



2018 Langhart Honorees Cilla Marshall and Rawleigh Fjeld

Langhart Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

by Holly Hoods, Executive Director/Curator

Reserve your place at the upcoming Langhart Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Simi Winery on Saturday, June 23 starting at 5:30 pm. We are thrilled to hold our important annual event at the historic Simi Winery for the first time.

Named for Edwin Langhart, founder of the Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society, the Langhart award recognizes outstanding volunteer

service to our Museum. This year we will celebrate all of our valuable volunteers and present this prestigious award to Rawleigh Fjeld and Cilla Marshall. (For additional information on our most deserving Langhart honorees, see page 4.)

In addition to the awards presentation, our celebration will feature delicious food prepared by
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Calendar	
June, 2018	July, 2018
3 Antiques and Arts Fair, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Plaza	11 HMVA Meeting, 10:00 am, Museum Research Center
6 HMVA Meeting, 10:00 am, Museum Research Center	17 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Museum Research Center
19 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Museum Research Center	
23 Langhart Award Dinner, 5:30 pm, Simi Winery, 16275 Healdsburg Ave.	

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Wednesday – Sunday

History Matters



by Holly Hoods,
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The members' opening reception for our new exhibition, "Healdsburg's Architectural Heritage," was well attended by an enthusiastic crowd on May 3.

The exhibition highlights the important residential architectural styles of Healdsburg with photos and scale model reconstructions of local buildings, with a featured section on "lost" buildings. We prominently feature our Healdsburg Museum Carnegie Library building's history, construction and status in the National Register of Historic Places. There are interactive sections, including an architectural identification quiz and a History Hunt to engage visitors.

I am so glad that woodworker Jon Lacaillade and architectural historian Fran Schierenbeck were present at the reception so I could credit them in person for their wonderful contributions. They were essentially my co-curators. Jon spent nearly eight months creating scale models of four notable local residences. Fran provided descriptions of the key building features that characterize the major architectural styles of this area.

"Healdsburg's Architectural Heritage" exhibition is sponsored by our generous Business Partners, Eddinger Enterprises, Inc., Healdsburg Lumber Co., Summit State Bank and Passalacqua and Passalacqua, LLP.

I am currently working with Bob Pennypacker of Healdsburg Sotheby's International Realty to produce a short promotional video about the exhibition. We hope you find it entertaining and educational.

I have decided to hold this exhibition over through the fall season, moving the anticipated juried historical and contemporary art exhibition, "A Sense of Place," to January 2019. A call for art will be going out shortly.

Welcome Our Newest HM&HS Members

Sandra K. Baccitich
Irene Edson
Jim & Sue Klein
De Ann Wylie

President's Corner

by Ronnie Devitt,
Board President



Why is a History Museum Important?

Preserving local history involves keeping records of the good and bad. I think that the sordid and ugly have the potential for teaching us the most. There are usually events in each exhibition which we wish hadn't happened. Those of us leading an idyllic life in Healdsburg are reminded that our history is not just happy scenes like those pictured by Norman Rockwell.

In the Museum's exhibitions we learned that the town and its churches were divided on the issue of slavery in the U.S. Our city fathers voted against women's suffrage.

Remember the early 20th century lynching by the good citizens of Healdsburg of the accused murderers of beloved Sheriff Petray? This wasn't done in heat of the moment passion. It was a well-orchestrated execution. Had the perpetrators been found, they might well have been charged with first degree murder.

In the last exhibition, "She Persisted," a portrait of the beautiful young Isabel Simi was accompanied by the story of the Windsor newspaper editorial decrying Healdsburg's choice of a "Dago" as Queen of the Flower Festival. That ethnic slur rightfully led to the editor being burned in effigy on the Plaza.

Perhaps the most poignant story was of Healdsburg's first African American family. The Scott family was headed by a hard-working barber and seamstress who owned a home and valued education for their children. In 1870, California's Jim Crow laws demanded that African and Indian children be separately educated from white children. A separate colored school could only be established upon the request of the parents of ten children. Since they did not have ten children, the family had to move to a larger community for their children's education.

The current exhibition "Healdsburg's Architectural Heritage" is fabulous! Guess what? It too has an entire display of the "Lost Gems" of Healdsburg buildings.

The take away is that the Museum and its exhibitions are here to remind us of all aspects of our community's history, not just those of which we can be proud.

HMVA News

by Ann Howard, HMVA Co-chair



Our new “Healdsburg’s Architectural Heritage” exhibition is full of then-and-now photographs and details of the many building styles used locally. You can also take a test using the old library’s card catalog to match the illustrations.

Jon Lacaillade’s models are works of art. I almost expect the *Borrowers* (my favorite children’s fantasy novel by Mary Norton) to take up residence!

