“She Persisted”
New Exhibition of Local Women’s History
Open with Members’ Reception Wednesday, January 24, 5:30 pm

Our next exhibition highlights a diverse group of women notable in Healdsburg history. Their colorful lives and significant achievements in the 19th and early 20th centuries combined to help shape the character of our community.

The stories of their persistence, despite many obstacles, are compelling and still relevant today. The exhibition will include historic artifacts, narratives and photographs.

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11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday – Sunday
History Matters

by Holly Hoods,
Executive Director/Curator

I hope you remember our story from last year about Arthur Beeman, a Healdsburg High School 1932 graduate, who enlisted in the Army during WWII. On October 13, 1944, Pvt. Beeman was killed near Würsselen, Germany, in the battle for Aachen. He is buried at the U.S. cemetery Henri Chappelle in Belgium. Last year we had the opportunity to host a heartwarming reception for Art Beeman’s daughter Carol Davy and other close relatives to meet Stan and Kim Derkx, the family who adopted and now care for his grave overseas.

Private Arthur Beeman and Robert Muller holding Arthur's 1932 HHS annual.

This week our friend Robert Muller of the “You Know You’re From Healdsburg If…” Facebook group notified us of an amazing find: Arthur Beeman's 1932 yearbook for sale on eBay. Recognizing the significance of Art Beeman to our community, Robert bought the inscribed annual and has just donated it to the Museum. Thank you, Robert!

We are thrilled to add this precious remembrance of Arthur to our collection of his personal effects. It is incredible how Arthur’s spirit continues to inspire and connect people today.

President’s Corner

by Ronnie Devitt,
Board President

It’s report card time. The avid reader of this column may recall the 2017 strategic goals adopted by the Board. This is how things stand:
- Historical newspaper digitalization project – 90% complete
- Creation of new website – 99% complete, about to go live
- Reconfiguration of first floor space – first phase complete
- Increase membership – significant increase in membership dues
- Improve fundraising and donor appreciation – new business partnerships and donor appreciation off to good start; fundraising always needs improvement

At the time of writing this column, the responses to our annual appeal are coming in nicely, but we are not yet at our goal. There is still time to write that check!

The Museum’s Board of Directors attending the December 2017 meeting unanimously approved some substantive amendments to HM&HS’s by-laws. These changes will require ratification by the membership at our Annual Meeting later this month. A listing of the proposed new by-laws can be found on page 4 of this issue.

If you would like a complete copy of all the Museum by-laws as revised in 2012 along with the latest version, send an email to me at ronnie@healdsburgmuseum.org.

Personally, it has been a great experience to be working with such a dedicated and enthusiastic Board and staff this past year. Special thanks go to retiring Treasurer Phil Hartlaub and Assistant Treasurer Barry Stallard. Thank you also to Bo Simons and Diane Bertoli who will close out their terms as the non-board members of our nominating committee.

I hope you all plan to attend the Annual Meeting. I promise to keep the business portion very short, so that we all have time to socialize, wine and dine and catch up on all the news.

Happy New Year!

Welcome Our Newest
HM&HS Members

Robert Adams
Judy Nielsen Polsky
Glenn Proctor
Tom & Kathleen Soden
Beverly Wasson
A special thank you goes to Stan Becker who for the past year has been Co-chair of the Healdsburg Museum Volunteer Association. Now as I resume my duties with HMVA and the Board of Directors, Stan can focus on his many other areas of expertise at the Museum. Thank you also to Diane Carriger, our HMVA Secretary, who assisted Stan during my absence. I feel very well and fortunate and I am glad to have all my medical issues behind me!

Do you have good basic computer skills and attention to detail? Stan and Diane are eager to train new volunteers to help accession and scan collections of photographs that have been recently donated. (One set just happens to involve the house and property where Holly lives, much to her delight.) Please contact the office if you would like to help. We have many serendipitous moments during research projects and visitors with new information that are very exciting!

