



INSTANT WINE CELLAR- SAT. AUGUST 26

Biggest Fundraiser of the Year for Museum

Our 29th Instant Wine Cellar fund-raiser, Saturday, August 26, 4-7 pm, at the Museum Plaza, is fast approaching. The always popular wine cellar drawing and raffle baskets will be enhanced by a silent auction, a small live auction, wine tasting and delicious appetizers. Admission to the event is \$20, \$5 for Sharpsteen members, so be sure to renew your membership before August. Wine Cellar Drawing tickets will be available for sale about mid-June and will remain at \$10 each or 5 for \$40. Again there will be an extra prize drawing for folks who purchase these tickets by July 15. Need not be present to win the 2 Grand Prizes. Please watch the museum Facebook page for further details.



We have enthusiastic volunteers (thank you all!!!) who have already come forward to help make the IWC a success. But we can always use more helping hands. Don't be shy! Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to: mailings; raffle ticket advance sales; wine pickups; donation solicitation from local merchants; raffle basket assembly; food preparation; event set-up and take-down. We also need to borrow 10' X 10' canopies and large ice chests. If you can help out in any capacity, please contact Chairs Pat and Dave Larsen at 707-341-3313; dirofdev48@gmail.com, or leave a message at the museum.

Two Grand Prizes! 6 cases of premium Napa Valley Wine! (rack not included).

Pat Larsen, *Ways and Means Chair*



Bid on a wine/cheese/food/castle tour/experience for 10!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



READING BY DESIGN

Children ages 3 and up are invited to the Sharpsteen Museum to participate in the annual Summer Reading Program, a collaborative effort with the Napa County Library System and the Calistoga Branch. This year's theme is "Reading By Design" and children are invited to attend a variety of free and fun presentations.

Weekly programs (40-45 minutes each) will be on Thursday mornings at 10 am at the Museum (except August 3rd Celebration). **Seating is available on a first-come basis.** Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please see the full schedule on page 4 of this newsletter. Jackie Lang, *Education Chair*

Cookie Jars Were Everywhere!



Always on the lookout for personal collections, I was delighted 2 years ago when Kerri Abreu mentioned that she had a friend, Susan Wolleson-Freund, who has a cookie jar collection. I never forgot that moment and recently contacted Susan about displaying her cookie jar collection at the museum.

That day finally arrived and what a surprise when Susan showed up with a trailer full of boxes and 20 relatives & friends to help. I just stood by and watched with fascination as each jar was tenderly unpacked & placed on the shelves. What was amazing was that the entire process took less than an hour.

Susan's biography is on display in the museum and is so interesting. I hope our visitors take time to read about Susan and her fascinating collection.

The cookie jars exhibit will run until the end of October and I'm sure will be of interest to our many visitors.

Patsy Hahn, *Temp. Exhibit Chair*
Kathy Bazolli, *Co-Chair*

Photos of the Special Preview Party are on Page 3

Message from the President

Dear Sharpsteen Members,

At 18 I worked as Christmas mail person for the city of Santa Monica. Little did I know at the time that I would become the Sharpsteen Museum postman, one of many museum jobs held previously by Shirley Blomquist. Now as your president, I have reluctantly accepted Shirley's resignation. What a shock to the community of Calistoga to lose such a caring person who has volunteered her services to so many community organizations. Shirley has volunteered her time to the Sharpsteen Museum for over 19 years during which she has held all positions on our board. She has also served as Secretary of the Sharpsteen Museum Foundation. Thank you Shirley, for your years of service. We are going to miss your smiling face and tireless dedication to the museum. Shirley left Calistoga at the end of May to start a new life-adventure closer to her family. Good Bye Shirley; *Good Bye, Ms. Claus*.

June 1 marks the beginning of a new fiscal year at the museum and the election results are in for the SMA and SMF Boards. This year you have elected the following:

SMA Board: President- Alan Rogers; 1st Vice President- Kathy Bazzoli; 2nd Vice President- Shirley Blomquist; Treasurer- Rick McCloskey; Recording Secretary- De Ann Wylie; Docent Chair- Marilyn Glaim; Collections Chair- Bev Barnes; Education Chair- Jackie Lang; and Ways and Means Chair- Pat Larsen.

