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Lovely Evening in Store for Attendees of the Langhart Dinner on May 12 *Ann Mahoney*

Each year, the Langhart Dinner honors volunteers whose hard work and dedication to the Museum have been extraordinary. This year we two salute two Healdsburg natives, Darla Williams Budworth and Kay Schmidt Robinson. Both women trace their family's local histories back to the mid 1850s. They both graduated from Healdsburg High School. And they are both exemplars of what makes our community strong. Please join us to learn more about Darla and Kay and their contributions to your Museum.

The venue for this year's celebration is the Seghesio Family Vineyards, 14730 Grove Street in Healdsburg, known for delicious food and wine. The festivities will begin at 6:00 pm with Prosecco, wine and appetizers in the Grove, followed by dinner in the Redwood Room at 7:00 pm. Seghesio's new chef Peter Janiak will prepare a choice of Double-Cut Berkshire Pork Chop with White Cheddar Grits, Slow-Cooked Lacinato Kale and Roasted Peppers, or Grilled Pacific Swordfish with Blue Lake Green Beans, French Fingerling Potatoes, Nicoise Olives, and Lemon Aioli.

A vegetarian entrée will be served as well, consisting of the freshest of local ingredients to be chosen close to the date. Farmers' Market Green Salad and a dessert of Chocolate-Caramel Nut Tart with Maldon Sea Salt will complete the meal. The Langhart Award is named for former City Clerk Edwin Langhart, who founded the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society in 1976. His dedication to preserving the rich history of our city made possible the ongoing collection, preservation and study of artifacts, photos and documents for generations to come. It is because of Edwin Langhart that Healdsburg's past informs our future. The annual Langhart Award recognizes that same tradition of volunteer service and dedication to Healdsburg's history that defined Langhart in current volunteers. Please join your friends in this celebration. An evening of good food and drink is \$105.00 per person, \$25 of which is a tax-deductible contribution to the Museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Email annmahoney@comcast.net by April 30 to reserve your seat, as attendance is limited.

Calendar

MAY 2011

- 4 HMVA 9:30 a.m. Museum
- 4 Healdsburg 100 businesses reception 5:30-7pm Museum
- 7 Booth at Great Russian River Race, Memorial Beach, 11-4
- 12 Langhart Award Dinner Seghesio reception 6:00, dinner 7:00
- 15 Historic Homes Tours 1-4:30pm
- 17 Board Meeting 8:30 a.m. Museum
- 21 Art & Wine event Senior Living Community 12-4

MAY 2011 (cont.)

- 26 FFA Twilight Parade and BBQ Museum Garden 5-8
- 29 Antique Fair Healdsburg Plaza 9-4

JUNE 2011

- 4 HMVA meeting 9:30am Museum
- 17 Board meeting 8:30am Museum

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Wednesday – Sunday,
CLOSED MONDAY and TUESDAY

Research Center open by appointment:
Thursday – Saturday



History Matters

by Holly Hoods, Curator

The winter appeal letter, sent to Museum members and friends, raised nearly \$10,000 for operating expenses this year. The

Museum doors stay open because of the many people who care and contribute in whatever ways they can. Thank you for helping sustain our mission.

The “Russian River Good Old Days” exhibit has been extended through August 14th. It has been a popular exhibit with 12 -30 people visiting per day. I will continue to add photos and stories about the River if you have them to share. The exhibit extension through the summer also means that we can have a presence and involvement in the two upcoming River events in Healdsburg. The Museum will have a Memorial Beach booth (and we’ll see, maybe a kayak) in the upcoming “Great Russian River Race,” sponsored by Russian Riverkeeper May 7. Come visit us and watch the race! We will also play a big part in the festivities of the Healdsburg Water Carnival July 23. I hope to have a Museum sponsored float.

Get ready for an exciting month of events! May 4th kicks off the month with a free reception “Meet and Greet” for Healdsburg 100 Business members at the Museum, 5:30 – 7:00. Enjoy wine and hors d’oeuvres and our “Russian River Good Old Days” exhibit while mingling with other community-minded business members who support local history and the Museum. May 12th is the Langhart Dinner (described in previous article), Seghesio Winery.

May 21st Art and Wine Festival at Healdsburg Senior Living, 12 -4:00. Fundraiser for the Museum with history displays, arts and crafts, local wineries pouring great wines, great food, and music, hosted by Healdsburg Senior Living.

May 26th FFA Parade watching party in Museum garden, featuring chef Peter Leary’s delicious grilled chicken with side salads and dessert. Wine and other non-alcoholic beverages will also be available, \$20 each for Museum members and their guests. Please call to sign up in advance at the Museum 431-3325. **BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!**

May 29th Antique Fair on the Plaza. It’s not too late to donate quality vintage items for us to sell. Contact the Museum or Bob Rawlins at 431-1109.

Museum member Donn Reiners of Sacramento just donated a beautiful 1862 Springfield Rifle that belonged to Charles Reiners of Dry Creek Valley in the 1880s. Donn had it restored to museum quality, so it has only been minimally cleaned up for display. I look forward to exhibiting it. Included in the donation were

projectile points his father and grandfather collected on their ranch in Reinersville, a once-thriving hamlet in Dry Creek Valley where the Buchignanis live today.



Alexander Valley native and Museum member Ron Kron took me on a drive last week that I will never forget. The trip gave me a new perspective on the geography, water courses and topography of the valley and featured lots of good stories, told from the vantage point of an 80-year old looking over his childhood romping grounds. I definitely came away with a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Alexander Valley! Thank you, Ron, for a wonderful experience.

