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 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!
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 has 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.

Our deep appreciation goes to our Fundraiser Sponsors: Savings Bank of Mendocino County, K Max 93.5 & K.Wine 145 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 all our caterers: Schar’s Courthouse Bakery & Cafe and Antonio Lopez; our auctioneer: Sheriff Tom Allman; those who donated the wine enjoyed during dinner: Barra of Mendocino; Antonio Lopez; our auction organizers: Sarah Falk, Lucille Mirata, and who supplied the fabulous decorations; the Event Chair, Kathy Cupples Family, Lynda & Don Coursey, and Karen Moon.

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 Pandolini; Bob & Lucille Mirata; Gary & Pat Mirata; Gary Morrison & Charlotte Canoe; Benbow Historic Inn; Rodney Strong Winery; Family of Virginia Pitch; Ukiah’s Pirate Pete’s Practically Perfect Pumpkin Patch and Mike & Nadine Boer; Johan & Marcia Lazarro; Chris Solomon; Gil & Lorena Tournour; Kristin Myers and Porter Valley Catering; Don & Lynda Courney; Nedlam Salmen; D. William Jeweleres, David & Martha Bookout; Ken Chapman and Habitat of Ukiah; Sue Blackwelde; Bob Perkowski; Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco; Marjorie & Gilbert Ashoff and Vicky Springs Resort; Catherine Rivilin; San Francisco Giants; San Jose Sharks; Friedman’s Home Improvement; So-toke Barash; Menton Builders; Wayne & Dora Bieley; John Beauty; 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 Braackmann; Candace Horsley; Kathy Rough; Dale Robinson; Marvin Schenck; Ted Baker London, Dee Dixo; Jim & Emjay Scott and Naughty Boy Winery; Gaston Forge; Debra Chaffin Perkowski; Disneyland Resorts, Inc.; Pandini Appliance Antonino Longo; the Eversole Family; Gary & Missy Nelson and Nelson’s Christmas Trees; Karen Holmes; and Corrine 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

From the Sun House Guild President

New Guild Members

| Pauline Arnold | Michele Halligan | Kate McClatchy | Joel Steed |
| Andy Buslestracci | Cynthia Hansen | Pamela Mikalson | Mary-Kate Stoever |
| Jeanne Elliott Buchanan | Bonnie Ball | Sarah Kennedy & Michael Owen | Liz Stoever & Kent Graney |
| Dennis Crean | Charlene & Dan Holbrook | Charlotte & David Rapport | Carolyn Welch & Rob Tripathi |
| Debra Franks | Judy Ingoglia | O’Rourke Swinney | Kathleen White |
| John Griffith | Virginia Island | Pat Swan | Jennifer Young |
| Leslie Hall | Joyce Lashbrook | Bertina Robbi | Louise Young |

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 Kehr 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, 2–3 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, January 19, 5–8 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.