex Brown

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.

You will be able to meet Alexandria in June at the Sharpsteen for a "Meet the Author" and book signing event, date/time to be announced later. If you love our valley and its true evolution- this book is a definite read. Book price is \$21.99 each, less 10% for members.

Kathy Bazzoli, Book Store Chair

Lorne Glaim, Co-Chair

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nity to raise awareness about the Napa Police Historical Society and general law enforcement history in the Napa Valley." This exhibit will include items related to the history of tools used (batons, handcuffs, duty gear), a selection of badges worn through the years, a unique collection of scale models depicting police vehicles used during the past 60 years, photographs, and much, much more.

Stay tuned!

Patsy Hahn

Special Exhibits Chair



A collection of vintage police badges is included in the upcoming (early August) exhibit by the Napa Police Historical Society.

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and includes 1 evaluation item and up to 2 additional items @ \$20.00 each. As an added incentive for members only, "Early Bird" tickets giving you priority admittance will be available Apr. 1-10. General tickets sales begin April 10th.

Any item you can carry in is welcome, even if you need the use of a handcart. For larger items simply bring in a good photo.

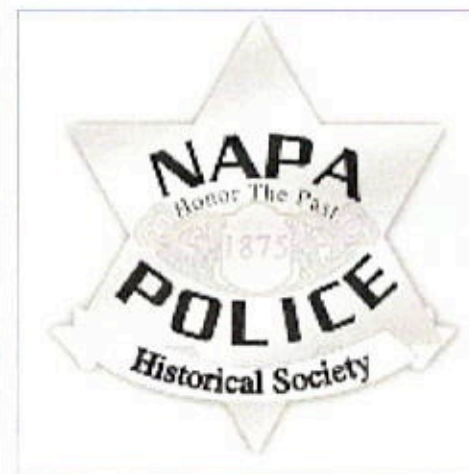
A story to remember- Last Roadshow in July 2018 one of our members brought in a small painting and a pearl brooch, neither of which

she was particularly fond of. Evaluations proved her instincts correct; they were not worth millions. She made the decision to sign them over to Clars to sell at auction, (forms are available with Clars representatives at the event, just ask).

She was notified by Clars of the auction date & lot#. Sitting at home and watching the auction online, which by the way stretches across the entire country, she watched the bidding patiently.

Sure enough all it took was the right person at the right venue. Less than a week later she received a check in the mail from Clars for \$1,000.00.

Now is your chance to take advantage of this opportunity.



Docent Spotlight: **GWEN BECKER****Brings love of history, genealogy, travel, teaching to museum**

Gwen Becker, another of our new docents, has recently retired from teaching elementary school in St. Helena where she worked as a bilingual teacher, but she goes right on being an educator wherever she is, and that is a big plus for the Sharpsteen.

Every interest of Gwen's coincides with her love of history. She says she loves to travel, and although she and her husband used to focus on travel destinations with beaches, now they head where they can learn local history in places such as Fiji, Hawaii, South America, Mexico, European countries, and American

*Gwen Becker*

historical sites. Their next stops will be Budapest, Prague, and Germany. This love of history goes back to childhood, when she used to beg her family to stop at cemeteries

on their road trips. "I have belonged to historical and genealogical societies since I was in high school," she says. Her passion is genealogy. "I have been doing my family's genealogy since I was in 8th grade and was given an assignment to find any civil war veterans in my family."

Gwen's love of history became evident as soon as she came into the Sharpsteen. She started delving into any material she could find on the displays, especially the Calistoga Springs diorama. And she asked to help lead the groups of third and fourth graders that visit the museum. "From

third grade on students are ready to learn and understand history. You just have to find their point of interest to bring them in. I enjoy helping them focus and understand how interesting history can be."

If you're lucky enough to see Gwen with a group of students or with individuals who drop in to see the museum, you'll notice how her enthusiasm engages visitors and gets them involved in learning the background of the displays. We look forward to having Gwen a part of our docent team for many years to come.

Marilyn Glaim
Docent Chair

BEST OF THE BEST

Team Docent for Jan - Feb

**Gold Star Awards**

to those docents working the most shifts in January & February:

12 shifts—Lorne Glaim; 8 shifts—Judy Parent, Lauren Thollander; 6 shifts—Wendy Watson, DeAnn Wylie; 5 shifts—Christine Amey, Gwen Becker

Christine Amey
Bev Barnes
Kathy Bazzoli
Gwen Becker
Jane Bennett
Ray Branstetter
Geri Burquez
Judy Cornils
Al Derrick
Donna Dill
Claire Flickinger
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Lauren Thollander
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Wendy Watson
DeAnn Wylie
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Gift Shoppe items can also be mailed; shipping charges will apply depending on the size and weight, \$3.99 minimum. We are here to serve you, our members and supporters. All you need to do is ask.

Behind the scenes private tour for you and yours!

Spring is here and we're waiting for you!

Did you know that the Sharpsteen Museum offers customized docent-led tours for groups of any size? Are out-of-town family and friends planning a visit? Give us a call and schedule something special.

This is also the perfect activity for your club, class reunion, wedding weekends, school groups, - you get the idea.

Can't get here during regular business hours between 11-4? Just let us know and we'll open the doors early for a private



tour just for you.

If you have any questions or want to schedule a special tour, please call the museum at (707) 942-5911 or go to our

web site sharpsteenmuseum.org and send a message.

Jackie Lang
Group Tour Chair

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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.

Did You See It?

The Sharpsteen was mentioned in *via Magazine* (California State Auto Association) Spring 2019, page 18. The bulleted paragraph alludes to the Museum being "full of surprises"... and... "The bookshop is a trove of local history..." Always nice to read such wonderful comments about our little gem of a museum.

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Welcome New Members

Richard and Carol Uschyk

Sustaining Angel

Felicia Woytak

Steven Rasmussen

In Memoriam

Darlene Logan

Gift Shoppe

Spring is here! Time to dry out, dust off and start spending time outdoors having fun again.

The Gift Shoppe is restocked and ready especially for those little ones anxious for play. Even Shakespeare tells us "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

Try one of our new colorful mini-butterfly kites with long tails, catapulting airplanes only need a hand to blast off soaring into the sky, or grab a kaleidoscope to twist and turn into the sun and watch the colors of spring come alive.

Want to show off your newly blossomed daffodils? Choose a vase, check out our new table runners with matching doilies in a variety of sizes and flower motifs, or choose a bright multi-colored bracelet and bag meant to put a fresh smile on your face. All you need to do is walk in the door and we'll do the rest.

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



Calendar

April

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

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

May

Wed. May 1, 5:30 pm SMF Meeting, Museum House

Wed. May 8, 10 am, SMA Meeting, Museum House

Fri. May 10, 12 noon-3 pm, Art & Antiques Roadshow, Museum

June

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

Wed. Jun. 12, 10 am, SMA Meeting

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

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