



Pacheteau's descendants visit the museum. See Page 3 for story.

Brannan Cottage Quilt Bidding Continues

Silent Auction bidding on this piece of museum history began Aug. 1st with an opening bid of \$100.00. We asked subsequent bids be in \$25.00 increments. As of press time current highest bid is \$700.00.

Please see the Quilt Flyer included with this newsletter. You need only call the museum during business hours to add your name & bid amount. Silent Auction will continue until November 30th--just in time for the best Christmas gift for that perfect



person in your life. Or you can simply keep it, that's what we would do.

Your generosity is very much appreciated and helps the Sharpsteen continue its programs, projects, upkeep and maintenance. We thank you all in advance!

2022 Instant Wine Cellar And the Lucky Winner Is . . .

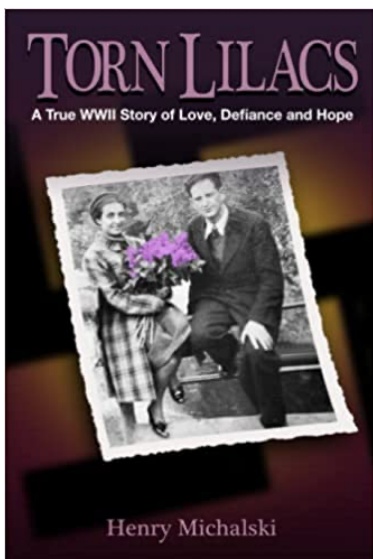


Lucky winner Lucretia Marcus and her 5 cases of premium NV wines, packed & ready to go.

Under the watchful eyes of Members of the Board of Directors, celebrity ticket pullers Pat Hampton and Ramona Asmus drew the winning tickets for the 34th Annual Instant Wine Cellar Raffle on August 27. Lucretia Marcus was the winner of five mixed cases of premium wine from Napa Valley producers. Janet Butler won second place - a double magnum of 2019 Buehler Napa Valley Cabernet in a wooden presentation box. Craig Friedes won the

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Meet the Author Sat., Oct. 22nd



"Torn Lilacs"

*A True WWII Story of Love,
Defiance and Hope"*

by retired Napa High
School History Teacher &
Author Henry Michalski

Listening to Author Henry is an adventure in and of itself. His excitement in sharing his family story is contagious and mesmerizing to the point that you become part of this true, historic tale. And don't try to interrupt him with a question, he just keeps talking.

This harrowing story is one that

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R to L: Pat Larsen, Pat Hampton and Ramona Asmus

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our author grew up hearing and learning from his mother, Fela. More than a story, this is a revelation of faith and survival during a time when life itself was questionable every day, an example of strength of character that soars above the depravity and cruelty suffered.

Imagine being a young Jewish girl during the most threatening years of the 20th century. Imagine being arrested after fleeing Poland on foot, evading the Nazi's, being imprisoned on a remote island in Siberia, forced into manual labor for nearly a decade. Imagine falling through ice, legs frozen solid, gangrene sets in, being told both legs must be amputated. This was the life of the author's mother, Fela. Fortunately, Fela refused the amputation and overnight the blood in her legs miraculously began to flow. She recovered. At the same time, Fela's future husband, Joska, was in a Russian POW camp.

Fela and Joska were ultimately released from their respective imprisonments, found their way back to the village in Kazakhstan, where they were married. Fela then suffered two bouts of typhus and a tapeworm that depleted her

remaining strength. Even so, in this condition, she bore two healthy sons.

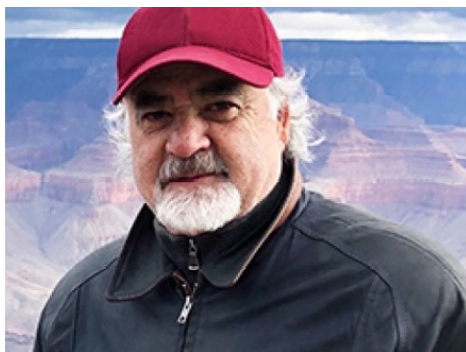
Imagine all of this, and more, happened before Fela turned 28.

Now imagine our refugee family finding their way to San Francisco in 1950 to begin a new life full of hopes and dreams.

And guess what? Author Michalski tells us that many of their new Jewish community would travel to the one & only hot springs resorts of Calistoga for rest and relaxation!

Title is a full 320 pages with photos, sale price \$20.00/copy, and will be on sale prior to and at the event. Remember to have your book signed!

