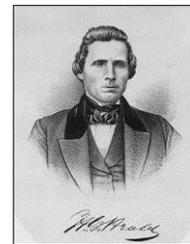




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AUGUST, 2013

New "Farm to Table" Exhibit and MacMurray Exhibit *held over by popular demand!*

by Holly Hoods

Our newest exhibit, "Farm to Table," opens August 7th with a reception for Museum members at 5:30 pm. The exhibit will focus on the agricultural heritage of northern Sonoma County: the crops, the foodways and the agricultural practices. It will also highlight contemporary efforts to keep agricultural traditions alive: farmer's markets, community-supported agriculture programs (CSAs), Farm to Pantry gleaners, Sonoma County Farm Trails, Sonoma County Farm Bureau and Slow Food.

Several special events will be held during this exhibit period including a free open house at a local farm to "Meet Your Vegetables," a heritage dinner dedicated to the historic Bodega red potato, an Heirloom Tomato Festival, and a Mexican Heritage Festival in the Plaza.



The "Movie Stars Next Door: Fred MacMurray, June Haver and the MacMurray Ranch" exhibit and audio tour have been so popular that we decided to extend their run through October. We also have a rustically elegant event planned at MacMurray Ranch on August 9th. (See "An Evening at MacMurray Ranch" on page 3 for more information.)

Calendar

August, 2013

- 2 Volunteer Picnic, 6:00 pm, Brandt Family Picnic Area
- 7 HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am, Museum Research Center
- 7 "Farm to Table" Exhibit Opening Reception, 5:30 pm
- 9 An Evening at MacMurray Ranch, 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Twin Valley Ranch
- 18 Instant Wine Cellar "Sip, Savor & Celebrate!" Party, 2:00 to 5:00 pm, Sbragia Family Vineyards
- 20 Board Meeting, 8:30 am, Museum Research Center
- 25 Antique Fair, 9:00 am to 4:00pm, Healdsburg Plaza

September, 2013

- 4 HMVA Meeting, 9:30 am, Museum Research Center
- 17 Board Meeting, 8:30 am, Museum Research Center
- 21 Heirloom Tomato Festival, Senior Living Center
- 22 Mexican Heritage Festival, Healdsburg Plaza

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Wednesday – Sunday
CLOSED MONDAY and TUESDAY

Research Center
open by appointment
Thursday – Saturday

History Matters *by*



Holly Hoods, Curator

Research has been especially rewarding and fun lately. Jane Rosenberg came to the Museum seeking photos of a historic local building she owns: the former Chambaud/Simi Winery at the corner of Hudson and Front Streets. We were able to provide photos of the building in 1908 with a gable roof and a dirt road. Chambaud building tenant Mel Amato and I have happily researched this building for years. Jane was pleased to obtain copies of articles and maps depicting the history of the building. Thanks to Kip Miller for encouraging this research.



Attorney Edward

McCutchan has been spending many fruitful hours at the Museum lately, perusing our extensive files about the late beloved Healdsburg resident, Smith Robinson. Edward is working on a book about "Smitty" and would welcome hearing from people with firsthand stories of this

influential and memorable community leader.

Author Lisa Michaels is working on a novel about Healdsburg's Civil War hero, Col. Roderick Matheson. This will be her second historical novel. Lisa has already done impressive research to prepare the historical context of her book. We spent hours together reviewing Matheson artifacts as she gathered information about the pioneer community of Healdsburg.



Thanks to local experts Roy Lowe and Bob Curtis for coming forward in response to my request last month for information about the former George Miller residence where Safeway is now. Retired many years from a long distinguished career with the City, Roy remembered the house being there in the 1970s just before land was cleared for the Vineyard Center shopping complex. Surveyor Bob Curtis called to tell me that he has deeds and map references to the George Miller property. Miller descendant Rich Tuttle will be thrilled to visit Bob's office. There is no one more knowledgeable about the historical geography of our county than Bob Curtis or

more knowledgeable about our city than Roy Lowe. I have learned a lot from them.

