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Instant Wine Cellar

Raffle Tickets Coming Soon!



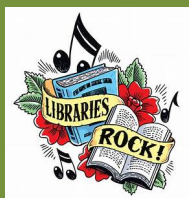
Sales of raffle tickets for the 30th annual Instant Wine Cellar Raffle will be on sale soon. Once again, two Grand Prize winners will each receive six mixed cases of premium Napa Valley wines. Ticket order forms will be in the mail in early June, and tickets will also be for sale at the Museum. Purchase your tickets before July 15 and you will be entered in a special “Early Bird” raffle for extra prizes. Grand Prizewinners need not be present on the day of the ticket drawing to win.

The winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday, August 25 at a festive wine and food event at the new Boys & Girls Club facility on Oak Street. In air-conditioned comfort, guests will enjoy sampling premium wines and delicious appetizers. The always popular raffle baskets containing spa treatments, gift certificates, bottles of wine, clothing and event tickets will be back, as well as exciting silent and live auction items.

IWC Chairs Pat and Dave Larsen are pretty energetic, but they can't do all of the wine, raffle basket and auction item solicitation and pick-ups, mailings, ticket sales, publicity, raffle basket assembly, and event set up and take down alone. Anyone can help out – you don't have to be a Board Member or Docent. Thank you to the enthusiastic volunteers who have already come forward to help. We're in particular need of help with publicity and raffle ticket advance sales as well as help for auction item ideas and solicitation. If you can help out in any capacity, please contact Pat and Dave Larsen at 707-341-3313 or dirofdev48@gmail.com.

Pat Larsen, *Ways & Means Chair*

Summer Activities for Kids at the Museum



Children ages 3 and up are invited to attend the “Summer Reading Program” at the Sharpsteen Museum on Thursdays throughout the summer, beginning June 14. These free and fun presentations are a collaborative effort with the Napa County Library System and the Calistoga Branch. This year's theme is “Libraries Rock” and the weekly programs (approximately 45 minutes each) begin at 10 am (all at the Museum except for the August 2nd Celebration). **Seating is available on a first-come basis.** Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please see the full schedule on page 4 of this newsletter.

Jackie Lang, *Education Chair*

New Exhibit Wows the Crowd



As our newest exhibit, “Early Day Automania” opened the evening of May 4th, there was a touch of concern. Hollywood was downtown filming a movie, streets were closed, and there was little to no parking. Gail and Catherine Sharpsteen had spent many long days & nights organizing an important part of their grandfather Ben Sharpsteen's life into this exhibit. The brush of Ben's handstroke have become his legacy; his paintings extraordinary, and all was set up for the preview grand opening celebration.

Our doors were scheduled to open at 5:30. Rose Beck's appetizer table was loaded, Jim Barnes was ready to start pouring the wine donated by Tudal Winery, and as the clock inched ever closer to opening our concern began to grow.

But then, here you all came! 60 guests became our family for that evening, including a couple from Spain in town on their honeymoon. They couldn't believe the wine only cost \$1.00/glass, that they could eat all they wanted of Rose's delicious fare, and that

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sharpsteen Members,

The daffodils, tulips, and the iris have finished blooming. The grasses have turned brown. The grapes are in full growth. The weather is heating up. My vegetable garden is planted. The Sharpsteen Museum is still celebrating its Fortieth Anniversary with many more celebration events scheduled. Welcome to summer!

June 1 marks the beginning of a new fiscal year at the museum and the election results are in for the SMA and SMF Boards. This year you have elected the following to be on the SMA Board: President- Alan Rogers; 1st Vice President- Kathy Bazzoli; 2nd Vice President- De Ann Wylie; Treasurer- Rick McCloskey; Recording Secretary- Kathy McCloskey; Docent Chair- Marilyn Glaim; Collections Chair- Bev Barnes; Education Chair- Jackie Lang; Ways and Means Chair- Pat Larsen. Also the following persons have been elected to the SMF Board: Diane Barrett and David Larsen.

June 1 also marks the beginning of our annual membership drive. Membership fees collected are a vital part in keeping the museum open and maintained seven days a week. The Board appreciates that members pay their membership at the start of our new year.

