



Doreene Zanzi



Nanci Gunnerson

Langhart Volunteer Awards

by Holly Hoods

On Saturday, May 11th, we will honor two longtime dedicated volunteers, Doreene White Zanzi and Nanci Gunnerson, with the prestigious Langhart Award during a reception and dinner at Tayman Golf Club. This award for outstanding volunteer service to the Museum is named for our founder, Edwin Langhart. Each year deserving Museum volunteers

are selected by a panel of previous Langhart Award honorees. This year's event is chaired by Darla Williams Budworth.

Doreene, a Healdsburg native, was born in the old Healdsburg General Hospital on Johnson Street and attended Healdsburg schools. She grew up picking prunes, hops and pears and worked as a

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Calendar

April, 2013

- 3 HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am
Museum Research Center
- 13 Quilt Show, 9am to 4pm
Healdsburg Senior Living Cntr.
- 16 Board Meeting, 8:30 am
Museum Research Center
- 29 Museum Closed for New
Exhibit Installation

May, 2013

- 2 HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am
Museum Research Center
- 5 AAUW Historic Homes Tour
- 11 Langhart Award Dinner, 5pm
Tayman Golf Club
- 11 Human Race
- 15 New Exhibit Opening
Reception, 5:30pm
- 21 Board Meeting, 8:30 am
Museum Research Center
- 23 FFA Parade and Barbecue, 5pm
Museum Garden

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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



March has been eventful time at the Museum. Did you see the front page article in the *Healdsburg Tribune* about our partnership with Healdsburg High School photography students? Our newest exhibit, "Healdsburg: 100 Years Past and Present," includes a photographic display of Healdsburg taken by Mervyn Silberstein a century ago. Mervyn began taking photos in 1903 when he was in high school and that inspired me to reach out to some of our current high school students. We have invited them to take creative photos of their surroundings to add to this exhibit and later archive as a photographic time capsule.

I have been conducting several research projects, including the former telephone company building (later optometrist office) at 135-137 Matheson Street. I helped a visitor from Texas research the Bear Flag Revolt. Julie Kennedy from Healdsburg Lumber Company needed information about this longstanding local business. She was thrilled that we had historical articles and photographs of the business dating back to 1900.

I also spent some of this past month delving into the fascinating subject of women's suffrage in Sonoma County. It was the subject of a presentation I made to the Geyserville Chamber of Commerce in honor of Women's History Month.

I will be giving an evening presentation about Madam Emily Preston and the historic Preston colony at the Cloverdale History Center on April 30th.

President's Corner

by Stan Becker, Board President



Spring is a time for renewal. Let me urge all the faithful to renew your membership; perhaps at the next higher level.

Speaking of membership, we have approximately 600 members. Our town has a population of nearly 12,000. If we could get 10% of the population to join we would double our membership. If we all recruit one new member, we can do it.

I would also like to extend my warm welcome to our newest board member, Nydia Goode. Nydia's knowledge and enthusiasm will be a great asset to the Museum.

HMVA News

by Ann Howard, HMVA Chair



We knew that Holly was going to present a lively program entitled "Do-Gooders, Tee-Totalers, Rabble-Rousers and Schoolmarms: Women's Suffrage in Sonoma County" to the Geyserville Chamber of Commerce on March 14th during Women's History Month. Reports after her Power Point presentation were that the crowd was captivated.

Unfortunately we, the Dry Creek Neighbors' Club (proudly 103 years old since November 1909), were cooking in the other room and serving the sold-out, corned-beef and cabbage meal, so we missed her presentation. We spoke with Holly hoping to somehow schedule her program. Ironically, two days later when I was to host the monthly Neighbors' meeting, our speaker cancelled due to illness. I called Holly and she agreed to bring the show to our eager members. She even included information about Mrs. Elsie Watson, an early Healdsburg suffragette, who had a polling place in her home in 1911. (Mrs. Watson joined the Dry Creek Neighbors' Club in 1914.) Most interesting is the fact that in those early days women had to convince men to vote for the California State Amendment to allow women the right to vote. It passed in October 1911, the sixth state to do so. California was the 18th State to ratify the 19th Amendment, with ratification by 36 states completed in 1920 which allowed women the right to vote in federal elections. An outstanding presentation, Holly!

