Healdsburg Elementary School, c. 1930s

“School Days, Then and Now”
Opens with Members’ Reception – July 27, @ 5:30 pm
by Holly Hoods

Revive your school spirit with our new exhibit, “School Days, Then and Now.” This fun and informative exhibit will illustrate the development of education in the Healdsburg area with profiles of early schools, teaching methods, curriculum and memorable teachers.

How has the student experience changed over time? One-room schools once dotted the countryside; many of them will be commemorated through historical artifacts, stories and photographs.

Master woodworker Jon Lacaillade’s miniature architectural craftsmanship will be prominently featured in this display. Not to be missed are Jon’s handcrafted scale models of the one-room Icaria School and Healdsburg College, the (cont’d on page 6)

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History Matters  
by Holly Hoods,  
Executive Director/Curator

We are thrilled with the growing number of people who have been contacting the Museum with research inquiries sparked by the availability of our historic newspapers on the California Digital Newspaper Collection (CDNC) website. This new ability to share local history beyond our Museum walls to people in other states and countries is so gratifying!

We hadn’t fully anticipated how much these new research connections would also benefit the Museum. Through these contacts, we are learning new history. Stories are being contributed every week. Several people have also shared historical letters and photos with the Museum which we are happy to add to our database.

Recent digital newspaper researchers included Melanie Mayer, a professor from UC Santa Cruz. She was investigating the 1876 water system of Healdsburg which turned out to have been adapted from a system in Santa Cruz and funded by the same backers.

Descendants of Charles Gebauer found enough clues online about historic Gebauer’s Park of 1892 to prompt them to make a family visit to the Museum. Through newspaper research we uncovered the story of an ambitious winery and vineyard, dance pavilion, stable, café, beer garden and bowling alley that briefly existed on two acres on Grove Street in 1892-1893. The owner later took his own life over financial distresses in 1893. The family and I would love to someday see a photo of Gebauer’s Park, where the Sotoyome Band entertained at a Fourth of July celebration and basket picnic, hosted by the Healdsburg Fire Department, in 1892.

If you haven’t availed yourself of this resource yet, I encourage you to check out the CDNC website: http://cdnc.ucr.edu. In fact, we are so excited about its potential use, we are planning to make historical newspapers the focus of an upcoming edition of the Russian River Recorder.

President’s Corner  
by Jim Brush, Board President

Get ready to win one of three main prizes in our 2016 Instant Wine Cellar raffle. Stan Becker, Mel Amato, Kay Robinson and others are busy putting together some great assortments. More information will be included in a separate mailing to our membership. Raffle tickets will also be available for sale at most of the Saturday Healdsburg Farmers’ Markets and at the Museum.

We especially want to extend our gratitude to the many wineries who donate wine to this important fundraising effort. There are many local premium wines that you will recognize in our prize list.

We appreciate your participation. I hope you win and share some of these excellent wines with your friends.

HMVA News  
by Ann Howard, HMVA Coordinator

The activity level around the Museum continues to buzz. In just the last month we held our annual Langhart event and sponsored the Antiques and Arts Fair. Both were great successes!

The Langhart event honoring Kaye and Barry Stallard was a wonderful evening. Even the weather was cooler than earlier predicted. More information and lots of great photos are included in this issue.

If you missed the June Fair, the second Antiques and Arts Fair on the Plaza is August 28. A special thanks to Raleigh Fjeld and Kay Robinson for the long hours they spend coordinating this event involving 80+ vendors and a myriad of details.

Stan Becker and the Instant Wine Cellar committee sent out email requests for wine donations for the Instant Wine Cellar raffle. To date, we have had a good response. Stan needs help now making follow-up phone calls to the wineries that have not yet responded. Later this summer he will also need assistance picking up the wine donations. Most importantly, he needs volunteers to sell IWC tickets at the Saturday morning Farmers’ Market in Healdsburg. Please contact Stan at 433-5111 if you can assist in this very important Museum fundraiser.

Being able to research the California Digital Newspaper Collection has opened a huge opportunity to read fascinating early newspaper columns written by determined reporters. I have become so engrossed

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following a lead that I feel sometimes that I am a participant in an event when I find a clue. I also become numb in my chair at the computer and have to shake myself loose!

I laughed out loud (but sympathetically) when I read Chris Smith’s recent column in the *Press Democrat* admonishing thieves for stealing peaches from his trees. My favorite historical figure, Dr. Elisha Ely of Geyserville, ended his letter dated August 11, 1861, to his mother and sister living in Connecticut with, “Hark! The Villains, that rustling sound, tis the chafing of their breeches. The Scamps in all this region round are Stealing Ely’s Peaches. A nightly pastime they make of it too.”

Have a wonderful summer!

**Pausing to Reflect**

*by Jane Bonham, Office Manager*

Sometimes it helps to pause and reflect. This is particularly true after the recent whirlwind of activity at the Museum, inside and out. Once I referred to HM&HS as a “non-profit organization” and certainly, it is. This remark resulted in a heated lecture from Bob Rawlins about its true identity as a “membership organization.” Upon reflection, he was right.

Our recent experiment combining the Volunteer Picnic and Langhart Volunteer Award Dinner was a resounding success. Congratulations again to Kaye and Barry Stallard. In his acceptance speech, Barry recalled the advice given to him and Kaye when they first moved to Healdsburg. To become part of the community, they were advised to join a church, the library and the Museum. He shared with the party that, upon reflection, they are very glad to have taken that advice.

The Research Center has also been abuzz with energy in preparation for the first of the two antique fairs in the Plaza. Now expanded to “Antiques and Arts,” it was welcomed by vendors and browsers alike. Kudos to Rawleigh Fjeld and Kay Robinson.

