



## ART & ANTIQUE ROADSHOW

At the Sharpsteen Museum  
Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00pm



To celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Sharpsteen Museum has joined forces with Clars Auction Gallery in Oakland to bring to you your own antique style roadshow event right here in Calistoga! Open to members and non-members alike, Clars Auction representatives will be on hand to give you professional verbal evaluations (auction estimates) for up to 3 treasures or valuables per person. Clars has been the leading auction gallery in the western United States for over 45 years.

Bring your family treasures, fine jewelry, paintings, vases, any piece that can be hand-held and easily carried in to the museum. If you have a piece of large furniture you would like evaluated, bring clear and detailed photos.

Remember that funny looking clown painting from great-grandma that hangs in the back bedroom? What about that old clock you found at a yard sale? How about that piece of jewelry that Aunt Betty Sue said belonged to

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Tickets On Sale Now  
at the Museum!

MEMBERS: \$10

NON-MEMBERS: \$20

Includes appraisal of one item.

Additional items are \$20 each.

Maximum 3 items per person.

### New Special Exhibit Opens in May

### *"Early Day Automania"* Paintings by Ben Sharpsteen



From the vantage point of today's fast-paced world, we would like to pause, and reflect on what it might have been like to be a child in the dawn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when the automobile was coming on scene. "It was a great revelation, a great thrill, and a subject of wonderment!" declared our grandfather Ben Sharpsteen

(he was born in 1895). These personal references to the development of the "horseless carriage" are depicted in oil paintings by Sharpsteen on display in the Special Exhibit "Early Day Automania" at the Sharpsteen Museum from May through November.

Ben's working years began as a young lad driving a Model T truck- delivering milk in Oakland, California. From that time on, Ben was forever consumed with the trends that were developing in the automobile industry, so in the years following retirement from the Disney Studios, he took up oil painting and in a 10-year period (1964-1974) completed 23 large format color illustrations, all of which were either used as magazine covers (*Horseless Carriage Gazette* and *The Restorer*) or book illustrations (*Ford Life* and *The*



Ben at work on a painting.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sharpsteen Members,

Welcome to Spring, the rebirth season. The grasses are green, the daffodils, tulips, and fruit trees have been blooming, and the grapevines and oak trees are budding. The Sharpsteen Museum is also experiencing the effects of spring. We have done a major dusting of the displays and repainting of the museum entrance as we prepare to celebrate our fortieth anniversary. Many events have been planned for the year-long celebration, which you can read about in this newsletter.

One event that I'm really excited about is our annual Instant Wine Cellar fundraiser scheduled for August 25, 2018. What excites me about this event is the location. This year we have signed a contract with the Boys and Girls Club to use their new facility in Calistoga for our IWC event. This means *air conditioning, shade, many tables and chairs, and the use of a professional grade kitchen*. Mark your calendar for this cool event.

I'm sorry to say that we are losing our Coffee and Luncheon Chair, Sue Morton, who for the last two years has done an excellent job organizing our informative coffees and luncheons. Who can forget her colorful decorations at our last holiday luncheon? Our next coffee is scheduled on Wednesday April 4, in the museum at 10 am and features Mayor Chris Canning. Thank you, Sue, for a job well done- we will miss your talent.

This is the last newsletter for our fiscal year, which means electing a new Board of Directors and selecting Committee Chairs. Kathy Bazzoli and her Nominating Committee have completed their work and now you get to vote. Please vote and mail in your ballots (included with your newsletter) or drop it off at the museum. In addition, you will be marking a ballot for the SMF Board of Directors. We still need some member to step up and become Chair of the Coffee and Luncheon committee.

I have been very pleased with the job Marilyn Glaim is doing as our Docent Chair. Just recently, Marilyn ran a very informative Docent meeting where she presented each docent with their very own Instruction Booklet. Last week she organized and ran our Docent Recognition luncheon. In addition, she and her husband Lorne dusted all the tools in the museum barn. Lorne has volunteered to assist Ray Branstetter in training docents. Way to go Glaims.

You have just one more month to see our current exhibit, *Out of the Attic*, featuring collections from museum members. Our next exhibit, "Early Day Automania" features paintings by Ben Sharpsteen. The Preview Party is on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7 pm. We hope to see you at this event and at the other events scheduled in the next two months.

Happy Spring, Happy Fortieth Anniversary, and Don't Forget to Vote!

Alan Rogers, *President*

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Cleopatra? Could you be in possession of that rare item worth thousands? Now is your chance to find out. Tickets are now on sale at the Museum.

