



History Lives Dinner Set for July 12 Edgar Deas Will Be Honored

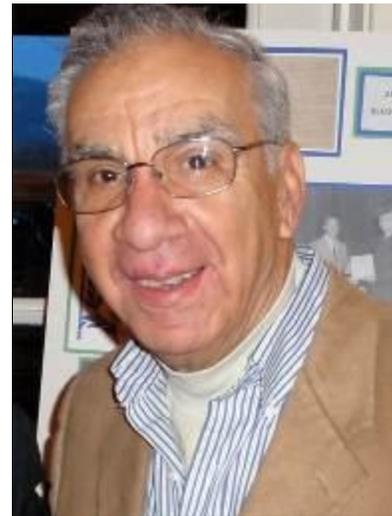
by Arnold Santucci

Edgar Deas, retired business executive, will be the 14th community leader to receive the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society's History Lives/Pioneer Award. He will be honored at a dinner on Thursday, July 12th at Trentadue Winery.

Edgar, a long time supporter of the Healdsburg Museum, is a firm believer in giving back to his community. He has done just that over the years in his business activities and community involvement.

Until his recent retirement, Edgar owned and operated a very successful business, E & M Electric, employing a number of local residents. The firm has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1959 and has aided in its efforts to strengthen the business community.

Edgar was a founding member of the Windsor Oaks Community Bank founded in 1990 and served as its first president. The bank is now North Coast Bank, a part of American River Bank holding company. He is a past president of the Healdsburg Kiwanis (1981) and during his term of office the club sponsored the first of a successful series of wine



Edgar Deas

auctions, the monies remaining in the fund were divided between the Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund and the newly created Wine Library housed in the Healdsburg Library complex. He successfully served his community for four years from 1989 to 1992 as an elected member of the Healdsburg City Council.

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Calendar

June, 2012		July, 2012	
6	HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am Museum Research Center	11	HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am Museum Research Center
19	Board Meeting, 8:30 am Museum Research Center	12	History Lives Dinner, 6:00 pm Trentadue Winery
		16-31	Museum Gallery Closed New Exhibit Installation
		17	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



We had a grand opening reception for the new "Healdsburg War and Peace" exhibit with over 100 people in attendance. It was crowded, but we had great food and a lot of fun! Several people wore their peace gear and those who had served in the military wore whatever part(s) of their uniform they could still wear. Meredith and Jim Dreisback brought their WWII Jeep and invited fellow members of the North Bay Military Vehicle Collectors Club to bring their cool cars. Peter Fraiser came in his 1942 White Scout Car and Bob Taylor drove his Willy's Jeep, which they parked on Matheson Street.

I introduced the exhibit and presented Mary St. Clair, the coordinator of Healdsburg SOS (Supporting Our Soldiers) to talk about her group's on-going project to send care packages and letters to troops stationed in Afghanistan. Healdsburg has a proud tradition of community support for those who serve during wartime. I want this exhibit to raise awareness of this history and to encourage people to get involved. The goal of Healdsburg SOS is to honor and acknowledge the soldiers who are risking their lives in service to our country. We have a station set up in the gallery where you can help send a Healdsburg SOS care package or write a friendly note to a serviceman or woman. (Supporting this group's outreach does not require or imply that you endorse the war.)



Holly Hoods, Mike Lorenzini, Matt Gallo, Frances Lorenzini, Gina Gallo and Bob Labeck

I had a wonderful opportunity to present the Museum's Historic Preservation Award plaque for Commercial Restoration to Matt and Gina Gallo at the grand opening of the former Oliveto Wine Company building at 845 Healdsburg Avenue. It was fantastic to see the brick historic winery building restored and put into productive use as employee

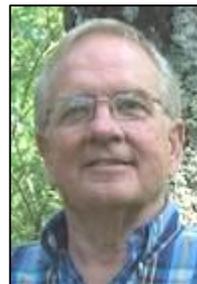
offices. The event was made so much more special by the attendance of Frances Lorenzini (age 92) and her family who traveled from Sacramento and other parts of California for the occasion. The Lorenzinis are pleased and proud that great-grandfather Domenico Lorenzini's building has been preserved by the Gallo family.



Susie Eastman, Marylee McCune and Meredith Dreisback

Three cheers for Assistant Curator Meredith Dreisback and her two Westside Road neighbors, Susie Eastman and Marylee McCune, for walking in the Human Race on behalf of the Museum. They raised about \$300, which we appreciate very much.

President's Corner by Ted Calvert, Board President



Thanks to all who attended the 19th Annual Edwin Langhart Volunteer Awards celebration, May 12th. This year's afternoon event may prove to set a new trend for next year's event and Seghesio Winery's event staff, Dana and company, was superb.

