

Message from Board President Alan Rogers . . .

Dear Sharpsteen Members,

It is 2:06 in the afternoon on January 6th as I sit down to write to you, our members. It is thankfully raining. The sky is grey and foreboding, yet we can see the clouds breaking as the sun struggles to break through. The valley vineyards are asleep. At the same time, we witness the azaleas starting to bud, the roses anchoring in and hoping for the best, the oleanders never giving up and doing their best. This is a sign that Spring will soon bring beauty and re-birth.

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Celebrating Tucker . . .



. . . What a Party it Was!!!

Fri., Jan. 19, 2024

A lively, if damp, crowd of nearly one hundred braved the rain to attend our event celebrating our current special exhibit chronicling the life of Reason P. Tucker. This “quiet pioneer” is best known for having saved 19 Donner Party survivors, primarily children, in the first rescue mission in February 1847. Married four times, Tucker fathered ten children over a period of 45 years. He made his mark in early Calistoga and Napa Valley as a farmer, planting grapevines on his homestead property where Dunaweal Lane meets the Silverado Trail. His home became a significant social center for Calistoga events of the 1860’s. The redwood house he built in 1851 still stands as the home of Canard Vineyard Owners Carolyn & Rich Czapleski. The Czapleskis still farm his heritage grapevines on the property, believed to be among the oldest in Napa Valley and their wine “The Rescuer” is named in his honor.

Among the attendees were Bobbi Enderlin and Jean Sawday, fifth- and fourth-generation direct descendants of Captain Tucker respectively, meeting for the first time. Pat Larsen thanked Enderlin for her generosity in sharing family artifacts from her late mother Ann Enderlin’s personal collection, as well as donating an 1862 bible belonging to John Wesley Tucker, the eight of Tucker’s children, to the museum’s permanent collection. Jean Sawday and her husband Chuck

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were thanked for sharing their recollections of family lore, and Dean Enderlin was recognized for his historical knowledge which helped give the exhibit scope and accuracy. Other contributors to the exhibit who were at Friday's event were Linda Shaw and Lauren Thollander.



Emily Mangis

Also present was Emily Mangis, representing the Fechter-Mangis family of Porter Creek, who loaned the museum a collection of family artifacts from the same time period, displayed in their own case. The ornate photo album, violin, books, letters, tools and household objects give a fascinating glimpse into daily life here in the 1860-1890's.



Jean Sawday and Bobbi Enderlin

Longtime Docent Jo Noble won a deluxe raffle basket created by Kathy Bazzoli – Congratulations Jo!

The Sharpsteen Museum thanks everyone who attended, and especially those who helped us curate this historical exhibit, including the Czapleskis, Kent Domogalla, Ginny & Gary Heitz and Steve Shaw. The exhibit will be on display through March 2024.

Eden Umble, Media Chair



Bobbi Enderlin, Allison Shaw, and Linda Shaw



Dean Enderlin, Diane Dillon, Shannon Murray Kuleto, and Chris Kennedy



Pat Larsen- "Raise your hand if you are a descendant of Reason P. Tucker"

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This is the Sharpsteen Museum. We look forward into our New Year, 2024.

I will be relocating to Camarillo after 15 years on the Board. Kathy Bazzoli has stepped down from her 14+ years as 1st Vice-President. (She will continue as Bookstore Chair & assisting in the Gift Shoppe.)

We are also “budding” with the inspiration needed to keep the Sharpsteen alive and vibrant. Our new 1st Vice-President will be David Larsen, who is currently 1st VP and acting President of the Sharpsteen Museum Foundation.

Also, a frightening thing occurred, the possibility of losing the sponsorship of our annual \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating Calistoga student. But, as another sign of beauty and re-birth, Felicia Woytak and Steven Rasmussen (see photo) have offered to sponsor and fund the museum’s scholarship award. This new scholarship will be the “Woytak-Rasmussen” Award.

Yes, we continue to bud, anchor in, and never give up. Our mission remains solid, to respect and defend the vision of Ben and Bernice Sharpsteen when they built our museum over 45 years ago, to ensure their legacy, and to continue the support of our museum and Calistoga history.

Please contact us to volunteer. We are always anxious to welcome new faces!!

Alan Rogers, *Board President*



Felicia Woytak and Steven Rasmussen



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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.

BEST OF THE BEST

Team Docent for November and December

Bev Barnes	Marilyn Glaim	Jo Ellen Noble
Rose Beck	Allison Groves	Lauren Thollander
Jane Bennett	Sally Houk	Molly Towey
Lloyd Best	Cathy Keag	Doug Webb
Emily Bucchianeri	Pat Larsen	Lamar Webb
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Lorne Glaim	Corliss Meyer	

Interested in becoming a docent? Please contact Jane at (757) 536-1146. (Yes, area code is 757, not 707!)

Welcome New Members

Allison Groves
Susan Lundy & Jim Spellerberg
Molly Towey & Robert Batdorf

General Donations- Thank You!!!

Patricia & Ray Branstetter
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Jerry Hutchens
Jackie & Bret Lang
Susan Lundy & Jim Spellerberg
Barbara Nechis
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In Memoriam

Mike Grgich

Bookstore Alert: All Titles 20% off - February Only!!!

Yes, winter remains, and spring is looming. Our gift to you *for the entire month of February*, all books in the bookstore will be 20% off marked retail. (Bookstore only, does not include Gift Shoppe items)

If you have a title in mind and prefer a copy mailed, simply send us a message via our website. We will contact you with book price, less 20% February discount, plus tax and shipping.

Every New Year we look forward to clearing and cleaning. This is the time to refresh, begin anew and plan for those special gifts throughout the year. It's the written word of authors from across the globe. What better gift than education and enlightenment for those we love and respect?

Inspiring? Yes. Historic? Yes. Heartfelt? Absolutely.

All purchases support the Sharpsteen, our events, programs, and plans for new and innovative ideas.

You count on us; we count on you.

Wishing you all a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2024.

Kathy Bazzoli, *Book Chair*



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