

SHARPSTEEN MUSEUM

OF CALISTOGA HISTORY

NEWS

This Member Newsletter is a bi-monthly publication of the Sharpsteen Museum Association, a non-profit organization.

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Message from President Alan Rogers

Dear Sharpsteen Members,

Kathy Bazzoli, our First Vice-President, has been honored by the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce as the 2022 Citizen of the Year for her work with the museum. I attended the Awards Luncheon at the Calistoga Inn in June and was proud to see her recognized for her hard work and dedication. Kathy, a longtime resident of Calistoga, is an historian and an amazing museum volunteer. Let me repeat--Kathy is a super amazing museum volunteer. Here are a few things she does for the museum that are not in her job description: answers all appropriate emails, replies to Yelp Reviews, writes historical articles for the Calistoga Tribune, maintains the bookstore, and if you

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ANNUAL INSTANT WINE CELLAR IS HERE



Get your tickets
while they are hot off
the presses!!!

The tickets for the 34th Annual Instant Wine Cellar Raffle are now on sale. One Grand Prize of 5 cases of premium wines from Napa Valley producers will be awarded, as well as a few extra surprise items. Tickets purchased before August 15 will be entered in a separate Early Bird drawing for a special prize. The drawing will take place on Saturday, August 27 at the Museum. Prize winners will be notified by telephone or email.

HOW TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS:

Tickets are \$10 each or 5 for \$40. You may purchase your tickets at the Museum during normal opening hours (currently 12-3 pm, Mon-Fri and 11am-4 pm, Sat-Sun), use the enclosed form to order them, or visit the Museum website

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS by Dina Corcoran

The Scholarship Committee awarded the annual Paul Claudon Scholarships of \$2,000 each to Andrea Villaseñor and Joseph Valencia. Both are outstanding candidates.

Andrea impressed us with her creative writing as she described growing up in Calistoga and visiting the museum. She says, "The museum has helped and will continue to help the community because it is based on giving knowledge and joy not only to the young folks of Calistoga but also the older folks."

Her internship at a local winery helped her settle on a career in viticulture which she will pursue at UC Davis. With her indomitable spirit and boundless enthusiasm, we feel she will be successful.

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Kathy Bazzoli and Alan Rogers

Special Event
**MEET THE
 AUTHOR**
 & Book Signing

On Saturday August 20th, 11:00 am sharp, you will have the opportunity to meet retired Napa Superior Court Judge and Author Raymond A. Guadagni. His newest release will be featured-- *Napa County Case Files – Justice in Wine Country*, published by History Press.

This fascinating and sobering collection of documented accounts beginning with the first chapter, “The Napa County Indian Massacre: the First Case Heard in the California Supreme Court”, is the disturbing story of numerous Wappo murdered in Calistoga and its aftermath, and will keep you turning page after page through all eight solid chapters.

“The dark side of a tranquil Valley”

“Well known for its picturesque setting, Napa County is also home to crimes perpetrated in the name of greed, love and rage.”

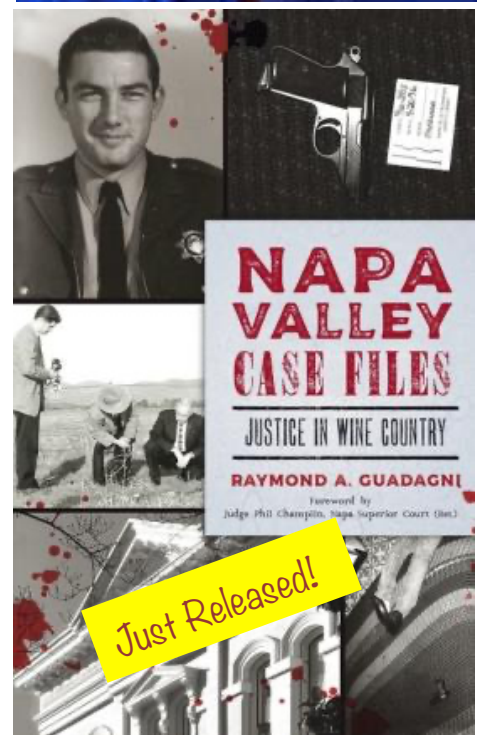
Investigative history at its best. A Question & Answer period will follow the lecture, and next step for you is to have your copy auto-graphed by the man himself.