SMF Board: President- Kent Domogalla; Vice President- Bruce Dill; Secretary- Shirley Blomquist; Treasurer- Leonard LaBranche; members at large- Diane Barrett, Kathy Bazzoli, and David Larsen.

Both museum organizations will appoint a replacement for Shirley Blomquist at their next meetings. These are strong and dedicated teams of officers that will continue to serve the museum well and make my job comfortable.

Pat Haynes, who for the last five years of my presidency, has been our board secretary. has retired from the board. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Pat for her dedicated service to the Sharpsteen Museum. Like Shirley, you have been a valuable member and I will miss you at our board meetings.

"Cookie, Cookie Who's Got the Cookie?" Well, Cal Mart has the cookies but the Sharpsteen Museum has the cookie jars. On May 5th, the Sharpsteen Museum celebrated the opening of the new exhibit, *Cookie Jars Are Everywhere*, from Susan Wolleson-Freund's collection of over 300 jars. If you missed the opening, these cookie jars will be on display until November 2017. This event was well-attended by many cookie enthusiasts. The museum is very proud of Patsy Hahn, our Special Exhibits Chair, for her tremendous effort to make this night a success. This was Patsy's fifteenth special exhibit opening.

Native Daughters of the Golden West Image Awards are given to individuals, groups, organizations, or businesses that publicly portray a positive image of California. Congratulation Sharpsteen Museum volunteers we are the recipients of the 2017 Image Award. This award will be presented to us at the NDGW conference in June. More to follow in our August newsletter. Let's hear it for our positive California image.



Cast members Elaine Jennings and Mary Clay Connoway of *Upstage Napa Valley* at the May Coffee.

Sue Morton, our Luncheon and Coffee chair, has been a busy woman planning our Coffees and the Installation Luncheon. Our last two Coffees have been informative and entertaining. At the first one, Dylan Feik, Calistoga's City Manager, made an informative presentation about the state of the City, which included up-dates on resorts, bridges, senior housing, streets and reservoirs. The second Coffee was an entertaining snippet from Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, presented by Upstate Napa Valley theater group and directed by Sharie Renault. Make plans to attend our next Coffee. I hope to see you at our installation luncheon in June. Thank you Sue, for all your planning this year.

Oh yes, I still have a garden, but more about that in the next newsletter. Right now I have a lot of grasses to mow for fire prevention.

Alan Rogers, *President*



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except Thanksgiving and Christmas

BOARD MEMBERS

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Shirley Blomquist - second VP

DeAnn Wylie - Recording Secretary

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Bev Barnes - Collections Chair

Pat Larsen - Ways & Means Chair

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Kathy Bazzoli

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.

Welcome New

Members

Laurie Algar Adams

Michael Ahern

Jackie Lehmer

Valerie Mathes

Annual Installation of Officers

LUNCHEON

Weds. June 28th

Calistoga Inn

**11:30- Meet & Greet;
Lunch served at Noon**

Please sign up, pay &
select menu choices at
the museum by
June 23rd.



Preview Party- Cookie Jars Are Everywhere!



One of Susan's faves



Susan & Rob Freund



Museum President Alan Rogers introduces Susan & Rob Freund to the crowd.



Patsy & Bill Hahn

Photos (except Sam & Virginia) by
Donna Dill



Sam with Virginia Dooley

We Say "Good-Bye" to Our Friend Shirley as She Embarks on New Adventures



Shirley & Snickers Blomquist

Our friend, Shirley Blomquist, will be resigning her 20+ years with the Sharpsteen. She will be relocating with her kitty partner "Snickers".

How is it possible to relate what she means to all of us, even those that have never met her? We took her for granted, yes we did. We went to her with every question, no matter how convoluted, and she always had the answer.

Shall we speak of friendship? Kahlil Gibran wrote:

"Your friend is your needs answered. She is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving.

And she is your board and fireside.

For you come to her with your hunger, and you seek her for peace.

And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.

For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed."