We just had a visit from Kathleen Eagan, a proud descendant of Capt. Henry Fitch and Josefa Carrillo de Fitch, the former owners of the Sotoyome Rancho which included present-day Healdsburg. Like others, Kathleen has tried to obtain the cooperation of the owners of Oak Mound Cemetery to get their permission to clear weeds from the overgrown and untended pioneer graves. Kathleen would welcome hearing from other concerned people. You may reach her at kathleeneagan34@gmail.com. To date, all of our sincere efforts have been rebuffed. And the weeds keep growing.

President's Corner *by Stan Becker, Board President*



What have you been doing this summer? Your museum has been super busy.

Our current exhibit, "The Movie Stars Next Door: Fred MacMurray, June Haver and the MacMurray Ranch," has been playing to "full houses." Our clever curator has figured out how to extend it while keeping the next exhibit at its scheduled time.

The museum table at the Saturday Farmers Market has also been busy selling IWC raffle tickets, museum memberships and keeping visitors and locals aware of our good works.

The Georgetown BBQ was a blast. Many thanks to Kate MacMurray and Madeline Wallace for a stellar performance.

The month of August promises to be just as busy with two great fundraising events, An Evening at MacMurray Ranch and the IWC/"Sip, Savor & Celebrate!" party, and a new exhibit opening. Details for each of these events are provided elsewhere in this issue. I encourage you to check them out and mark your calendar. It's going to be fun month. Come out and join us!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Mexican Heritage Festival

September 22nd

Healdsburg Plaza

An Evening at MacMurray Ranch

On Friday, August 9th, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Kate MacMurray will host a special evening at the beautiful MacMurray Ranch on Westside Road to benefit the Museum. Guests will enjoy a private tour of the property, a viewing of one of Fred MacMurray's most popular films and enjoy delicious appetizers in a magnificent setting.

Kate will lead guests on an exclusive tour of the MacMurray homestead. The appetizers will be artfully prepared by Gia Passalacqua and well matched with MacMurray Ranch wines. (Nonalcoholic beverages will also be available.) Guests will be invited to view one of Fred MacMurray's most hilarious comedies, "The Egg and I." Co-starring Claudette Colbert, it is based on the bestselling novel of the same name and tells the story of a newlywed couple from the city who struggle to raise chickens in the country. Kate will introduce the film.



Join us for a fun and uniquely entertaining experience at MacMurray Ranch. Sponsored by the Fred and June MacMurray Foundation, the event's proceeds will help fund the Museum's operating expenses.

Attendance for this special event is limited to 80 people and tickets are selling fast. Ticket price is \$100. Contact the Museum (707-431-3325) or go online (www.healdsburgmuseum.org) to place your order.

Instant Wine Cellar

by Bob Rawlins

Our nineteenth Instant Wine Cellar fundraiser promises to be all it has ever been and more. We have our usual wide ranging Instant Wine Cellars as the main prizes plus a host of other gifts to raffle off. Raffle tickets are available at the Museum table during the Saturday morning Farmer's Market through August 17th and at the Museum Reception desk. You can win with just one ticket, it's true, but your chances are much better with multiple ticket purchases.

The "Sip, Savor & Celebrate!" party takes place on Sunday, August 18th from 2 to 5 pm at

Sbragia Winery, 9990 Dry Creek Rd, Geyserville. We will have assorted beverages, a bountiful buffet by K. King Catering and wonderful music by the Festival of Friends. We will have our drawing for the Instant Wine Cellars and other assorted prizes. You don't have to be present to win those, but you do have to be present for the Event Only Instant Wine Cellar of 101 bottles. Tickets for that Cellar are sold *only* to those attending the event and the odds of winning are just great.

