

HM&HS Annual Membership Meeting - January 19, 2012

by Bob Rawlins

Well folks, it's time again to gather and hear what was accomplished in 2011 and what is planned for the next twelve months. Do plan to attend. The evening is always festive with good food and fellowship. All current members, prospective members, and guests are welcome.

Please note that we have a **new meeting location** this year - the **Krug Event Center** on Grove Street, just south of the Best Western Dry Creek Inn. You may park adjacent to the Center or along Grove Street. The meeting date is Thursday, January 19, 2012.

The doors will open at 5:30 pm for receipt of pot luck dishes by the kitchen crew. The social hour will begin at 6 pm with dinner immediately following at 7 pm.

Bread, wine, dessert, and coffee/tea will be provided, but anyone who wishes to bring a special dessert is free to do so.

We will conduct our 2nd Annual Brown Bag Raffle with a drawing later in the evening. Following dinner, we will announce the officers and directors for the 2012-2013 term, learn which buildings the Historic Homes Committee has chosen to honor, and be informed with reports from our Board President Ted Calvert and Curator Holly Hoods.

We also need volunteer help to collect camellias and other decorations, decorate the tables at 1 pm, one person to pick up two sheet cakes, six people to help in the kitchen, two greeters, two people to sell raffle tickets, two wine pourers, and many to help with clean up at the end of the evening.

Ann Howard will circulate a "help" list at the HMVA meeting on Wednesday, January 4th at 9:30 am in the Museum gallery. If you can help but cannot attend the meeting, please call (473-9803) or email (alhoward@alhoward.org) Ann. Also let her know if you have raffle items to donate.

See you on the 19th!

POT LUCK ASSIGNMENTS

Last Names A to L - Salad or Cold Dish

Last Names M to Z - Hot Dish or Casserole (already cooked)

Everyone - Serving utensil for your dish and your own "place setting" of plate and eating utensils

Calendar

January, 2012		February, 2012	
1	Museum Closed	1	HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am Museum Research Center
4	HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am Museum Gallery	1	Healdsburg Artistic Heritage Exhibit Opening Reception, 5:30 pm
16-31	Museum Gallery Closed New Exhibit Installation	11	Steelhead Festival, Plaza
17	Board Meeting, 8:30 am Museum Research Center	21	Board Meeting, 8:30 am Museum Research Center
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

History Matters



by Holly Hoods, Curator

Things have been particularly interesting and rewarding at the Museum lately. I am excited to be installing a small display of vintage cameras and local photographs at Johnny's Off the Plaza (formerly Johnny's Tavern) on Mill Street. It is great exposure for the Museum to have small exhibits around town. I have also been putting together historical research and photographs for Hudson Street Wineries at Old Roma Station. I have learned so much about this fascinating historic property that housed not just a former winery, but also the American Concentrated Must Company and a cannery.

We have had lots of researchers looking for historic photos and local history in the past few weeks. New Museum member Naomi Brilliant made an appointment to have me help her research her 1920s house on Foreman Lane. She was thrilled to find photos of the property in the 1950s, plus notes about the history written in her own grandmother's handwriting! I also assisted Kyle, an environmental studies major at Sonoma State, research the "Squatters" land disputes and investigate the intriguing cultural geography of Dry Creek Valley. I met with Charles Fenwick and Joel Miller from the San Francisco District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help them select appropriate images of local native people for interpretive signs along the main trailhead at Milt Brandt Visitors' Center at Lake Sonoma.

One day we had two significant donations. As visiting Healdsburg City Manager Marjie Pettus looked on with fascination, 82-year old Theodora Scalione Speer graciously presented several impeccable lace and velvet garments that were worn by ladies in her family in the 1920s and 30s. Museum volunteer Al Loebel, hearing her name "Scalione," initiated a search of the Museum's PastPerfect database on a computer, which yielded a photo of Theodora's mother, much to her surprised delight. Family historian Bill Clark and his partner Jeff Stanfield then spent two hours with me, presenting and explaining family documents and identifying historical photos from the Ridenhour, Clark, Arata and Heald families. One particularly interesting item is a published volume of Nathan S. Clark's Civil War diaries. Nathan lived in Healdsburg at the corner

of First and Piper Streets in the 1800s. Bill donated an amazing early photo of the Nathan Clark house when it was "in the country"—no Recreation Park in sight!

President's Corner

by Ted Calvert



The year 2012 will be full of challenges. The board of directors will have elected the new slate of directors for 2012. We have grant writers who will be working with Holly, listing and submitting grants throughout the year. We are also looking to hire a Fundraiser to help strengthen our financial bottom line. We will have a board and staff retreat in early 2012.

We are close to reaching our fundraising goal to construct our new enclosed office, located on the first floor's Research Office area. We hope to begin building on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The new office, and a new floor plan, will enable the public and staff to do research, interview, and administrative functions more efficiently. The new office building fund is still open for donations. Due to a change in construction completion date, the fundraising deadline will remain open and has been extended to January 16. Please indicate on your donation if you want to direct those funds to the New Office Building Fund.