As part of our anniversary celebration our special exhibit, *Early Day Automania*, is now on display until the end of October. This exhibit features "horseless carriage" oil paintings created by Ben Sharpsteen after retiring from Disney Studios. Ben's granddaughters Catherine and Gail Sharpsteen put this colorful and historic exhibit together. Gail even created an entertaining slideshow of horseless carriages, which can be viewed on our new TV monitor. Please come by and enjoy this artistic exhibit.

The Sharpsteen Museum has received another award. We have received Trip Expert's **2018 Expert's Choice Award**. This award is based on over one million reviews from 85 leading travel guides, magazines, and newspapers. We have received this award because professionals recognize us as among the best attractions in Napa Valley. This entitles us to display a digital badge on our website which says "Expert's Choice".



Sue Morton, our Luncheon and Coffee chair, has been a busy woman planning our Coffee's this year. Unfortunately, Sue has decided to step down from this position. The Board would like to thank her for organizing so many informative coffees and well decorated luncheons. Sue's last coffee in May featured Richard & Dina Dwyers and their presentation on the development and upcoming opening of The Francis House, their new bed and breakfast, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. What a way to end your term of office, Sue. Thank you for your talented service.

Please read the rest of this newsletter and you will find a wealth of information of what is going on at the museum. Thank you to Gail Sharpsteen, who, with the help of Kathy Bazzoli, put this newsletter together. In my opinion, your work is award-winning.

Now it is time for me to prepare for the summer and whatever it may bring.

Alan Rogers, *President*



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MISSION STATEMENT

*The Museum's mission is to preserve and
to provide for public exhibitions and study
of the history of the community of
Calistoga and the upper Napa Valley.*

In Memoriam

Arnold Enderlin
Beatrice Marlais

April 14th Marked Our First Blockbuster Art & Antique Roadshow Event

Four evaluation stations were set as more than 120 items were presented to representatives of Clars Auction Gallery here from Oakland.

Lines filled the museum from all directions as Calistoga carried in vases, pottery, harnesses, vintage auto parts, Christmas ornaments made of gold and silver, books, tapestries, furniture, etchings, clocks, jewelry, paintings and fine art of every subject matter imaginable. One painting was so large it was rolled in on a dolly.

We witnessed some finding out that old print was still only worth \$200.00, but a painting from the 1870's received a value of \$30,000.00.

And that vintage ring handed down from great-grandma? Not only were the diamonds and emeralds real, but also a Tiffany mark was found bringing the value close to \$80,000.00.

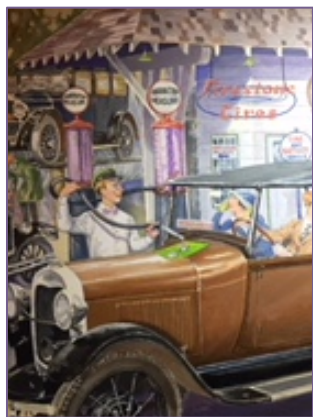
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bottles of water were free.

Thank you to our members, visitors, to Calistoga and our many volunteers that made this evening a success. You have 5 more months to enjoy this Sharpsteen exhibit-- "Early Day Automania" runs through October. See you soon!

"FILLING 'ER UP" in the 1920's



By Catherine Sharpsteen

In Ben Sharpsteen's painting, "The Latest Model," on display at the museum's current *Early Automania* exhibit, a new 1928 Model A is refueling at a Violet Ray Service Station. Violet Ray Stations were a west coast chain, so named because of the fuel's distinctive color on view in its Visible Pumps.

To operate a Visible Pump, a station attendant pushed and pulled a pumping handle to send the fuel to the ten-gallon glass cylinder at the top of the pump body. The glass cylinder, with its gallon markings, allowed the customer to inspect the quantity as well as the quality of the gasoline he would be purchasing. The fuel was then gravity-fed through a hose to the automobile, emptying the cylinder. If a motorist bought less than ten gallons, the attendant subtracted the amount shown in the cylinder after filling the car from the total that was in the cylinder when he started. It took brain and brawn to pump gas in those days.

