For the Month of April:

Thursday Nights at the Museum:
Art and Dumplings

We are pleased to announce the Museum will stay open for extended hours, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm every Thursday in the month of April.

We are partnering with Syd Kato and Lucas Moderacki of Houtskool Dumplings who will host their pop-up handmade dumpling service in the Museum gallery. Visitors on Thursday evenings in April may explore our current exhibition, “A Sense of Place,” engage with some of the participating artists and purchase delicious handcrafted Asian dumplings. A splash of wine provided by our generous wine sponsors will be available along with tea and sparkling water.

Houtskool dumplings are shaped and steamed to order and will be available for purchase, to eat in

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by Holly Hoods,
Executive Director/Curator

We had a wonderful, if slightly overcast, day of plein air painting at my house on Grant Avenue on Sunday, March 3. This event was created as part of our current exhibition, “A Sense of Place.” The artists enjoyed painting together for several hours, and my husband and I enjoyed hosting them. It was a great day. Most of the participants took photos to complete their paintings later.

I am so happy to announce that we have been awarded another grant from the Healdsburg Tourism Improvement District (HTID). Their previous grant greatly enhanced our current exhibition and subsidized most of its supporting activities.

This latest funding will be used for our next exhibition, “Roots of Healdsburg Wine Agriculture.” Opening on May 23, it will explore the fascinating stories and people who pioneered the early years of winemaking up to Prohibition. HTID funds will be used to hire the tremendously knowledgeable retired Sonoma County Wine Librarian Bo Simons as our guest curator.

The thriving wine industry of today is part of a second wave: a Post-Prohibition, Post-Prune era in our local agricultural history. This second wine wave, from Prohibition to the present, will be featured in a 2020 exhibition.

President’s Corner

by Eric Ziedrich,
Board President

Happy Spring to you all. We have been blessed with three bright, sunny days in a row, and I just heard that we officially avoided a drought here in California for the first time since 2011.

Spring brings a new season for the Healdsburg Museum & Historic Society, too. HM&HS traditionally kicks off the new year with a Board Retreat and Strategic Planning Meeting which we convened on Saturday, February 23. The meeting agenda included welcoming new Board members, developing goals and objectives for 2019 and designating committee chairs and members with the tasks of addressing and completing our goals and objectives. We also established a budget that will hopefully ensure that we can financially support our core mission as well as our plans for the calendar year.

I’m happy to report that our meeting was focused, constructive and most productive. I am confident that 2019 will be another tremendous year for our Museum!

Here is this year’s leadership team:

- President: Eric Ziedrich (Fundraising Chair)
- Past President: Ronne Devitt (HMVA Chair)
- Vice-President: Jon Eisenberg
- Secretary: Phyllis Chiosso Liu (Education Chair)
- Treasurer: Mark Decker (Finance Chair)
- Assistant Treasurer: Jim Brush (Historic Preservation Chair)

Our other committees include:

- Cemetery: Jerry Eddinger
- Collections: Kay Robinson
- Communications: Bob Pennypacker
- Events: Susan Sheehy
- Marketing/Antique Fair: Rawleigh Fjeld
- Membership: Jeanne Leal Hartlaub

And, of course, our superb staff—Holly, Lauren and Jane—along with our army of dedicated volunteers complete the team.

We are here to serve you, so please feel free to contact us with any ideas or concerns.

Thank you all for all that you do…and Happy Spring to you all!
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Volunteer News

by Ronnie Devitt, Volunteer Coordinator

The “Volunteer Voice” has been launched as a Tuesday morning email message. It contains one: Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) and answer, a specific volunteer need and a tidbit of Museum news. This communication is only sent to Museum volunteers, but if you wish to be on the list of recipients, please email info@healdsburgmuseum.org or call the Museum. We’ll be happy to add you to the list.

The FAQs come from my interviews with our receptionists. It is important that they know the answers. Recognizing that not all receptionists use email, copies of the emails and the information source will also be kept on the receptionist’s desk for a month. The information will also be collected in the new Visitor Information binder on the desk.

If you are looking for a brief history of Healdsburg, check out the Museum’s website healdsburgmuseum.org/healdsburg-history. If you want to know the history of the Museum, see healdsburgmuseum.org/our-history.