The Board of Directors greatly appreciates and thanks all of you who have given to our Annual Appeal letter and the new office building funds. Those of you who are still thinking about it, please give it serious consideration. We are committed to being the best regional history museum possible.

Thankfully there's the Healdsburg Museum helping to bring Healdsburg's past into the present. To quote David Boorstin "Trying to plan for the future without a sense of the past is like trying to plant cut flowers."

Welcome Our Newest HM&HS Members

Gabriel Fraire

Anita Thrall

Wayne Bell & Pamela Bell Simmons

Leroy & Barbara Posilippo

Sandi Lucchesi

Kathy Norgaard Hendry

Angelo Figone

Reminder: You can renew your HM&HS membership on line anytime at

www.healdsburgmuseum.org

HMVA News

by Ann Howard



Happy Holidays to everyone!

What a successful year it has been at the Museum, with so much help from, and talent shared by, all our Museum Volunteers. There are exciting plans ahead for 2012.

Mid-January will be a very busy time at the museum. The "Mother Goose on the Loose" exhibit ends and the Museum will be closed from January 16-29. The exhibit will be removed and all the items will be stored before the installation of "Healdsburg's Artistic Heritage" opens on February 1. As always, lots of volunteer help will be needed to make the transition. Exact dates will be determined.

On Monday, January 16 the Research Center will be prepped for a long overdue modification. A team of volunteers will be needed to help empty the cabinets and shelves in the Research Room, pack everything into numbered banker's boxes and many smaller boxes. These containers will then be ferried up the elevator and stacked around the outer walls of the west end of the Gallery. Empty cabinets and furniture will be moved to the end of the Research Room and covered. This phase will be conducted under the direction of Meredith Dreisback. Meredith's previous job experience orchestrating the move of the City Hall offices to its current location along with her intimate knowledge of this room's contents makes her the perfect choice. Please contact Meredith if you can help and/or provide additional boxes on January 16.

Eddinger Enterprises will construct a new curator's office. (Pamela Volante, Architectural Design Consultant and Museum volunteer, has measured all the furniture and drawn up a plan to maximize the best use of our space.) Jerry Eddinger and his crew will begin on the work on January 17. The estimated construction time is four days.

Thursday, January 19 is our Annual Meeting and Potluck to be held at the Krug Event Center starting at 5:30. Volunteers will be needed to collect camellias or other decorations, decorate tables, greeters, raffle ticket sales, wine pourers, kitchen crew, and serving help, and clean-up crew. Please contact me at 473-9803 or alhoward@alhoward.org if you can assist with any of these jobs.

Also, Ed Head has been in charge of the kitchen crew for these meetings for many years and is ready to train a replacement. Thank you, Ed, for all your expertise and helpful hints!

Also, additional Brown Bag Raffle donations would be appreciated. Last year's raffle was a lot of fun - \$5 per ticket, 5 for \$20 that evening. Contact Ann soon if you have a donation.

Bob Rawlins will be creating the 2012 Volunteer Roster soon, so if you have a new address, please call him at 433-1109.

Cleaning Up the Cemetery

"Cemetery Clean-up" is an on-going project to help maintain and care for the old graves at Healdsburg's Oak Mound Cemetery. Volunteer Olga Martinez started this latest effort and is working with Museum Curator Holly Hoods and other volunteers to clear weeds and debris from the non-endowed, older sections of the cemetery. People who can't physically participate in the work can support the efforts by donating to the Cemetery Clean-Up Fund. All monies raised will be used toward labor and landscape supplies. The Museum's nonprofit status ensures that all donations will be fully tax deductible.

The next clean-up effort will take place after the holidays.

Museum Birthday Party

We've hosted our first children's birthday party at the Museum, featuring the "Mother Goose on the Loose" Toy Exhibit. The birthday girl was 11-year old Grace Salt who was treated by Gloria and Joy Cameron to a special after-hours party at the Museum. This "children's party" was a silent auction item at the Museum's 2011 Instant Wine Cellar event.



Tara, Marisa and Grace

The girls at the party spent 2 ½ activity-filled hours: taking the exhibit audio tour and history hunt, decorating Mother Goose egg cartons, trying on and learning about vintage hats from the collection, exploring the gallery and finding rhyming clues and hidden eggs on a Mother Goose egg hunt. They were allowed to climb behind the display partitions to get a closer look at the toys and make their own small adjustments to the exhibit. They also ate pizza and ice cream sundaes and left with presents. According to the thank-you note from the guest of honor, it was a "really fun awesome party!"

