This year’s holiday exhibition, “Model Trains Spectacular,” will be on display Wednesdays to Sundays, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm through January 7.

The exhibition includes wonderful model trains of all kinds. Wayne Padd’s spectacular O scale Lionel model trains and elaborate train village are featured and operational. A hand-forged ¼” scale train meticulously crafted from actual train plans is displayed along with various wind-up trains and handmade wooden trains and buildings.

Jon Lacaillade’s scale replica of the 1915 Healdsburg Plaza, 1935 downtown Healdsburg and the Healdsburg Railroad Bridge are also on display all decked out for Christmas. Families who visit with children will especially appreciate our hands-on play area.

We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends during the holiday season. Make a visit to the Museum part of your holiday traditions!

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Wednesday – Sunday
History Matters  

by Holly Hoods,  
Executive Director/Curator

I'm still smiling about the fun “Night at the Museum” party we hosted on Friday, November 10, for a lively and appreciative group. Museum supporters Mike and Chris Welty were the winning bidders on a “Night at the Museum” cocktail party during the live auction portion of our 2016 History Lives/Pioneer Award event.

The Weltys invited 20 friends and family members to a private reception at the Museum. We scheduled their event for the last day that the “Destination Healdsburg” tourism history exhibition was on display. I gave a brief overview of the exhibition, pointing out some of its notable elements. At their request, I also researched and presented some historical background on the Weltys’ office building at 141 North Street.

Museum Board member/mixologist Phyllis Chiosso Liu created and served two specialty cocktails; Peter Leary and I prepared a feast of Mediterranean appetizers; Ed Liu kept the wine glasses filled. Stan Becker, Carol Peterson, Jane Bonham, Diane Carriger and Kay Robinson also pitched in to make our night a success. The Weltys and their friends seemed to have a great time…and so did we!

Assistant Curator Whitney Hopkins and I have started meeting with our educational outreach committee members, Phyllis Chiosso Liu and Carol Peterson, on the next Museum school outreach program. Phyllis and Carol will be working with us to create a new interactive lesson plan to help teach elementary students about the founding of Healdsburg and its early history. The lesson will be designed to be engaging and educational, reinforcing the grade level Core Curriculum Standards.

I want to thank Nelson and Jane Weller, the Healdsburg chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Fred and Leota Gonzalez for their support of the Museum by combining to fund a paid college internship. Over the past year, our indispensable intern Lauren Carriere has concentrated her internship work on historical building research and architecture. Lauren is a graduate student studying Cultural Resources Management at Sonoma State University and is currently working on her MA thesis. She will be assisting me with the historical research for AAUW’s May 2018 Healdsburg Homes Tour. Lauren will also help update our Museum website to include photos and information about the Museum’s Historic Preservation Awards.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate $$$ to the Museum. Bookmark http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2401543 and benefit Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society. Thank you for your support!

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President’s Corner

We’ve realized so many accomplishments this year including the display of one of our most popular exhibitions, “Destination Healdsburg”; the move and consolidation of the Museum’s collections to the new climate controlled storage facility; the completion of the Oak Mound Cemetery pioneer section restoration and the successful launch of the new Business Partners program. However, we have come up short on our fundraising efforts in 2017.

In last month’s column I mentioned that our annual appeal usually generates approximately 20-25% of the Museum’s operating income. Our total expenses are just under $300,000. This year’s annual appeal needs to reach the higher end of this range to make up the shortfall and provide a sufficient reserve to begin the new year.

This year more than ever you are being asked to support many worthy causes and organizations. We hope you will include the Museum in your list of donations as you establish your priorities. It is only through this effort that we may continue to preserve and present the history of Healdsburg.

We thank you for your generosity and your support.

SAVE THE DATE!
Annual Museum Membership Meeting and Potluck Dinner
January 18, 2018 - Krug Center

A through L – cold dish or salad
M through Z – hot dish or casserole

HM&HS Annual Meeting and Election

We hope to see you at our Annual Membership Meeting at the Krug Center on Thursday, January 18. It promises to be a fun evening to begin the new year.

In addition to socializing and dinner, there will be a short business meeting that will include the election of officers, directors, and a nominating committee. The evening will be capped off with the presentation of our Historic Preservation Awards.

Election of Nominating Committee

Members of the nominating committee, consisting of three Directors and two members of the community, are elected for one-year terms.

The proposed nominating committee is:

Eric Ziedrich
Jim Brush
Ken Spadoni
Carla Howell
Will Seppi

Election of Officers and Directors

Officers and Directors are elected for two-year terms, but no more than four continuous full terms. Each member of the board shall chair at least one standing committee or hold an elected officer position.

