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Successful Instant Wine Cellar Event

by Holly Hoods

This year's Taste of History/Instant Wine Cellar event, held for the first time ever at Sbragia Winery in Dry Creek Valley on September 11th, was terrific, thanks to the great work of Event Chair Mark Gleason and volunteers Pam Vana-Paxhia, Lockie Gillies, Mel Amato and Stan Becker. Museum staff and many other volunteers helped by selling raffle tickets, serving food and wine, setting up and taking down the exhibits. A happy crowd of Museum supporters delighted in the beautiful setting, the Museum's history displays, and great local music, while enjoying excellent Sbragia wines and caterer Kathy King's delicious hors d'oeuvres. If that wasn't enough, some of the attendees were lucky enough to win prizes!

Grand Prize - 147 bottles 73 wineries (value \$5,400) winner: Mary Brandt, Healdsburg "Event Only" Raffle- 125 bottles, 71 wineries (value \$4,500) winner: Dale Pitcairn, Florida 2nd Prize- 121 bottles, 63 wineries (value \$4,000) winner: Roy Reynolds of Healdsburg 3rd Prize- G.J. Hays, Healdsburg 4th Prize- Larry Orr, Healdsburg 5th Prize- Susan Christiansen, Healdsburg 6th Prize- Frank Zak, Healdsburg 7th Prize- Guy French, Healdsburg 8th Prize- Mel Amato, Healdsburg 9th Prize- Dave McCrystle, Healdsburg 10th Prize- Paul Downey, Healdsburg 11th Prize- Marilyn Bruner Howell, Shawnee Kansas 12th Prize- Wanda Burzycki, Healdsburg



Instant Wine cellar grand prize winner Mary Brandt.

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Calendar

OCTOBER, 2011

Ongoing "Twisted History" on display
Museum Sept 1 - November 10

5 HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am
(Museum Research Center)

8-28 "Healdsburg's Artistic Heritage",
Healdsburg Library Forum Room

18 Board Meeting, 8:30 am,
(Museum Research Center)

NOVEMBER, 2011

2 HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am
(Museum Research Center)

2 - 9 "Day of the Dead" by H.H.S.
MAYO Club
Reception November 2, 5:30 -7:30
Museum gallery

15 Board meeting, 8:30 am,
(Museum Research Center)

25 - Jan 15 "Mother Goose on the
Loose" Open House Friday November
25, 5-8:00

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Wednesday - Sunday,
CLOSED MONDAY and TUESDAY

Research Center open by appointment:
Thursday - Saturday

History Matters by Holly Hoods, Curator



The new “Twisted History” exhibit and audio tour have been getting great reviews, I am happy to say. Hope you get a chance to check them out, as well as “Healdsburg’s Artistic Heritage” on display at Healdsburg Library

forum room during the month of October. The Museum’s research center has been busier than ever lately. Recent research has included: Clark Foss and the stage road to the Geysers, Pine Flat, the site of Hotel Healdsburg, Brandt Brothers’ Brewery at 322 University Street, Pomo photographs, Healdsburg College, Alexander Valley agriculture, Recreation Park, the Hill sisters at Lytton Springs/Salvation Army orphanage, and the Wisecarver, Martz, Thomas and Willits families.

Making connections with the descendants of early local families is such a rewarding part of this job. In the past two months, I have gotten to meet the great-grandchildren of former residents James Petray and Mervyn Silberstein. I was honored to host Michelle Chang and her sister Kelly, the great-granddaughters of Sheriff James Petray, whose murder in 1920 sparked outraged Healdsburg vigilantes to lynch the three alleged perpetrators. This “Crime of the Century” is a major feature in the current exhibit. The visit to the Museum on Michelle’s birthday was to learn more about this history. The sisters explained that their elders never spoke of the tragic events. They were hungry for details, so I told them everything I had learned. I also prepared a big packet of family research to give Michelle as a birthday gift. It was moving to share this history with them. They were so grateful. Mervyn Silberstein was a photographer in Healdsburg circa 1908 whose extensive collection of local photos was generously donated to the Museum years ago by his daughter, Gloria Brown. It was a real treat to share these photos with great-grandson Will Owen and Will’s wife, Christina, explaining how significant this photo documentation is to our collection. Silberstein’s photos can be seen in nearly every Museum exhibit! Visiting from Seattle, they appreciated seeing this window into Mervyn’s interests and personality. They sent the following heartwarming letter of appreciation.

