

Book Store: Lost Restaurants of Napa Valley

Author Alexandria Brown strikes again! Many of you have met her and purchased her first published title “Hidden History”.

Her second to be published is “Lost Restaurants of Napa Valley and Their Recipes” which we highlight here. This volume is filled with the history of the growth of the “mouthwatering eateries” in Napa County dating back to the 1800’s with biographical stories of how these enterprising risk-takers made the Valley a “foodie haven”. Calistoga’s El Faro Restaurant, Magnolia Hotel, Calistoga Hotel, Groenweld’s Restaurant, and Silverado Creamery to name a few.

Did you know that “restaurants” were born in Paris in the early 1800’s? A “restaurant” was actually a meat broth mixture, not an establishment. Ever wonder where Ronald Reagan announced his candidacy for Governor of California? It was 1966 at Aetna



Springs Resort in Pope Valley, the photo is found on page 56. Scores of photographs are found throughout this volume including one of Carole Lombard having breakfast at the Plaza Hotel during the shooting of They Knew What They Wanted in 1940.

Under many of the photographs you will see the notation “courtesy of the Sharpsteen Museum”. Yes we helped Alex with this new publication, as we

did her first. Read the acknowledgment page, you will be as proud as we are.

From hotels to boarding houses to saloons, author Alex Brown takes you on a magical journey through Calistoga and our Valley’s epicurean history.

Even though the Museum may not be reopened June 1, this book has already been added to our shelves. If you would like to purchase now, go to our web site. \$21.99/ea. plus tax and shipping/handling = \$27.68 delivered to your door; otherwise just stop by once our doors are open.

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