❖ **Cost for members:** \$10 per person includes 1 item. Additional items are \$20 each up to a maximum of 3 items per person.

❖ **Cost for non-members:** \$20 per person includes 1 item. Additional items are \$20 each up to a maximum of 3 items per person.

If you are not already a member, this may be the time to join our ranks. We expect a busy event and want to service all comers, so lollygagging will not be allowed. Any questions please call the museum at (707) 942-5911 or contact DeAnn Wylie at (707) 328-4891. This is an opportunity not to be missed- can't wait to see you all there!



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Museum Hours: 11 am to 4 pm daily,  
except Thanksgiving and Christmas

### BOARD MEMBERS

Alan Rogers – President

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### **Editors:**

Gail Sharpsteen and 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.*

## Sharpsteen Museum



Check out the Schedule of  
Special Events on Page 3!



**Weds. Apr. 4, 10am.**

Come hear Calistoga Mayor  
Chris Canning speak and answer  
questions. Coffee and treats!

See you there!





## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Instant Wine Cellar Moves to Air-Conditioned Splendor!!!

### Saturday, Aug. 25

Mark your calendars now for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Instant Wine Cellar fundraiser, Saturday, August 25. Even if the temperatures soar to last year's

104 degrees, guests and volunteers will enjoy the air-conditioned comfort of this event's new location, the Trinchero Gym at the Boys & Girls Club, 1401 N. Oak St., right here in Calistoga. All the favorite features of past versions of the IWC will be offered: wine tasting, raffle baskets, delicious appetizers, silent and live auctions, and two raffle grand prizes of six cases of premium Napa Valley wines each.

Once again, Chairs Pat and Dave Larsen will need lots of help with wine and merchant donation solicitation and pick-up; publicity; raffle ticket sales; basket assembly; and event set-up and take-down. Leads for appetizer donations from local restaurants and exciting Live Auction donations are especially needed this year. If you can help out in any capacity, please contact Pat and Dave at 707-341-3313 or [dirofdev48@gmail.com](mailto:dirofdev48@gmail.com).

Pat Larsen, *Ways & Means Chair*

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American Ford). Each of these paintings tell a story all their own, in a humorous fashion (which some have compared to the illustrations of Norman Rockwell), and we guarantee you will not see it all in one visit! Also on exhibit will be antique auto memorabilia and related props that will enhance the viewing experience.

Please join us to celebrate the opening of "Early Day Automania" by attending the Special Exhibit Preview Party on Friday, May 4, from 5:30-7pm. There will be light refreshments and a multi-media show on the new large TV screen.

Hope to see you there!

Catherine Sharpsteen, Gail Sharpsteen, and Lorraine Sharpsteen



Can you identify this relic from Calistoga's past?

## News for Members

Just a friendly reminder... Our new fiscal year begins June 1 and those pesky but much appreciated yearly membership dues will be due again. As you know, we are an all-volunteer museum supported by our local community- THAT'S YOU!!! And we couldn't do it without your generosity of time and resources. After 40 years the Museum is letting us know that it needs a little extra help. We have some repairs and enhancements scheduled so that we can keep the museum open for another 40 years! Any additional donations are always appreciated. I am happy to answer your Membership questions by phone or email [sharpsteenmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:sharpsteenmuseum@gmail.com); (707)-942-5916.

DeAnn Wylie, *Membership Chair*

**Thank  
you!**  
FOR  
YOUR  
**MEMBERSHIP**



## Sharpsteen Museum 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Events You Won't Want to Miss!!!

(All events at Museum unless otherwise noted)

**April 14 (Saturday):** Art & Antique Roadshow, 4-7pm.

**May 4 (Friday):** Special Exhibit Preview Party, "Early Day Automania", 5:30-7pm.

**June/July:** Summer Reading for Children, "Libraries Rock", Thursday mornings from 10-11. First meeting June 21.

**July 12 (Thursday):** "History at the Hydro", an 1880's Dinner, details to come. Location: Hydro Grill.

**August 9 (Thursday):** "An Evening with Dario". Dario Sattui speaks on his family history, 5-7pm.

**August 25 (Saturday):** 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Instant Wine Cellar, Boys & Girls Club, Calistoga. Time TBD.

**October:** Date and times TBD- 2<sup>nd</sup> Roadshow Event.

**November 2 (Friday):** Special Exhibit Preview Party, Horseless Carriage Club of America, Bay Area Chapter, 5:30-7pm.

Keep checking for more information, updates, and added event listings on our web site: [sharpsteenmuseum.org](http://sharpsteenmuseum.org).

