



Indian Basket Exhibit Opens in November



Out with the old-- and in with the older. The first part of November we will be saying a sad goodbye to "Growing Up in San Francisco", a collection of personal memories belonging to long-time museum member Irwin Herlihy. This exhibit has proven to be one of the most popular we have ever shown (be looking for Part 2 sometime in the future).

Next, we are excited to announce a collection of Indian Basketry belonging to Dan Brown of Petaluma. On display you will see baskets from Northern California tribes such as the local Pomo, the Klamath, Hupa, Yurok, and Karuk, to the Makah and Quinault tribes of the coastal Olympic peninsula of Washington, on to the Paiute and Washoe tribes of the eastern Sierras and Nevada, the Yosemite Miwok, as well as the Pima tribe of Arizona; just to name a few.

Indian basketry has long been considered an unparalleled art form, with the Pomo widely recognized as among the finest basket makers in the world. Examples of their work dating back to the 1800's will be on display.

We at the Sharpsteen have a great respect for the Native American tribes that lived here peacefully for thousands of years before the European explorers first landed on the Sonoma coast more than 200 years ago. We are proud to be able to share these fine examples from a people long since gone from our memory.

The grand opening and preview party of this exhibit is slated for Friday, November 20 from 5:30-7 pm. Appetizers will be served; a no-host wine bar will be open, and live music will be performed by the Hot Frittatas trio.

Keep checking our website, www.sharpsteenmuseum.org, for more updated information as we get closer. Our Facebook page will also have ongoing updates posted.

Patsy Hahn, *Special Exhibits Chair*

Instant Wine Cellar 2015

A Great Day for the Sharpsteen Museum Association!

The 27th Annual Instant Wine Cellar Fundraiser event held Saturday, August 29 was well attended, lots of fun, had unprecedented participation by Napa Valley wineries (88) and local merchants and individuals (120 donations), and netted nearly \$13,000 (an all-time record!) to help support our Museum. This was the second year I've been involved with this event (first time as Chair), and I am even more impressed with the levels of love and support that is poured out year-after-year by our members, volunteers, docents, local residents, wineries and merchants in order to put this event on and raise money to support all the activities of our "little gem" of a Museum.

This year we built on the success of past IWCs, and tried some new strategies including holding the event on a Saturday afternoon (vs. prior Friday evenings) for a longer event (3 hours); made a specific appeal to our lodging establishments to increase visitor attendance; modified our IWC Grand Prize offerings (4 this year!); and ticket selling approach (due to Post Office regulations prohibiting sending un-purchased tickets



Photo by Calistoga Tribune
Behind the scenes: Sue Mauro and Kathy Bazzoli putting the finishing touches on the many beautiful raffle baskets. More photos on pg. 4.

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Message from the President

Dear Sharpsteen Members,

Fall is here, the days are getting shorter, temperatures cooler, grapes picked and the leaves are turning bright colors. I have removed my summer garden and started a fall garden with hopes of a rainier fall. This is a beautiful time of the year here in Calistoga with all the fall colors that appear in the vineyards. It is also the time of year to be thankful.

I'm thankful for the Sharpsteen Museum and all the wonderful volunteers who make it run so smoothly while keeping it open year 'round. I have read in various travel reviews how the public enjoys your friendliness and professionalism as you guide them through this gem of a museum.

I'm thankful for Al Derrick and his gardening skills that have made the outside of the museum so colorful. If you would like to join "Al's Garden Party" please leave a note in my mailbox. Congratulations to Al for being one of our big IWC winners this year.

I'm thankful for our Board of Directors who has given so much time and love to the Sharpsteen Museum. Doug Cook stepped in to run our most profitable IWC fundraiser. Doug and his committee spent many hours to make this event successful. Thank you to all the members who helped Doug with this event. I would also like to thank Rose Beck, Pat Haynes and Gisela Huesmann for coordinating the appetizer and dessert distribution. One of the highlights of the evening was when Richard Spitler, Calistoga's City Manager, won one of the grand prizes. This year, Jackie Lang stepped in to run "Read to the Rhythm", the summer reading program, which is a joint project of the Sharpsteen Museum and the Napa County Library System. All the children's events were well attended. Thank you Jackie for your leadership on running this educational reading program. Bev Barnes has spent over two years working on the installation of our reworked train exhibit. Thank you Bev for being our conductor on this project. "All aboard!" Come in and see the new train exhibit.

Have you paid your membership dues for this year? A big thank-you to Shirley Blomquist for organizing and running our membership drive.

I'm thankful that the museum was able to provide coloring books and crayons to the children who were evacuated to the Fairgrounds during the Valley Fire.

Now I have to till the soil for my fall garden of broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, kohlrabi and the ever-popular kale. I would like to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to the Sharpsteen membership. We have so much to be thankful for at this museum; in this community of Calistoga. What are you thankful for this year?

Alan Rogers, *President*

Christmas Luncheon

Thanks to our Luncheon Chair and organizer, Sandy Herlihy, this year's popular Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held Wed., Dec. 2 at All Seasons Restaurant. (Cost has yet to be determined but will be similar to years past.)