Dear Holly,

Thank you for accommodating Christina and I the other week. We had a very memorable experience and very much enjoyed meeting you. Thank you very much for your openness in sharing Silberstein's body of work with us, as it has been integral in prompting my wife and I

to embark on the lifelong journey of genealogical archiving and preservation. In the scope of the great California as we know it today, we are in debt to Healdsburg and my great-grandfather for immortalizing a time and place that we reflect on so nostalgically and lovingly, and whose pioneering we have used as models for family values, community and cultural innovation -- all indeed virtues of the American dream. My family is proud to have you and the Healdsburg museum preserve such a profound legacy. Thank you for all that you do.

Our Best Wishes,
Will & Christina Owen

Collections Corner by Meredith Dreisback



Early in September Bob Rawlins and I were at the Museum’s storage in the Villa basement, reviewing objects for catalogue numbers, when we came upon a little metal item with the word “insufflator” embossed on the top.



As you can tell from this picture it has a pump on top with a spout off the side and is only 3 ½ inches tall. As always, it piqued my interest to find out more about it. I did a “Google” search for insufflator only to see pictures of medical apparatus that looked nothing like the cute little object I had sitting on my desk. Luckily our Museum database had the answer. Do you know what this was used for? According to the donor, Chester Robbins (grandson of the Windsor Robbins family), this is a chicken delouser circa 1900-1920. The delouser is embossed with “G. N. Milco’s Improved Buhach Insufflator” Buhach Producing Manufacture Co., Stockton, Cal. I was able to find an on-line article written by D. W. Coquillett and published by the Department of Agriculture, Division

of Entomology dated June 7, 1886 that described our insufflator to a T. We do have the new and improved version! Retail price: 25 cents.

The article also described the Buhach powder used in the insufflator. The powder is made of ground phrethrum flowers (from the chrysanthemum family) and is still manufactured today. It is billed as Nature's "secret" bug repellent--no synthetic chemicals and sells for \$12.98 for 8 oz. compared to 56 cents a pound in 1886. Now, instead of using the insufflator, the powder is dispensed from a plastic container. I doubt if we'll find one of those in a Museum collection 125 years from now, but our sweet little tin one will still be around, there to capture the attention of the collections' manager.

My thanks to Roy Lowe, Gary Grist, Mike Bellagio, Richard Rued, Ron Kron and Norma Passarino for sharing information with the Museum about the airplane at Healdsburg High School.

HMVA News by *Ann Howard*



Thank you, Bob Rawlins, for writing the HMVA News while I was off in the remote Colorado Rocky Mountains for three months. Didn't put my foot in a stirrup or ride a horse, and because the hay crew didn't cut and bale the wild grasses (as tall as I am) until late August, we

didn't get to fish until then. Glad we stayed the extra two weeks. Ah, German Brown trout fresh from the stream into the frying pan. Picked wild raspberries, strawberries, and tiny huckleberries – red jewels of the forest with flavors that explode in your mouth. We who live in Sonoma County are fortunate to have so much fresh produce so close to home. Living at the Howard Ranch at 8,500', trips for groceries over 100 years ago meant driving teams and wagons to Laramie, WY, over 90 miles away to load up on many pounds of supplies and travelling for two weeks; supplies had to last six months. Even now the nearest grocery store is 27 miles north or 37 miles south (and over Willow Creek Pass at 9,600' in the Continental Divide). I thought often about Edson's family and ancestors who hunted deer, pronghorn (antelope), elk, moose (introduced in 1970s), bear, sage chicken and jack rabbits to put food on the table. All of these animals wondered close to our log home this summer; we enjoyed taking pictures.

Many artifacts and old log buildings belong to the past four generations who lived on the small ranch since 1883. I have been labeling everything, and even researching a few in the amazing online data bases. (We were extremely fortunate to have DSL service in such a remote location with the help of a dedicated Century

Tel technician). Realizing after our Howard family reunion of 18 members that, as one of the oldest generation, I need to leave notes and stories for the younger ones - who do not get to visit often, let alone live or work there - to understand their ancestor's lives where it can frost on the 4th of July. We have a vast treasure in a collection of photographs of Howard ancestors dating back to the 1860s. I must finish the book.

