

Quarterly Publication

## Introducing Our New Director: David Burton

After a lengthy search process, David Burton was selected to serve as the Grace Hudson Museum's new Executive Director. He will begin work after Thanksgiving. David has been a museum professional for over eighteen years, six of those in senior management and executive leadership. Prior to joining the Grace Hudson Museum, he was at the Yakima Valley Museum in Washington State for almost two years, fifteen of those months as Interim Executive Director. He was a finalist for the permanent Executive Director position there but chose the Grace Hudson instead. Before Yakima, David spent sixteen and a half years in progressively senior roles at the Autry Museum of the American West in Los Angeles—initially as a development officer, then director of government affairs, and then senior director of the Autry's research institute.



David Burton, the new Director of the Grace Hudson Museum and Sun House.

David thinks of museums as places that bridge cultural and academic disciplines in the service of historic preservation and education. He feels they are also places for people and community to gather—to learn, to have fun, and to exchange ideas—and he believes museums help us understand who we are as a culture and are the connective tissue between past, present, and future.

David's volunteer work has also been focused in arts and culture, serving on boards for a major arts advocacy organization, two different theater companies, and an educational group that collects and preserves stories of Indian boarding school survivors. David has also been a writer for most of his life, working in mediums from prose fiction to criticism to opera. He studied fiction writing at San Francisco State University where he earned a Masters in Creative Writing & English Literature, and his short stories, poetry, book reviews, and essays have appeared in a variety of small literary and professional journals. He earned a BA in History from UCLA. David is delighted to be back in California, the place he calls home, and we are delighted to welcome him to Ukiah and the Grace Hudson Museum. Please plan to come by and meet David at our Holiday Open House!

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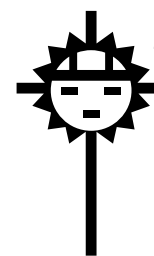
First Friday, December 1st  
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 2nd  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday & Saturday:  
Local art, crafts, specialty foods & wreaths, 15% Gift Shop discount

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## Wild Gardens Dedication



The new Salmon Stream, part of the Museum's Wild Gardens.

Thanks to all who came out to the recent dedication of the Museum's new Wild Gardens outdoor education project. Like the gardens themselves, the day was a mix of cultural and nature education. There were things to try your hand at and to explore, like making tule bittern dolls or pollinator plant seed bombs. There were informative speakers, like Kate Marianchild, author of *Secrets of the Oak Woodlands*, and there were inspirational voices, like Konkow Maidu poet Linda Noel. There were moments of fun, like hearing White Wolf tell the story of Tarantula Man and his long-suffering wife, and there were moments of comfort when friends met at the event and were able to share experiences that occurred during the recent wildfires, and could remember together that out of devastation can come new growth.

It was a time that marked the moment when the Wild Gardens moved from its construction phase into an operational phase, a time when Museum visitors can enjoy the Gardens and Museum staff will start to develop interpretive exhibits and curriculum materials for the Gardens. It was also a time for thank yous to all those who helped to design and construct the Wild Gardens— especially Ann Baker of Ann Baker Landscape Architecture, the Project's lead designer; Katie Marsoian and Tami Bartolomei, former and current Administrator of the City of Ukiah's Community Services Dept., who were Project Administrators; Jason Island and Lisa Stromme, SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists; Amanda Knowles, Arkin Tilt Architects; Gregg Simpson Trucking; FRC; Cupples & Sons Construction; Menton Builders; Siri Grading and Paving; Lawrence Electric; Ahlborn Fencing; and Acquatic Environments.



Recent visitors learning how to make traditional peppernut balls out in the Wild Gardens.

# From the Sun House Guild President

It's a beautiful time of year in Mendocino County. The days are cooler, the mornings are crisp, and trees and vineyards are turning beautiful shades of gold and red. We are looking back and feeling very grateful for our members, our supporters, and our volunteers. I want to express our THANKS for all your support at the September Fundraiser. The Sun House Guild raised \$28,000 that will be used to support Museum exhibits and educational programs and \$21,000 for restoration work on the Sun House and its garden.



Guests mingling in the new Pomo Brush Arbor at the September Fundraiser.

Our deep appreciation goes to our Fundraiser Sponsors: Savings Bank of Mendocino County, K Max 93.5 & K.Wine 14.5 FM Radio, Antonio & Johanna Lopez, Janet King, The Eversole Family, Cupples & Sons Construction, Inc., and Whispering Winds Nursery. The event would not have been possible without our caterers: Schat's Courthouse Bakery & Café and Antonio Lopez; our auctioneer: Sheriff Tom Allman; those who donated the wine enjoyed during dinner—Barra of Mendocino, Handley Cellars, Husch Vineyards, McNab Ridge Winery, Parducci Wine Cellars and Rodney Strong Vineyards; Jerry Schultz, Portable Party, who provided the music and sound system; the Cupples Family, Lynda & Don Coursey, and Karen Moon who supplied the fabulous decorations; the Event Chair, Kathy Rough; the auction organizers: Sarah Falk, Lucille Mirata, and Candace Horsley; and all the event volunteers: Tami Bartolo-

mei, Pamela Brennan, Mary Louise Chase, Melinda Harney, Susie Johnson, Buck Jordan, Bob Mirata, Mark Mirata, Marian Scalmanini, Kathy Smith, Rachael Smith-Ferri, Marge Thatcher, Diana Thomas, Cheryl Thompson, Ann Thornhill, and Mark Winkler.