As you leave, be sure to look at the fairy door on the landing outside the Museum’s front door! Our fairy door was included in a May 6 *Press Democrat* article on the sudden appearance of various fairy doors around town. Timing of the piece coincided with the AAUW Healdsburg Homes Tour. Fifty guests visited the exhibition that day.

The May Day Festival in Geyserville was also held on May 6. Every year since 2007 when I first met Josephine Brignole Camaur, the 1930 May Queen at age 15, I recall how she told me that no one had ever asked her about being the queen. Last November 27 Josephine celebrated 103 years. When she passed away on April 14 this year, I attended the memorial service and shared my story with her two grandchildren. I emailed them a photo of Josephine Brignole riding the float that day when San Francisco Mayor James Rolph Jr. flew to Santa Rosa, had lunch with Geyserville and Sonoma County dignitaries and joined the crowd of 4,000 to crown Josephine as the queen, all the while campaigning, according to a long newspaper clipping.

Josephine’s granddaughter then emailed me a photograph of Josephine in costume holding a basket of fruit, which lead to another California Digital Newspaper Collection search. Turns out that in February 1931, then Governor James Rolph Jr. visited his supporters at the Citrus Fair in Cloverdale. Josephine, age 16, presented Governor Rolph with a basket of fruit, “grown within four hundred feet of the fair.” He recognized her immediately as the queen whom he had crowned the year before!

Josephine’s family donated her 1930 crown to the Geyserville Historical Committee and I displayed it along with a number of photographs at our Festival. What a fine lady, and many fond memories were shared by those who knew her.



Whitney Hopkins and Gaye LeBaron

Feeling the Pain...

The Museum Board has taken the unfortunately necessary cost-cutting step of eliminating the part-time Assistant Curator position. Therefore, we are sad to say that Whitney Hopkins is no longer with us. While working only part-time, Whitney contributed to all aspects of the Museum’s operations for the past four years. We appreciate all that she has done to enrich the Museum.

Whitney’s family has lived in Healdsburg for three generations and they are passionate about our local history. Since Whitney will continue to live nearby, we hope she will be a frequent visitor to the Museum and participate in many of our events.

We wish her the very best in her next position. Thank you, Whitney!

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Langhart Volunteer... *(cont'd from page 1)*

Simi's outstanding chef, Chef Kolin Vazzoler. The menu will include gourmet pizzas from their wood-fired brick oven, pasta primavera, Caesar salad and a special dessert all paired with Simi wines.

The event will be held on the patio and in Isabelle's Salon, Simi's ground floor hospitality room. Brief guided tours of the historic winery will also be available.

Thanks to the generosity of Simi Winery, we are able to offer this special evening for just \$65 per person.

Contact the Museum (431-3325 or info@healdsburgmuseum.org) to reserve your place.

Don't wait. It's going to be a wonderful evening!

Thanks to Our Latest Annual Appeal Donors

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2018 Langhart Award Honorees

This year's Langhart ladies have traveled very interesting paths on their way to becoming exemplary HM&HS volunteers. Who better than the late Bob Rawlins, former Langhart award recipient, to elicit their stories from his "Meet Your Members" column excerpted below?

Rawleigh Fjeld spent her formative years in St. Paul-Minneapolis, but she finished her education in Southern California when her family moved. There she found an exciting job as a loan officer, insuring nothing was signed until she was confident there was appropriate collateral. After eleven years, Rawleigh moved on to a sales representative position, covering a territory from Modesto to Bakersfield.

Next Rawleigh joined teams on the cutting edge of modern business practice pioneering electronic payments. She started with Bank of America and then joining Sears Company in Chicago, where she spent 200+ days a year traveling.

Her daughter had settled in the Bay Area and, in 1990, Rawleigh decided it was time to settle down near family. She opened a consignment shop for furniture in Danville, California. In 1998, she sold that shop and moved to Healdsburg, opening a similar

store on Healdsburg Avenue. She now operates Consign, Etc.

Rawleigh connected with the Museum in 2000, offering to host appraisals of valued objects—an "Antiques Road Show" for Museum members. In 2010, Rawleigh was recruited for a position on the Board where she still serves as our Marketing Chair and organizer of the Arts and Antiques Fair.

Cilla Marshall grew up in Miami, Florida, but finished high school in San Jose when her pilot Dad moved the family and transferred to Pan American Airways. There Cilla finished high school. At Oregon State University, she met and married a naval officer who was ordered first to Pensacola, Florida, and later to Yokosuka, Japan. She found an exciting job with NCIS, the Navy's law enforcement arm.

Back in San Jose, California, Cilla worked a number of jobs before becoming an executive assistant at Hewlett Packard. During that time, she married her husband, Don. She and Don enjoyed visiting this area and in 1998 bought a house on Chiquita Road. They rented it out until moving here in 2001.