This is our Shirley. We will not make a list of Shirley's enumerable accomplishments with our organization as well as others. Those things were covered months ago when she was highlighted in the "Meet the Docents" column. That is not important now. What is important is the giant hole that will be left when she is gone. What is important is that we love her as much as she loves us. What is important is the deep feeling of loss and how much we will truly miss her. What is important is "what the Hell are we going to do without Shirley?"

Shirley has never let us down, she simply wouldn't know how. Through illness, family trials, personal struggles, she has always been there. Stubborn and loving to a fault, Shirley is a true Lady beyond measure. She is a serious part of all of us. Her smiles and laughter will be gone, but her spirit will remain, always.

We wish you the best, our Shirley, as you reinvent yourself into a new life!

-Kathy Bazzoli

If Oscars Could Talk . . .

Museum Member Laurie Algar Recalls Close Encounter with Ben's Oscars



April 6, 1959: Academy Awards Ceremony at RKO Pantages Theater, Hollywood.

"My father, James Algar, picked up three Oscars that evening. One of which, for Ben Sharpsteen's *Ama Girls*, is in the museum. I was so excited because I was going to take one to show-and-tell the next morning (at my school). I weighed it on our bathroom scale (7-1/2 lbs) and lined a shoebox with paper towels to make a little Oscar nest- the Oscar fit PERFECTLY-

complete with the lid on top! However, my father gently explained that they belonged to Walt and he had to take them to the studio in the morning. But I am pleased and proud that my youthful show-and-tell is now on display in your museum and another is in the Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco!"

April 11, 2017: Laurie visited the Sharpsteen Museum, after giving a talk at the Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco the Saturday before; discussing the 43-year career of her father James Algar with Disney. He worked with Ben on the True Life Adventures Series and in similar roles as director of many feature films and documentaries. He and Ben were also close friends.

Gail Sharpsteen, *Editor*



James Algar (right) holding 3 Oscars awarded to Disney Studios in 1959; one of which is on display in Ben's Room of the Sharpsteen Museum; with Robert Wagner and Natalie Wood. The third Oscar was awarded for *Grand Canyon* for Short Subject (Live Action), directed by James Algar.



Laurie Algar, shown here with the Oscar displayed in Ben's Room of the Sharpsteen Museum. Her father Disney Director James Algar accepted 2 Oscars for Ben in the 1959 Academy Awards ceremony: one for Best Documentary Film (Short Subject) *Ama Girls*, and the other for *White Wilderness*, Best Documentary Film.

LIBRARY SUMMER READING SCHEDULE

All events take place starting at 10 am at the Sharpsteen Museum EXCEPT Celebration Party on August 3.

June 15: "Reading By Design". Librarians present stories about discovering, building, and inventing with fun songs and rhymes for children to join in the presentation. Attendees will be encouraged to sign up for the library reading program.

June 22: "Circles of Smiles". Humorous circus antics & acrobatic tricks with the funny *Circus of Smiles* entertainers.

June 29: *Fratello Marionettes* present "Vaudeville Follies." Master puppeteers encourage children to use their observation and listening skills as they delight all with the movement and expression of string puppets.

July 6: NO PROGRAM. Enjoy your Fourth of July week!

July 13: "The Boy Who Cried Wolf". Zany puppet show with everyone's favorite puppeteer Art Grueneberger of *Puppet Art Theater*.

July 20: "It's the Beetle Lady". Kids will get a close up look at real bugs and learn how they help humans and the environment.

July 27: "Xtreme Science Magic". Don O'Brien performs science experiments and magic tricks that will amaze and delight the whole family.

August 3: Celebration Party at **Calistoga Branch Library** (1108 Myrtle St.) 10:30-11:30am. Presentation of stories, and awarding of rewards for summer reading participants, includes craft making and treats.



Docents: We Couldn't Have Done It Without You!

Though most of our visitors to the Sharpsteen are individuals who walk in during our regular open hours each day, we also welcome groups of any size. These groups don't have to be sponsored by an institution. Anyone is welcome to call the museum at 707-942-5911 and ask to have a group tour with their own docent, and the tours can be offered during or outside of the regular 11-4 museum hours. One bride and groom thoughtfully called the museum before their wedding weekend and arranged to have groups of friends and relatives get special tours on a Saturday morning. What better way to keep a wedding day sane, fun, and educational!