Another recent treat was the unexpected visit to the Museum by Dr. David Brown of Charlottesville, VA and his daughter, Katherine Brown, a teacher at the Putney School in Vermont. They are the grandson and great-granddaughter of Healdsburg photographer Mervyn Silberstein, whose collection of 1908 -1915 photos of Healdsburg comprises most of the early 1900s photographic documentation of our area. I photographed them in front of the Water Carnival diorama in the current exhibit, happily noting that all the photos of the Water Carnival on display were taken by their ancestor!





Collections Corner

by Meredith Dreisback

Spring is in the air and that means baseball. The world champion, San Francisco Giants are back in the city, winning some games and

the fans are out in numbers, cheering on their favorite team. Go Giants!

However, right here in Healdsburg we had our own champions...the Healdsburg Odd Fellows baseball team. The front page headlines in the September 12, 1947 Healdsburg Tribune read, "Healdsburg's Own...The Country Champs". An article on the sports page, of the same issue, went on to say "the amazing Healdsburg Odd Fellows baseball team not only beat every team in the county league this year; last Sunday they beat the combined stars of all the teams at Santa Rosa, 11 to 2". You'll see this winning score in this photo of the club's scorebook, an object from the Museum's collection. You'll also see the player's names, many who were associated with baseball for many years

The Tribune article went on to describe some of the outstanding plays of the game, made by these guys. "Despite the fact that the All Stars included a roster of 21 of the league's best, "Slingshot" Clarence Ruonavaara gave them only four hits and fanned seven"; Red Baumeister headed the Healdsburg "murderers' row" by getting four safe hits; a base knock to right by Art Ruonavaara scored the initial run; a spectacular shoestring catch by Morris Ruby, who turned a complete flip and came up with the ball ; Len Williams leaped into the air; Doug Badger came through with a neat running catch and Bobby Mascherini also made one terrific catch to end the ball game." Our hometown Champs!



Healdsburg 1947

vs. *San Francisco 'All Stars'* Sept 7 1947

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Follow Up: In the February Review, I wrote about the hand fluter, used for making small pleats on clothes or shaping collars and cuffs. On March 29th the Museum received an email from Anne in Norway, showing us a picture of a hand fluter that had been used by her great grandmother to make silk and crepe paper flowers at her flower shop. She did this when fresh flowers were not available. Her grandmother also used the same fluter to make paper wedding flowers during WWII, again, when there was a shortage of flowers. How fun to know our Newsletter is being read worldwide.



Contributions in Honor of:

Darla Williams Budworth For the Endowment Fund
From: Ralph Wareham
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Edie Pastori From: Alma, Shirley, & Richard Buchignani
Lucille Ottoboni From: Ed Head
Sherman Crandall From: Shirley Buchignani
Lyle Leroy Still From: Ron Kron



HMVA News by Ann Howard

Sandy Barrett, calendar girl, said it right. “Thanks, everyone, for trudging through rain, gale-force winds and fog to keep the museum doors open. We are a hardy bunch.”

The reception for the Family History Essay Challenge awards was fun for everyone. Could not get a group picture because of rain, but the nine students were photographed with Holly and Ted Calvert as each received their certificate and money envelope. At the recent HMVA meeting, Tony Hopkins mentioned using a child’s family history essay to write an obituary – the only information the family had.

Edson and I will be in the high mountains of Colorado from June through August on the Howard homestead dating back to 1883. De Andersen will run the HMVA meeting on July 6 and Bob Rawlins on August 3. I would like someone to be my temporary replacement to work with Holly when volunteers are needed while I am away. Please call me 473-9803 or write alhoward@alhoward.org.

We were sad to receive word of the passing of retired receptionist Mary Jo Garrett on March 21, and Temple Smith, June’s husband, on April 2.

The May calendar is very full. On May 4, the Museum will host a reception for the Healdsburg 100 businesses from 5-7pm. Please call Lea Gilg 433-8010 or Cathy Anderson 857-3884 to provide finger foods and/or volunteer to host or serve wine.

On May 21, the Senior Living Community will again host their Art and Wine event from 12-4pm to raise money for the Museum. Holly will create an exhibit. Volunteers are needed to install and join the fun. On May 29, the Museum will have a table at the Antique Fair in the Plaza. Bob Rawlins will have a sign-up sheet – needs volunteers to help set-up, sell, and take down. Once again, thank you, volunteers, for all of your help.

Sellers Wanted

by Bob Rawlins

We are looking for folks who are good at sales and enjoy working at public events. The Museum will have a sales table at the Antique Fair on the Plaza Sunday May 29th. We need volunteers to work two hour shifts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon between June 4th and September 10th we need volunteers at the Farmer’s Market to sell tickets for the Instant Wine Cellar. Signup sheets for both events will be in the Museum office. Don’t be shy, sign up! Call me at 431-1109 if you want more information.

PLEASE NOTE: The Museum gallery AND OFFICE will now be closed on Tuesdays (after the Board meeting) to permit the Curator and the Collections Manager to have one day of uninterrupted work time to complete projects and writing assignments. Thank you for your understanding.

Board of Directors: Ted Calvert (President), Dennis O’Neel (Vice President), Kent Mitchell (Past President), Darci Rosales (Recording Secretary), Stan Becker (Treasurer), Bob Rawlins (Assist. Treas.), **Directors:** Kathi Engler, Rawleigh Fjeld, Louise Fowler, Mark Gleason, Ann Howard, Ann Mahoney, Karen Tynan, Frank Zak, Sandy Beddow, Lockie Gillies, Larry Orr.

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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