Be sure to put labels on your family's artifacts and photos, and write down your memories of your ancestors for the enjoyment of the next generations. Thank you to all the volunteers who took my receptionist duties, led the HMVA meetings and took notes, and to all those who continually step forward to take on tasks. The "Twisted History" exhibit is another fine example of the talented staff and volunteers working together to share our collections with the community.

Good to be back – too bad Edson and I can't live in two extraordinary places at once.

The Healdsburg Museum Volunteer Picnic – 2011

Darla Williams Budworth, Chairperson

On the evening of August 5, 2011, the Volunteers of the Healdsburg Museum were honored at an Appreciation Picnic/Dinner at Brandt's Picnic area on the Russian River. There was plenty of time for visiting while appetizers, specially prepared by Peter Leary, were served along with wine & beer. Then it is was time for dinner, which included barbecued tri tip, fresh locally sliced heirloom tomatoes, green salad, and barbecued beans. Dessert was coffee and cookies (provided by Ed Head).

This Picnic was enjoyed by close to 100 Volunteers, thanks to our great committee of all Volunteers themselves. They included Kent Mitchell, Mark Gleason, & Dave Budworth doing a great job on the barbecue with the TriTip., Cilla Marshall, Carla Howell, & Darla Budworth helped prepare the meal and serve it. Pam Vana-Paxhia and Frank Zak were our bartenders. Mark Gleason provided the beer free of charge. Holly & Meredith, who did the name tags, Stan Becker & Mel Amato, were part of our clean-up crew. Dennis Williams, my brother, who for the third year in a row came from Elk Grove to provide us with his Jazz Music. Some of this Crew have been with me for the past 7 years. There are 3 of them that deserve special recognition, Kent Mitchell who does much more than just barbecue the meat, without him, I would have just given up a long time ago, Cilla Marshall who for the past 3 years has helped me shop and many other things, my husband, Dave Budworth, who has been working on

the picnic with me for the past 6 months and has helped me a lot the past 7 years, and Ed Head, who has provided us with his desserts for the past 7 years.... Last but not least, a big thank you to the Brandt Family who have allowed us to have their Picnic Grounds for 7 years and also provided the flowers for the tables each year. Thanks to all of you, I couldn't have done it without your support and help. You are a great Crew! There is a time for everything, and it just seems like the right time for me to resign as Chairperson for the Museum Volunteer Picnic. The Museum Board of Directors have been notified. I have enjoyed doing the Picnic for the Volunteers the past 7 years and I certainly hope that the Picnic will not end with me. I'm sure there is someone out there who will take over my job. *(Darci Rosales has just stepped up to do it, thank you!)* I will be glad to be a consultant if need be or share any details of the job.

I look forward to being at the Picnic next year, enjoying it with all you Volunteers!

Collections Corner by Meredith Dreisback

My September column won't be about a particular object from the collection, but about "Aunt Mab". Who is Aunt Mab? Let me tell you.

My friend, Margaret Dean, stopped by the Museum recently to ask if I might be able to help her find some information about her aunt-by-marriage, Mab. She remembered a vague connection to Healdsburg, thinking perhaps the Tayman name was somehow involved. A search through the newspaper index came up with eight newspaper articles about Colonel Charles E. Tayman and his ultimate purchase of property in Healdsburg. The February 6, 1919 *Enterprise* reads; "he purchased the Sarginsson ranch on Fitch Mountain several years ago and after that bought the Bolton place adjoining it..." The articles also mentioned his wife, Mrs. Tayman. Could this be "Aunt Mab?" Now it was time to look through the Museum's photo collection. Bingo, there was a picture of "Colonel C. E. Tayman and Mrs. Tayman (she was the niece of General Hannah), 1924". "Yes," Margaret responded, "that's Aunt Mab!" That's the best part of this job, finding just what the person is looking for.



