



Healdsburg: War and Peace Opens Wednesday, May 2nd

Our new exhibit at the Healdsburg Museum will highlight the bravery and sacrifice of the local men and women of the military who served in wartime. It will also present the idealism and passion of local peace activists, dating back to World War I. Photos and artifacts from the Civil War to the present will illustrate many facets including shared sacrifice on the home front during wartime, advertising and propaganda, horrors and heroism, victory gardens, Civil Defense, military uniforms and medals. We will also have a very large bulletin board for visitors to share their own photos of wartime service and/or peace movement participation.

Several unique local stories will be featured, including Julius Myron Alexander's 1914 creation and promotion of a Universal Peace Flag; the establishment of a WWII German P.O.W. Camp in Windsor; the City of Healdsburg adoption of a U.S. Army Battalion during the Korean War; and the current efforts of Mary St. Clair and the "Healdsburg SOS (Support Our Soldiers)" organization to send care packages to soldiers stationed in Afghanistan.

We hope you will find the exhibit moving, educational and intriguing.



Peace Flag



Veterans Memorial Statue

The opening reception will be 5:30 pm Wednesday, May 2nd. We invite your participation in any/all of the following ways:

- Bring a photo of yourself or a family member serving in the military during wartime. Bring a photo of yourself or a family member participating in peace activism. We will scan it and display it on the bulletin board in the Museum gallery during the exhibit.
- Wear all or part of your military uniform.
- Bring a \$25 check to donate a care package to "Healdsburg SOS."

Calendar

May, 2012

- 2 HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am
Museum Research Center
- 2 "Healdsburg: War and Peace"
Opening Reception 5:30 pm
- 12 Langhart Celebration
Seghesio Winery 2:30 pm
- 15 Board Meeting, 8:30 am
Museum Research Center

- 24 FFA Parade and BBQ
Museum Garden 5:30 pm
- 27 Antique Fair on the Plaza
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

June, 2012

- 6 HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am
Museum Research Center
- 19 Board Meeting, 8:30 am
Museum Research 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



We have recently implemented a new system for tracking the activity in the Research Center: appointments, drop-ins, volunteers working on projects, board members working, etc. If you don't spend a lot of time at the Museum, you might be surprised at just how busy we are - and why Meredith and I long for an administrative assistant!

Here is a snapshot. Most days, the phone rings approximately every 5-20 minutes. As Curator/Research Curator, I receive at least 15 emails every day. On average, we see 2-3 scheduled appointments each day in the Research Center and receive 5 drop-in visitors. These people are usually looking for answers to local history questions, wanting to do genealogical research, offering to donate artifacts, wanting to locate a gravesite at Oak Mound Cemetery or seeking historical photos. We advertise that we offer "research by appointment," but the truth is that most people don't make appointments. They assume that if Museum gallery is open, the Research Center is available too, like a regular library. Meredith and I accommodate them on the spot whenever we can. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are the main volunteer work days with 2-7 volunteers helping Meredith and me with research, collections management, scanning, typing and newspaper indexing. In the Museum gallery, we generally see between 4-25 visitors per day with occasional larger school or tour groups of 10-30 people. There is never a dull day at the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society!

Barbara Wittke Barnes is trying to identify a house in her grandmother Jean Fitzsimmons' photo album labeled "De... Ranch near Healdsburg, 1910." If you recognize this house, please notify me at the Museum.



Other recent historical research has included: Library Science graduate student Reagan Rhea researching the founding of the Healdsburg Library; Matt Hays researching the 19th century Hays family in Healdsburg; Bram and Gretchen Glaeser seeking

the uncover the history of the W.H. and Bessie Chaney house at 134 Sherman Street; Sonoma State undergrad Blanca Flores researching Pomo history and culture; CALTRANS archaeologist Christiaan Havelaar researching the cement pilings adjacent to Memorial Bridge; and a genealogist in British Columbia seeking information about the Jonathan Hardy family in 1890s Healdsburg.

President's Corner

by Ted Calvert, Board President



Grant writing is an important potential funding resource for the museum. Those who can help us reach grantors or who have affiliations with foundations, please contact me (ted.calvert@yahoo.com or 433-2211.)

The board of directors is seeking a sponsor(s) to fund the hiring of an office manager with strong organizational, computer, and people skills. The hiring of an effective office manager will help us develop into the best regional museum possible.

Kudos to Master Craftsman Jon Lacaillade for building attachable extensions to the Research Center's "Great Table." What was once a table only eight feet in length can now be an eight, twelve, or sixteen foot table which seats up to eighteen people, providing sufficient seating for HMVA and Board of Directors meetings! This, in addition to the long-overdue Research Center renovation, has created a first-rate, professional facility.

Our gala celebration at the Seghesio Winery on May 12th will acknowledge two most deserving volunteers, Ann Howard and Janet Sbragia-Pisenti. I've worked with both of these volunteers and witnessed their passion and invaluable efforts in helping to keep our local historic culture, heritage, and family histories alive and our mission spot-on! Please join us.