Doors to the museum will open at 10:30 am. Please be seated by 11:00 for the presentation to begin. Books will be available to purchase by August 1st as well as during the event. Cost is \$21.99 each (less 10% discount for museum members), plus tax. No extra charge for the autograph.

As always, this is a free event, no charge to attend and open to the public.

We’ll see you all then, thank you for supporting the Sharpsteen Museum!

Kathy Bazzoli,
 Book Store Chair
 Lorne Glaim, Co-Chair



A Little Girl Returns . . .

There was a little girl born and raised in Calistoga. Her name was Sharyn Darlene Butler and she grew up and graduated from CHS in 1954. Her father, Warren Butler was Mayor. (Butler is an infamous and generational family, i.e.: Butler Pavilion at our fairgrounds). Now Sharyn Sarzotti, she resides in Belmont, CA, with family living in Australia. Fate brought her back to Calistoga during a recent family visit this past July.

Before Sharyn married and left Calistoga, she donated her precious porcelain baby doll to the Sharpsteen. This doll and her history rest peacefully in our Brannan Cottage. (See photo)

Sharyn wanted to revisit and revisit she did. We were proud to see her, proud of her local heritage, and proud of her love for her hometown of Calistoga.

Can life be any better?



Sharyn Butler Sarzotti in front of the baby doll she donated.



Right- Sharyn Butler's CHS graduation photo.

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have time ask her about Sam Brannan. Kathy is the main volunteer that makes the museum such an integral part of Calistoga.

We are in the midst of the Museum's Annual Membership Drive. Since we have not been able to have a full-on fund-raiser for three years, we encourage members to renew their membership earlier rather than later. This will help us with the operating cost of the museum.

Over the last year the Board has been working on revising the Sharpsteen Museum Association By-Laws and we need membership approval to make the changes. You can go to our website to see the revised By-Laws (sharpsteenmuseum.org). Then you can mail in your By-Laws Ballot along with the Instant Wine Cellar Ticket Request. The deadline to return your ballot has been extended to September 1st.

Earlier this year the Board visited the St. Helena Historical Society Heritage Center at 1255 Oak Ave. in St Helena. We were extremely impressed with their display of St. Helena artifacts. If you would like to explore more Napa Valley

history plan on visiting them. They're open on Saturdays only.

As our 44th year begins, I would like to thank all the volunteers who have worked many hours to keep this gem of a museum open and thriving. If not for the support of our members, we could not be open the number of hours we are. How can you help us you ask? Well, you can pay your membership on time, participate in the IWC, become a docent, come see our colorful Mexican-American Heritage Exhibit **Cosas de Nuestra Casa**, and/or donate. Please help us to continue the vision of Ben and Bernice Sharpsteen and their beloved museum. Finally, I will leave you with a quote from Kathy's acceptance speech:

"And one thing I'm going to say, I have a serious and deeply embedded respect and curiosity for our history. Now that I've been given this award, my name will be archived in Calistoga records. In 50 or 100 years when we're all dead and gone and new people will be running the Chamber, City Council, and the museum, someone, for some reason, will be researching for the Community Service Award Winners for 2022 and they will see my name. I am now officially part of the history I love so much."

Kathy, we are proud of you and your contribution to Calistoga and to the Sharpsteen Museum.

Alan Rogers. *President*

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www.sharpsteenmuseum.org to download an order form. Raffle tickets ordered via the form will be filled out for the purchaser and deposited directly into the raffle drum. If using the form to order, please complete all blanks (including winner information, payment method, credit card info, etc.). Include your payment (check or credit card information) and mail to or drop off at the Museum located at 1311 Washington St., Calistoga, CA 94515.

Buy as many tickets as you wish, then invite family, friends and neighbors to try their luck. All proceeds from this fund-raiser benefit programs and projects at our all-volunteer museum. If you are available to help with wine donation solicitation or ticket sales, please contact us. We'd love your help.

Pat & Dave Larsen

IWC Chairs

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BEST OF THE BEST

Team Docent for May & June

Christine Amey	Judith Cornils	Michael Mannion
Bev Barnes	Lorne Glaim	Patricia Murphy
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Jane Bennett	Sally Houk	Lauren Thollander
Lloyd Best	Cathy Keag	Doug Webb
Sara Boggs	Pat Larsen	Lamar Webb
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Vintage Brannan Cottage Quilt Comes Home

Beginning in 1978, the Sharpsteen volunteers spent months creating a hand-sewn quilt. The quilting work would be done in the museum for daily visitors to witness and buy raffle tickets. The quilt would be completed by early December to be displayed at the Annual Christmas Bazaar where more tickets would be sold. The winning ticket would be pulled at the end of that day.