April 13th will be the 2nd Annual Quilt Road Show sponsored by Healdsburg Senior Living at 725 Grove Street from 9am to 4pm. The Museum will participate with a historic quilt display. Back by popular demand, quilt expert Julie Silber will examine quilts brought in by the public from noon to 3pm. Admission is a \$3 donation and for a mere \$2 you can have your quilt hung to participate in a contest with monetary prizes. Appetizers, wine tasting, raffle and door prizes will also be included. Contact Healdsburg Senior Living (395-2302) for more information.

This is my fourth year as HMVA (Healdsburg Museum Volunteer Association) Coordinator. I would like to find a successor to mentor for the rest of the year. The job entails working closely with Holly, Meredith, the Board of Directors, the committees within HMVA, and the receptionists.

The HMVA Coordinator is also a Director on the Board. Please call me (473-9803) if you are interested in this most rewarding volunteer work. (By the way, I plan to remain actively involved with all museum activities, exhibits, publications and events!)



Introducing New Board Member:

Nydia Goode

In December of 1965, my husband Dale and I came to Healdsburg and instantly fell in love with this beautiful area. It was a time of change, when prune orchards turned to vineyards and Dale became a part of (and added to) the first expanding growth and development of the grape industry here. Here among the vast, engaging and important history of this area and its families that go way back, I still consider myself a newcomer.

In November of last year, displaying my Dollhouse brought me to the Museum and I was hooked. I came at the time of the upheaval of changing the displays for “Magical Toyland.” As I worked steadily in the middle of it all, I was amazed to see the incredible cohesion and dedication of volunteers, receptionists, Museum staff and high school students - all ages, talents, and varied interests. The wealth of records and photos and the work required to sort, categorize and preserve it all was orchestrated by incredible Holly Hoods, the Curator. She took a courageous step to encourage my vision that the Dollhouse could provide something unique for our small town museum - a place for imagination and fun for children and the child in each of us. The rest is history as the dollhouse is very happy here and I think it wanted to keep me around!

As I became more involved in different aspects of the exhibits and interacted with the

receptionists and key volunteers, I just knew this was a place I might take part in and pay back to my community what it had provided for me. And low and behold, just recently an unexpected vacancy opened up in the Board and here I am.

Growing up in Bakersfield, I now realize I was being primed for what I hope to do by being on the Board. My stepmother was very active in the Assistance League of Bakersfield. I just took for granted the dedication and involvement she put forth in an organization that expanded in financial growth and community involvement. I now see this was due to smooth interaction, communication and respect shown among the Board, officers, and volunteers. Above all, the members had fun.

I’ve had varied and definite involvement in several major organizations. I believe I have a pretty good picture of what worked and what didn’t, so I bring experience too. We are coalescing a fine Board now with varied and unique talents. My main vision is to help enhance communication, cooperation and understanding between the “Upstairs” (Museum gallery), the “Downstairs” (research and collections), and the Board of Directors. We will be an extraordinary Museum, serving Healdsburg with education, involvement, and fun.

Do Dates

by Bob Rawlins

Things are coming together for two important Museum events: the Langhart Dinner and the Instant Wine Cellar (IWC).

By now, you should have received your invitation to the Langhart Dinner honoring Nanci Gunnerson and Doreene Zanzi for their long service to HM&HS. The dinner will take place on Saturday, May 11th at the Tayman Golf Club and it will be spectacular (thanks Darla). It really helps planning if you send in your reservations early; so please don’t delay.

The IWC committee is already working on a gala celebration to be held on Sunday, August 18th at Sbragia Winery in Dry Creek Valley. We will need help from members to sort out donations, help with letters of thanks, sell raffle tickets at the Saturday Healdsburg Farmer’s Market and other places in town, make phone calls, pick up wine donations and who knows what else? Please contact me at 431-1109 or rawlins@sonic.net if you can spare some time to help out. Don’t be shy - you’ll get your reward in heaven ...or someplace!

Family History Essay Challenge

by Phyllis Chiosso Liu

HM&HS was excited to once again sponsor the 13th Annual Family History Essay Challenge. Students in grades 2-8 were encouraged to submit an essay about an ancestor in their own family. The Challenge was open to both public and private schools from Geyserville to Windsor. Essays were judged by a team of museum volunteers on research, style, spelling, and grammar in conjunction with grade level Common Core Standards. Cash prizes (\$15 - \$25) are awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade level.

Studies have shown that students' knowledge of their own family's history helps them develop a better sense of resiliency, self esteem and feeling of control over their own lives. It gives them the understanding of belonging to something bigger than themselves; a connection to the past in their own personal history (from *The Secrets of a Happy Family* by Bruce Feiler.) HM&HS is helping to facilitate this process of self-discovery by offering this opportunity to the students.