Thanks to all those who donated goods and services to our auctions and raffle: Balloons Above the Valley; Bottega Napa Valley; Parducci Wine Cellars and the Thornhill Family; Scott Hegan and Hegan Glass Works; Mac & Kate Magruder, Magruder Ranch; Spencer Brewer; Alex DeGrassi; Rich Parducci and MacNab Ridge Winery; Tom Liden; Mark & Adriane Pardini; Bob & Lucille Mirata; Gary & Pat Mirata; Gary Morrison & Charlotte Cuneo; Benbow Historic Inn; Rodney Strong Winery; Family of Virginia Fitch; Ukiah's Pirate Pete's Practically Perfect Pumpkin Patch and Mike & Nadine Boer; Johan & Marcia Lazaro; Chris Solomon; Gil & Lorena Tournour; Kristin Myers and Potter Valley Catering; Don & Lynda Coursey; Neelam Salmen; D. William Jewelers, David & Martha Bookout; Ken Chapman and Habitat of Ukiah; Sue Blackwelder; Bob Perkowski; Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco; Marjorie & Gilbert Ashoff and Vichy Springs Resort; Catherine Rivlin; San Francisco Giants; San Jose Sharks; Friedman's Home Improvement; Satoke Barash; Menton Builders; Wayne & Dora Briley; John Beatty; Craft Distillers; Jason Hartje; Mendocino Roofing; Bonnie Covert; Jan Hoyman and Hoyman Studios; Laura Buckner and Happy Woman Jewelry; Jo-Ann Rosen; John & Karen Moon, Holly Brackmann; Candace Horsley; Kathy Rough; Dale Robinson; Marvin Schenck; Ted Baker London, Dee Dix; Jim & Emjay Scott and Naughty Boy Winery; Gaston Forge; Debra Chaffin Perkowski; Disneyland Resorts, Inc.; Pardini Appliance and Mark Pardini; Grey & Missy Nelson and Nelson's Christmas Trees; Karen Holmes, and Corine Pearce. Many thanks, as well, to all those who generously bid on these auction items!

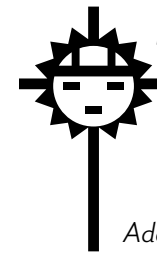
To express our appreciation for your support, we will be having a Members Only Event on January 19, which will include a special glass making demonstration. Watch for your invitation and we hope to see you there!

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a Fabulous New Year!

—Lucille Mirata, *Sun House Guild President*

## New Guild Members

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## Grace Hudson Museum Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 28, 2017–January 28, 2018

### **Mastering the Molten: Mendocino County Art Glass**

Highlighting contemporary art glass from master craftspeople throughout Mendocino County, this exhibit surveys the diversity of the medium through the work of Jeanette Carson, Sean Cramblett, Kale Haschak, Scott Hegan, Erika Kohr Island, Yorgen Kvinsland, Cynthia Myers, Elizabeth Raybee, Ferdinand Thieriot, and Jonah Ward. Ranging from sand-carved glass, to hand-blown glass, to torchworked glass, to cast glass, to woodburning with molten glass, to stained glass and glass mosaics, this is one show not to be missed!

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

### **Mastering the Molten Artists' Gallery Tour**

View the work of glass artists Sean Cramblett, Kale Haschak, Elizabeth Raybee, and Ferdinand Thieriot as they discuss their pieces and processes. Free with Museum admission.

Friday, December 1, 5:00–8:00 p.m. AND Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. **Holiday Open House**

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Saturday, January 6, 2:00–3:00 pm.

### **Mastering the Molten Artists' Slide Presentation**

In illustrated talks, glass artists Erika Kohr Island and Yorgen Kvinsland discuss their work and methods. Grace Hudson Museum Public Room. Free with Museum admission.

Friday, January 19, 5:00–8:00 p.m.

### **Members Only Special Reception**

Take in our current exhibit and see participating artist Jonah Ward demonstrate glass working at his portable furnace. Free with proof of membership.

Saturday, February 10–June 3, 2018

### **Beauty and the Beast: California Wildflowers and Climate Change**

Exquisite photographs of California's wildflowers bring awareness to the beauty of the Golden State—as well as to the dangers facing our natural habitats from climate change. This exhibit was initiated at San Francisco Public Library and traveled through Exhibit Envoy.