



Meet the Author Day

Saturday, December 12th from 12-1:30 pm at the Museum

Author Ralph Shanks, M.A. and Editor Lisa Woo Shanks will be presenting and signing their book, "Indian Baskets of Central California – Art Culture, and History".

Come to learn about the great art of the First People of California. 176 pages of history of tribes from San Francisco Bay and Monterey Bay, to Napa Valley, north to Mendocino and east to the Sierras. Readers will learn to identify baskets and their uses, recognize plant materials, and appreciate honored cultural uses.

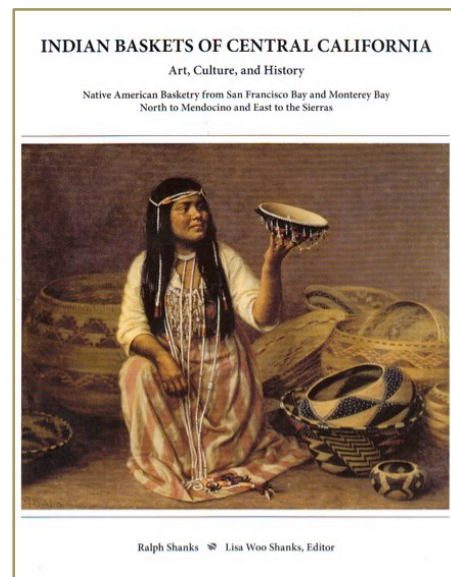
This fantastic book boasts nearly 200 full color photographs and drawings illustrating the rare, fine California Indian baskets from great museums and private collections in the United States and Europe. The vast majority of these baskets are illustrated for the first time.

This event opens with a brief lecture and power point presentation; be ready to ask as many questions as you like. Take advantage of this rare opportunity. Learn basketry studies, linguistics, archeology, cultural anthropology, and the knowledge of early Native American elders. It is all brought together for you in one incredible volume.

At the same time, we have just opened a new special exhibit belonging to collector Dan Brown of Petaluma, "Native American Basketry of the West". Many examples of the basketry covered by author Ralph Shanks will be on display. What more could you ask?

Books will be available for purchase (\$25 each; 10% discount to Museum members). There is no cost to attend and no RSVP is necessary, but *seating is limited*. Mark this one on your calendar. We hope to see you there.

Kathy Bazzoli, *Book Store Chair*



*Learn Native
American basketry of
the Wappo, Pomo,
Patwin and more!*



Patsy Hahn (standing) and Lisle & Dan Brown

brought in scores of the curious and interested. Mr. Brown should be familiar to you; this is the fourth personal collection he has shared with the Sharpsteen Museum, each one equally successful. This new exhibit runs through April of 2016.

As always, the evening was a matter of a greatly appreciated

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New Basket Exhibit

The Preview night of our newest exhibit, "Native American Basketry of the West" was a smashing success. Thanks to Dan Brown of Petaluma, his exquisite and varied collection of Indian basketry

Christmas Faire

On December 5th, 2015 the Sharpsteen Museum will again participate in the annual Christmas Bazaar, now renamed "The Christmas Faire". Booth reconfiguration within the Tubbs Building allows us the same booth location but with about one half the space. It will be a tight squeeze but we will have the same lineup of wonderful baked goods, Anne and Ellis Hamilton's exceptional olives and favorite craft items such as our beloved catnip mice, hand embroidered dish towels, fresh bay and evergreen wreaths among other gift and decorative items. Come early for the best selection!

Pat Haynes & Emma Mazzola, *Bazaar Chairs*

Message from the President

Dear Sharpsteen Members,

I love this season of the year as the grape vines go through their color changes and prepare to become dormant for the winter. As fall leaves us and winter begins, our museum is prepared for this year's weather events. Thank you to the City of Calistoga for replacing the museum roof before the rains. The museum will always be open for whatever season it may be. During the first ten months of this year we had 8,469 visitors, conducted 33 tours and 564 attended our children's reading program. With these numbers we should finish the year with more visitors and tours than we had last year. I would like to thank the museum board, committee chairs, docents and the museum foundation for your dedicated work at the museum to keep it open all seasons of the year. I hope you continue your service into the New Year. It does take a village to keep this delightful museum alive. We could use some more of you villagers to contribute your talents, even on a one-time basis, to make some small contributions around the place. More hands make lighter work for all.