The essays were due at the end of March. Look for a photograph of all the winners in an upcoming edition of the Healdsburg Tribune.

Sonoma County Human Race

by Meredith Dreisback

Grown, Bloom and Go.....the seed has been planted; now it is time for our plant to grow. It needs more water and sun (aka money!) to thrive. Making a donation to the Museum's Human Race team (the plant) is easy. Just go to www.humanracenow.org/goto/HealdsburgMuseum1 and make your donation! Any and all donations will be most appreciated. We would love to have our "plant" reach the moon!

Another way you can contribute to the Human Race project is to be a part of the making-paper-flowers-party on Thursday, April 25th, 11:00 am at the Museum. We will use the paper flowers to decorate our informational booth at the Human Race Marketplace. The brighter the flowers and the more we have will catch everyone's eye, drawing them to see what the Museum is all about. Please mark your calendar for April 25th and be a part of flower party.

Don't forget to let your Facebook friends

know about the Museum's participation in the Human Race.

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nurse's aide at the Hospital, under the supervision of her aunt, Nercilla Jones Harlan, the head nurse and owner of the Hospital. As an adult, Doreene worked for several physicians in Healdsburg, retiring from Dr. Carl Anderson's orthopedic group in Santa Rosa after 30 years. Recruited by Darla Williams Budworth, Doreene become a Healdsburg Museum volunteer in 1993. Ever since that time, Doreene and Darla have shared receptionist duties in the Museum gallery on the last Thursday of the month. Doreene has also helped sell Instant Wine Cellar tickets in the Plaza and served for many years as the "Sunshine Chair" sending cheerful cards to various members of HMVA and as a hostess/cook/baker for Museum receptions and meetings.

Nanci Gunnerson grew up in San Francisco, the only child of a dentist. She received her education at a very strict girls' school and attended Stanford University, where she met her husband Lee. The Gunnersons raised two daughters in several different states, moving frequently as Lee's career with Shell Oil required. In 1990, after Lee's retirement, they moved to Healdsburg and historic Camp Rose on Fitch Mountain. Nanci joined the Museum in 1993 and has served in many different capacities over the years. She has worked on the Barn Sale and Instant Wine Cellar fundraisers, helped with the Gift Shop, worked as receptionist and served on the Nominating Committee. Nanci currently volunteers in the Museum research library, helping with the important work of newspaper indexing.

Make a reservation now and join us in honoring these two deserving ladies. Individual tickets are \$70 per person. Contact the Museum (431-3325 or info@healdsburgmuseum.org) for additional information. Seating is limited.

**New Exhibit Opening Reception
May 15th @5:30pm
The Movie Stars Next Door:
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and the MacMurray Ranch**

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Collections Corner *by Meredith Dreisback*



Did you know the Rainbow Girls organization has been active in Healdsburg since June 1927? According to the June 23, 1927 issue of the *Healdsburg Tribune* over 100 members of the Eastern Star and Masonic fraternity, Rainbow Girls and guests attended

the institution of the newly organized Healdsburg Rainbow Girls Assembly at the Masonic Hall. I share this fact with you as a tidbit of information relating to this month's Collections Corner object.



The Museum recently received the donation of a Royal Stafford Bone China teacup and saucer commemorating the installation of Pat Agostini McCracken as Worthy Advisor of the Healdsburg Rainbow Girls on May 23, 1954. The white bone

china teacup and saucer is edged with gold and has the Rainbow Girls emblem in the bottom of the cup and in the center of the saucer. The Museum collection also has a Rainbow Girls pin representing the official emblem of the assembly. The gold pin/emblem is clasped hands below a rainbow with a small pot of gold attached to a chain.

Longtime museum volunteer and receptionist, Darla Williams Budworth, was also the Worthy Advisor of the Healdsburg Rainbow Girls in 1953.

HM&HS Wish List *by Meredith Dreisback*

My thanks to Kaye and Barry Stallard and Ann Howard for donating printer paper and sheet protectors to our office supplies inventory. All the donations received over the past two months are most appreciated and being used on a daily basis.

Please take a moment and look over our current wish list once again.

- Printer/scanner for Holly's office
- Sheets of \$1.00 stamps
- HP #950 Black printer ink
- HP #951 Magenta, Yellow and Cyan printer ink
- Epson Premium Presentation Paper Matte 13"x19" for ink jet printer

If you can contribute any of these items, please contact me at 431-3325 or meredith@healdsburgmuseum.org.

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