



NEWS

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First Bilingual Exhibit in Museum's History

By Eden Umble
Special Events Chair

Our collaborative team is busily at work curating this exhibit which will open May 1.

The first bilingual exhibit in the museum's history will highlight cherished everyday objects shared by members of the local Mexican-American community that represent their pride in their culture, family traditions over many generations, along with elements of their personal stories and how they came to make Calistoga their home.

We are excited to celebrate the richness of this cultural heritage with local residents and visitors alike, through universal themes of Family, Work, Celebration (to be represented by a Dia de los Muertos Altar), History, Handcrafts & Textiles, as well as personal memories. The exhibit will run from May 1 – Oct. 31.



To kick off the Sharpsteen Museum's latest special exhibit celebrating Calistoga's Mexican Heritage, the Ballet Folklórico "El Valle" St. Helena will perform on Mother's Day.

Grand Opening Celebration on Dia de los Madres

A Grand Opening Celebration for the museum's latest special exhibit will be held on May 8, which is also Mother's Day.

To kick off this colorful exhibit in exuberant style, join us on Mother's Day for a performance by Ballet Folklórico "El Valle" St. Helena at the Sharpsteen Museum. Museum opens at 11 a.m.; dance performance is from Noon – 1 p.m. in front of the Museum and Community Center. More details coming soon.





Gift Shoppe ready for Spring with new, old favorites

It's been a tough few years for all of us, yet Spring is on its way. To assist in your rejuvenating, we have been busy restocking and bringing in new items, all for your pleasure, of course. To give you a taste, Victorian style hand-fans in a variety of sparkly colors and designs, @\$3.99. Each is 8.5" x 15" spread.

Four new designs of table runners with roses to grapes to blue & white tea sets in three sizes. Our popular tapestry tote

bags remain stocked but we have added large, new tapestry purses in 3-set matches, large, medium, and a bit smaller. Can be purchased separately but a \$5.00 discount is applied when you purchase the entire matching 3-pc. set.

The hard-to-keep-in-stock Cat Nip Mice are now in Spring colors, a perfect addition to the Easter baskets you will be creating. Don't forget to pick-up a bottle of Grandma's Secret Spot

Remover, fragrance hand creams from the SF Soap Co., or die-cut notepads with ribbons and pens.

New tea towel designs include hummingbirds, blue cornflowers and kitties in a hammock and for the kids, historical coloring books & crayons, activity books, sticker books, toys and arrowheads not to mention the must-have Corn Husk Doll kits.

It's impossible to list the entire store but if you would like more informa-

tion, sizes, dimensions, pricing, simply call the museum or send us a message thru our website contact option. We can take a picture to text, and give details with shipping costs if needed.

Don't forget your member's 10% discount on all purchases. Tax and shipping will be added. Your purchases help to support the Sharpsteen Museum and keep our doors open.

MEMBERSHIP

Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, 2022

New Members

Individual

Neal Dixon
Michael Grable
Susan Hauser
David Lomax
Tom O'Neill
Marliss Riddle

In Memoriam

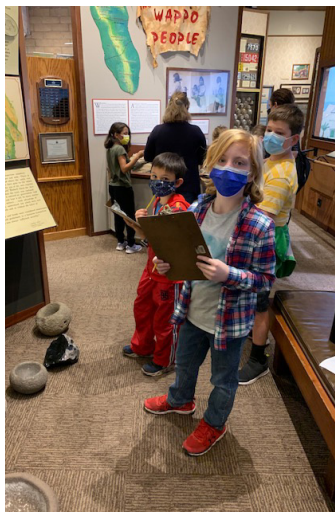
Helen Archerd

General Donations

Jerry & Marcia Phillips

Memorial Donations

None



They are back!



On Wednesday, March 1, the museum was excited to welcome Pacific Union College Elementary 4th graders. After hearing museum background from Docents Lorne Glaim and Jackie Lang, students were busily engaged in locating answers to the Calistoga Museum Scavenger Hunt. An added treat was learning that Professor Glaim had been their teacher's (Vern Jeske's) mentor when he was in college.

