



The Healdsburg Water Carnival on July 23rd was a huge success and we look forward to doing it again next year and making it even better! By contributing historic photos and information to the event planners, as well as hosting a reception for Sonoma County Parks Department at the Museum for the Event Sponsors, the Museum was given Event Sponsor status. That means we got a free parade entry and prime booth space at the Water Carnival. We made a great splash! I really appreciate everyone who contributed time and energy to our efforts. Thanks to the following people for helping Meredith and me staff the Museum history booth: Pamela Volante, Steve Cotler, Ann Mahoney, Gordon Waterbury, Lois Grace, Stan Becker, Blanche Becker and Kathi Engler. We had such fun meeting the public and answering questions about the Museum's "Russian River Good Old Days" exhibit, our collections, our extensive database of 16,000 photos and more. Instead of a float, the Museum's water parade entry consisted of three vintage canoes, decorated with flowers, bunting and signage. The canoes and oars were borrowed from Jerry Arrigoni, Tom Meldau and Sue Witter. The signage was courtesy of Celso and Darci Rosales, who also loaned life jackets, as did Lois Grace. Special thanks to Tom Meldau for loaning us his canoe-hauling van to transport all three canoes on Friday, and then coming himself to help on Saturday to return the three canoes. Paddling (dressed in historical garb!) for the Museum were volunteers Jon Lacaillade, Edwin Ellis and Jim Dreisback with Museum Board members Ted Calvert and Lockie Gillies. Maggie Bates, Fran Schierenbeck, Ruth Ann Midi and Meredith Dreisback made their own costumes and helped decorate the canoes in which they rode. Edwin Ellis enjoyed even more kudos at the event: he won "Best Beard" in the Whiskeroo contest! See you there next year!



Jon Lacaillade, Meredith Dreisback and Fran Schierenbeck, Ruth Ann Midi, Ted Calvert and Lockie Gillies wait patiently to launch the Museum's entry in the water parade.

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To get included on our email list and receive up to the minute museum announcements, send your email address to Stan Becker at stan-becker@comcast.net. If your email address has changed please update us! Thank you.

Calendar

AUGUST, 2011

- 3 HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am
(Museum Research Center)
- 5 Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
6-9 pm Brandt Picnic Grounds
- 15 – 30 Russian River exhibit ended. Museum closed for new exhibit installation
- 16 Board Meeting, 8:30 am,
(Museum Research Center)
- 31 "Twisted History Exhibit" opens

SEPTEMBER, 2011

- 7 HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am
(Museum Research Center)
- 11 A Taste of History (Instant Wine Cellar)
Sbragia Winery 2-5 pm
- 20 Board Meeting, 8:30 am,
(Museum Research Center)

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Wednesday – Sunday,
CLOSED MONDAY and TUESDAY

Research Center open by appointment:
Thursday – Saturday

History Matters by Holly Hoods, Curator



The end is near for the “Russian River Good Old Days” exhibit, which closes its extended run on August 14th. What fun we have had with it! The Museum will be closed from August 15 -30 to deinstall this exhibit and install

a new exhibit, “Twisted History: Bizarre but True.” The new exhibit of offbeat local history stories, some rated PG-13(!), will range from the surprising to the weird to the downright disturbing. The opening reception will be held at the Museum August 31 at 5:30. This exhibit will be on display through November 2011.

Recent research has included: Ann Bigham, the new owner of Powell Avenue Market, searching for photos and/or history of the market; BLM archaeologist Chris Lloyd researching the history of quicksilver mining in Pine Flat and specifically the Contact and Sonoma mines; Mary Sullivan Foster searching for information about a 1975 plane crash at Pine Flat that killed members of her family; Norm and Peachie Dunlavy searching for newspaper articles about the 1911 opening of the Bosworth and Son store in Geyserville; Sharon Wisecarver and her mother researching the Wisecarver and Cooke families; Zach Swift and his parents seeking information about archaeological digs in the Healdsburg area; Jennifer Vanderschreure researching the Mulgrew family; Gail Dusa from Colorado looking for photos and history about her ancestors Lindsay and Maria Carson; and new member Bill Di Napoli looking to find the location of the Joseph Di Napoli ranch and photos of an East Street residence that he and his partner are restoring.

Collections Corner by Meredith Dreisback



On Saturday and Sunday, August 20th and 21st the Pacific Coast Air Museum will host the 10th Annual “Wings Over Wine Country” Airshow at the Charles M. Schultz Airport. This event brings to Sonoma County airplanes from all over the United States, including military jets, aerobatic planes and Warbirds. On display will be the PCAM’s own collection of 30-plus restored aircraft.

This event brings to mind Healdsburg’s own connection to aviation and what objects and photos are found in the Museum’s collection. A quick search through our database brought up this photo, a Wiseman-Cook Curtis-type airplane. Fred Wiseman and his mechanic Robert Schieffer are the two gentlemen to the left in the photo. Schieffer’s toolbox is in the background.

Fred Wiseman’s 100th anniversary of his

historic, first airmail flight, from Petaluma to Santa Rose, was celebrated earlier this year. What an honor that Fred Wiseman was a local, Sonoma County boy!



An object in the collection is this portion of a propeller from Fred Young’s plane and his infamous crash landing in



Healdsburg, 1919. He had been in town to entertain the crowd of onlookers with loops, end-on-ends, falling leaves and other stunts. The next day, as he prepared to leave, one of the plane’s wings hit the top of an oak tree, sending him and the plane into the Goodrich barn at 556 Matheson Street. Young was unhurt; his wrecked plane returned home by railcar the next day.

