



NEWS

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Message from the Board:

We're not being idle

Although COVID-19 has required that the Museum keep its doors closed for these past few months, we have not been idle.

A new special exhibit featuring the art of the late Calistoga resident Earl Thollander has been installed and is ready for visitors to view once we can reopen.

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REMINISCENCE, PART 2

Creating pieces for main diorama

"There were times that I would be in tears and wanted to give up the whole project. Ben was such a perfectionist and his approval was so important to me."

-Ruth Durbin

by Ruth Durbin

Requests for more and more buildings were coming so fast that we became completely snowed under. Ben sent his granddaughter Gail, to help us. Gail spent hours on end gluing on the thousands of shingles, the most tedious, boring job imaginable. I shall never



Volunteer Ruth Durbin works on figurines that will populate the streets and sidewalks of the main diorama at the Sharpsteen Museum.

forget her cheerful help. She was such a joy to work with.

About this time, Ben received a full-size rough painting of the mural from Kendall O'Connor, with whom he had worked at Disney Studios. This he affixed to a

wall in his studio. Sheets of plywood were set on sawhorses and pushed against the mural. I, being the youngest and lightest, had the undignified job of climbing up on the shaky platform and on my

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Paul Claudon \$2,000 Scholarship winner chosen

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Jesus Rojas Mendoza is our choice for the annual Paul Claudon Sharpsteen Museum Scholarship award of \$2,000.

His enthusiasm and can-do attitude will serve him well for the rigors of college. Jesus says the displays in the museum have shown him that if Calistoga

can become a thriving town from a dusty little place, anyone can become anything they desire.

As a young child, Jesus fought conditions that made him different and then suffered the teasing of others because of them. With heroic effort he overcame his

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Jesus Mendoza