We have forty-four receptionists and a hundred volunteers in HMVA, Healdsburg Museum Volunteer Association. That's an impressive number considering they do it without mention of a paycheck, hours worked, sacrificing for something larger than oneself – donating their time, talent or treasures. It has been said there is distinct connection between volunteerism and one's health. We still need more volunteers of this caliber. It's what Healdsburg volunteers do best - build community!

The Board of Directors is also seeking a sponsor to help fund the hiring of an Administrative Assistant with strong organizational-computer-people skills.

Those of you who have (or know of) contacts and/or affiliations with foundations who award grants to nonprofit museums and can help us reach these grantors. Please contact me at 433-2211 or ted.calvert@yahoo.com.

HMVA News



by Ann Howard, HMVA Chair

The afternoon dinner celebration at Seghesio Winery for the 19th Annual Langhart Award on May 12th was grand fun. Janet Sbragia Pisenti and I have quite a few traits in common. We both enjoyed playing baseball/softball in school, we both once had dark curly

hair - turned gray in the blink of an eye - and each of us has cut our own hair for decades. Edson Howard remarked that our pictures in the Healdsburg Tribune captured our wide, happy grins. I can only hope to publish at least one family history compared to Janet's four!

Congratulations to Holly for creating the deeply thoughtful exhibit, "Healdsburg: War and Peace." I lost count around 100 on opening night May 2nd. The content of the exhibit touched the installers and our visitors in so many ways. Bob Rawlins displayed his well-known authority in uniform, and I was told that Dr. Dave Anderson was called "Hawkeye" when I commented on his resemblance to a certain star of "MASH."

From June through late August IWC tickets will be sold at the Healdsburg Farmers' Market. Two people are needed each Saturday 9 am to noon. Please sign up with Bob Rawlins. On August 25th, the IWC event will again be held at the beautiful Sbragia Winery in upper Dry Creek Valley. Silent auction items are needed; please contact Holly.

I look forward to attending my first California State Button Show near the San Francisco Airport May 19-20. I recently published an article for the California Button Brief on pottery buttons made in mid-1970s by Heath Ceramics of Sausalito, famous dinnerware since the 1940s and later architectural tile. I thrive on serendipity and recently learned that Edith (Kierstzner) Heath was born in 1911 in my hometown, Ida Grove, Iowa!

2012 Instant Wine Cellar *by Lockie Gillies*

The Instant Wine Cellar (IWC) is one of the Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society's most popular events. Hundreds of bottles of wine are donated from generous wineries around the area and raffled off. Drawing the winning tickets will be an integral part of our "A Taste of History" party on Saturday, August 25th, from 2 to 5 pm at Sbragia Family Vineyards. Mark your calendars now. Come out and enjoy the amazing view, live music, fabulous

food by the amazing Kathy King of K King Catering and, of course, Sbragia's stellar wines!

The top two winners each receive an "Instant Wine Cellar," collectively valued at thousands of dollars from some of Sonoma County's finest wineries. Additional raffle tickets will be drawn for a dozen more prizes. A silent auction will provide still further opportunities to take home specially tailored gift packages.

Raffle and event tickets will be available for sale at the Museum and the Saturday morning Healdsburg Farmers' Markets beginning in June. Museum members and businesses throughout the area also receive raffle tickets in the mail for purchase. You will also be able to order event tickets online and/or view the list of raffle prizes and participating wineries on our website: www.healdsburgmuseum.org/events/instant-wine-cellar.asp.

Please contact me at Lockie.gillies@gmail.com or the Museum staff to donate wine or to contribute prizes for the silent auction.

Farmers' Market IWC Sales *by Bob Rawlins*

Hi Ho Folks. We will begin selling Instant Wine Cellar (IWC) tickets at the Farmers' Market beginning Saturday, June 2nd and continuing each Saturday thereafter until August 18th. The IWC celebration and drawing will be August 25th.

We need volunteers to sell tickets, preferably two per Saturday from 9 am to noon. It's fun duty - you get to see friends and neighbors shopping at the market and meet strangers who wonder what does IWC mean.

IWC ticket sales at the Farmers' Market are very important to this fundraiser, normally accounting for +10% of our total sales. Selling IWC tickets to wine drinkers is a lot easier than selling ice to an Eskimo, so don't be shy.

I'll have a sign-up sheet in the Museum office. Stop by and add your name or call me at 431-1109 and I'll take care of it.

Welcome Our Newest HM&HS Members

Robert Muller

Gary Muller

Bram and Gretchen Glaeser

Pat McCracken

Sandra L. Fleming

Patricia Partridge

“Ancestors of Mexico” Update *by Holly Hoods*

The “Ancestors of Mexico” exhibit, celebrating the Mexican history and heritage of northern Sonoma County, will open at the Museum on August 1st. Many immigrant groups have significantly shaped and influenced our community. This exhibit will highlight stories of the people whose families came from Mexico. Our goal will be to create an informative, colorful and entertaining exhibit that will interest people of all ages and ethnic backgrounds.