Cilla met Betsy Bippart at the birthday party of a mutual friend. Betsy gave Cilla the "Museum pitch" and called the very next week to seal the deal. Betsy made a good deal for the Museum! Cilla joined and worked with the mailing committee which she now heads. Since 2008, she has added additional duties, becoming one of our loyal gallery receptionists, later graduating to Gallery mom, scheduling volunteers to staff the reception desk.

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Schedule Change

by Holly Hoods

We have modified our work schedules at the Museum. I am now working Tuesday through Saturday. Office Manager Jane Bonham is working Wednesday through Sunday. Graduate student intern Lauren Carriere helps us at the Museum on Thursday and Friday.

We also continue to gratefully rely on volunteer support and participation.

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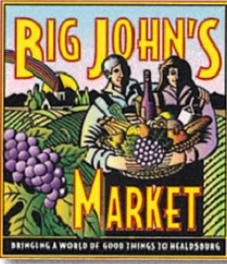
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2018 Family History Essay Challenge Winners

Family History Essay Challenge

by Phyllis Chiosso Liu

The Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society is pleased to announce this year's winning essays from our local 2nd – 8th grade historians. These young writers met the challenge by interviewing relatives, discovering an interesting event in their family's past and writing an essay about it.

We received almost 200 entries from the local public and private schools. The committee of retired educators (Carol Peterson and me) and Museum staff (Jane and Lauren) read each essay and scored them using a rubric based on the California State writing standards.

The winning writers in each age group received a beautiful certificate designed and printed by our own Maggie Bates, along with cash prizes ranging from \$15 to \$35 and a booklet comprised of the winning essays.

The Museum hosted the young authors along with their families and teachers at a reception in the

Museum garden on May 9. After the awards were presented, the writers had the opportunity to read their essays aloud to an appreciative audience of 80+ people.

The booklet of essays and a group photo will be on display at the Museum. The Healdsburg Public Library has once again graciously provided space to showcase all the essays and photos of our talented students.

2018 Family History Essay Challenge Winners

2nd / 3rd Grade

1st Monica Alcala - Fitch Mountain School

2nd Mackenzie Grewer - St. John the Baptist School

3rd Caden Fehlman - St. John the Baptist School

HM Chloe Cropper - Alexander Valley School

4th / 5th Grades

1st Grace Osmer - St. John the Baptist School

2nd Eva Munselle - St. John the Baptist School

3rd Sienna Sbragia - West Side School

HM Hailey Thistle - Fitch Mountain School

HM Charley Jane Gordon - West Side School

HM Dominic Dimas - Fitch Mountain School

HM Emma Hernandez - West Side School

HM Kendal Chapin - Windsor Christian Academy

6th – 8th Grades

1st Phoebe Turk - West Side School

2nd Grace Kelder - West Side School

3rd Sofia Villa - West Side School

HM Ani Navarro - West Side School



Lisa Wittke Schaffner and Linda, Paul and Traci Wittke

This year the museum has formed a partnership with the Wittke Family who are generously underwriting the cost of our educational programs for the next two years. We are very grateful to Lisa Wittke Schaffner and Traci Wittke for helping the Museum to continue connecting with the youth in our community.

ANTIQUES AND ARTS FAIR

HEALDSBURG PLAZA

Antiques and Arts Fair

From 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 3 the Healdsburg Plaza will be alive with shoppers and browsers exploring vintage treasures and artistry brought to Healdsburg by top dealers from all over the Bay Area. Attendees can view furnishings, jewelry, ceramics, tools, art glass, yard art, tintype photography and more.

The Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society sponsors this twice-annual summer Antiques and Arts Fair. This is an important fundraiser for the Museum. HM&HS volunteers organize, advertise and run the Fair. Profit after payment of fees to the City and overhead from the rental of the spaces benefit HM&HS.

Museum volunteers will staff a Museum booth at which they will sell gift shop items, engage with the interested public, promote the current exhibition and invite people to join the Museum.

Kudos to event chair Rawleigh Fjeld, her right-hand helper Linda O'Brien and Kay Robinson for their outstanding work to coordinate the event. Special thanks also to Tom Devitt and Cathy Waterbury for their assistance with publicity.

Please join us on Sunday, June 3 and again at the next fair to be held on Sunday, August 26.



Marge Barnard and Holly Hoods

Museum Magic

by Holly Hoods

Our Museum is known for its serendipity. On May 9, Ann Howard and I visited the late Vince Colombano's barn to search for artifacts for the Museum collection at the kind invitation of his daughter, Alice Picchi. There were more items that I wanted than I could take that day, but I did bring back a stenciled lug box that came from the C.H. "Barney" Barnard ranch. The very next day, I walked Marge Barnard, the late Barney's daughter. What a treat for her to see the old fruit box from her dad's prune ranch!

Marge has published a new memoir, *Yankee Doodle Dandy's Daughter*, about her days as a WAVE in WWII. It is available for sale in our Museum gift shop.

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- Members' only Museum exhibition opening receptions
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