



## Sharpsteen Museum Fundraiser Instant Wine Cellar



Our 28<sup>th</sup> Instant Wine Cellar fund-raiser, Saturday, August 27, 4-7 pm, at the Museum Plaza, is fast approaching. The always popular wine cellar drawing and raffle baskets will be enhanced this year by a silent auction and a small Live Auction featuring a **design-your-own Pebble Beach getaway**, and a **progressive dinner** prepared by local chefs and served in historic Calistoga

residences, all within an easy walk.

We are taking pre-bids now for both Live Auction items to accommodate those of you who want to get a jump-start or cannot attend the event itself. Instructions are easy (see flyer insert). Simply go to our web site: [sharpsteenmuseum.org](http://sharpsteenmuseum.org) and use the [Contact Page](#) to send your bids. Be sure to include your telephone #.

**The Pebble Beach Getaway** is valued at \$5,000 and can be used for lodging, restaurants, shops, spas as well as golf (there are 5 courses at the resort!) The minimum bid to open is \$3,500. When sending your pre-bid, be sure to note your

minimum and maximum bid.

**The Progressive Dinner** is open for up to a group of 8 people. Minimum bid is \$800 (\$100 x 8). Please advise minimum and maximum bid.

Pre-bids will be accepted up until 10 am on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. All bidders will be kept informed as to the status of their bid as bidding progresses.

On the day of the event, Five (5) Calistoga AVA wineries will be on hand to pour their finest selections, accompanied by delicious appetizers. Admission to the event is \$20 per person, \$5 for Sharpsteen members (be sure to renew your membership now if you haven't already). Over 21 please.

Don't forget to buy your Grand Prize Raffle tickets now at the Museum. Tickets are \$10 each or 5 for \$40. Raffle tickets will also be available at the event. Need not be present to win the Grand Prize.

Thank you to the enthusiastic volunteers who have already come forward to help make the IWC a success. Help is still needed with raffle ticket advance sales; basket assembly; food preparation and event set-up and takedown. We also need to borrow 10'x10' canopies. If you can help out in any capacity, please contact Chairs Pat and Dave Larsen at 707-341-3313 or [dirofdev48@gmail.com](mailto:dirofdev48@gmail.com).

Pat Larsen, *Ways & Means Chair*

## Meet Author Bruce Bradley - Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

(Note date change for this event, originally slated for August 13<sup>th</sup>)

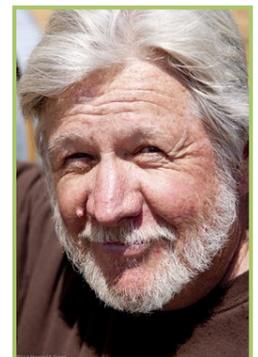
**Lecture and Book Signing: 12-1:30 pm**

The true story of Hugh Glass is brought to life in a book of the same name authored by Bruce Bradley. Glass was born in the late 1700's and had lived most of his 37 years as a normal seaman, but in 1817 his ship was captured and he was given the choice to join a pirate crew or die. From that moment on his life became an adventure that ranged from the edges of the Caribbean to the heart of the American wilderness.

Mauled by an enraged grizzly, then robbed and left to die by his comrades hundreds of miles from civilization, *Hugh Glass* is the story of one man whose will to live despite all odds is a testimony to anyone who ever had to face peril and adversity.

Pioneer Geo. C. Yount, who had met and befriended Hugh Glass, once wrote of him: "In point of adventure, dangers, and narrow escapes; and capacity for endurance, and the sufferings which befell him, this man Hugh Glass was pre-eminent. He was bold, daring, reckless, and eccentric to a high degree but was nevertheless a man of great talents and intellectual as well as bodily power."

Author Bradley is widely considered an expert on the true history of Hugh Glass. Most recently, Bradley was



*Author Bruce Bradley*

# Message from the President

Dear Sharpsteen Members,

Summer is here and it has been a great year for my garden. Hot days and cool nights have been ideal for the eggplants and summer squash. Now, for some informative news about the museum and upcoming events.

Over thirty members attended this year's Installation Luncheon held at All Seasons. We said good-bye to departing board members and installed some new ones. I again would like to thank Bill Hahn, Kent Domogalla and Jo Noble for their years of service on our board. But the highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of a life membership to Sandy and Irwin Herlihy. They had been paying the membership dues on a yearly basis for over twenty-five years. We are going to miss you two around the museum. Thank you for your service and friendship. The New Officers installed for this fiscal year 2016-17 include Rick McCloskey-Treasurer, Marilyn Glaim-Docent Chair, and Pat Larsen-Ways and Means Chair. Sandy's replacement is Sue Morton as Luncheon and Coffee Hour Chair.