In support of this exhibit, we are also planning a family-oriented celebration on the Plaza on Sunday, September 16th. This event will include mariachi music, traditional dances by high school and elementary school students, homemade tamales and aguas frescas.

Please contact me or event co-chairs Jeanne Leal Hartlaub (473-9656) and Gabriel Fraire (336-681-7227) if you can help with the event or if you have anything to loan for the exhibit.



Janet Piseni, Ted Calvert and Ann Howard

Langhart Event in Its 19th Year

by Darla Williams Budworth, Chairperson

The 19th annual Edwin Langhart Celebration, honoring Ann Howard & Janet Piseni, held at Seghesio Winery on May 12th was a festive event with delicious food and wine. It was a fitting tribute to the many contributions of these two dedicated volunteers whose commitment and energy have greatly enriched our Museum. For the first time ever,

the event was held in mid-afternoon. The weather cooperated and gave us a blue sky, sunny day, and the event continued into the evening with lots of time for visiting. It was well attended and supported by Museum members.

Greetings from the Mailing Committee

We hope you are continuing to enjoy the always interesting and informative *Russian River Recorder* and *The Review*. We have recently been reminded about a Post Office policy requiring all bulk mail to include the “Return Service Requested” stipulation. This means that all undeliverable mail will be returned to the Museum at the Museum’s expense. It is more important than ever that you please notify us of any change of address or change in status of you and/or any family members. Not only does it help us keep our address lists up-to-date, but it insures that you will continue to receive your monthly and quarterly publications without interruption.

Thanks for your help in conserving both paper and Museum funds!

History Lives Dinner

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Edgar and his family have been strong supporters of many community endeavors, including the grandstand renovation at Recreation Park and the Healdsburg Education Foundation, among many others.

The History Lives dinner, deemed by many Museum members to epitomize what the Museum stands for in the community, was started fourteen years ago, the same year our curator, Holly Hoods, joined the Museum staff as its Research Director.

The gala event will get underway at 6 pm with a champagne reception, followed by the dinner and program.

Stan Becker is chairman of the event. He is assisted by Peachie and Norm Dunlavy, Mark Gleason, Kay Robinson, Barbara Baxter, Madeline Wallace, Bob Rawlins, Vi and Arnold Santucci and Holly Hoods.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, please contact Stan at 433-5111.

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

Contributions in Memory of:

Louis Foppiano - from Joel & Harlene Wright
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Donations for Langhart Celebration

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Larry Orr

Collections Corner

by Meredith Dreisback



Holly and I have said many times over how valuable the volunteers are to the successful operation of the Museum. I would like to recognize five volunteers who have worked with me on the collections, every Thursday for the past six months (and more).

Gail Richard has indexed all 116 issues of the Russian River Recorder into the Museum's PastPerfect database, recording the title of each article, a brief description of each photo, people's names, and keywords. There is a wealth of information in the Recorders and now that information is readily retrievable. While Gail was working on this project she discovered three issues are missing; #45 (Summer 1994), #53 (Spring 1996) and #65 (Summer 1999). Does anyone have these issues? If you do, and can bring them to Museum, we'll make a copy for our file. Thank you.

Pamela Volante recently re-organized and properly labeled the Historic Resources Inventory documents making them easy to reference when looking for historic data about the properties. Because these documents are used quite often, they were beginning to show wear and tear. In the organization process, Pamela was able to repair the pages and to protect them from further damage.

Lynne Rosenthal, with her excellent typing skills, has been reviewing and indexing in PastPerfect many, many deed and land records. Kudos to her for

being able to read some of the elaborate handwriting that recorded these documents back in the late 1800's and early 1900's! Again, these documents are now searchable in our data base.

Roger Hull is bringing our ephemera collection to life as he fine-tunes, organizes and specifically labels files within the broad categories of the boxes. If you are looking for New Louvre Café, you'll quickly find it in Businesses/Restaurants. (Yes, there really was a New Louvre Café at 304 Matheson Street, Phone No. 237, serving "Clean Food", offering "Quick Service" at "Moderate Prices".)

Pat McCracken, as a life-long resident of Windsor/Healdsburg, is our go-to girl to identify people in photographs. She can take a look at someone from the 30's, 40's, 50's and give us names, most times first and last. She also has patiently numbered literally hundreds of objects, carefully writing tiny little numbers on the object, or by sewing a label or tying a tag onto the object. This is a very time-consuming part of the accessioning/cataloging process and Pat does a fantastic job.

The end of result of all this "labor of love", by our volunteers, is to make the Museum's information and collection more accessible to those who come to use our research facility or to view objects in the collection. If we can't find what they are looking for we cannot provide the service.

So, thanks again, to Gail, Pamela, Lynne, Roger and Pat and all the many, many volunteers who make the Healdsburg Museum the best museum in Sonoma County.

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