Welcome  
New Members

Clair Flickinger  
Diane McBain  
Michael Owens

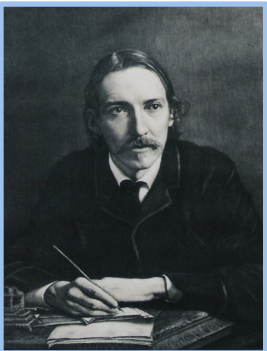
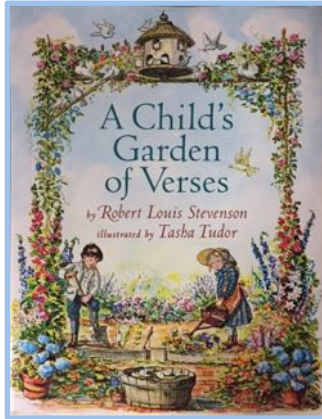


## NOTES FROM THE BOOK CHAIR

*A Child's Garden of Verses*  
ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Imagine a child sick and frail since birth, unable to go outdoors to play, spending days bedridden with fever and uncontrollable coughing. This was Robert Louis Stevenson. His toys became his playmates, his dreams became not only his escape from pain and loneliness, but became the basis for a man who would become one of history's master writers, poets, and storytellers.

*A Child's Garden of Verses* is a collection of 66 poems for children based on his childhood memories, first appearing in 1885 (only 9 years before his death in 1894) under the title *Penny Whistles*. From sailing boats down a river, to waiting for the lamplighter, to sailing off to foreign lands, his imagination soared through his dreams. ("The Land of Nod" and "Bed in Summer" are two of my personal favorites.)



Even though RLS could not read or write until he was 7 years of age, he nevertheless was creating stories well before and would spend hours relating these stories to his parents and his beloved nurse, Allison Cunningham, to whom he dedicated this volume.

RLS, who died in 1894 at a mere 44 years, lived out his life in Samoa with his beloved wife, Fanny. The Samoans called him "Tusitala", which means Storyteller, or writer of stories.

*A Child's Garden of Verses* is a classic of children's literature and a book no parent, grandparent, or child should be without. Available in our bookstore for \$19.99 (less 10% for members).

**NOTE:** RLS & Fanny spent their honeymoon here in Calistoga in 1880. First staying at Brannans Hot Springs, they were unable to pay the \$10 per week cottage rental and subsequently moved up to the abandoned shacks at the old Silverado mines on Mt. St. Helena. From this "summer of love" came the book *Silverado Squatters*. Another story, another journey in the life of Robert Louis Stevenson. Also available in our bookstore for \$7.50.

Kathy Bazzoli, *Book Chair*



LIBRARIES ROCK!! And so will the SHARPSTEEN MUSEUM come this June and July. Once again, the Sharpsteen along with the Napa County Libraries will sponsor six weeks of free one-hour children's programs at the museum

on Thursday mornings, starting at 10:00. This year's theme, "LIBRARIES ROCK", will feature musicians, magicians, storytellers, puppet shows, and even a robot. Live entertainment for children of all ages. Plan now to bring children, grandchildren, and neighbors to the museum for a rockin' fun time! Full schedule will appear in the June newsletter.

Jackie Lang, *Education Chair*

From Breakfast on through all the day  
At home among my friends I stay,  
But every night I go abroad  
Afar into the land of Nod.



From "The Land of Nod",  
by Robert Louis Stevenson

## Museum Walls Get Spruced Up



It has always been a priority with us that visitors enjoy the Sharpsteen experience and nothing refreshes a room more than a new coat of paint. As you enter the museum you will notice our walls are now "Gepetto Green", a color chosen to rejuvenate and inspire all those who visit. Excess furniture has also been cleared out, small repairs made, and a fresh coat of paint in the gift shoppe area.



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

Wendy Watson- *revwendy* is her email handle- and it best defines who she is. Wendy has spent her career serving others in the Episcopal Church. Her last full-time posting was as rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Woodland, California. Her retirement a few years ago brought her to Calistoga where she could live closer to her sister and her elderly parents who now need regular help. She divides her time among family, local churches, and the museum.

Wendy is now a regular volunteer leader of church services at St. Helena Grace Church and St. John's in Lakeport. When she signs up for her monthly shifts, she always says, "Don't count on me for Sundays. Those are my busy days." However, she generously signs up for several Saturday shifts a month, a typically busy day for the museum because of the Farmer's Market. We love her ability to handle a large crowd of visitors without being the least bit intimidated by several groups showing up at one time. Her comfort level with busy crowds closely ties to her ability to handle church groups in a confident, loving way. She is our Rev Wendy for visitors.