HMVA News

by Ann Howard, HMVA Chair



It seems that work and research have settled down to a smooth hum around the museum following the construction work in the Research Center - looks and feels very organized and professional.

What Ted Calvert, our Board President, now calls the "Great Table" was created by Jon Lacaillade who built wood additions to the two ends of the conference table that can be

easily removed, folded, and stored in the supply closet. At least 16 people can sit comfortably during a meeting. (Catherine Curtis waved to me from the far end at the recent HMVA meeting – the first official gathering.) Thank you, Jon, from all of us!

Those beautiful invitations that you received in the mail for the Langhart Celebration on Saturday, May 12th were designed and printed in-house by our multi-talented volunteer and new Board member, Maggie Bates. She also cut each of the three inserts four times by hand to fit the envelopes! Please purchase your ticket and join in the celebration of the dedicated volunteer talents shared at the museum. (The museum will be closed that day.)

Maggie also helped Holly and marketing and public relations volunteer Marva Weidemer create new rack cards (2,500) listing the exhibits for 2012 with a map and address of the museum. Marva has compiled a list of businesses, so please call her (433-0156) if you can help her with distribution.

The museum will be closed April 16th through May 1st in order to install “Healdsburg: War and Peace.” Holly mentioned that stories and memorabilia from our local Vietnam Veterans would be a welcome addition to our exhibit; please contact her if you know any veterans.

On Wednesday, May 2nd, our monthly HMVA meeting will be held at 9:30 am in the Research Room and everyone is always welcome. From 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm that day will be the reception for the new exhibit. Please contact Cathy Anderson (857-3884) if you can bring finger foods and/or volunteer at the reception. Wine will be served.

Jeff Kan Lee, *Press Democrat* photographer, native of Locke, CA, and an authority on the historical Chinese community south of Sacramento (about 2.5 hours from Healdsburg) has offered a guided tour. Other possible member group trip suggestions are to the Grace Hudson Museum, Ukiah, during the current “Out of the Comfort Zone – New Directions in Quilting” exhibit thru July 29th and/or to the Cloverdale Historical Society Museum. Please contact me (473-9803 or alhoward@alhoward.org) if you are interested in any of these. No dates have been set. It will depend on the response.

Please note a correction in the April HMVA News column. Recorded volunteer hours for 2011 totaled 12,108 of which 1,278 were Bob Rawlins. He mentioned that the total 12,108 is probably only half of what volunteers actually worked. Your recorded

volunteer efforts are very important to us, and particularly for use in writing grants.

“Ancestors of Mexico” Update *by Holly Hoods*

The “Ancestors of Mexico” exhibit will be opening at the Healdsburg Museum in the Fall 2012 instead of Spring 2012 as previously announced. We are planning a family-oriented celebration on the Plaza to accompany the exhibit. By moving the events to the fall, we can more easily involve high school and elementary school students. The City Parks Department is currently reviewing our application to host a “minor event” on the Plaza on Sunday, September 16th, which is also Mexican Independence Day. We will keep you informed as our plans solidify.

Historic Healdsburg Homes Tour

On Sunday, May 6th, six of Healdsburg’s finest historic homes will be showcased on a self-guided walking tour sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Guests check in at the Healdsburg Museum from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. The homes will be open for touring from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Knowledgeable docents will be on hand at each home to provide information about the home’s unique history and distinctive architectural features. All proceeds support local public education and individual scholarships.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 day of the tour. They may be purchased online www.healdsburgaauw.com, at the Healdsburg Museum and at Levin and Company on Center Street.

Just a Few Seats Left!

Two outstanding volunteers, Ann Howard and Janet Sbragia Pisenti, will be honored the Langhart Celebration on Saturday, May 12th at the Seghesio Family Vineyards. The festivities will start at 2:30 pm with a wine reception in the Grove, followed by an early dinner in the Redwood Room.

Tickets are \$70.00 each and there are only a few seats remaining. Help us thank Janet and Ann for all their contributions to the Museum's success.

Contact Darla Budworth (threeds@sonic.net) to reserve your place.

Parade Watching Party - BBQ *by Holly Hoods*

Healdsburg Museum members and their guests are cordially invited to join us once again in the Museum garden to watch the Future Farmers’

Country Fair Parade. This year we will be grilling delicious grass-fed beef hamburgers and premium hot dogs from John Ford Ranch along with homemade salads and dessert. We will also be serving local wines, soft drinks and water.

Come cheer on the parade! The BBQ begins at 5:30 pm and the parade starts at 6:00 pm.

Please reserve your place in advance so that we know how much food to buy. The full meal with beverages and dessert is \$20. If you have special dietary needs, bring along your own grillables. **RSVP by May 19th by calling the Museum (431-3325) or sending an email to holly@healdsburghmuseum.org.** Bring a lawn chair.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Antique Fair

by Bob Rawlins

The locker is still not well stocked for the coming Antique Fair on the Plaza, Sunday, May 27th from 9 am to 4 pm. I thank all who have donated so far and also thank the procrastinators who will surely come through with really great donations.