The Search for the Triton Bell

by Michael Haran

A couple of months ago I was at Jon Lacaillade's workshop. (Jon is a Museum volunteer and a frequent contributor to its exhibits.) He was working on what appeared to be a piece of furniture. Jon explained that he was making a bell stand for Bob Rawlins, a long time Museum board member and very active volunteer. Then Jon showed me a beautiful brass bell inscribed "U.S.S. Triton." Remembering my history, I knew that there was a United States nuclear powered submarine named Triton that was the first submarine to circumnavigate the globe submerged. The bell, however, originally belonged to another Triton and had a long and storied past of its own.



201 Bell

I contacted Bob and he told me the history. In 1964, Bob was the third commanding officer of USS Triton SSN 586. He recalled that the bell from the first Triton SS 201 submarine was mounted in the crew's dining area.

During World War II, all unnecessary equipment was removed from US submarines and stored ashore before they left on their first war patrol. The Triton 201 was lost on her sixth war patrol in March 1943 near the Philippine Islands. After the war, her store room was emptied and the bell was given to her first commanding officer, LCDR Willis Lent. Lent later moved to Groton, Connecticut, and displayed the bell on a stand in his front yard.

In 1960, the new nuclear submarine Triton 586 was ordered to make the circumnavigation on its inaugural voyage. The Triton 201 bell was borrowed from Lent, placed on board Triton 586 and used in a memorial service for the first Triton conducted during the trip. Lent subsequently donated the 201 bell to its namesake submarine and so the bell came to be mounted in the crew's dining area.

When Triton 586 prepared to leave her home port of Norfolk, VA, for decommissioning at New London, CT, the 201 bell (and other unneeded

material) was off loaded and left on a pier for submarine tender personnel to take to the ship's foundry and cut up for scrap. A reserve sailor on two week active duty decided the bell should be saved instead. He managed to ship it to his home in California and later to Nevada.

Three years ago, Triton shipmates held their biennial reunion in Chicago and attended the activation of the USS Triton barracks at the Naval Recruit Training Station in Great Lakes. They also donated photographs and models of both submarines for display on the barracks' quarterdeck. A new search for the 201 bell was mounted. Relatives of the then owner heard of the search and tipped off an ex-Triton master chief petty officer. The master chief called the owner, explained plans for the bell and asked for its return. The owner assented and Bob drove to the Reno, NV area last July to retrieve the bell.



Bob Rawlins and the new bell stand

The bell displayed in its new stand will be unveiled at the April, 2012, Triton reunion in San Francisco. During the reunion, the bell will be struck once for each shipmate who has passed on and for each crew member of the 201 boat, a tradition common to all submariners. The Navy is steeped in tradition, and honoring its former and lost shipmates in such a manner respects their service and sacrifice.

The bell and stand will then be transported for permanent display in the USS Triton barracks, US Navy Recruit Command in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Contributions in Memory of:

Jim Modini - from Drs. Rick & Ellie Wattles
Dorothy Daniel - from Ed Head
Nick Grace - from Ed Head
Richard Ratto - from Ed Head
Stan Ziganti - from Joe & Vivienne Rochioli
Jean Craig - from Joe & Vivienne Rochioli
Beverly Budworth Crabtree - from Dave & Darla Budworth
Martin Frost - from Doreene & Jack Zanzi
Rose Domenichelli - from the Frank Pastori family

Contributions in Memory of:

Mrs. Gerald Hays - from Gerald Hays
Sam & Helen Norgaard - from Kathy Norgaard Hendry
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Gail De Witt - from Barbara Faye Smith
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Collections Corner

by Meredith Dreisback

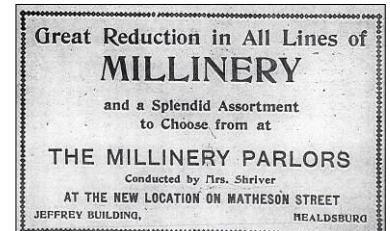


In last month's column I talked about the collection of items from Mary Barrett's mother, Nellie Hamilton, that Mary had so carefully cared for these many years. Once again, another wonderful collection has arrived at the

Museum, this time from Theodora Scalione Spear. Theodora brought us this black velvet, full brimmed hat, trimmed with feathers and a grosgrain ribbon bow. The hat belonged to her great-aunt, Angelina Bossi Scalione.



This photo of Angelina, wearing the hat, was taken in the fall of 1916 in the back yard of her home at 247 West Street. The velvet is flawless, the feathers not crushed and the bow intact. A close examination shows the edge trim and lining has been stitched by hand. That makes me wonder if the hat had been made here Healdsburg by one of our local millinery stores. Perhaps Dugan Millinery, Gray's Millinery, Miller's Millinery or Shriver Millinery Parlor created the hat so stylishly worn by Angelina that autumn afternoon.



Theodora also donated two dresses, another hat, a beaded purse and a nurse's hat, all belonging to members of her family.

These items have survived the passage of time due to the fact they were, first of all saved by the family and secondly kept safely stored.

If you have family keepsakes that you want to ensure their preservation, give us a call here at the museum and we will help you find the appropriate archival storage supplies. You never know, maybe one day your hat, dress or jewels just might end up in a museum.

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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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