The Wild Gardens Are Becoming A Reality!

Our grounds are abuzz with activity these days as the Grace Hudson Museum’s Wild Gardens Nature Education Project is in its final construction phase. Siri Grading and Paving has been hard at work, moving dirt, laying in base rock and compacting paths, moving boulders, and getting ready to install native plants. Project watchers will have seen the Pomo basket design-inspired earth block walls rising up these last few weeks, with the metal cable trellis fencing slated to be mounted next.

One of the most dramatic elements in The Wild Gardens is “The Salmon Stream,” a 70 foot-long recirculating water feature that mimics a typical Ukiah Valley creek using recaptured rainwater from our own roof, local rocks, and a high-tech sprayed-on liner underneath it all. You can see the magic being created in the photograph here of the contractors hard at work.

Rains permitting, we hope to have construction completed by the beginning of 2017, so that we can start the process of creating and installing planned artworks and interpretive pieces into The Wild Gardens. Enclosed is a flyer outlining how YOU can help us in this exciting effort through your purchase of engraved pavers that will be laid in the Museum’s new front plaza. What better way to start the new year than by promoting learning and beauty!

—Sherrie Smith-Ferri, Museum Director

Barbara Ballou Eversole 1926–2016

I am deeply saddened to report the recent death of Barbara Eversole. It is not an exaggeration to state that the Grace Hudson Museum would not exist without Barbara. She spent nearly a decade organizing community support to raise the funds to build the Grace Hudson Museum and then supervised its construction herself, working with the architect and general contractor. A staunch Museum supporter, Barbara was always ready to pass on tips from other museums she had visited in her travels. She provided a sounding board when I needed it, along with informed and level-headed advice. Her husband of more than 70 years, Walter, died almost a month earlier. I and many, many others will greatly miss their presence.

—Sherrie Smith-Ferri, Museum Director

Workers from Siri Grading and Paving and Ann Baker, lead project designer, moving rocks into place for The Salmon Stream.

Barbara Eversole, with Santa Claus in the Sun House, circa 1985.
30th Anniversary Gala

The Museum’s recent 30th Anniversary Gala was an amazing chance to honor all those wonderful individuals that were there in the beginning, especially Marge Boyton-Maynahran and Barbara Eversole. The sold-out crowd enjoyed a delicious sit-down dinner provided by Julia Kendrick Conway of Assaggari Mendocino and her wonderful crew of servers. Sheriff Tom Allman outdid himself once again as our Auctioneer, and Sid & Steve provided toe-tapping music. Sun House Guild Boardmembers, especially Event Chair, Lucille Mirata, and a great volunteer crew—Julia Bawcomb, Desiree Dudley, Bob Mirata, Susie Johnson, Mark Mirata, Pat Mirata, Adriane Pardini, Sage Sangiacomo, Marian Scalmanini, Kathy Smith, Rachael Smith-Ferri, Marge Thatcher and Diana Thomas—helped with preparation, set-up, sign-in, decoration, auction assistance, checkout and clean-up. Thanks to everyone’s efforts and the generosity of our event sponsors, donors, and bidders, more than $30,000 was raised to support the Grace Hudson Museum and ensure its vitality for the next three decades!

—Kathy Rough, 2nd Vice President, Sun House Guild

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Many Thanks To One And All!

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To Karen Keen for two charming original Grace Hudson oil landscape sketches.

To Verna Dow for a lovely crocheted bedspread (now in the Sun House bedroom) and a beautiful lace and handwork tablecloth.

To Barbara Webster for a fascinating postcard from John Hudson to Helen Carpenter telling of the Hudsons’ trip to Edinburgh, Scotland in 1905.

To Shelley Antilla, for a very interesting sculpted metal souvenir cup covered with Ukiah-area scenes, circa 1902-1905.

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