Soon it will be time to gather our members and learn what has been accomplished in 2016 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 at the Center and along Grove Street.

The doors will open at 5:30 pm to receive potluck dishes by the serving crew. The social hour will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:45 pm. We do not have access to a kitchen, so wrap your hot dishes well.

POT LUCK ASSIGNMENTS
Last Names A to L -- Hot Dish or Casserole
Last Names M to Z -- Salad or Cold Dish
Everyone - Serving utensil for your dish and your own place setting of plate and eating utensils.

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I am so impressed with the progress our team has been making at our new Collections Storage facility with Assistant Curator Whitney Hopkins. I hadn’t been able to participate in a couple of weeks, so I was delighted to find that most of the objects have been unpacked and organized onto the new shelves. They are already catalogued, photographed and numbered (“accessioned” in Museum parlance), but we still need to revise all of the location records. It is a lot of work, but it is very rewarding to see the evolving organization. I have a great deal of appreciation for the heroic efforts of volunteers Diane Carriger, Kay Robinson, Meredith and Jim Dreisback, Stan Becker, Phyllis Chiosso Liu, Carol Peterson, Margaret Dean, Pat McCracken and Lauren Carriere. It is really gratifying to see our long-held vision for a climate-controlled artifact storage building realized. Bob Rawlins would be proud.

One of the best things about our schools exhibition was that many folks connected to the Seventh-Day Adventist church came to the Museum to see our historical displays about Healdsburg College, the Adventist private academy that operated in Healdsburg at the turn of the 19th century. It was relocated to Angwin in 1909, where it still thrives today as Pacific Union College. Our talented volunteer Jon Lacaillade built an incredible scale replica of the Healdsburg College for our exhibition. We will be donating the scale model of the historic Adventist school to the Pacific Union College for educational display purposes. They are excited to receive it and we are thrilled to find such a perfect home for this beautiful display.

We have closed the “Schools, Then and Now” exhibition and opened our new holiday toy exhibition: “Zoom! Toys on the Go.” This is an opportunity to see model trains, cars, trucks, bikes, pedal cars and airplanes from the Steve and Glenda Castelli family’s incredible toy collection. Also on display will be Wayne Padd’s O scale running model train, updated to feature a new engine plus a carnival village. We hope you will make a visit to the Museum during the holidays.
President’s Corner  by Jim Brush, Board President

As we near the end of 2016 and the end of my last term as President of the Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last two years. Every moment spent has been worth the effort. Our relationship with the community is strong and our operations increasingly relevant.

Your contributions to our operating and endowment funds are important to our continued operations into the future. We recently sent our Annual Appeal request to the membership and respectfully ask you to consider a kind donation response. If you are not a member, we invite you to stop by or go online and become one.

I plan to stay on the Museum Board for many years to come and look forward to our continued success.

Thanks to Our Latest Cemetery Restoration Project Donors

Doris & Vernon Evans
to celebrate Valerie Pedersen’s birthday

HMVA News  by Stan Becker, HMVA Co-chair

Even as winter sets in, your dedicated volunteers are still hard at work. The office back room is now almost empty and planning its new use will soon begin. Whitney and a crew of volunteers continue to spend Thursday afternoons sorting and finding proper homes for the collection. We have begun to move our textile collection. A big thanks to Jon Lacaillade for fabricating new textile holding rods. The reorganization of the subject files is ongoing. Volunteers continue to scan Hall Insurance negatives of rural properties from 1946 through 1954. To date almost 90% of the 2,500 negatives have been completed.

A Gift Worth Giving  by Jane Bonham, Office Manager

Will you consider giving a Museum Membership as a gift this holiday season? Last year a couple of our members initiated this idea, what fun!

To help you announce your gift, we have designed a colorful holiday letter to send to the recipient. That is twice gifting, you know; first to someone who would enjoy learning about the happenings here at Matheson and Fitch Streets, and then to the Museum itself. If you decide to take advantage of this opportunity, please order your gift membership(s) early so we can create the individualized, festive acknowledgment and get it in the holiday mail.

If you renew your membership this month, you will be among the first to notice that we have changed the titles of our various membership levels. Over time, with changing ideas and a fundraising campaign here and there, the names of these categories more closely resembled a patchwork quilt than anything to do with your relationship as a member of the Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society.

The dollar amounts remain the same, but we think these new classifications are more appropriate to our organization.