If you purchased 15 raffle tickets you can purchase your event tickets for just \$35 each. If you're not certain whether or not you've bought 15 raffle tickets, I have a list. Otherwise, event tickets are just \$45 each, a mere pittance for all that you will receive. Event tickets may be purchased at the Museum table at the Saturday Farmer's Market, on the Museum web site (www.healdsburgmuseum.org), by mail to Healdsburg Museum, PO Box 952, Healdsburg CA 95448 or at the Museum office. If all else fails, call me 431-1109.

Don't miss the chance for a great party!

Welcome Our Newest Members

Elaine Bacigalupi
Mike and Shelia Biaggi
Tim Boatman
Cartograph
Kathleen Eagan
Carol Eber
Stephanie J. C. Gibbs
Elizabeth and James Gore Family
Nancy Hoskins
Maryl & Wayne Lindahl
Mary Lutrell, Business Strategy Advisor
Carole and Robert Rinne
James Soracco
Tisha Tara
Richard L. Tuttle
Brian and Cathy Wilson

Antique Fair

by Bob Rawlins

Work has moved along rapidly to re-establish the Antiques, Arts, and Collectibles Fair on the Plaza on Sunday, August 25th from 9 am to 4 pm.

We have obtained authorization from the city and have contacted vendors for what we expect will be an exciting new event under the direct auspices of HM&HS.

Rawleigh Fjeld is chair of the committee and will need assistance from approximately six volunteers to coordinate vendor unloading vehicles in the early morning and reloading vehicles in late afternoon. We also need volunteers to be ASK Ambassadors at the Museum's exhibit in the gazebo. If you can help with either of these jobs, please contact Rawleigh through the Museum (431-3325).

Do come and show your support. The Fair is always a fun day, the weather usually cooperative and with up to 80 vendors; you might find something you just can't live without!



Newest Artist

by Pamela Vana-Paxhia

In addition to our regular merchandise in the Museum Gift Shop, we are featuring the work of talented local artist, Joanne Taeuffer. We are honored that Joanne has created a special series of acrylic paintings to complement our newest exhibit.

Joanne says, "Growing up here in the 1950s and 60s, I was surrounded by prune orchards, vineyards and fields of grazing livestock...For the Healdsburg Museum's "Farm to Table" show, I've created some small-scale works that reflect the reality of local agriculture both in the past and present... *The Perfect Red* pick-up truck is based on a truck you'll see each week at the Healdsburg Farmer's Market. The color was fully researched for authenticity by a devoted auto painter before the truck got a recent facelift."

While her artworks are on display in the Gift Shop, Joanne is generously donating a portion of her sales to HM&HS.

You can also see more of Joanne's work at www.joannetaeuffer.com.

Georgetown BBQ and Tour

Thanks to the gracious hospitality of the Smith family and generous sponsorship by the MacMurray Foundation and Park Avenue Catering, the Museum's July 14th Georgetown fundraiser was a

huge success. Guests of the Museum enjoyed perfect weather, delicious food and an intriguing visit to the past at the Smith family's private Georgetown ranch. Guy Smith took 114 guests on a guided tour of the rustic Old West Main Street that his father, George, constructed to house his extensive collection of Hollywood memorabilia and vintage cars. We all could have spent several more hours peeking into the buildings and listening to Guy's stories! It was a lot of fun.

Kudos to event co-chairs, Madeline Wallace and Kate MacMurray, who worked with Holly, plus the volunteers who helped at the event: Fred, Ryan and Doug Campbell (parking), Elizabeth Holmes and Stacey Stern (check-in), Renee Lancaster (set up and clean up) and Megan Wells (photography).

This will be long-remembered as an outstanding day for the Healdsburg Museum.

Museum Internship

by Megan Wells



When I first walked into the Healdsburg Museum and Research Center searching for Holly to beg for an internship, it was a quiet day. Visiting reminded me of other small museums: empty, quiet, and a little sleepy. Since I've been interning, I've learned just how wrong that first impression was. Most days are filled with the bustle of constant phone calls, conversations, research, exhibit and event planning and technological mishaps.