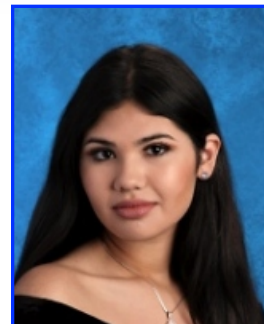
A YouTube video, title "gas pump2", demonstrates the working of an antique Visible Pump. YouTube also has a recording of the 1905 hit song that inspired Sharpsteen to create another painting in the exhibit: "In My Merry Oldsmobile."

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Paul Claudon

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2018

This year the scholarship committee is pleased to select Cynthia Cortez out of fourteen applicants to receive the Paul Claudon Sharpsteen Museum Scholarship award of \$2,000.



After learning from the museum about Sam Brannan's interest in bettering our community, she felt inspired to do so herself by developing a positive thinking project at her school. Our winner and her group put up laminated post-it notes around the school reminding girls to be confident and to express their best qualities.

Her energy and enthusiasm helped her accomplish the difficult goal she set for herself of taking five AP (Advanced Placement) classes in her junior year while still maintaining high academic standards. She remained in the top 10% of her class and qualified for membership in the California Scholarship Federation in spite of the challenge.

Cynthia plans to attend UC Davis. She hopes to become an Optometrist and devote some of her time to helping needy people in other parts of the world get the eye care they cannot afford.

Her compassion and public spiritedness are admirable. Anyone who meets her can tell she is a people person and a force for good. The committee feels confident Cynthia will make the Sharpsteen Museum proud.

Dina Corcoran, *Scholarship Committee Chair*

It's Membership Renewal Time Again

We've got some exciting news! Our board members have been working diligently on developing new membership programs that give our existing and new members more ways to become engaged and support the Museum. As we mentioned in the last newsletter our beloved Museum, after 40 years of continual operation, is telling us it's ready for some upgrades and touch-ups, etc.

The New Membership Levels and Dues structures will be introduced and ratified at our next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 13, at 9:30 am at the Museum House, and, as voting members, you're invited to attend.

Be watching your mailbox for your renewal notice, to be sent out after the meeting, which will include details of our exciting new programs. Your generosity of time and resources is key to keeping our doors open every day and our Museum FREE to all. We can't do it without your help. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at deann.sharpsteen@gmail.com or by calling me at 707-328-4891. Thank You!

Welcome New Members

Carolee Arca	Chris Bowerman
Fran Campanian	Celia Cummings
Tim & Susan DeGoosh	Roger Demmin
Stephanie Duff-Ericksen	Ed Franzen
Dennis Gamble	Dennis Hayden
Steve & Ava Isacs	Kenneth Larsen
Ray E. Sittig	Pat Vossler
Melinda Harris Design	

DeAnn Wylie, *Membership Chair*

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40th Anniversary

Events You Won't Want to Miss!!!

(All events at Museum unless otherwise noted)

June/July (Thursdays): Summer Reading for Children. See article.

June 14 (Thursday), 1-5:30pm: Join us for Culture Day at the Goodman Library in Napa, home of Napa County Historical Society. You can visit the newly restored Goodman, and meet other historical representatives such as Napa Valley Genealogical Society, RLS Museum and the Napa Police Historical Society.

August 9 (Thursday), 5:30-7pm: "An Evening with Dario". Meet Dario Sattui and learn all you will ever need to know.

August 25 (Saturday): 30th Annual Instant Wine Cellar, Boys & Girls Club, see article.

October 18 (Tentative date): "History at the Hydro", an 1880's-themed dinner made just for you. Details later.

November: New exhibit opens, a collection never before seen belonging to members of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, Bay Area Chapter.

Keep checking for more information, updates, and added event listings on our web site: sharpsteenmuseum.org.

Conference of California Historical Societies Spring 2018 Workshop



Four Sharpsteen volunteers joined 50 other board members and volunteers from historical societies and museums from throughout Northern California for a day of workshops and networking on April 12. Marilyn and Lorne Glaim, Pat Larsen and DeAnn Wylie journeyed to the historic Shell Alumni Clubhouse in

Martinez, where presentations included sessions on Strategies for Creating an Effective Board of Directors; Starting a Regional History Alliance or Group; and Developing Great Exhibits with Limited Resources. Other organizations represented at the workshop ranged from the Martinez Historical Society to the Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland, the Gilroy Historical Society and the Chinese community of the Sacramento River town of Locke.