Sylvia Marciano meets & greets groom Sean Duffy, his lovely bride to be, Jennifer, and their guests prior to their tour of the Sharpsteen Museum on their wedding day, May 6, 2017.



Jo Noble, Sharpsteen Museum Tour guide, leads a group (including 2 dogs) on a historical walk through downtown on April 19. The event was co-hosted by Calistoga Recreation Services and The Rianda House.

Photos Courtesy of The Rianda House.

Sylvia Marciano is the one who has made these tours work. She has been our tour scheduler for five years, but though she will continue to be one of our docents, she is turning the tour scheduling over to Jackie Lang, our education chair. Jackie is well equipped to handle tours, having already planned educational events for the museum as well as helping guide the elementary tours for several years. Every year schools from the area- Calistoga, St. Helena, and Santa Rosa- arrange to have third or fourth graders visit the museum. Jackie says their favorite displays are the dioramas, especially the big spa layout and the trains.

Ray Branstetter often guides groups of seniors from various retirement centers. Anyone listening in on his tours hears his entertaining and educational stories about every display. No one knows quite as much as Ray, our docent trainer and group guide. Another very special type of tour is offered by Jo Noble, one of our most experienced and long-term docents. She does walking tours that begin and end at the museum. Guests get a wonderful introduction to Calistoga's historical gems in the center part of town.

Next time you're planning an event, consider asking the Sharpsteen for a tour. Your guests will be impressed with your ability to keep them entertained. Just be sure to call well ahead of time to give the museum guides time to plan for your special group.

Docent Prize Drawing for March and April 2017

Judith Cornils and Shirley Blomquist each won a \$50 gift certificate to Cal Mart.

Best of the Best Docent team for March/April:

Bev Barnes	Gisela	Jo Ellen Noble
Kathy Bazzoli	Marilyn	Biserka
Shirley	Joan Kranich	Ellie Robinson
Ray Branstetter	Jackie Lang	Anne Scott
John Clark	Pat Larsen	Sonya Spencer
Judy Cornils	Sylvia	Rita Tucker
Donna Dill	Shelley Martin	Josepha
Lorne Glaim	Barbara	Wendy Watson
Marilyn Glaim	Emma Mazzola	DeAnn Wylie
Linda Hanson	Kathy	Helen Yost
Pat Haynes	Sue Morton	Ingrid Zehntner

Gold Star Awards to those docents working the most shifts this period: **14 shifts-** Lorne Glaim; **13 shifts-** Pat Larsen; **9 shifts-** Judy Cornils; **8 shifts-** Anne Scott; **5 shifts-** Jo Ellen Noble.

Marilyn Glaim, *Docent Chair*

"Meet Our Docents" will return soon.

🌸 GIFT SHOPPE 🌸

There's nothing like a little colorful whimsy to brighten your new garden. Need some inspiration? Come on in and take your pick of frogs, dragonflies, sunbursts, kitties, roosters & pigs.

Hummingbird Feeders are only \$14, Plant Stakes short (15"-17") \$8-\$9, Plant Stakes tall (27" high) are \$11-\$20, and the jumpy Sunflower is a mere \$13! (See photos below.)

Don't forget your 10% members discount. We are ready when you are so be sure to drop by anytime, or give us a call and we'll put your choice aside for pick-up.

See you soon.

Sonya Spencer, *Buyer & Gift Shoppe Chair*
Josepha Walpen, *Co-Chair*



CALENDAR

JUNE

Wed., June 14, 10 AM.
SMA Board Meeting.
All members welcome.

Wed., June 28, 12 noon. Installation
Luncheon- Calistoga Inn

JULY

Wed., July 12, 10 AM.
SMA Board Meeting.

AUGUST

Wed., Aug. 9, 10 AM.
SMA Board Meeting.

Sat., Aug. 26, 4-7 PM.
Instant Wine Cellar

SEPTEMBER

Wed., Sept. 13, 10 AM.
SMA Board Meeting.

OCTOBER

Wed., Oct. 11, 10 AM.
SMA Board Meeting.



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