Under the deft guidance and organizational wizardry of Jim Dreisback, the cemetery restoration efforts continue, adding refurbishment of grave markers and rebuilding of the fountain to the menu of tasks. Community businesses and individuals continue to embrace this project, adopting spaces for sustainability. Inside the Museum, a team of volunteers is building a database from cemetery records that will be added to the online resources.

Jim’s time and expertise are shared with the newest project in the works: establishing the long awaited Collections Facility. The sustained efforts of the Storage Committee were rewarded with Board approval. The order is in for shelves and cabinets to house the Collection. The next workgroup, the Collection Packers, are waiting in the wings, soon to fill the Museum with orderly chaos and good cheer.

I once overheard a visitor to the Museum say, with admiration, that Healdsburg seems to have some of the same energy as was here with its founding. I didn’t understand at the time. However, in learning more about the people and activities devoted to building this town, I began to see: creative collaboration with a vision of and for community.

Bob was right.

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**Langhart Event a Success**

*by Ann Howard*

The Edwin Langhart Volunteer Award dinner on Saturday, June 4 honoring our 2016 recipients, Barry and Kaye Stallard, and all of our volunteers was a grand success! Eighty volunteers, board members, past Langhart awardees, family, spouses and friends were graciously hosted by Steve and Glenda Castelli at their remarkable ranch.

The evening included tours of the vast Castelli collections, cool drinks, festive décor and wonderful food enjoyed on their deck.

The Stevens Sisters, a barbershop group, had us all smiling and singing along. The bass vocalist provided a most interesting history of women's barbershop music. It was worthy of the society page!

Thank you again to Steve, Glenda, Tina, Stefani and Vic. They skillfully handled all of the endless details, opened their home and provided a glimpse of their amazing collections! A memorable event to be sure!

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

*September 24, 2016*

*History Lives/IWC Event*

*Villa Chanticleer*
Water Carnival Returns  by Holly Hoods

The Russian River summer dam is being installed just below Memorial Beach, signifying the true beginning of summer in Healdsburg. Over many generations, the Russian River became synonymous with summer fun for locals and visitors alike.

On Saturday, August 13 the Russian River will be celebrated in grand style with the return of the historic Healdsburg Water Carnival. I am excited to announce that the Museum will have a big presence at the event.

This year’s Water Carnival will be a joint event promoted by the City of Healdsburg and the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department. Museum Board member Lockie Gillies and I attended the first planning meeting convened by Mark Themig, Community Services Director.

This family-friendly event will also feature a ribbon cutting and grand reopening celebration for the Healdsburg Avenue (Memorial) Bridge. We will showcase the bridge history and display photos and artifacts from the Russian River, the bridge and the Water Carnival. Save the date!

Successful Antiques and Arts Fair

The Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society sponsors the twice annual summertime Antiques & Arts Fair. HM&HS volunteers provide the labor to organize, advertise and run the Fair. Any profits after payment of fees to the City and overhead from the rental of the spaces benefit HM&HS.

On Sunday, June 12 the Plaza was alive with shoppers and browsers exploring vintage treasures brought to Healdsburg by top dealers from around the Bay Area. Contemporary works of art from Kenya, Haiti, and Mexico were also on display with sales benefitting impoverished families and communities. A local painter demonstrated her craft. Attendees had the opportunity to buy antiques, art glass, yard art, tintype photography and much more. It was a beautiful day. The event ran smoothly and was enjoyed by vendors and attendees alike.

Kudos to event chair Rawleigh Fjeld and her right hand Kay Robinson for their outstanding work to coordinate this successful event. Special thanks to Ronnie Devitt, Jack and Lis Trotter, Lea Gilg, Mike Haran, Barry Stallard, Cathy Waterbury, Myka Hinojosa and John Guilfoy. The volunteers staffed the Museum tables, had a great time and did a wonderful job. They sold gift shop items, engaged with the interested public, promoted our current exhibit, the digital photos and newspapers online; and invited many to join the Museum.

The next Antiques and Arts Fair will be held on Sunday, August 28. Please join us!

“School Days…” (cont’d from page 1)

private Seventh-Day Adventist School that opened in Healdsburg in 1882, providing religious, educational and vocational training.

We also encourage community participation in this exhibit. We will include a display area where students--past and present--can write a brief tribute (approximately 250 words) to their favorite Healdsburg-area teacher. Please email your favorite teacher story to holly@healdsburgmuseum.org or drop it off at the Museum by July 25.

This exhibit will debut to Museum members and their invited guests on Wednesday, July 27 at 5:30 pm. We will open to the general public with our regular gallery hours beginning Thursday, July 28.
were you a member of rainbow girls? for many decades, the international order of the rainbow for girls, a masonic youth service organization, was a popular group in healdsburg. the order first came into existence in 1922 in mcalester, oklahoma, when rev. w. mark sexson, a freemason, suggested that there should be an order for young women similar to the order of demolay, a fraternal organization for young men founded in kansas city, missouri in 1919.

"betty kirkpatrick, newly installed worthy advisor, order of rainbow for girls, right, receives the gavel from past worthy advisor ann leighter, 1956."

"service is the key to happiness"

"healdsburg tribune" reported that the hall was beautifully decorated with baskets of flowers. refreshments were served to more than 100 people. an advisory board was established for the new order and officers were installed. mrs. lenore s. campbell was the chairman of the board and mother advisor.

since 1927, the rainbow girls have been an active service organization. generations of healdsburg girls and women were involved in the rainbow girls. one young woman, june leslie jones, who grew up in windsor, was also an active member of the healdsburg assembly.

recently, june’s daughter, candy danhausen, donated her mother’s grand cross of colors, a medal she received in 1938 for her distinguished work in the rainbow order. because june saved her rainbow girls medal her entire life, we know the organization held an important place in her life.
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