Want to know the demographics of Healdsburg or a list of places to eat in Healdsburg? The Chamber of Commerce is one of the best sources. We now have a rack of information from the Chamber on the wall in the Museum Gift Shop.

For Receptionists Only

All receptionists know how important it is to always show up on time, however, there has been some confusion about how to get a substitute. Here are some suggestions:

- Keep the most recent email and calendar sent by Cilla Marshall.
- If you cannot easily trade with someone else, execute a “Reply All” to Cilla’s email, changing the subject line to “Help Needed (date am/pm).” If you receive an email reply, confirm and cc Cilla and info@healdsburgmuseum.org.
- If you prefer to communicate by phone, try to get someone to trade shifts. If that fails, call one of the subs listed on the Calendar. If that fails, call or email Cilla. As a very last resort, call the Museum. Also, let Cilla and the Museum staff know who is taking your shift so the correct name is listed on the Museum’s calendar.

Thank you all for doing a great job!

Calling All Junior Historians!

The Museum invites all 2nd through 8th grade students in Windsor, Healdsburg, and Geyserville to participate in our annual Family History Essay Challenge. Students are encouraged to write an essay about an event or an experience in their family’s past by interviewing a grandparent or other older relative.

This is an opportunity for students to bridge the generations and learn more about their own family history.

Winners will be awarded cash prizes and certificates at a special ceremony at the Museum. This educational outreach program is funded by a generous grant from the Wittke Family.

Information packets and entry forms are available at the Museum.

Entries are due at the Museum by Friday, April 5 at 4:00 pm.

Meet Our New Research Curator

Happy News! Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Museum has received funding to employ Lauren Carriere as a full time Research Curator for two years. Our donor believes in the importance of providing career growth opportunities for emerging professionals.

Lauren has done excellent work as an intern with us for the past 3 1/2 years, learning all aspects of our Museum while completing her Master's degree in Cultural Resources Management at Sonoma State University. Lauren will oversee the Museum’s research library and assist with exhibitions, publications and outreach programs.

We are delighted to officially welcome Lauren to our HM&HS team!

Congratulations, Lauren!
Art and Dumplings (cont’d from page 1)
or take out. Thanks to the generosity of Houtskool Dumplings, 25% of all dumpling sales will be donated to the Museum.

Museum membership will be encouraged, but is not required to attend these events. Our current exhibition celebrates the scenic artwork of Northern Sonoma County, created by local artists, mingling past and present. Most of the contemporary artwork is also available for sale.

“A Sense of Place” art exhibition and Art and Dumpling Thursday Nights at the Museum is partially funded by a grant from the Healdsburg Tourism Improvement District (HTID).

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**Remembering Ron Kron**  
*by Holly Hoods*


Born in 1930 to Vicar and Grace Kron of Alexander Valley, Ron was a Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Marine Corps with a distinguished career of military service, enlisting in 1951 and retiring in 1972.

I will never forget the half-day field trip I spent in a Range Rover with Ron more than a decade ago. As tour guide, he cheerfully drove me around, above and through Alexander Valley, pulling over frequently to point out the many places that held memories for him. Ron treated me to lunch at Jimtown Store as he shared his time and stories with me. That drive with Ron is still one of my favorite memories in my years at the Museum. We forged a bond of friendship and respect for the valley history that I will carry forever.

Ron was preceded in death by his first wife Ardyth, and his brother, Delbert. We extend our sympathies to his wife Arlene, his children Joann, Bob and Sandy, his step-children, Kim, Rick, Bob, and Nancy, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We will miss you, dear friend.

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Internship Support

Thanks to the initial funding and continued support of Jane and Nelson Weller, the Museum’s internship program has been very successful. Barry and Kaye Stallard, Fred and Leota Gonzalez, an anonymous donor and the Healdsburg Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) have also donated, bolstering our ability to provide opportunities for students to obtain practical experience working in local history.

Our most recent intern, Roan Affronti, was a welcome addition to the long list of enthusiastic interns we have hosted over the years.

We will be seeking a new intern next semester.

Thanks to Our Latest Intern Scholarship Fund Donors
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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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