Don't miss this one! Come to meet author Henry Michalski on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, from 12-1:30. Be ready with questions, and bring plenty of tissues.



Author Henry Michalski

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Early Bird Drawing Prize - a tote bag filled with wine, books and other goodies.

Heartfelt thanks to all the wine donors and solicitors, ticket sellers and all those who purchased tickets. Eden Umble was this year's ticket sales champ with sales totaling \$1,420! Thanks to everyone for supporting our gem of a museum.

Pat Larsen, *Ways and Means Chair*

Cottage Garden Fence

Approximately 40 years ago, Bess Ghisolfo donated the funds to install the period wrought iron fencing around our Brannan Cottage & garden. As the plaque still affixed states, Bess wanted to honor her husband, Calistoga's own Johnny Ghisolfo.

The years had taken its toll and the iron fence was in dire need of repairs and painting. Thanks to the generosity of members Mike and Mary Harris (nee Ghisolfo), funds were again donated to restore and rejuvenate our precious iron fence.

Bud Pochini did a great job repairing; Jim Wycoff and Alex Torres followed with the massive job of sanding, painting and refinishing.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of these people, our wrought iron fence again stands proud.



L to R: Jim Wycoff and Alex Torres

BEST OF THE BEST

Team Docent for July & August

Trudi Angell	Lorne Glaim	Michael Mannion
Christine Amey	Marilyn Glaim	Jo Ellen Noble
Bev Barnes	Sally Houk	Lauren Thollander
Rose Beck	Cathy Keag	Doug Webb
Jane Bennett	Pat Larsen	Lamar Webb
Lloyd Best	David Lomax	Jeannie Williams
Judith Cornils		



Most locals easily remember Pacheteau's Hot Springs, originally Brannan's Hot Springs established in 1862, and currently Indian Springs. Jacques Pacheteau was born in Paris, February 1850, arrived in America in 1871, became naturalized in 1877. He was a wealthy entrepreneur, a mover and shaker with successful businesses in San Francisco and New York. In March of 1919 Pacheteau purchased the Springs grounds property from Stanford for \$35,000 and began building a \$25,000 bathhouse. He died in NY in August 1919 and his wife Georgiana took over managing the resort. It was under her amazing business savvy that the Hot Springs flourished and grew into the first truly profitable spa in Calistoga.

Jump ahead to August 2022 when two lovely French ladies walked into the Sharpsteen and met Volunteer Docent Pat Larsen. Laurette Pacheteau-Macky and her cousin Claire Dronneau, proud descendants of Jacques, were on a journey to walk in his steps, learn as much as they could of his Calistoga history. They stayed at Indian Springs (which they loved), researched at our City Library, asked questions, took pictures and were even able to visit Pacheteau's Castle on Diamond Mtn. thanks to the graces of the current owner. Pacheteau purchased the 90-acre property in 1905, built his Castle, planted vineyards, built a winery and produced his own wine with his label Chateau Pacheteau.

Laurette & Claire came with much history in hand but wanted more, which we excitedly shared thanks to Dean Enderlin, plus Bev Barnes was able to supply them images from the Sharpsteen photo archives.

Our last message from Laurette and Claire was from the airport on their way home. They were so impressed with the good-hearted people of Calistoga who assisted them with their family history, a memory not to be forgotten, they wanted to say thank you one more time.

What is most interesting, Laurette has followed in Jacques' footsteps, owns the BeauRegard Cottages in Matakana, New Zealand (www.beauregard.co.nz). When you visit these cottages, be sure to take special greetings from Calistoga.



The Sharpsteen Museum opened in September 1978 and we now celebrate 44 years! Our doors are still open every day (except Christmas and Thanksgiving). Because of you, our volunteers, members & supporters we can continue the hard work and vision of Ben Sharpsteen.

Over the years we have become an award-winning museum hosting visitors from all corners of the world as we proudly continue the legacy left to us to protect.

Thank you, thank you all!

New Members

Michele Carrasco- Individual
Andrew Descalco- Individual
Emily Mangis- Supporting

Increase in Membership Levels

Suzan & Dave Shaw- Contributing
Shelley Rodrigues & Gerry Turgeon- Contributing

General Donations

Bev & Jim Barnes
Denise Flaherty
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Fay Pauls
Alan Rogers
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Steve Rasmussen & Felicia Woytak

Special Donations

Michael & Mary Harris- For repair & restoration of ornate iron fencing around the Brannan Cottage

By-Laws Update

Thank you, members, for responding and voting in favor of our proposed By-Law Amendments. They will be ratified at our next Board Meeting making them official. A copy will then be sent with proper documentation to the Sec'y of State.

