



Opening November 25th “Mother Goose on the Loose” Exhibit

Here comes the fun! For more than 25 years, the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society has presented a holiday toy exhibit, featuring vintage toys from the Museum collection and many treasured items loaned to the Museum by the members of the community. Each year we choose a different theme to highlight nostalgic toys from childhoods' past.

This year's exhibit is a tribute to the old-fashioned nursery rhymes of Mother Goose. It is our way of introducing Mother Goose to today's children while bringing back fond memories to the grown-ups who accompany them to the exhibit. The Mother Goose rhymes are depicted by antique and collectible toys and will be featured in a new audio tour narrated by Elizabeth Holmes. Be sure to come and see the giant yellow shoe (home to the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe). It was created especially for this exhibit by the talented Jon Lacaillade.

Local toy collector, George Goobanoff, will also display his collection of children's pedal cars. This will be George's third year sharing part of his wonderful toy collection with the community.

This year we will also expand our holiday activities to include special receptions and book readings. Please see the Calendar section below and the insert for more details.

Bring your friends, family and out-of-town guests to share this holiday celebration of nostalgic fun. This special exhibit will be on display through January 15th. You won't want to miss it!



The Old Woman in the Shoe is waiting for you at this year's toy exhibit

Calendar

| December, 2011 | | January, 2012 | |
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| 7 | HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am Museum Research Center | 1 | Museum Closed |
| 18 | Family Open House, 10am – 4pm Marie Butler Book Reading, 10 am, 11am, 1 pm | 4 | HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am Museum Research Center |
| 20 | Board Meeting, 8:30 am Museum Research Center | 17 | Board Meeting, 8:30 am Museum Research Center |
| 25 | Museum Closed | 19 | Annual Meeting, 5:30 pm Krug Event Center |

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Museum Hours: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday – Sunday,
CLOSED MONDAY and TUESDAY

Research Center
open by appointment
Thursday – Saturday

Meet Our New Assistant Curator

The Healdsburg Museum is pleased to announce that Meredith Dreisback, the Museum Collections Manager, has been promoted to “Assistant Curator.” This change of job title is in recognition of her outstanding job performance and increased responsibilities at the Museum.

Meredith, born and raised in Sonoma County, has a B.A. in Art History from Sonoma State, and has worked for the Museum for two years. Her past work experience with the City of Healdsburg and the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce, her skills as a professional organizer and upbeat personality make Meredith a wonderful asset to Holly and the Museum.

Congratulations, Meredith, and thanks for all you do!



History Matters

by Holly Hoods, Curator



The Museum is currently closed for two weeks while we de-install the “Twisted History” exhibit, deep-clean the Museum, and make way for “Mother Goose on the Loose,” the annual holiday toy exhibit. I am so grateful for Meredith Dreisback and the talented volunteers who are helping me create this whimsical exhibit, using toys from the Museum collection and on loan from the community. This year’s exhibit team includes Jon Lacaillade, Pam Vana-Paxhia, Ann Howard, Maggie Bates, Bob Rawlins, Jane Bonham, Gail Richard, Janet Pisenti, Darla Budworth, Noah Bonham-Brindel, Fran Schierenbeck, Pamela Volante and Roger Hull. Come see classic characters such as the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe; Mary, Quite Contrary; Little Bo Peep; Little Miss Muffet; Little Boy Blue; Rock-a-Bye, Baby; Old Mother Hubbard; Humpty Dumpty; and Mother Goose, herself! Our colorful and fun exhibit will also feature George Goobanoff’s fantastic collection of children’s pedal cars.

I just gave a tour of the archives to an Advanced Placement history class from Sonoma Academy, which was really fun. Other recent research has included: the Buffi Hotel, the Owl Saloon, the Simi house on Front Street, the 1870s Nosler Skating Rink on Center Street, the Olivetto Winery and the Healdsburg train depot.