Welcome Our Newest HM&HS Members

Joyce Peters
Elizabeth & John Taylor

HM&HS Membership Categories

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Annual Appeal  
by Holly Hoods, Executive Director/Curator

2016 has been a pivotal year in the life of the Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society. HM&HS officially took ownership of our city’s historical collections. We were able to realize our long-held vision of creating a new, climate-controlled collection storage facility to properly house these treasured objects. We also achieved our goal of making more local history free and accessible online through our newspaper digitization project. We cleaned, repaired and painted the exterior of the Museum, a National Register landmark building. We enriched the environment through our restoration work at historic Oak Mound Cemetery. All of this was in addition to presenting three exhibitions, several major events, hosting school tours and visiting classrooms, publishing four historical journals and a monthly newsletter while serving our community’s research needs.

With outstanding support from the wider Healdsburg area, HM&HS has grown and matured as an organization since our founding in 1976 and taking over operational management of the Museum in 1993. We are 100 volunteers strong with three staff members. As our aspirations and accomplishments have grown, so have our expenses.

The Museum staff and Board are poised to take it to the next level. These goals are made possible through our Annual Appeal. This important once a year fundraiser is the backbone that supports our infrastructure. The Annual Appeal keeps the doors open, supporting the operation of the Museum: the staff salaries, exhibition production, collections and archival preservation, educational outreach, publication and publicity costs, website hosting, and office expenses, in addition to maintaining our historic building and new collections facility.

We recognize that there are many deserving organizations, but there is no organization that does what we do. If you love this area and appreciate our efforts to preserve and present regional history at the Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society, then please put your money where your heart is. Our Board of Directors has pledged 100% participation in this campaign. Your financial contribution or donation of highly appreciated stock can make a big impact. We need your support this year more than ever.

Thanks to Our Latest Annual Appeal Donors
Jeff Civian
James Wellington

HM&HS Annual Meeting  (cont’d from page 1)

Bread, wine, coffee/tea and dessert will 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 hold our annual Brown Bag Raffle (one ticket for $5; five tickets for $20.) Bring interesting items that you would like to donate to the raffle to the Museum or to the event. Please let Diane Carriger (433-5009) know what you will be donating ahead of time.

Following dinner we will elect our officers and directors for 2017, learn which buildings the Historic Preservation Committee has chosen to honor and hear reports from our President and Executive Director/Curator.

We will need volunteer help in three areas:
1) decorating the tables at 1:00 pm
2) assisting at the buffet table with serving
3) helping with clean-up at the end of the meeting.
Please call (433-5111) or email me (stan03416@gmail.com) to let me know how you would like to help. Look forward to seeing you there!

P.S. Stan Becker kindly agreed to oversee preparations for the Annual Meeting and Diane Carriger will coordinate the Brown Bag Raffle since I am scheduled to have surgery on January 13. Thank you both and everyone else who helps make our annual event such a grand success! --Ann Howard

Contributions in Memory of:
Gloria Cameron from: Edson & Ann Howard
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Frank Pastori & family
Marcia Teuschler
John & Diane Carriger
Steve Hajdu from: Herb & Wendy Steiner
Collections Corner

I’m excited to do some research on Healdsburg during World War I in preparation for an exhibition in our downstairs display cases in the New Year. April, 2017 will mark the 100th anniversary of the United States’ entry into the war.

Even though my family had not yet moved to Healdsburg in that era, I was excited to discover, while reading the historic *Healdsburg Tribune*, that I had a connection to Healdsburg in World War I. As I began searching the newspaper for interesting tidbits, I came upon an article reporting that Harold Rosenberg of the Healdsburg Red Cross Committee received a telegram from John B. Miller, of Los Angeles, chairman of the Pacific Division (of Red Cross) for the second war fund drive.

Before I moved back to Healdsburg I worked in the Archives of the National Headquarters of American Red Cross in Washington, DC. While working there I learned that my great-great-grandfather John Barnes Miller (who lived in Pasadena) was an active volunteer with Red Cross during World War I. He led the Red Cross fundraising efforts for the entire Pacific Division, which included all of the local chapters in California, Nevada and Arizona. He was responsible for reaching out to every local chapter of the Red Cross, including Healdsburg, to encourage and support their local fundraising efforts. These funds went toward relief, both for the citizens of war torn regions, and the troops overseas. I am proud of my great-great-grandfather’s efforts on behalf of the Red Cross, and was thrilled to find his name mentioned in our Healdsburg newspaper.

Do you have a World War I Healdsburg or Northern Sonoma County story? I would love to hear them and see your photographs or artifacts to share in this upcoming exhibition. I look forward to hearing from you!

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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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- Benefactor: $1000
- Sustaining Member: $500
- Supporting Member: $250
- Contributing Member: $100
- Business Premier: $500
- Business: $100
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