During my time here I've mostly worked on enhancing the vast collection of historical photographs. However, I've been able to try my hand at other things as well. Making posters for events, helping with exhibits, collection work, and sitting in on meetings has given me ample opportunity to observe and participate in the daily life that makes up the Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society.

Based on my observations and participation, I have been formulating my thesis. As a graduate student at Sonoma State University in the Cultural Resource Management program, I want to study the ongoing changes, innovations, problems and dialogues in dealing with historical interpretation, collective and personal memory, social inclusion and civic engagement. The Healdsburg Museum's active volunteer force and engagement with the community provides the perfect setting for all of this.

Contributions in Memory of:

Phil Rice - from Barry & Sally Smith
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Lil Robertson - from Barbara Faye Smith
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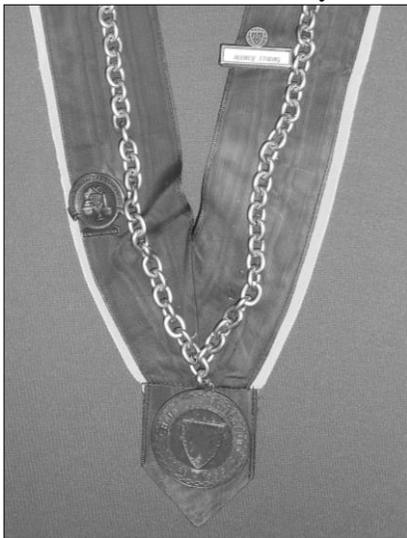
Contributions for General Fund:
from Gordon Burkhart

Collections Corner

by Meredith Dreisback



The Museum recently received a donation of objects, photographs and ephemera from the estate of Rodney and Charlotte Strong. The collection included photographs of Charlotte’s Mastiff show dogs, Rodney’s early days as a professional dancer and his career as owner/winemaker of Sonoma Vineyards.



Among the objects is regalia made of purple and blue grosgrain ribbon, adorned with a silver aluminum chain. Attached to the lower end of the chain is a gold-toned, red and blue medallion inscribed with the words “Chaîne des Rôtisseurs

1248-1950.” My curiosity got the best of me; I had to find out more about the organization.

The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs is an international gastronomic society founded in Paris in 1950. Historically, its origin dates back to 1248. For more than four centuries the ‘Confrérie des Rôtisseur’ cultivated and developed the culinary arts, until 1793 when the organization was dissolved during the French Revolution. In 1950 the association was revived by well-known French journalists and chefs. Today the Rôtisseurs has over 25,000 members who share the same values of quality, fine dining, and the encouragement of the culinary arts and the pleasures of the table.

Rodney Strong’s leadership and commitment to the wine and hospitality industry led him to his association with this very historical organization.

Now it’s your turn to become involved with a historical organization - the Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society. Our next exhibit, “Farm to Table,” opens August 7th. Why not make plans to visit the Museum, tour the exhibit and savor Healdsburg’s agricultural history? I know many of you, our members, are a part of Healdsburg’s agricultural history, having lived in the area for many decades. Perhaps your family members were early settlers in Healdsburg, establishing farms or ranches in the valleys. This current exhibit is for you and all our visitors. Come see us. The exhibit runs through November 10th.

Board of Directors: Stan Becker (President), Ted Calvert (Past President), Steve Babb (Vice-President), Phyllis Chiosso Liu (Recording Secretary), Bob Rawlins (Treasurer), Lynne Rosenthal (Assistant Treasurer), Maggie Bates, Diane Bertoli, Rawleigh Fjeld, Francie Forchini, Louise Fowler, Lockie Gillies, Nydia Goode, Ann Howard, Jeanne Leal-Hartlaub, Kent Mitchell, Larry Orr, Gail Richard, Karen Tynan (Directors)

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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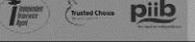
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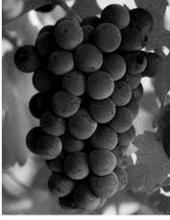
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