I also spent two hours helping Mark and Kathleen Westphall research the history of their house at 439 Piper Street, which turned out to have been built in 1907. Unless a house has already been researched, it generally takes several hours to

determine the date of construction and names/occupations of the former owners of a pre-1950 house in Healdsburg. If the house is located outside the city limits, it requires a research trip to the County Recorder to discover the names and dates of ownership changes. People are usually fascinated to learn what types of records we have at the Museum that are used to research a house, such as city tax assessments, voter registration records, census records, city directories, historic maps photographs and newspapers.

The Historic Preservation Awards committee is currently reviewing the nominations for Museum’s annual historic preservation awards. I am delighted to report that we have several good candidates this year. We hope you will join us at the Museum’s Annual Meeting on January 19th to see the awards presented to these deserving owners.

President’s Corner

by Ted Calvert



Our annual appeal letter goes out this month. The letter includes what we did in 2011; what we are doing, and what we will be doing in year 2012. Please share this appeal letter with your friends and acquaintances. It’s a great opportunity to make a tax deductible donation that helps keep the Museum’s doors open.

The Nominating Committee has submitted a list of prospective new board members for 2012. This will fill Board of Directors’ openings and replace those who will be terming out (four - two year terms). Elections will be made at the December board meeting and announced at the annual January 19 Induction meeting.

The new office for our Curator, Holly Hoods, has been drawn out and measurements have been taken. It is tentatively scheduled to be completed within the next two months. The reconfigured space will satisfy a critical need for interview research and administrative purposes. The office was originally designed when the old Healdsburg Library was retrofitted into the new Healdsburg Museum. Now it will be complete.

SAVE THE DATE!

HM&HS Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner
January 19, 2012, 5:30 pm
Krug Event Center
(Details to follow in the January Review)

HMVA News

by Ann Howard



On October 13, the Senior Living Community hosted a reception to present the Museum with a check for \$2,700, the amount raised by the Art and Wine event in May. Our dear Barbara Baxter presented the over-sized check to Holly and our group.

On October 18, Pam Vana-Paxhia, Museum Store Coordinator, reviewed sales procedures, and introduced a new puzzle, Marie Butler's new book and Jon's wooden soldier for sale, to 15 (of 43) receptionists and Board President Ted Calvert. Bob Rawlins reviewed use of the audio tour, and kiosk with Kay Robinson's assistance. The up-dated Guide for Receptionists is now available.

Volunteers have been very busy since October 29. The three-week Healdsburg Artistic Heritage exhibit at the Library was dismantled. The Pomo display was cleared and the HHS-M.A.Y.O. Club installed the week-long, colorful Dia de Los Muertos altar; removed on November 10. On November 11, volunteers dismantled the Twisted History exhibit

All of this may sound simple, but the crew of volunteers who work with Holly and Meredith to unscrew the cases or barricades so Holly can take

photographs, remove each item from the display, then carefully carry each down stairs, are certainly dedicated. Then each item, from the tiniest earrings or fragile fabric to the heaviest ball and chain or oversized painting (and all the props), has to be returned, one at a time, to its proper place in the storeroom, or hauled away by auto to the Villa or Sunsweet storage. Meredith and Holly look at the accession number on each item, check the computer data base for its location in storage, then put it away. Loaned items must be returned to their owners with a phone call. Then....all in reverse to create a new exhibit....along with all of their other work!

For 2.5 hours on November 14, ten volunteers cleaned the Museum from top to bottom, from the high venetian blinds to the bathroom floors. Many thanks to the crew: Kay Robinson, Roger Hull, Phil Hartlaub, Lea Gilg, Pam Vana-Paxhia, Ann Mahoney, Linda Cervantes, Ann Howard, De Andersen and Sandy Barrett. Just like in the story, "The Elves and the Shoemaker" - now I believe there really are elves.

We appreciate all of our volunteers very much who help with every aspect of on-going museum chores. Holly and Meredith's cheerful enthusiasm make the chores seen easy.

"Mother Goose on the Loose" is being installed to open November 25; also from 5:30-8:00pm during the downtown merchants' events. Two volunteers are needed to split the shift. Please contact Ann if you can take a shift.