If that doesn’t suit you, there are other ways you could help (e.g., accession new items, become a receptionist for 2.5 hours a month.) We have five permanent shifts to fill on Sundays, 11:00-1:30 and 1:30-4:00 to keep the Gallery open to the public. Please ask at the office.

Mike Mahoney of Geyserville recently donated and delivered two, good-as-new, four-drawer filing cabinets to our back-room office, a fine addition to our filing needs. Thanks, Mike!

We are pleased with the response to our exhibit of model trains, so please bring family, friends, and kids of all ages. Soon it will be time to focus on the next exhibition.

On January 3, at the first-Wednesday-of-the-month HMVA meeting at 9:30 am final preparations for the January 18 Annual Meeting will be discussed. We still need assistance in a few key areas. Look for details on page 4 of this issue.

Thank you to Meredith Dreisback who has agreed to co-chair the event with me. Hope to see you and your guests there.

I wish all of you a prosperous, peaceful New Year. Thank you for your continued support of the HM&HS and HMVA.

“She Persisted” (cont’d from page 1)

Our featured profiles will include:

- Josefa Carrillo de Fitch, Californio owner of the Sotoyome Rancho, the 48,800-acre Mexican land grant that included and pre-dated Healdsburg, 1840s-'50s
- Ellen White, founding prophetess and spiritual leader of the Seventh-Day Adventist Faith, 1870s-'80s
- Dr. Margaret Kimball, Healdsburg’s first female physician, 1880s-'90s
- Lizzie Livernash, editor of Healdsburg Enterprise newspaper, 1890s
- Fanny McGaughey Martin, teacher, principal, attorney, County Superintendent of Schools, suffragist, c.1900
- Lucy Lozinto Smith, renowned Pomo basket weaver, mid-1900s
- Constance Cooke, World War I Red Cross nurse, 1910s
- Isabelle Simi, owner/manager of Simi Winery, created first wine tasting room in Healdsburg after Repeal of Prohibition, early 1900s
- Nercilla Harlan, co-founder/superintendent of Healdsburg Hospital, 1920s
- Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman, world record holding Olympic tennis champion, “First Lady of Tennis,” 1920s

A summary of early influential women’s organizations including Albanian Literary and Military Society, Ladies Improvement Club, Healdsburg Women’s Suffrage Club, Alexander Valley Ladies’ Aid and Dry Creek Neighbors’ Club will be displayed.

Historic artwork by local artists Jane Raabe, Myra Hazen, Ollie Gaddini Bacigalupi, Maude Needham Latimer, Alice Haigh Dixon and Rosinda Holmes will also be included.

“She Persisted” will open to members with a reception at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, January 24. It will open to the public beginning at 11:00 am on Thursday, January 25.

Follow Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society on Facebook
It’s time for our annual membership meeting. It is an important opportunity for the general membership to gather and hear about what has been accomplished during the past year and the exciting plans for the next twelve months. The evening is always festive with good food and fellowship. All members, prospective members and guests are welcome. Please join us.

We will meet at the Krug Center on Grove Street, just south of the Dry Creek Inn. The room is warm and cozy. Parking is available adjacent to the Center or along Grove Street.

The doors will open at 5:30 pm to receive potluck dishes by the serving crew. The social hour begins at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:45 pm.

POT LUCK ASSIGNMENTS

Last Names A to L - Salad or Cold Dish
Last Names M to Z - Hot Dish or Casserole
Everyone - Serving utensil for your dish

We do not have access to a kitchen, so please wrap your hot dishes well.

Place settings of plates and eating utensils will be furnished along with wine glasses. Bread, wine, dessert and coffee/tea will also be provided, but anyone who wishes to bring a bottle of wine or a special dessert to share is free to do so.

We will have a different type of raffle this year, which should be a fun addition to the evening. Ticket prices will be $5 for one ticket and $20 for five tickets.

Following dinner, we will have a brief business meeting. The program will include the election of Board officers and directors for 2018, reports from the President and Executive Director/Curator and presentations of the Historic Preservation awards.