This year has been a very productive and rewarding year for the museum. Here are some examples of what we have accomplished this year:

- Super attendance at the children's educational summer program "Read to the Rhythm"
- Placed high quality reproductions of the *Handbook of Calistoga Spring or Little Geysers* in the book store for sale
- Ran a very successful Instant Wine Cellar (\$16K+ in sales and donations)
- Displayed two colorful exhibits: *Growing Up in San Francisco*- Irwin Herlihy, and *Indian Basket Exhibit*- Dan Brown
- Ran another successful membership drive
- Acquired a portrait of Sam Brannan's sister Mary Ann, a wooden cradle, and an early refrigerator for our collection
- Had a new roof installed on the museum before this winter's storms
- Finished our new and improved train exhibit

Kathy Bazzoli was very honored for being selected recently by Napa County Historical Society to accept and speak about Sam Brannan's Posthumous Induction into their Napa Valley Lodging Hall of Fame. We will be able to post this award in our museum. Mark and Carolynne Wilkinson, members of the Sharpsteen Museum, were also inducted as 2015 Honorees for Dr. Wilkinson's.



I hope you did not miss the opening of our current exhibit on November 20th, but if you did, Dan Brown's *Indian Basket Exhibit*, will be on display until April 2016. Thank you Patsy Hahn for organizing and setting up this exhibit. Now, you have two opportunities to make holiday purchases that will help the museum. First, is at the Calistoga's *Christmas Faire* on December 5th at the Fairgrounds. Thank you Pat Haynes and Emma Mazzola for organizing this event. Second, during the holiday season the museum store will feature holiday items. Thank you Sonya Spencer for making the store look so festive and Kathy Bazzoli for making a variety of books available for purchase.

Now I have to get back to my broccoli, beets, cabbage, and kale winter garden and place cloud cover on my plants before a big freeze or heavy rain.

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year.

Alan Rogers, *President*

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team effort by the many museum volunteers. Rose Beck and her hospitality team, Shirley Blomquist, Jim and Bev Barnes, Donna and Bruce Dill, Jackie Lang, the list is endless. And let's not forget the always-enjoyable musical talents of Gail Sharpsteen and the Hot Frittatas Trio! Bill Shaw and Cal Mart supplied the fantastic raffle basket and premium valley wines were donated by a variety of local winery supporters. The beautiful flyer for this exhibit was done by local Christy Fitzpatrick of Fitzgraphics. Christy has done most all of our flyers over the years having been a graphic designer and consultant for more than 17 years.

So much time and effort goes into this twice-yearly event. It is important to those of us at the Sharpsteen to give back to our community by hosting the new exhibit previews. Without the support and encouragement from all of you, our success would not be possible.

How can I thank so many others without including my right-hand man, my husband Bill. I could not have done this without him. All in all, it was a beautiful evening. My gratitude goes out to you all. Have a glorious holiday season. See you in 6 months!

Patsy Hahn, *Special Exhibits Chair*, and Kathy Bazzoli, *Co-Chair*



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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

Doris Gerhard

Bonnie Jaques

Mark Poggendorf

Malcolm & Andrea Powell

In Memoriam

Richard Stadelhofer



Docents:

We Couldn't Have Done It Without You!

As our visitor count climbs and daily donations are on the rise due to our docents' ongoing efforts, a particular example for this success comes to mind. Jo Noble was working a PM shift recently. As the clock was nearing closing time, an out-of-state couple walked in. Rather than turning them away, Jo welcomed them in. They were anxious to visit the museum and learn all they could. (You know Jo, this couple got the best tour possible). They were so excited and appreciative of Jo and the history she had shared with them for nearly an hour, that, as they left they handed Jo a \$100 donation! This is a record that will probably stand for quite some time. Great job Jo, you are a perfect example of dedication and loyalty to our beloved Sharpsteen.