In 1979 the first Brannan Cottage Quilt was created. It was a rainy November day when Audrey Brown from Virginia accompanied her husband on a business trip to Calistoga. As she wandered into the museum, she met the ladies working on the quilt, and was so impressed she bought 3 tickets. Her name was drawn as the winner at the Bazaar that fateful December afternoon.

She loved her quilt, even put together a scrapbook of memories surrounding her win which will be passed on to the ultimate winner & highest bidder. Sadly, Audrey passed away recently. Her daughter Wendy contacted the museum stating, "the quilt was so precious to my mother, she would have wanted it returned to the museum." Wendy also told us that her mother never used the quilt, it was always hung to display.



You can own this piece of Museum history!!!



Photo taken 1979. Quilters from left: JoEllen Noble, Joan Marberry, Edythe Eisenman and Jessie Moore. Standing is David Stoneberg, photographer.

This vintage Brannan Cottage Quilt is now in our possession. It measures 72" x 90" and took over 1200 hours to complete as a joint effort of dedicated volunteers. It is displayed in our Brannan Cottage and will be placed on Silent Auction August 1st- November 30. Opening bid will be \$100.00, subsequent bids in \$25.00 increments. The Silent Auction list will be kept at our front counter. If you are unable to visit the museum to add your name & bid, simply call the museum and give your information to the volunteer on duty. The volunteer can tell you the highest bid at that point.

As we remain an all-volunteer, non-profit museum, the auction of this quilt will help fund our ongoing operations. Take advantage of this unimaginable opportunity to own a piece of Sharpsteen history.

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If you read the *Calistoga Tribune*, you know she has earned numerous awards in pole vaulting, shot put, discus throw and sprinting. She soars over the cross bar in pole vaulting as she soars in life—empowering others through her work with the Soroptomists.

The committee feels she is unstoppable, and the Sharpsteen Museum should feel proud to be helping her on her way.

Joseph is a fifth generation Calistogan with a strong interest in volunteering. He says, “If you can spend time helping one another, then you are a part of the world that cares about each other and are trying to make it better for future generations to come.”

In addition to helping his grandfather maintain the baseball and softball fields in town, he helped lead his class in the production of the yearbook when a substitute teacher didn’t have yearbook experience.

After graduation from college, Joseph hopes to work for businesses and organizations that give back to their community.

During his years at high school, he’s participated in a variety of experiences: playing an array of musical instruments, being Track Captain, helping young people learn horseback riding, and participated four years in Upward Bound. He speaks of these accomplishments with an attitude of joy and excitement.

He’s been accepted at Oregon State which he believes has the best program for his chosen field of Innovative Design, and they’ve given him a \$10,000 Merit Scholarship. We think they observe in him the amazing potential the Scholarship Committee saw during his interview.

Andrea and Joseph, the Sharpsteen Museum wishes you all the best on your endeavors in the future.

Scholarship Committee: *Dina Corcoran, Donna Dill, Jackie Lang, and Alan Rogers*



Andrea Villaseñor



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12-3 pm M-F; 11 am-4 pm Sat-Sun

(Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas)

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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.

MEMBERSHIP

May 1 - June 30, 2022

New Members – Individual

Trudi Angell

George & Tara Horogh

Stephen G Houston

Cynthia Jung



In Memoriam

Barbara Maxfield



General Donations

Nancy Escobar

Melinda Harris

Irais Lopez-Ortega

Have You
???



- ☐ Purchased your Instant Wine Cellar Raffle Tickets? Drawing is August 27. Tickets purchased by August 15 are eligible for special early bird prize drawing.
- ☐ Saved the date August 20 to meet and hear local author and retired judge Raymond A. Guadagni?
- ☐ Filled out and submitted your ballot regarding the revised By Laws? Due back September 1, 2022 (date extended from August 1)
- ☐ Placed a bid on the Brannan Cottage Quilt? Bidding ends November 30, 2022.
- ☐ Seen the current colorful Special Exhibit *Cosas de Nuestra Casa*? Exhibit runs through October, 2022.
- ☐ Renewed your membership? Your dues and donations help keep the Sharpsteen Museum open 363 days of the year.

Details and more inside this newsletter.



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