Wendy is such a busy person that I wondered how she has time to volunteer for the Sharpsteen. "When I moved to Calistoga, I asked around town about the quickest way to meet people, and I was told to either volunteer for the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center or the Sharpsteen Museum." Her choice of the Sharpsteen has worked well for her. She feels like she has a community of her own, outside of the churches she volunteers for. And it has worked well for us. She occasionally travels (Alaska was her most recent trip) but when she's here, she takes some of the hardest-to-fill shifts.

I asked her about her favorite spots in the museum. "I love the whole thing- learning about the history of the town. But I especially love the big diorama depicting Calistoga's beginning as a spa, and I love the pictures of

Mr. Sharpsteen with the Disney staff, and the picture of him working on the diorama." Her most memorable visitor? "One day a young man came rushing in, quite out of breath, very excited. He went directly to the old iron kettle at the Donner display, and proclaimed that it had never been on the mountain with the lost party. It had only been used on the main trail, so.... She gently interrupted him and suggested that he would be welcome to read any of the many books on the topic that we sell in our book store. "We all have to make up our own minds about the journey, but it helps to read as much as we can."

Diplomacy at work, able to meet each visitor on their level- that's Wendy Watson.

Marilyn Glaim, *Docent Chair*



## Best of the Best Docent Team for Jan./Feb.:

Kathy Bazzoli	Marilyn Johnson	Judy Parent
Ray Branstetter	Jackie Lang	Ellie Robinson
John Clark	Sylvia Marciano	Anne Scott
Judy Cornils	Shelley Martin	Rita Tucker
Al Derrick	Barbara Maxfield	Joseph Walpen
Donna Dill	Emma Mazzola	Wendy Watson
Lorne Glaim	Sue Morton	DeAnn Wylie
Marilyn Glaim	Patricia Murphy	Helen Yost
Pat Haynes	Jo Noble	Ron Yost
Gisela Huesmann		

**Gold Star Awards to those docents working the most shifts this period: 10 shifts- Jo Noble; 9 shifts- DeAnn Wylie; 6 shifts- Kathy Bazzoli and Wendy Watson; 5 shifts- Judith Cornils, Jackie Lang, and Patricia Murphy.**

## POP QUIZ: Who Are the People in the Stagecoach???



Ok, no fair Museum Docents and longtime Calistoga residents blurting out the answer! Stumped??? Hint- These are 3 of several people who worked closely with Ben to help him realize his dream of creating a museum over 40 years ago. Still curious???

It's a commonly asked question of our docents.

Wait!!! Is there a fourth person? That little face peeking out of the rear canvas-covered cargo area; can that be a stowaway? Who is he?

How did you do? Check the answers . . .



Answers: Bill Smith, Ruth Durbin, and Arnold Enderlin. Who is that smiling little stowaway? We'll leave that up to your imagination!

# Gift Shoppe

First I would like to thank everybody for the kind words about the gift shop. Thank You, Thank You! I appreciate it. I have brought in some bracelets and necklaces in fun spring colors. I will be adding more spring things too. The *Members Treasures* has been moved to the front case. It looks great! We have more room to work with now. I would love to keep adding to it so if anybody would like to donate any of their treasures please bring them by the museum.

Becky Turner, *Buyer & Gift Shoppe Chair*,  
and Sierra Turner,  
*Co-Chair*

*Members Treasures*



## CALENDAR

### APRIL

**Wed. Apr. 4**, 10 AM. Coffee Hour, Museum. Mayor Chris Canning

**Wed. Apr. 4**, 5:30 PM. SMF (SM Foundation) Meeting, Museum House.

**Wed. Apr. 11**, 9:30 AM. SMA Board Meeting, Museum House.

**Sat. Apr. 14**, 4-7 PM. "Appraisal Roadshow", Museum. See Story.

### MAY

**Wed. May 2**, 5:30 PM. SMF Meeting.

**Fri. May 4**, 5:30-7 PM. Special Exhibit Preview Party. See Story.

**Wed. May 9**, 9:30 AM. SMA Board Meeting, Museum House

### JUNE

**Wed. Jun. 6**, 5:30 PM. SMF Meeting

**Wed. Jun. 13**, 9:30 AM. SMA Board Meeting

**Thurs. Jun. 21**, 9-10 AM. Summer Reading Program- First Meeting.



Happy Spring!

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