Now, I am asking you, the readers of Collections Corner, if anyone out there knows anything at all about a plane that was brought to the Healdsburg High School campus. When and where did it come from, how did it get to the campus, (I can’t imagine it flew in!) when did it leave and where did it go? If you can shed any light on this subject, give me a call at the Museum, 431-3325 or email me at meredith@healdsburgmuseum.org. I have heard such a plane existed, but I can’t come up with the whole story. In researching this article, I discovered Marie Shobe had written a brief overview of Healdsburg’s Aviation History, published in the Spring 2002 issue of the *Russian River Recorder*. You’ll see more photos and stories about the “flying machines” of Healdsburg.

Do you remember your first airplane ride?



By the time you read this, the July Water Carnival on the Russian River will have been a great success. The Volunteer Appreciation picnic was likewise a roaring success. I can say all this because I am clairvoyant. Just ask Claire.

If you have not yet viewed the great exhibit at the Museum "Russian River Good Old Days" you had best move it because the exhibit will be coming down mid August to make way for the next great exhibit "Twisted History" which will open August 31st if all goes well. "Twisted History" will feature history that's been twisted. I'm not exactly sure what that all means, so plan to come by and check it out. And please drop some dollars in the donation box while you're there. We can use the money. At this writing, tickets for the great Instant Wine Cellar raffle and drawing have been mailed. We hope that you have (or will) purchase the allotment sent you - we need the money to keep the doors open - so please dig deep. The drawing will take place at Sbragia Winery, Sunday, September 11th. Did you know that your chances of winning are greatly increased the more tickets you purchase? It's true - a proven fact to be sure. We have a team selling at the Farmer Market every Saturday until the drawing. Stop by, chat with our sellers, buy some more tickets plus an event ticket or two and then wander the market. Fresh food is there to be found and you are keeping the economy from stagnating. Eat fresh and improve your health. Sanity will probably return to this column next month when our glorious leader, cowgirl Ann Howard, returns and takes charge.



Edwin Ellis, Ted Calvert and Lockie Gilles in costume at the Healdsburg Water Carnival

Historic Preservation Awards Committee and Nominations

By Fran Schierenbeck

Bad replacement windows drive you crazy? Missing porches make you sad? Do turrets make you titter? Is mid-century your thing? Never meet an old barn you didn't like? Just plain love old buildings? Then join the Preservation Awards Committee! Volunteers needed to help nominate and select Preservation Award recipients. Lots of experience in architectural history, great! No experience? Then all you need is a willingness to learn and a passion for historic resources. Anyone can also nominate their favorite old building or structure for an award. Honor those individuals and businesses that make the effort to preserve Healdsburg's architectural heritage. Nominate your favorite home or business restoration, or recognize someone for lifetime maintenance/preservation of their historic building. The committee will choose one or more deserving structures and present the award at the Healdsburg Museum's Annual Meeting in January. Email franceslyns@comcast.net if you are interested in being on the committee or have a building to nominate. Official nomination forms will be available at the museum in September or can be emailed to you. Nominations for awards are due by November 13, 2011. Committee volunteers by October 1, 2011.



The Museum's entry in the Water Carnival Parade: vintage canoes paddled by volunteers Lockie Gilles, Ted Calvert, Meredith Dreisback, Ruth Ann Midi, Fran Schierenbeck, Maggie Bates, Edwin Ellis and Jon Lacaillade and Jim Dreisback

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INSTANT WINE CELLAR 2011 YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO WIN!!!

HM&HS is sponsoring another amazing raffle this year and you have the opportunity to win an Instant Wine Cellar. In fact, with the purchase of a single ticket, you'll have 12 **opportunities** to be a winner! On September 11th, we will be raffling two Instant Wine Cellars (one drawing for 146 bottles of Sonoma County wine and a second drawing for 119 bottles) and 10 more prizes with values up to \$190 each.

Drawing the winning tickets will be an integral part of our "A Taste of History" party. On September 11th from 2pm to 5pm, we will celebrate at Sbragia Family Vineyards, 9990 Dry Creek Rd., Geyserville, CA. Participants will be able to sample Sonoma County wines paired with delicious refreshments. Rarely-seen treasures from the collection will also be on display in outdoor kiosks. This year's silent auction will be filled with fantastic items for those clever enough to time their bidding right. In addition to the silent auction, a separate 119 bottle IWC raffle will be held. (Tickets for this special raffle are limited and will be sold exclusively at the event.)

You may purchase individual tickets for \$10 each, 6 tickets for \$30 or 15 tickets for \$60. We are also offering a special Event Package of 15 raffle tickets and 2 event tickets available for \$130 – an additional \$20 savings versus normal raffle ticket and event pricing! Tickets are available for sale at the museum and at the Saturday Farmer's Market.

Contact Mark Gleason at (707) 575-3121 x 317 or markgleason@call4bud.com for additional information.

Get your tickets now!

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The mission of the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society is to record the history of the Healdsburg area through the collection and preservation of historical materials; to actively foster the appreciation of local history of the Healdsburg area through educational programs, activities and historical research; and to provide finances for, and to support, operate and manage the Healdsburg Museum, Edwin Langhart, Founder.

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