Pat Larsen remarked that she was delighted to see the high degree of enthusiasm for the study and preservation of local history and resources. "Attendees included plenty of retirees who often have the most time to devote to volunteer activities, but I was really encouraged to see that there were also participants in their 20s who were just beginning to get involved with their local history. We were all there to learn from the workshop presenters as well as each other. I came away with a much better awareness of the variety of resources and organizations available to assist history non-profits in the advancement of their missions. All four of us came back with several ideas for things we can do to make the Sharpsteen more relevant and accessible to our extended community."

For more information about the Conference of California Historical Societies, please visit californiahistorian.com.

2018 LIBRARY SUMMER READING SCHEDULE

All events take place starting at 10 am at the Sharpsteen Museum

EXCEPT Celebration Party on August 2.

- June 14: "Libraries Rock!" Stories about, music, songs and singing with participatory songs and shakers for children to join in the presentation. Attendees will be encouraged to sign up for the library reading program.
- June 21: "Get Ready to Move and Sing". Music and singing in English and Spanish with musician and entertainer, Eric Rubin.
- June 28: "Tommy's Rockin' Train Troubles". Puppeteer Art Grueneberger presents his original story and handmade puppets of Tommy's adventures.
- July 5: **NO PROGRAM.** Enjoy your Fourth of July week!
- July 12: "Songs, Stories and More". Music and movement with the Sacramento-based troupe, Musical Robot.
- July 19: Magician Gerald Joseph will amaze the audience with his magic show.
- July 26: "The Bremen Town Musicians". Trombonist Andy Strain and his percussionist sidekick bring this story to life with drama and music.
- August 2: Celebration Party at Calistoga Library Branch (1108 Myrtle St.) 10:30-11:30am. Presentation of stories, and awarding of rewards for summer reading participants, includes craft making and treats.

Docents: We Couldn't Have Done It Without You!

More docents. Please! We need more docents to cover the museum's two shifts per day 363 days a year. Our docent staff has been exceptionally stable. Many docents have volunteered for one, two, even three decades, but lives change, legs grow tired, health challenges arise, and sometimes docents need to cut down on their hours. And that's why we're thrilled when people walk through the door and say, "Now I'm finally ready to be a docent."

We've had our eye on two long-term residents for some time now, and we can't stop smiling because they've decided to add their names to the docent roster. Geri Burquez and Claire Flickinger are our newest docents. They've both lived in the valley "forever." Geri has been in this region since 1967. She drives the busy road from St. Helena, sometimes bringing her Pocket with her. Pocket is white with curly hair and a tail that says it all. If he can escape Geri's arms, he makes a beeline for the door, which cooperates by opening just for him and he dashes through to head for the creek. Geri thinks he won't be with her on work days- unless he can be tethered to something sturdy like the cash register!

Geri enjoys the various historical sites in the valley. She got used to helping visitors during the six years she worked in the gift shop at Coppola Winery. Her experience there reveals itself in the comfortable way she greets visitors. Geri likes to attend historical presentations at places such as the Bale Grist Mill. She finds that at the Sharpsteen, the history of the valley just comes together. Her favorite exhibits are the Indian artifacts, and over the years she has looked forward to coming to see the displays that change every six months. Now Geri has the fun of sharing her favorite things with visitors from near and far.



Claire remembers living in Deer Park as a high school student in St. Helena and watching the valley change from orchards to grape vines. For many years her father owned and operated an accounting business, and then she and her husband took it over. Her husband was the CPA, but she herself passed all the tests to become an enrolled agent so she could take on her share of the tax clients. Her experience working with people during the stressful tax season serves her well in interacting with a great variety of tourists and locals.

What made Claire decide this was the right time to join the museum? "Kathy Bazzoli guilted me into it!" Once we've had our laugh about Kathy's very special way of recruiting volunteers, she says in reality she needed to join in to get out of the house and find ways of being with people more often. "After my husband passed away, I didn't want to leave the house, but now I know I need to be with people. The museum is good for me." Just as importantly, Claire is good for the museum. She and one of our experienced docents, Sue Morton, share their work shifts. They both greet people with ready smiles and can share the stories about the museum. Her favorite spot in the museum? She points at the dollhouse. "I really love its exquisite detail."