An important part of the Board President’s presentation will be the request for approval of some new by-laws. Previously approved by the Board during their December, 2017 meeting, they require general membership ratification. They are:

• Article VII, Section 4 reorganizes the Finance Committee and reinstates an Endowment Committee comprised of the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, three other members of the Board of Directors, and two non-board members from the Healdsburg community.
• Article VII, Sections 7 and 8 are replaced with a new Section 7 which combines the duties of the Communications and Public Relations Committees.
• Article VII, Section 8 adds a Cemetery Committee responsible for maintaining the Pioneer Section of Oak Mound Cemetery from the funds raised for the Oak Mound Cemetery Restoration Project.

In advance of our event, we will need volunteer help in three areas:
• decorate the tables at 1:00 pm
• assist at the buffet table with serving
• help with cleanup at the end of the meeting

I will also circulate a “final help” list at the HMVA meeting on January 3 at 9:30am in the Research Room. You may also call (473-7903) or email (alhoward@alhoward.org) me to let me know how you would like to assist us.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Notice Anything New?

As a membership benefit to all of our business members at the Sponsor level and higher, we are highlighting them with a business card sized insert in The Review.

If you would like to join this illustrious group, contact Eric Ziedrich (EZiedrich@hlc-inc.com) for more information.
A Tribute to Our Retiring Treasurers

by Jane Bonham, Office Manager

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and Museum community, our thanks to the retiring Board Treasurer, Phil Hartlaub, and Assistant Treasurer, Barry Stallard. Phil and Barry joined the HM&HS Board of Directors in 2014, stepping right up to serve as Treasurers. Four years well served, gentlemen!

Phil Hartlaub and his wife Jeanne moved to Healdsburg in 2000. After twelve years as part of the adjunct faculty in the math department at Santa Rosa Junior College, Phil retired from teaching. To our good fortune, he joined the volunteer receptionist corps at the Museum where he served for the next ten years. This gave him the opportunity to observe the hard work of staff and Board first hand, too, since Jeanne, joined the Board in 2013. Phil rolled up his sleeves and joined the Board writing, “When I was approached to fill the Treasurer’s position, I was happy to accept.”

Good to his word, Phil has worked diligently for two terms in this responsible position and now he has determined it is time to move on. The Museum has not lost a good volunteer. We will still see him frequently in the coming months: He has signed on to assist the Membership Committee Chair, his wife Jeanne!

In 2002, following retirement from experimental work at Livermore National Labs, Barry and Kaye Stallard moved to Healdsburg, where Kaye had spent summers on the Russian River. New to town, joining the Museum proved a great way for the couple to meet people and get to know the community.

In 2005, Barry was recruited as editor of The Review, producing a quality newsletter for six years.

The Stallards, like the Hartlaubs, have been a volunteering couple. Kaye Stallard has devoted her volunteer hours to training new receptionists for duties upstairs in the Museum. In 2013, Barry decided, “It seems time to again become more closely involved in the Museum,” thus engaging to serve on the Board of Directors as assistant treasurer. We look forward to future visits, but I’m afraid we cannot compete with their grandchildren!

As Assistant Treasurer, Barry has been a good right arm to Treasurer Phil; the two men have made a solid team. Thank you both for your good-natured devotion to the work at hand.

Phil Hartlaub

Barry Stallard

First graders from Saint John’s School pay close attention to the elaborate train display from a higher vantage point.

“Model Trains” Closes January 7

Our holiday exhibition, “Model Trains Spectacular,” has been enjoying spectacular attendance! Your last chance to see it will be Sunday, January 7. If you haven’t had an opportunity to stop by yet, I encourage you to do so.

Thanks again to the people who generously loaned their model trains and toys to the Museum: Mark Goff and Phillip Engel, Edson and Ann Howard, Ed Liu, Jane Bonham, Reid Borgwardt and Elizabeth Cleaveland.