The board would like to thank Gary Heitz, Steve Gallion and Paul Ingalls for their many years of service as board members of the Sharpsteen Museum Foundation, having resigned their positions. The SMA has formed an ad hoc committee to explore the Foundation's by-laws, encourage and find some hard-working members to take over these vacancies.

I would like to welcome Dina Corcoran as a new contributing writer for our monthly local newspaper columns, as well as our own newsletter. You can find her most recent article (The Mother Tree) in the July issue of the *Mud City Weekender*. Dina's article about this year's winner of the Paul Claudon Sharpsteen Museum scholarship winner appears below. Thank you Dina!

Frank Bruno spoke to the Board of the many possibilities for showcasing the museum's oral history video collection. The collection contains interviews and individual segments from the Wise Women Meetings, personal videotaped interviews, 1980's student interviews, and historical photos, all of which are now in digital format. These histories will be available in the future for any members or researchers. More on this to come.

I would like to invite you all to attend our Instant Wine Cellar on Saturday, August 27, 2016, from 4-7 pm. This is a fun event and the only fundraiser for the year. There is much more information about this event on the front page of this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

Now I'm going back to the garden to attend to all the colorful summer vegetables and plan my fall/winter garden. Anyone have a good zucchini recipe?

Alan Rogers, *SMA President*

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2016 by Dina Corcoran



Jacqueline Aviña  
Espinoza

This year our scholarship committee has chosen Jacqueline Aviña Espinoza to receive the Paul Claudon Sharpsteen Museum Scholarship award of \$2,000. This gracious and enthusiastic young lady exhibits qualities of a young citizen who will, undoubtedly, contribute to making our world a better place.

Jacqui has learned to help others, lead her classmates, and understand her world through mentoring her fellow students, being class president, and spending a year as an exchange student in Belgium. You may have seen her volunteering at the Sharpsteen Museum during the summer of 2014 with the Children's Reading Program.

Her excellent grades at Calistoga High School reflect hard work and dedication. We sense that she likes people, and wants to contribute her talents towards helping them. In her thank-you letter she reveals that she hopes to use a career in pediatric nursing to work with Doctors Without Borders. She is upward bound.

*Members of the Scholarship Committee:* Melanie Waterson, Donna and Bruce Dill, and Dina Corcoran.



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#### BOARD MEMBERS

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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.*

### Welcome New Members

Margaux Singleton  
Richard & Deborah Testa

### In Memoriam

Everett Ball

**REMINDER: Dues for fiscal year  
2016-17 are now due and payable!  
Thank You!**

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

As we take over the docent responsibilities, we're asking ourselves, "How did this happen so quickly?" Before we moved to Calistoga last year we had barely visited the Sharpsteen. We had no idea that in the museum **everything gets done** by volunteers. We met Kathy Bazzoli, the outgoing chair of docents, at a Christmas party last year. She was wildly enthusiastic about the museum, and we agreed to be trained as docents.

Simple? Not exactly simple, but fun. We had to learn about the museum in a very short time. Suddenly our initiation was over, and we were being asked to take charge of the docents. "You can do it. It's not hard." (Kathy's enthusiastic voice again!). We decided to give it a try. The job is hard, but we've already seen how everyone pulls together. Other docents pitched in for us when we had emergencies. We think we can do it, but it's only because you are all such great docents who will continue to teach us.

The Docent Prize results: The focus this time is food, with Biserka Potrebic receiving a \$50 certificate for Cal Mart and Jackie Lang winning one for the Calistoga Inn.

Best of the Best Docent team for May and June 2016:

Bev Barnes	Pat Haynes	Jo Ellen Noble
Kathy Bazzoli	Gisela Huesmann	Biserka Potrebic
Shirley Blomquist	Jackie Lang	Ellie Robinson
Ray Branstetter	Pat Larsen	Anne Scott
John Clark	Ellie Leake	Sonya Spencer
Judy Cornils	Sylvia Marciano	Rita Tucker
Al Derrick	Barbara Maxfield	Josepha Walpen
Bill Hahn	Emma Mazzola	Wendy Watson
Patsy Hahn	Kathy McCloskey	Ingrid Zehntner
Linda Hanson	Sue Morton	

Gold Star Awards to those docents working the most shifts this period: **10 shifts-** Judy Cornils, Josepha Walpen; **6 shifts-** Bill & Patsy Hahn, Jackie Lang, Sylvia Marciano, Sue Morton, Ellie Robinson, Anne Scott; **5 shifts-** Ray Branstetter, Pat Haynes.