And we love having both Geri and Claire as part of our volunteer staff. We look forward to a long relationship—maybe one that's decades long.

Marilyn Glaim, Docent *Chair*

Best of the Best Docent Team for March/April:

Bev Barnes	Marilyn Johnson	Judy Parent
Kathy Bazzoli	Jackie Lang	Biserka Potrebic
Ray Branstetter	Pat Larsen	Ellie Robinson
Geri Burquez	Sylvia Marciano	Anne Scott
Judy Cornils	Shelley Martin	Rita Tucker
Al Derrick	Barbara Maxfield	Joseph Walpen
Donna Dill	Emma Mazzola	Wendy Watson
Claire Flickinger	Kathy McCloskey	DeAnn Wylie
Lorne Glaim	Sue Morton	Helen Yost
Marilyn Glaim	Patricia Murphy	Ron Yost
Pat Haynes	Jo Noble	Ingrid Zehntner
Gisela Huesmann		

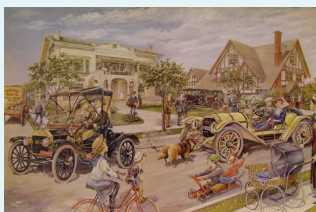
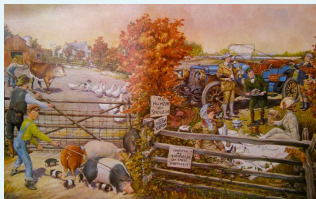
Gold Star Awards to those docents working the most shifts this period: 10 shifts- Jo Noble; 9 shifts- Pat Larsen; 7 shifts- Ellie Robinson, Anne Scott and Wendy Watson; 5 shifts- Judith Cornils.

SPECIAL VOLUNTEER SOUGHT

With our current grant seeker, Richard Spitler, relocating to Oregon, the Sharpsteen Museum Foundation is once again seeking a volunteer with experience in researching and writing grant applications or one who desires to learn the trade on behalf of the Museum. This would be a great opportunity for the right person with the time and inclination to be a valuable volunteer for the Museum and at the same time update their skills or learn new and valuable ones. Napa Valley College has a suite of on-line courses designed to develop proficiency in grant formats used by most public foundations. If we can find the right person, the Museum Foundation will fund all training, and will contract for membership in the Foundation Center, the most comprehensive data source for grant availability.

If you are interested, or for more information, please email a letter of interest with brief background information to Kent@DomogallaConsulting.com.

HORSELESS CARRIAGE DAYS



From the brush of Ben Sharpsteen- created from his own memories of a by-gone era. Historically authentic, accurate in detail, abounding in human interest, and filled with more incidents than first meet the eye!

These 11"x17" full-color reproductions of Ben's series of 19 large paintings (some currently on display in the Special Exhibit "Early Automania") on heavy stock paper are suitable for framing and are also available laminated- perfect for use as placemats! Make great gifts!

Only \$5 each (\$6 laminated). Available exclusively in our Museum Gift Shoppe.

Mail and telephone orders welcome (postage and tax will be added).

CALENDAR

JUNE

Wed. Jun. 6, 5:30 PM. SMF (SM Foundation) Meeting, Museum House.

Wed. Jun. 13, 9:30 AM. SMA Board Meeting, Museum House.

Thurs. Jun. 21, 9-10 AM. Summer Reading Program- First Meeting. See Page 4 for complete schedule.

JULY

Wed. Jul. 11, 9:30 AM. SMA Board Meeting.

Wed. Jul. 11, 5:30 PM. SMF Meeting.

July 14, 1-5:30 PM. Culture Day at Goodman Library, Napa.

AUGUST

Wed. Aug. 1, 5:30 PM. SMF Meeting.

Wed. Aug. 8, 9:30 AM. SMA Board Meeting, Museum House

Thurs. Aug. 9, 5:30-7 PM. An Evening with Dario Sattui.

Sat. Aug. 25, Instant Wine Cellar, Boys & Girls Club, Calistoga.

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