We will definitely need sales help during the fair - generally two people per two hour shift as

“Family History Essay Challenge”

This year’s “Family History Essay Challenge” was better than ever, featuring insightful stories and compelling writing. Students are invited to write a story about one of their ancestors and encouraged to interview a parent, aunt, uncle or grandparent to discover things they never knew about their own family’s history.

Phyllis Chiosso Liu, Jenny Meeker, Lynn Rosenthal and Bob Rawlins helped me evaluate over 100 essay submissions from Northern Sonoma County schools, grades 2-6. We judged the submissions on research, style, spelling and grammar, applying the grade-level Common Core Standards for English Language Arts. We will present prize certificates and cash awards to the winners at the Museum on Sunday, May 6th at 4:00 pm.

The winning essays will be published in the *Healdsburg Tribune*.

GRADES 2, 3

First Prize - Kate Hall

St. John the Baptist School, 2nd Grade
“My Grandma’s Life”

Second Prize - Christiane Anton

St. John the Baptist School, 3rd Grade
“A Story About My Grandpa”

Third Prize - Shea Line

St. John the Baptist School, 3rd Grade
“A Story About My Great, Great, Great Grandmother”

GRADES 4, 5

First Prize - Marques Pigg

4th Grade, Windsor Christian Academy
“Benjamin Franklin Pigg”

Second Prize - Annabelle Lampson

follows: 8 am to 10 am, 10 am to noon, noon to 2 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm. If you would like to try your hand at convincing passers-by they should buy something they may not really need, please sign up on the list posted in the Museum office. You may also volunteer by calling the office (431-3325) or by contacting me (431-1109) and I’ll sign you up. It’s interesting, challenging, and always fun. I’ll buy the coffee.

Do stop by the Museum table - you might find something you cannot live without!

Save the Date!

Members of the Healdsburg Senior Writing Project have been hard at work documenting their personal histories. On Saturday, June 16th, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Healdsburg Senior Center, 133 Matheson St., they will hold a celebration for their published book, “*Tuesday Morning Memories*.” Seventeen authors will read from their own works, visit with the audience and sign books which will be available for purchase.

Contact the Healdsburg Senior Center (431-3324) for more information.

by Holly Hoods

4th Grade, Geyserville Elementary School

“Lampson Family History”

Third Prize - Sofia Fausone

4th Grade, West Side School

“Augustus George Vernon Harcourt”

GRADES 6, 7, 8

(no 7th or 8th graders submitted essays)

First Prize - Emma Esquivel

6th Grade, West Side School

“My Dad”

Second Prize - Graham Dalton-Ballard

6th Grade, West Side School

“John Fredrick Dalton”

Third Prize - Flynn Melendy-Collier

6th grade, The Healdsburg School

“An Ancestor to Remember”

Contributions in Memory of:

Erma Velasquez - from Alma, Shirley, & Rick Buchignani
Margaret "Peg" Hazel - from Marcia Teuschler
Louis Foppiano - from Barry & Sally Smith
Vince Lodrago, Robert Anderson, Dorothy Vellutini Monize, Virginia Thomson and Father John Edward McEnhill - from Jack & Doreene Zanzi

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Eleanor Zak, Dr. Nick Grace, Del Kron, Baby Gino Sbragia, and Clarence Ruonavaara – from Kay & Ted Robinson

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Collections Corner

by Meredith Dreisback



Music, the military and our museum. Music has always been an integral part of the military, beginning with the Revolutionary War. George Washington knew the importance of military music to inspire and stimulate the troops. This premise continued through the decades until General Pershing expanded the number of Army bands from 83 in 1932 to 500 during World War II. Military bands continued to serve during peacetime and later conflicts, including Afghanistan. Oftentimes military band members served in other capacities such as security and construction.

Our collection is fortunate to have a uniform that once was worn by Gary Smith a member of the 6th Army Band, 1956 – 1959. The 6th Army band was stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco and performed throughout the bay area including Healdsburg. Gary's father, George Smith (the last owner of Sanitary Dairy), in collaboration with Milt Brandt, was instrumental in bringing the



Army Band to the Future Farmer's Parade in 1957 and 1958. Gary Smith was a member of that band and played the clarinet. At the end of his term in the Army, Gary was stationed in Washington, D.C. and performed for dignitaries at the White House. Thank you, Faye, for donating this wonderful addition to the Museum.

Music's role on the home front during wartime played a very important role. Songs were written specifically to inspire patriotism and support of military actions. A sampling from the Museum's collection contains sheet music for "Any Bonds Today?" words and music by Irving Berlin and "There's a Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere", by Paul Roberts and Shelby Darnell. Both of these songs were written in 1941 to encourage American citizens to purchase "U.S. Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps". These samples and others will be on display during the Museum's next exhibit, War and Peace that opens May 2.



How does music play a role in your life?

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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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