'This museum is incredible!' exclaims family on history journey

The Ramanujam family of four has long been on a quest to learn more and better understand U.S. history. Their travels have taken them all across the country and back again.

Places visited have included historical sites, Presidential homes, museums, historic monuments, Civil War, Revolutionary War and Spanish-American War battlefields, Civil Rights sites, battleships, aircraft carriers, railroad museums, aviation, space museums, cemeteries, the list goes on.

As they began focusing on the Gold Rush, of course the name "Sam Brannan" kept appearing. This led them to the Sharpsteen Museum.



Family patriarch Bharat Ramanujam posing in our cottage as Sam Brannan, top hat and all.

After many phone calls and emails, we were able to schedule the family for a private tour of the museum early one morning in February prior to opening.

Two hours were spent touring the museum. This

family is well educated, exuberant, appreciative and downright fun. Questions regarding Sam Brannan, his life and history, Calistoga history, Ben Sharpsteen, the Donner Party, Robert Louis Stevenson, contin-

ued throughout the tour, before I could answer one question they had another. It was great.

Visitors have always taken pictures with their phones but I believe the Ramanujams hold the record. They were so excited and did admit to me at one point that they weren't sure what to expect, ours being a small town museum.

Their compliments were endless, "this museum is incredible!" was my favorite comment.

They promise to return and we look forward to seeing them all again.

BEST OF THE BEST

Team Docent for January and February

Christine Amey
Bev Barnes
Rose Beck
Jane Bennett
Lloyd Best
Sara Boggs
Emily Bucchianeri
Judith Cornils
Lorne Glaim
Marilyn Glaim
Sally Houk

Cathy Keag
Pat Larsen
David Lomax
Michael Mannion
John Rickman
Lauren Thollander
Wendy Watson
Doug Webb
Lamar Webb
Jeannie Williams
Ron Yost

Time to VOTE

It's that time of year for you, our members, to vote for the Sharpsteen Board of Directors for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The ballot is included in this newsletter.

You will notice we have added a new position, that of Media Chair. A description of responsibilities is: "the Media Chair shall coordinate

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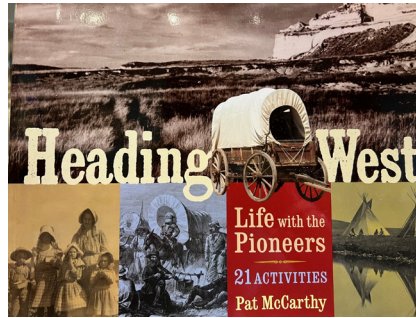
The Museum's mission is to preserve and to provide for public exhibitions and study of the history of the community of Calistoga and the upper Napa Valley.

Notes from the Book Store:**Follow immigrants into American West**

“Heading West, Life with the Pioneers” by well-known children’s author Pat McCarthy follows the immigrant trails with the pioneer families into the American Frontier.

The book’s timeline begins in 1754 during the French and Indian Wars through 1986 Homesteading in Alaska including 21 activities for children to better understand the daily life of these pioneers.

The American Frontier was officially closed by the US Census Bureau in 1890.



“Thomas Jefferson felt it would take over 2000 years for the frontier to fill up but only 80 years later, the US stretched from coast to coast, and the frontier was gone.”

This title is softcover, 8 ½”x11”, illustrated with 126 pages including Index

and Resources. Price is \$16.95, less 10% member’s discount, can be shipped for additional charge. You can never learn enough history. Thank you for supporting the Sharpsteen Museum with your purchase.

Kathy Bazzoli – Book Store Chair

Lorne Glaim – Book Store Co-Chair

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and implement all marketing activities designed to broaden public awareness and increased support for the museum as a vital historical resource in the Napa Valley community.” We feel this new position is crucial to the Sharpsteen’s ongoing survival and believe you will agree.

Please return your ballots to be received no later than May 10th by dropping them at the museum or by mail to: P.O. Box 573, Calistoga, CA 94515



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