This fun & magical event is open to all members and friends alike so mark it on your calendar. More information will be available soon at the museum and on our web site. The sign-up sheet will be posted at the museum around Nov. 1, so get your name down early- seats fill up fast!

In Our Mailbag

New Jersey newlyweds Susanne and James sent a note with a donation recently. It reads, "Please accept this donation in honor of Chris Canning, Mayor of Calistoga, who performed our wedding ceremony on August 7, 2015. We enjoyed visiting the museum during our time in Calistoga. The small village depicting life during the early days of Calistoga was unique and fascinating."

Thank you Susanne and James. The Sharpsteen is honored to be a part of your treasured wedding memories.



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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

SENIOR

Carol Bush

Susan Morton

Don Winter

FAMILY

Anne & Steve Andersen

Feusa Simon

Lauren & Wes Thollander

In Memoriam

Kelley Brogan

Kristin Casey

George Cockrill

Jim Spaulding

New at the Museum--



1. MARY ANN

Sam Brannan's sister, Mary Ann, has come to stay in our cottage. Nancy Cassady and Christy Teall, descendants of Mary Ann Brannan Badlam, donated an oil painting of her. Her portrait is now hanging over the square grand piano, where she can greet all of our visitors.



2. WOODEN CRADLE

A lovely small wooden cradle has been added to the first bedroom in our cottage. Sally & Jeff Manfredi have generously donated this item in honor of Jeff's mother, Dorothy Manfredi.



3. EARLY REFRIGERATION

Granny's kitchen is now complete with an icebox. Sharpsteen Museum member Virginia Dooley donated this wonderful relic (ca early 1900's), which came from a small cottage she lived in when her family first moved to town.

4. ALL ABOARD!

The locomotives are running and stopping at the Calistoga Depot (well, in the train diorama)! There is still some "tweaking" to be done to finish this project, but please come in to the museum to check it out. A huge thank you to Mr. Mark Poggendorf, of Poggie's Trains in Santa Rosa, for all his hard work on this project.



Photo by Calistoga Tribune
The Trains are back! Mark Poggendorf (left) demonstrates the newly re-engineered train display to John Palmer and family.

Be sure and stop by the Museum to check out the new acquisitions.

Bev Barnes, *Collections Chair*

Gifts, Gifts, Gifts!!!!

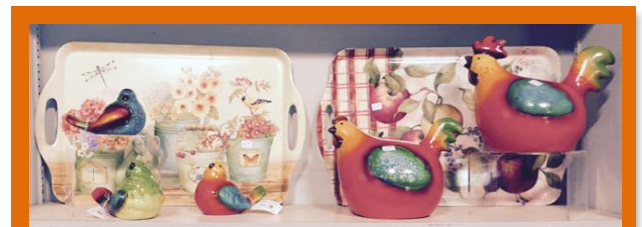
Yes, it's true; you have less than 90 days left to shop for Christmas! Light up your holidays with our Christmas gifts scheduled to be in our Gift Shop around mid-October.

In the meantime, come in and browse our Fall items. Time to get inspired and take advantage of our low prices. Remember, we don't have the overhead that other retail stores have and are able to give you the lowest prices possible.

On top of our already low prices, all museum members receive an additional 10% discount on items not already marked down (of which there are many).

Our merchandise tends to sell through quickly so don't delay!

Sonya Spencer, *Gift Shop Buyer & Chair*;
Barbara La Franchi, *Co-Chair*.



in the mail). We also increased the number of raffle packages (to 19) and silent auction items (5) due to the generosity of all of our donors. And the weather was wonderful! My hope is that we continue to involve an increasing number of participants in doing the “hard work” and develop more “outside-the-box” ideas to make this much-loved event even more successful and enjoyed by all.

I couldn't have done this job without the ongoing support, experience, and hard work of Kathy Bazzoli and Sue Mauro (my two my right hands—Many Thanks!). And Thanks also for Shirley Blomquist's organizational skills, Kent Domogalla's financial guidance, Gail Sharpsteen's editorial talents, new Hospitality Chair Rose Beck, with special help from Pat Haynes and museum volunteers who prepared, delivered and served the vast assortment of delectable delights for all to enjoy—as always, a huge part of the event.

Thank you also: (in no particular order and limited by space) DeAnn Wylie, Alan Rogers, Calistoga Mayor Chris Canning, Doug and Barbara Herrmann, Bruce and Donna Dill, Emma Mazzola, Linda Hildago, Darlene and Dennis Leffler, Bill and Patsy Hahn, Jackie Lang, David Moon-Wainright, Bev and Jim Barnes, Jo Noble, Fred Bott (all day long), City Manager Richard Spitler, Placido Garcia and the Catholic Men's Club Chorus, Pat Hampton/*Calistoga Tribune*; Anne Ward Ernst/*Weekly Calistogan*; and the many others who donated their time and money in support of the event. We look forward to even more volunteer participation in 2016—give me a call at 321-8337 to sign up early!