The Docent Prize program results: Linda Hanson chose a \$50 gift certificate to the Calistoga Inn (her 2nd win), while Bill & Patsy Hahn received a \$50 gift certificate to Cal Mart (their 3rd win). Remember, the more times you docent, the better your chances! Thumbs up to the following docents who worked September & October:

Bev Barnes	Linda Hanson	Jo Ellen Noble
Shirley Blomquist	Pat Haynes	Biserka Potrebic
Ray Branstetter	Sandy Herlihy	Ellie Robinson
Kelley Brogan	Gisela Huesmann	Anne Scott
John Clark	Barbara LaFranchi	Sonya Spencer
Doug Cook	Jackie Lang	Rita Tucker
Judy Cornils	Pat Larsen	Sierra Turner
Al Derrick	Sylvia Marciano	Josepha Walpen
Donna Dill	Barbara Maxfield	Wendy Watson
Bill Hahn	Emma Mazzola	Ingrid Zehntner
Patsy Hahn	Kathy McCloskey	

Welcome New Docent: Doris Gerhard

Gold Star Awards to those docents working the most shifts this period: **11 shifts-** Josepha Walpen; **8 shifts-** Judy Cornils; **5 shifts-** Bill & Patsy Hahn, Pat Larsen, Sylvia Marciano, and Jo Ellen Noble. Have a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year! Kathy Bazzoli, *Docent Chair*

Book Sale

25% off all Christmas Titles



In Iceland, books are exchanged on Christmas Eve, and you spend the rest of the night reading. People generally take their books to bed along with some chocolate. How wonderful and cozy does that sound? Come by soon and get your stash of books. Discounted prices good now through Christmas!

Meet Our Docents

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

Meet docents Biserka Potrebic and Ingrid Zehntner. Aside from being docents, these two have become lifelong friends, meeting first at the museum.

Biserka's story: "We moved to Calistoga in 2002 and not long after a small ad in the local paper caught my attention. 'Sharpsteen Museum is looking for docents'. Being new in town I immediately volunteered hoping to meet some nice people. My desire was fulfilled. Most of my friends I met through my involvement with the museum. I enjoy docenting very much. Our visitors come from around the globe. Many of them like to engage in conversation and all of them



L to R: Biserka Potrebic and Ingrid Zehntner

praise our small museum. My Croatian name catches attention and visitors would tell me of their visit to my native country. In addition I have learned a lot about this story.”

Ingrid's story: "Born in Germany during WWII, immigrated with my parents to the US in 1955 because my mother had two sisters in the Bay Area who urged her to come. We lived in SF and then Marin County. I am a water baby and frequented Boyes Hot Springs until it burned down, then shifted to Pacheteau's in Calistoga, and later Calistoga Spa. I have been a Calistoga junkie for many years prior to moving here in 2005. In 2006, friends Biserka and Gisela urged me to join the museum as a docent. I have been one ever since. Our little museum is always complimented by foreign visitors who find it most interesting. The community can be very proud of this little gem."

We are so proud to have these two hard working volunteers; they are involved in nearly every event or occasion at the museum. If you have visited the annual Christmas Bazaar at the fairgrounds, you will see Ingrid's beautiful handiwork at our booth (I have 4 of her Christmas stockings that I hang on the mantle every year). Biserka and Ingrid spend many hours volunteering in support of the museum. If you can get them to tell stories, you'll be laughing out loud. They are fun, educated, and enchanting members of our Sharpsteen Museum. Our success depends on docents like them, and they never disappoint. Thank you Biserka and Ingrid, for everything that you are.

Gift Shoppe

'Tis the Season to be jolly, 'tis the season to shop!

Need to mark names off that ever increasing list of friends and loved ones? Begin it now at our Gift Shoppe.

Lighted Ornaments 🎄 Christmas Trains 🎄 Toys 🎄 Snowmen
Stocking Stuffers 🎄 Handbags 🎄 Jewelry 🎄 Sticker Books
Music boxes 🎄 Light-up Christmas with a flip of a switch!

Don't forget to check out the "Members Treasures" case and the "Sale Corner". As always, there is much, much more to choose from. Come on in, we'll give you a hand. 10% off every day for members (excluding Sale items).

Merry Christmas to All and the Happiest of New Years!

Sonya Spencer, *Buyer and Gift Shop Chair*,
and Josepha Walpen, *Co-Chair*



CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Tue., Dec. 1, 11:30 AM.
Annual Christmas Luncheon.
All Seasons Restaurant.

Sat., Dec. 5., 9 AM-4 PM.
Calistoga's Christmas Faire

Wed., Dec. 9, 10 AM. SMA
Board Meeting, Museum
House. All members welcome.

Sat., Dec. 12, 12-1:30 PM.
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JANUARY

Wed., Jan 13, 10 AM. SMA
Board Meeting, Museum
House.

FEBRUARY

Wed., Feb. 10, 10 AM. SMA
Board Meeting, Museum
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