The nominated officers and directors are:

President Ronnie Devitt*
Past President Jim Brush*
Vice-President Eric Ziedrich*
Secretary Phyllis Chiosso Liu
Treasurer Mark Decker
Asst. Treasurer Jon Eisenberg
Cemetery Jerry Eddinger
Collections Carol Peterson
Events Kay Robinson
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Membership Jeanne Leal-Hartlaub
Technology Lockie Gilles**

* Term of office for one remaining year
** On the Board for one remaining year

Welcome Our Newest HM&HS Members

Peg Champion & Brad Whitworth
Lance & Barbara Cotrell
Judy & Paul Jones
**HMVA News** *by Ann Howard, HMVA Co-chair*

It is great to be back catching up on Museum news, helping with the new exhibition and working on Geyserville research projects.

The Geyserville Fall Colors Festival was held on Sunday, October 29. Members of the Geyserville Historical Committee helped me set up a display of historical photographs in front of the Bosworth and Son General Mercantile store and adjoining museum.

Shortly before the festival, Meg (Hoffman) McDaniel and her sister, Catherine Reddy, lent early photographs, maps and land records of the Cummings and Hoffman families which I hurriedly scanned so we could display five generations of photos and information. Among the documentation were five daguerreotypes (photographs on highly polished silver plates in small wood, pressed paper, leather or composition folding cases) of the earliest Cummings ancestors.

After I shared this display at the November HMVA meeting, Stan Becker and I studied some of the Museum’s earliest photographic images. We wanted to determine which was a daguerreotype (the image a negative or positive depending on the light source, 1839-1860), an ambrotype (photographic image on glass, 1854-1860s) or a ferrotype/tintype (images on lacquered sheet of iron cut to size with tin snips, 1856-1930s).

Harry Bosworth is retiring – unbelievable! The Bosworths have been in business at the same location for three generations – 106 years: George (1911-1925), Obed (1912-1981) and now Harry (1984-2017). Luckily, the store will stay in the family. Daughter Gretchen Crebs will be taking over. I invite all of our members to reach out to family and friends to join our Museum family. I also encourage you to join our volunteer ranks. There are many interesting projects to consider.

I would also like to remind you that we are a non-profit museum and research facility with a mission to protect artifacts and display the history of northern Sonoma County for the benefit of our visitors, near and far. We rely on fundraising efforts to finance our operation. We hope that you will include the Museum as you determine your year-end charitable donations.

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**Another Lost History Story** *by Jane Bonham, Office Manager*

Healdsburg’s first Mayor, Lewis A. Norton, was a lawyer of great influence, instrumental in resolving the Squatters’ War. Sometime in the more recent past, a bust of Captain Norton was commissioned by the Museum and, for many years, it graced our exhibitions. Over time, however, nicks and dings appeared – deplorable! Not long ago, the figure was removed and placed in professional hands for a good cleaning and restoration.

Even in a Museum, history may be lost or temporarily misplaced. Many tasks are managed largely with the helping hands of volunteers.

The good Mayor’s bust was returned and placed, carefully-wrapped, in a storage box. The Museum is located in the Carnegie Library so the volunteer carefully noted on the box the name of the dignitary thought to be worthy of this representation: Andrew Carnegie. The box was sent along with other items once stored at the Museum into the new Collections facility, recognized only as a (very poor!) likeness of Andrew Carnegie and not worthy of display.

Recently, a descendant of Captain Norton visited the Museum and inquired about the Norton bust that was expected to be on display. Not knowing any of the statue’s adventures up to this time, Assistant Curator Whitney Hopkins was unable to answer the visitor’s questions. She suggested that a letter be sent to Holly as the Executive Director/Curator. Whitney shared her surprise with the staff and we waited for the letter to learn more.

Holly arrived at work one morning with obvious excitement. She told of waking in the middle of the night with a simultaneous memory of being told an important item had been removed for repairs and of peeking at a bust of Carnegie, agreeing it was a poor likeness. The two busts emerged from memory, merged into one and the mystery was solved!

From the box marked “Andrew Carnegie,” she proudly presented the bust of Captain Lewis A. Norton! A wonderful likeness, it is now on display with his photos and memorabilia.