Marilyn Glaim, *Docent Chair* & Lorne Glaim, *Co-Chair*

## New Chair in the Museum Cottage



Please come to visit the newest addition to the Sharpsteen Museum cottage. This chair was in the lobby of the Magnolia Hotel in the early 1880s and, according to family lore, was where Robert Louis Stevenson sat to write his book about the Toll House. This piece was donated by Crystal Patzer, great niece of Jack Chesebro, proprietor of the hotel at that time.

Bev Barnes, *Collections Chair*

## Meet Our Docents

In each newsletter we will highlight one or more members that have donated their precious time to the museum.

Meet the Docents? In this case it may be better to rename this column "2 Goofys Find a Home".

Bev Barnes came first to live in Calistoga only 15 years ago.

Seeing an ad in the newspaper about the Sharpsteen, she thought becoming a member and volunteer may be a good way to go. Her accomplishments over the years on our Board of Directors as "Collections Chair" have become legend. Her vigilance is constant; her dedication to her accepted responsibilities has brought in more than a dozen new permanent collection pieces to the museum in less than two years alone.

Kathy Bazzoli (I have a hard time writing here since this is me) has been a Life Member of the Sharpsteen since 1984. Back in 2010 when Sue Mauro was our Board President, a phone call was made. "We need a new chairperson for our Bookstore, are you interested?" Taking that on right away, a second opportunity arose by way of a vacated "Docent Chair" position on the Board of Directors. The Board at that time wasn't sure if this would work, but a chance was taken. Currently sitting as First Vice-President, so much has luckily, and thankfully, happened.

Bev and Kathy found themselves thrown together in various projects, problem solving, everyday workings of the museum, and experienced some of the weirdest things you can imagine. Walking into the museum, if you look close enough, sometimes you will see them standing in a corner simply laughing because at that moment in time, being "Goofy" is all you can do.

The Sharpsteen has often been called a "gem of Calistoga." We take that moniker seriously, and it is not just our most wonderful Board of Directors that makes this happen. It is the ongoing efforts of our docents, volunteers and our general membership. Every one of you reading this is a crucial and respected part of our success. For this, we thank you.

New docents are always needed. If you feel as if laughing, being "Goofy", and having fun while supporting your local history museum is for you, all you need to do is call or come in. We are waiting for you!



Bev Barnes and Kathy Bazzoli

Kathy Bazzoli, *First VP*

## "Party On" Reading Program Winds Down

Thursday mornings the Sharpsteen has been a "Party Happening" place. As part of the Napa County Library summer reading incentive program, the Museum has hosted and helped sponsor children's programs for the past several years. This summer children have been enthralled by an African Folk tale with live music, a balancing-juggling performance, a puppet show with some new twists on "The Three Little Pigs", more juggling and magic at the museum, with a final celebration activity held at the Calistoga library on August 4.



Jackie Lang, *Education Chair*

Meet Author Bruce Bradley- *continued from front page*

interviewed by "True West Magazine", an article entitled "13 Things the Movie *The Revenant* Got Wrong" (this movie about Hugh Glass was released earlier this year).

Bradley's personal history is nearly as exciting as that of Hugh Glass. Bradley was never a man of the sea nor was he mauled by a bear, but growing up in Alaska seemed to set him on a trail of his own, one that he continues to this day. Aside from being an accomplished author of various titles, he is a screen writer, actor, has been a Napa Valley wine maker, private investigator, bar tender, adventurer and more.

Please join The Sharpsteen in hosting this accomplished writer and historian of Hugh Glass and that piece of time in our country when the mountain men were known as the bravest of them all.

A brief lecture will begin at 12 noon, followed by a question and answer period. Mr. Bradley will be on hand until 1:30 to autograph copies of "Hugh Glass" which will be available for purchase for \$14.95 (less 10% for members).

This event is too good to miss, hope to see you all there!

Kathy Bazzoli, *Book Chair*, and Josepha Walpen, *Co-Chair*

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

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

**Sat., Aug. 27**, 4-7 PM.  
Instant Wine Cellar.  
See article on front page.

### SEPTEMBER

**Wed., Sep. 14**, 10 AM.  
SMA Board Meeting.

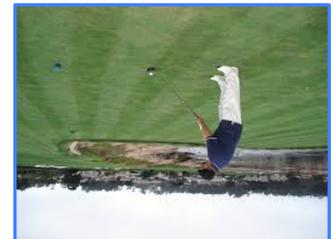
**Sat., Sep. 17**, 12-1:30 PM.  
Meet the Author Day- *Hugh Glass*, by Bruce Bradley. See article on front page.  
NOTE DATE CHANGE.

### OCTOBER

**Wed., Oct. 12**, 10 AM.  
SMA Board Meeting.

### NOVEMBER

**Wed., Nov. 9**, 10 AM.  
SMA Board Meeting.



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