On Sunday, December 18, at our Family Open House, Marie Butler will read her new book, "Herbie, a Toy's Adventure in Healdsburg," at 10am, 11am, and 1pm. Two extra volunteers needed. Contact Ann if you can help.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

FOR SALE

The museum has a new copier-printer-scanner-fax machine due to the generosity of Ann Mahoney. We now have a HP LaserJet 3380 in good condition for sale. Included in the asking price of \$100 is a new print cartridge 15A. Contact Holly or Meredith.

Reminder: You can renew your HM&HS membership anytime online at
www.healdsburgmuseum.org

"Mother Goose on the Loose" Holiday Toy Exhibit

Special Event!

Family Open House
Sunday, December 18
10 am to 4 pm



At 10 am, 11 am and 1 pm author Marie Butler
will read from her new children's book:

"Herbie...A Toy's Adventures in Healdsburg A Children's Story"



"Late at night, a little toy soldier named Herbie sits on a Museum shelf. It's dark, and nobody is around except a small, brass dog with droopy ears. As the dog listens patiently, Herbie recounts his adventures in 1950s Healdsburg. He loved his wonderful life as a favored toy - that is, until the summer of the mysterious River Bandit, when Herbie goes missing. Who is the Bandit? Is Herbie ever found?"

Come hear Herbie's adventures as a toy soldier
in mid-century Healdsburg

Personally autographed books
and limited edition, handcrafted "Herbie" toy soldiers
will be available for sale
at the Healdsburg Museum Store

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Collections Corner by Meredith Dreisback



The Museum recently received a donation from the estate of Benny Gagliardo that included wonderful photographs, greeting cards, event programs and Healdsburg Elementary and High School memorabilia, most dating from the late 1930's and early

1940's. In the collection was an "Award of Honor", a small brown paper booklet, lined with ivory embossed tissue surrounding a 'Perfect Attendance' certificate. The certificate read "This Certifies That Dolores Domitilli has made a Record of being neither Absent nor Tardy from school during the nine months ending June 13, 1941 and is awarded this Testimonial of Honor for Perfect Attendance Record". The certificate is embellished with a blue, lacey printed design...a work of art recognizing Dee's perfect attendance.

Another page in the booklet had some words of wisdom for the student that I thought were worthy of sharing. They read:

Ten Things Worth Remembering

1. *The value of time.*
2. *The success of perseverance.*
3. *The pleasure of working.*
4. *The dignity of simplicity.*
5. *The worth of character.*
6. *The power of kindness.*
7. *The influence of example for good.*

8. *The wisdom of economy.*
 9. *The improvement of talent.*
 10. *The joy of originating.*
- Don't you agree these are wise thoughts to live by...maybe something we all can think about, some 70 years later!

In mid-November, a donation came in to the Museum from Barbara Posillipo. It was a collection of items belonging to her grandmother, Nellie Hamilton and Barbara's mother, Mary Barrett. There were china bisque dolls, purses, doll clothes, baby clothes, hair jewelry, and handmade paper doll clothes. The paper doll clothes caused quite a stir around the Museum as everyone admired the fine details and craftsmanship that went into the making of the paper clothes. The dresses were designed with delicate pleats, sequins *sewn* on as decoration, rick-rack cut from paper and applied, paper doilies used as trim and buttons cut from paper. The fact that these paper doll clothes were made by Nellie in 1856 and kept safely all these years by Mary is pretty remarkable. I have created a display of several of these items in the lower level case at the Museum. When you see the items on display and all the work that went into making them, I think you'll also recognize many of the "10 Things Worthy of Remembering" were applicable in Nellie's creativity. Why not bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends to see this display and all the fun adventures of our latest exhibit, "Mother Goose on the Loose".

Board of Directors: Ted Calvert (President), Kent Mitchell (Past President), Darci Rosales (Recording Secretary), Stan Becker (Treasurer), Bob Rawlins (Assistant. Treasurer), Kathi Engler, Kent England, Rawleigh Fjeld, Louise Fowler, Lockie Gillies, Mark Gleason, Ann Howard, Ann Mahoney, Larry Orr, Karen Tynan, Frank Zak (Directors)

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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