Visit us at sharpsteenmuseum.org to learn about joining, renewing or upgrading memberships, and the various ways you can make a donation or gifts in honor or memory of a friend or loved one.

Thank You for Your Support!!!

Preschoolers Visit the Museum

On Tuesday morning, August 2, we welcomed the “Niños Activos” group from the UpValley Family Center. This is a group of Latino parents & mainly preschoolers that meets twice a week helping children develop social & language skills. Ten mothers & 12 enthusiastic & energetic 2-6 year olds explored the museum. A very different kind of tour...focusing especially on the animals in the diorama, the train, & the dollhouse. A fun time was had by all.

Jackie Lang, *Education Chair*



The Judge was a Smashing Success



Our first Live & In-Person event in over two years happened on Saturday, Oct. 20th. We met author and retired Judge Raymond Guadagni as he presented his newest title “Napa Valley Case Files.” The turnout was exceptional, 32 books were sold and autographed and the number of attendees at final count was 53! This broke the previous attendance record for our Meet the Author events, held for years by author Bruce Bradley for his book “Hugh Glass”.

To say we are thankful to all those that came to support the museum on that day is an understatement. Now let’s see if we can break another record on Sat. October 22 when you all return to meet another author, Henry Michalski. Please see article and flyer included for details.

With gratitude always.



Special Exhibit News

Our colorful exhibit honoring Calistoga's Mexican Heritage, "Cosas de Nuestra Casa/Things from Our Home", is being held over by popular demand! If you haven't seen this beautiful collection of intimate cultural treasures shared by members of our community, you can enjoy it until mid-November. Our next exhibit, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Tucker Farm Center, will be an exciting collaboration with Canard Vineyards, highlighting the life and times of Reason P. Tucker, the Tucker Farm Center's founder, who once owned the property on which Canard Vineyards now stands. (How's this for unique: fascinating local history, with a special bottling of wine in the mix?) Stay tuned for more details soon!

Eden Umble,
Special Exhibits Chair



From the *Sacramento Daily Union*, Volume 35, Number 5322, 18 April 1868

Sam Brannan Shot and Seriously Wounded

Calistoga, April 17th

Sam Brannan was seriously wounded last evening by being shot in the back and neck by a party of men who had taken possession of his mill at this place. He had been given possession of the premises by the Sheriff, but a party claiming authority from the assignee of the late lessee of the mill, Buck, now an insolvent, had taken possession, and Brannan was in the act of entering the premises, when he was ordered to stop. He did so, and in attempting to leave, received the contents of a volley of buckshot as above. Upwards of twenty discharges of guns and pistols were made and he received four buckshot in his back and one pistol ball in his neck, within half an inch of his jugular vein. Brannan made no effort to defend himself, and after being shot fell from his wounds, in which condition he was robbed of his watch. The parties who fired were Andrew Snyder, Theodore Larbig, Wm. Quinn, Milton McDowell and James Leo. They are under arrest, and the preliminary examination will take place tomorrow. Drs. Rowell and Stillwagon are here and pronounce his wounds not necessarily fatal but very serious.



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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.

Correction to last newsletter

Sharyn Darlene Butler, little girl raised in Calistoga, graduating class of 1954; her father "Howard Butler" was Mayor, not Warren Butler as stated. Warren was a classmate of Sharyn's, had he been her father it would have been in Medical Journals worldwide. Luckily a family member caught the error and contacted us. We apologize for the error.

Wreaths for the Holidays**2022 Christmas Wreath Sale**

Time to start thinking about our Christmas wreath workshops! Last year we sold wreaths and other craft items outside the museum on the same day as the Christmas Faire in the Park. The combination of Faire-goers and Farmers Market buyers resulted in good sales, so good in fact, that we sold out early! Whether or not there is a Christmas Faire in the park this December, we plan to have a wreath sale during Farmers Market hours on Saturday, December 3rd. Wreath-making will take place in the Museum House on Thursday the 1st and Friday the 2nd of December. Beginners and experts are welcome. Past session participants have had a good time creating and chatting. Keep the dates open, we hope to have you join in the fun!

Pat Haynes, *Crafts Chair*
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*Happy Birthday to Ben
B: Nov. 4, 1895
This day is your birthday
Hallelujah to ya.
#127 we celebrate.
Death is a puzzle
But birthdays are big
Though no longer with us
We remain in awe.*



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