Special thanks to Wayne Padd whose Lionel O scale model trains and train village have become a much-loved holiday tradition at the Museum.
Tributes

The Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society is grateful for the following memorial and honorary gifts received between December 1, 2016, and December 15, 2017:

In Memory of

Charles Baranzini Jr
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During the past year, a small group of Museum staff and volunteers has been hard at work in our new climate-controlled collections storage facility on Kennedy Lane. Most Thursday afternoons will find them concentrating on various collections management tasks. Their primary focus has been inventorying our collection, which includes ensuring that the items are properly accessioned, cataloged and described. Shelf by shelf, item by item, they examine the artifacts and update our records.

Currently, we have 5,493 objects, 8,818 archival ephemera items, 21,083 photographs and 428 books in our database.

Now that we have two computers set up to remotely access our PastPerfect database, our productivity has increased markedly. While we continue to receive new donations, such as the Barclay Nalley collection, we also work to catch up on older collections, such as the Mervyn Silberstein collection, which had yet to be fully cataloged.

A special thank you to our outstanding volunteers who have contributed countless hours to the preservation of our collections. They include Stan Becker, Diane Carriger, Meredith Dreisback, Ed Flesch, Carol Peterson, Phyllis Chiosso Liu, Margaret Dean, Pat McCracken and Kay Robinson.

Your financial support helps us cover the cost of rent, shelving and additional conservation materials to safely protect Healdsburg’s history.

by Whitney Hopkins
A Treasure Hunt by Kay Robinson

A treasure hunt is what Matt McIlvenna bought when he acquired online, sight-unseen, a box that included photographs of Africa. Matt, a native of England who works for the U.N. in Kenya, returned to England to claim the box. At the bottom of the box was a journal written by an unidentified woman of her 1892 trip from England to the United States.

After two years of sleuthing, Matt has uncovered an extraordinary woman and the story of her life. From clues within the journal, he determined the woman was Helen Caroline Thomas of Oxford, England.

Helen’s diary chronicled her trip across the Atlantic to the Isthmus of Panama, across the Isthmus by train and by ship to San Francisco.

Collections Corner by Whitney Hopkins, Assistant Curator

Thanks to Barry Stallard for the loan of an original “Peace dollar” from his private collection. Barry realized that the coin would be an appropriate addition to our current World War I exhibition which is in remembrance of the centennial of the United States’ entry in the war.

There she was greeted by Anita Fitch Grant, a dear friend of Helen’s mother. (Anita had cared for Helen’s mother during an illness that lead to her death.)

Helen wanted to visit a property in the vicinity of Limerick Lane that her parents had briefly owned. She stayed in Healdsburg for just a few days.

Matt’s journey of discovery has involved the internet and travel to Healdsburg and Hawaii. This was his second trip to our Museum. I helped him review the Museum’s archives including photographs, a cemetery records search, our family subject files and the digital newspaper collection (www.CDNC.ucr.edu). His range of research topics was wide: ship manifests, hotel registers, the Fitch-Grant connection, the 1877 and 1897 atlases showing the property location (but with earlier and later owners’ names), newspaper snippets and burial records. On this visit, Matt planned to meet Grant descendant Steve Herrick and Bill Nachbauer of Acorn Winery, the current owners of the land that the Thomases once owned.

The endgame of Matt’s work is a publication of the journal replete with sketches by Helen of the people and places she encountered along the way. Later chapters will elaborate on specific incidents within the journal with photos and maps.

Matt’s visit made for a fun and interesting day of research at the Museum and one he found very rewarding. We wish him all the best on his research journey and look forward to the publication.

With the passage of the Pittman Act in 1918, the United States was required to strike millions of silver dollars and began to do so in 1921. Following World War I, numismatists began to lobby the United States Mint to issue a coin that memorialized peace. The Peace dollar was approved by Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon in December, 1921.

Designed by Anthony de Francisci, the coin was the result of a competition to find designs emblematic of peace. Its obverse represents the head and neck of the Goddess of Liberty in profile, and the reverse depicts a bald eagle at rest clutching an olive branch, with the legend “Peace.” The peace dollar was minted from 1921 to 1928, and again in 1934 and 1935. It was also the last United States dollar coin to be struck for circulation in silver.
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The mission of the Healdsburg Museum & 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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