The lost is found and history was restored.
Tributes
The Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society is grateful for the following memorial and honorary gifts received between December 1, 2016, and November 15, 2017:

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Preservation Award Nominations  
by Holly Hoods and Fran Schierenbeck

Healdsburg is blessed with a large number of historic structures, from the Neoclassical Carnegie Library to snug Craftsman, stately Queen Anne and Italianate, cozy Carpenter Gothic and hip Mid-century. These buildings help to form our small-town charm. They give us a sense of place, creating a vibrant historic character. That’s why it’s important to honor those who preserve our historic structures with their dedication of time and financial resources.

Our categories of merit include: Historic Preservation, Historic Restoration and Lifetime Maintenance. These categories can apply to either commercial or residential buildings. The Secretary of the Interior’s preservation standards serve as our guidelines for these awards.

We recently added a new category with slightly less stringent requirements. The “Adaptive Re-use” award requires that at least 80% of the original building’s materials and footprint have been preserved. This award recognizes that contemporary uses often require some adaptations to modify the structure in the creative repurposing of a vintage building. We want to encourage projects that give new life to old structures, contributing positively to the architectural character of Healdsburg.

Buildings are nominated by people in our community. Our Historic Preservation Committee, composed of an architectural historian, the Museum’s Executive Director/Curator, historic restoration specialists, a contractor and former award recipients, makes the final selections.

We welcome your nominations for this year’s awards. Submit them to the Museum, Attn: Historic Preservation Committee by December 18.

The awards will be presented at our Annual Membership Meeting on January 18.

Field Trips  
by Phyllis Chioso Liu

We so enjoy having school groups of all ages visit the Museum. The latest group to visit was an adorable 1st grade class from St. John’s School. They were so curious and full of enthusiasm as they explored the exhibition, “Destination Healdsburg.” As usual, they were enthralled by Jon Lacallaide’s amazing historical scenes of our town. The students all wanted to tell us their favorite car model. They were amazed at the old-fashioned bathing suit and, of course, they thought the big ball and chain and the huge bear trap on display were awesome!

Another day we had two classes of 2nd graders from Healdsburg Elementary School. It was a large, lively group of well-behaved youngsters. We enjoyed answering their many questions of how people had fun in Healdsburg in the “olden” days. Waterskiing at Memorial Beach particularly intrigued this group.

We look forward to hosting many more school groups during the “Model Train Spectacular” exhibition period.

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Collections Corner

One of the newest historic Healdsburg archival items to find its way onto my desk is a framed “Certificate of Appreciation” acquired by Museum supporter and volunteer Jack Trotter via an online auction.

The certificate is from The American National Red Cross to Byron C. Gibbs of Healdsburg, California, “who for a period of more than three years has given his services to the activities of the First Aid and Water Safety Service.” The certificate was issued in Washington, D.C., on March 18, 1942.

It contains the printed signatures of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Red Cross Secretary Mabel Boardman, Red Cross Central Committee Chairman Norman Davis and Director of First Aid Water Safety and Accident Prevention Harold F. Enlows.

Who was Byron Gibbs? He was a former teacher, principal and superintendent of Healdsburg schools. After graduating from San Jose State University, Gibbs moved to Healdsburg in 1930 as an athletic coach and elementary teacher. In 1942, he was appointed principal of Healdsburg Elementary School and then, in 1945, district superintendent, where he served until 1965.

Throughout his time at the schools, Gibbs maintained an interest in sports and coaching. He started the Healdsburg Swim Club in the 1940s that held competitions at “Lake Sotoyome” (now known as Memorial Beach).

Gibbs was also an active participant in Healdsburg’s Red Cross chapter, where he supervised swim classes at the river, and sat on the board. He was the first man in Healdsburg to obtain his Red Cross first aid certificate and taught first aid classes to Healdsburg residents. Gibbs also helped establish the Boys and Girls Club in Healdsburg.

Byron Gibbs as Healdsburg Elementary School principal

In addition to his work with the schools, Gibbs participated in many local service-oriented organizations. He was the first president of the Future Farmers Country Fair board, remaining in office for six years and serving on the board for 23. Gibbs also served on the Healdsburg Library board and was a former member and lieutenant governor of Kiwanis International.

Gibbs was named Healdsburg Citizen of the Year in 1959. In addition to the children’s park on Prentice Drive named in his honor (Gibbs Park), the redwood grove at Fitch Mountain Elementary School was also dedicated to him.

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The mission of the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society is to record the history of the Healdsburg area through the collection and preservation of historical materials; to actively foster the appreciation of local history of the Healdsburg area through educational programs, activities and historical research; and to provide finances for, and to support, operate and manage the Healdsburg Museum. Edwin Langhart, Founder.

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