Doug Cook, *IWC Event Chair 2015*

Instant Wine Cellar 2015



Photos by
Donna Dill
and Sue Mauro

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

July and August brought us 2,188 visitors, and this does not include the masses of guests we received on the afternoon of the Instant Wine Cellar on August 29. Experiencing a recent docent shortage due to vacations and busy summer schedules for many, our much-appreciated docents really stepped up taking extra shifts to keep our doors open every day. Take a look at the Gold Star awards below-7 docents took on 23 extra shifts- very impressive!

A brief but sad announcement, fellow docent and friend, Kelley Brogan, passed away in August. She will truly be missed.

Docent Prize program results: Judy Cornils took home a \$50 gift certificate to Cal Mart, and Sierra Turner chose the Hair Spa as her \$50 prize.

High 5's to the following docents who worked July and August:

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

Welcome New Docents: Sue Morton & Wendy Watson!

Gold Star awards to those docents working the most shifts this period:
12 shifts- Josepha Walpen; **9 shifts-** Judy Cornils; **8 shifts-** Pat Larsen; **6 shifts-** Kelley Brogan, Jackie Lang; **5 shifts-** Sylvia Marciano, Anne Scott.

Always with gratitude, Kathy Bazzoli, *Docent Chair*

Meeting to Discuss Holiday Bazaar Future



All Sharpsteen Museum members interested in the Christmas Bazaar, now called **Calistoga's Christmas Faire**, are invited to attend a meeting on Weds., October 7th, 10 am, at the Museum Association House, to discuss the new rules, regulations and costs involved in participating in the Saturday Dec. 5, 2015 event.

There are changes in booth sizes, which affect the museum's booth. I estimate that the cost of a booth the same size as in previous years will be at least double.

We will be provided with one 8' table and one tablecloth. Additional tables are \$6.50 each and tablecloths (each table is required to have one) are \$10 each. There is a \$92 fee for vendors selling or sampling food for a required health dept. permit.

You get the idea. We have enjoyed participating in this festive event for decades but need to figure out what makes sense for us this year considering the higher cost of participating.

Pat Haynes, *Bazaar Chair*

Meet Our Docents

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



Meet Bill & Patsy Hahn with their little dog Geisha. Living in the Florida Keys, Bill had been a Captain for Eastern Airlines for 25 years. In the early 1990's when the airline folded, and with their children grown and gone, they left Florida. Buying a motor home, they thought they would travel the states for a couple of years. This decision to travel turned into 15 years on the road. Luckily for us, Bill and Patsy rolled into Calistoga during a rainstorm in April of 2005, and decided to make this town their home.

Wanting to become involved with their new community, they joined the museum as volunteers and docents. Their first of many major undertakings was chairing a successful Instant Wine Cellar event that summer. They remain an integral part of our Sharpsteen team. Aside from both still docenting, Patsy has long been our "Special Exhibits Chair", while Bill is in his third term as First Vice-President on our Board of Directors. In addition, there is never a function or need at the museum that does not include Bill and Patsy- they are always one of the first to jump in and help- always ready to lend a hand.

Patsy tells us, "We made a good decision making Calistoga our final destination. Joining the Sharpsteen Museum has brought many wonderful friends into our lives. We feel blessed."

And we at the museum feel blessed as well, to have members of this caliber as part of our ever-growing family. Thank you Bill and Patsy for pulling into town on that rainy day!

This is Your Museum

There is so much work to be done at the museum. A list of various projects that need your help is in the works. Please keep checking our web site for more information on these projects and let us know if you can spare a couple of hours here and there. Projects details will be listed with dates, times, and person to contact to volunteer. As we get closer to organizing the projects, sign-up sheets will also be at the museum.

We now post the newsletter on our web site. You may consider receiving the newsletter in your in-box rather than the mail. This will save paper, ink, and postage, thereby reducing costs to the museum and keeping environmental impacts to a minimum. If you are interested, simply use the "Contact" page on our web site to send your message.



Al's Garden Party. Al Derrick (not shown- he's taking the photo!), Jim Barnes, Patsy Hahn, and Bev Barnes spent some time in August to tidy up the Cottage Garden for the IWC Party.

Don't forget, our Board meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 10 am at the museum house. These meetings are open to the public and our membership. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, you are invited to attend and be heard. If you are unable to attend, again use the "Contact" page on the web site and send a message. Your email will be read and discussed and you will receive a response.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Wed., Oct. 7 10 AM. Christmas Bazaar Meeting, Museum House. All members welcome. See article.

Wed., Oct 14, 10 AM. SMA Board Meeting, Museum House. All members welcome.

NOVEMBER

Wed., Nov. 11, 10 AM. SMA Board Meeting, Museum House.

Fri., Nov. 20, 5:30-7 PM. Special Exhibit Preview Party. Open to the public.

DECEMBER

Wed., Dec. 2, 11:30 AM. Annual Christmas Luncheon. All Seasons Restaurant.

Sat., Dec. 5. Calistoga's Christmas Faire

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



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