But wait, there's more to the story. In reading Colonel Tayman's obituary, Margaret learned the Colonel was the founder and first commander of Sotoyome Post 111 American Legion Department of California (Healdsburg). Margaret's son, Shannon, a member of Sotoyome Post

111, surprised and delighted his fellow members with this information at their last meeting. The photo of the Colonel will soon hang in the Legion Hall.



Colonel Tayman's ranch was adjacent to the municipal golf course, Tayman Park, which was named for him. He was one of the founders of the Healdsburg Golf and Country Club.

In April of 1943, Mrs. Mabel Tayman (Aunt Mab) sold the Fitch Mountain property that included 20 acres, a home, some outbuildings, an orchard and vineyard. "Aunt Mab" left Healdsburg and moved to Texas. This story ends with a happy Margaret, leaving here with stories and photos that clarified a bit of long ago family history. Do you have a family member you'd like to know more about? The Healdsburg Museum just might have the story waiting for you to find.

Ongoing and Upcoming Exhibits:

"Twisted History: Bizarre But True" is currently on display at the Museum, featuring offbeat, quirky and sometimes disturbing Healdsburg history. Learn about crimes of the century, labor unrest, racial prejudice, death customs, and surprising health and beauty trends. Meet vigilantes, Squeedunks, prostitutes and beauty queens! Rated PG-13. Exhibit features an audio tour by Elizabeth Holmes and Holly Hoods, with a contribution by Jane Bonham.

"Healdsburg's Artistic Heritage," is an exhibition of intriguing arts and crafts from the Healdsburg Museum collection, including paintings, quilts, dolls, wood carvings and Pomo baskets. On display October 8 – 28th at the Healdsburg Library forum room.

"Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead" is a week-long exhibit by Healdsburg High School MAYO Club to commemorate the "Day of the Dead." This temporary exhibit of traditional Latin American altars will honor the lives and spirits of deceased loved ones, as created and presented by the high school students. It will be on display November 2 – 9 in the Healdsburg Museum Gallery. A reception, featuring traditional food and drink of the holiday, will be held on Wednesday, November 2 at the Museum, 5:30 -7:30.

<i>Contributions in Honor of:</i>	<i>Contributions in Memory of:</i>
<p><i>Doc Campbell & Family</i> From Shirley Buchignani</p> <p><i>Museum Volunteer Picnic</i> From Marilyn Haywood</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Endowment Fund:</i> Russell & B. J. Green</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Museum General Fund:</i> Paul Gilbert</p>	<p><i>Eleanor Zak</i> From Billie Harrison From Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ernst</p> <p><i>Evalyn & Nick Scatena</i> From David & Betty Scatena</p> <p><i>Gino Edward Sbragia</i> From Shirley Buchignani</p> <p><i>Joseph Beresford</i> From Kaye & Barry Stallard</p> <p><i>Jerry Jachetta</i> From Joe & Vivienne Rochioli</p> <p><i>Mervyn Silverstein</i> From Gloria Brown</p> <p><i>Rena Steele</i> From Teresa Scalone Burkdoll</p>

Antique Fair Wrap

by Bob Rawlins

The final Antique Fair of 2011 closed out on Sunday August 29th on a pleasant day with lots of buyers and lookers strolling the Plaza. Pam Vana-Paxhia, Roger Hull, and I were set up and ready by 8 a.m. when serious buyers stopped by the Museum table. Rawleigh Fjeld, Jane Bonham, Lea Gilg, Marva Weidemer, Geri Hadley, Catherine Curtis, and Larry Orr were sterling sales people and Meredith and Jim Dreisback and Pam and I moved what little remained at the end of the day back to storage. We cleared \$1,100 in sales plus our sponsor's fee of \$1,000. All in all, a good day for HM&HS.

My hope is that one of our members will step forward to chair the Antique Fair Sales Committee next year. I will help, of course, and am already receiving donations for 2012 sales. I've been chairing this and the previous Barn Sale for ten or more years and it's now time for someone younger, with more energy than I now have, and with new ideas to take over. It is important for the Museum to have a presence on the Plaza during the sales. This is not rocket science work, but we really need someone to take charge of this simple fund raiser.

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.), Kathi Engler, Rawleigh Fjeld, Louise Fowler, Mark Gleason, Ann Howard, Ann Mahoney, Karen Tynan, Frank Zak, Kent England, 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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