2015 History Lives…and Lives It Up!

by Holly Hoods

This year’s History Lives event was one of the best ever! It was wonderful to see so many Healdsburg and Geyserville friends together at the Villa Chanticleer enjoying a delicious meal, good company and an excellent opportunity to honor Harry and Karen Bosworth, a couple we respect and like so much. Geyserville native and longtime Bosworth friend, Joe Pelanconi, was an excellent speaker, managing to hit the perfect blend of humor and respect in his tribute to the Bosworths. He set the tone for a heartwarming, funny and fun event.

The night was also a tremendous fundraising success. The generosity of our Silent and Live Auctions donors was matched that evening by the generosity of the bidders in attendance. Adding all the elements of the dinner, the auctions and the raffles, we were able to raise +$78,000!

The evening’s success was made possible through the contributions from many people. We appreciate State Senator Mike McGuire for his enthusiastic role as the event emcee and auctioneer. We were also so fortunate that Chefs Ralph Tingle of Ralph’s Martini House (and soon Ralph’s Roadhouse), Dino Bugica of Diavola Restaurant, Domenica Catelli of Catelli’s Restaurant and the Seppi Family of Costeaux French Bakery combined their contributions for a fabulous dinner, served (cont’d on page 6)

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

by Holly Hoods, Curator

We have been enjoying a busy summer at the Museum. The outpouring of interest in our current “Healdsburg Immigrants” exhibit has been very gratifying. The exhibit opened to a large reception in August and our attendance has continued to build. In fact, we have decided to hold the exhibit over, so “Healdsburg Immigrants” will be on display through the end of the year.

We are delighted to have so many important local stories on display and honored by the participation of Shonnie Brown and many of the immigrant storytellers from her anthology, Healdsburg Immigrants. We have artifacts and/or photographs on display from Hala Alshawany and Tania Amochaev, Vesna Bresnikar, Joy and Dolly Buchignani, Louise Buchignani, Suzi Buchignani, Cassie Call, Carlos Chavez, Manok Cohen, Norma Rafanelli Cousins, Edgar Deas, Mary Lou Eddinger, John and Dee Edwinson, Yvonne Mathieu (Marie Mathieu), Monika Moseley, Ernie Palmieri, Frank and Sharon Pastori, Olga Wiens, Mike Bellagio, Kay Robinson, Celso Rosales, Jane Rosenberg, and Gary Wilson.

The research center has been as busy as ever. Summer tends to bring vacationing genealogy researchers to our door. So far we have welcomed descendants of the Smith, Nervo, McClendon and Foss families. Other research has included Henry McDonnell, the Florence and Charles McCord house, the Cerri Building, Recreation Park, and local Seventh-Day Adventist historic sites.

Lauren Carriere, our outstanding graduate student intern from Sonoma State Cultural Resources Management MA program, will be continue to work with us this semester. She will be completing 45 hours of internship in collections management at the Museum. We are glad to have her enthusiasm and talent.

President’s Corner  

by Jim Brush, Board President

This year’s sold out History Lives Dinner honoring Harry & Karen Bosworth with the Museum's Pioneer Award was a huge success in many ways. Joe Pelanconi had fun recounting the many accomplishments of the Bosworth clan. Mike McGuire brought his usual gusto as he emceed the presentation and the live auction that followed. Jerry Eddinger pulled the four winning tickets for the Instant Wine Cellar raffle and Harry Bosworth pulled Mel Amato's ticket as the winner of the Event Only Instant Wine Cellar.

Special thanks to the people who prepared and served a wonderful dinner. Aaron Bugarske of Fig & Vine was head of catering. Dino Bugica of Diavola Pizzeria & Salumeria provided the salad course. Domenica Catelli of Catelli's Restaurant served a Pasta of the Moment. Ralph Tingle of the soon to be Ralph's Roadhouse put out a main course of various meats and cole slaw. The Seppi family of Costeaux Bakery supplied various deserts.

Thank you again to all of the volunteers, sponsors, wineries, donors and volunteers who helped support this annual fun fundraiser.

Thank You to Our Latest Donors

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Fiesta of Immigrants

On Sunday, November 8 at 1:30 p.m. there will be a Museum sponsored event in coordination with our “Healdsburg Immigrants” exhibit at St. John's Activity Center. Entitled “Fiesta of Immigrants,” this event will celebrate the multicultural immigrant population of Healdsburg.

A multicultural cuisine box lunch will be provided. The event will include live music, including a performance by talented singer Valeria Gomez, star of La Voz Kids.

Admission is just $5 for adults and $2 for children under 12. Tickets will available for sale at the Museum starting October 25 and at St. John's Catholic Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church on November 1 after Sunday services. Space is limited.
“Healdsburg Immigrants”

Reading and Reception

by Shonnie Brown

On Sunday, October 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., we will sponsor a reading by several of the 24 local storytellers featured in Shonnie Brown’s new anthology, Healdsburg’s Immigrants.

Contributors will be reading from a variety of deeply personal stories of a shared journey—the journey of leaving one’s homeland and landing in a new country.

Healdsburg’s Immigrants features surprising and amazing immigration tales set against a backdrop of the Russian Revolution, World War II, treacherous foreign civil wars, and a Europe occupied by the Nazis and Soviets. The storytellers are from Asia, Cuba, Mexico, Central America, the Middle East and various European countries. Their tales of great sacrifice and survival are experienced by some of our immigrant Healdsburg and Geyserville neighbors.

This free event will take place in the Museum garden where refreshments will be served.

The Museum gallery will also be open where visitors can see our supporting “Healdsburg Immigrants” exhibit on display.

We hope to see you there.

Cemetery Restoration –

Meeting the Challenges, One by One!

by Jane Bonham

Our commitment to restore the Oak Mound Cemetery has struck a strong chord with our community. You have read in previous issues of the Review about the talented workforce cleaning up and removing brambles, poison oak, fallen trees and other debris. If you have counted, as I have, there have been almost two dozen companies and many talented individuals involved in this initial effort.

In fact, hundreds of hours were committed to Phase One thanks to contributions of labor and materials from local companies in the businesses of land and vineyard management, tree care, disposal and, not to be forgotten, the feeding of weary volunteers.

In addition to this wonderful success on the ground, many have answered the call for funding as well. Almost $14,000 has been donated to fund heavy equipment and related expenses to support this effort. Our Phase One goal to groom the heritage section of Oak Mound Cemetery must be considered a success.

Our fundraising effort was further energized in July when a matching grant of $25,000 was offered by the Ralph and Lorraine Morse Trust. We received another boost in August when Warren Watkins upped the ante with a challenge to match each $1,000 contribution with one of his own up to $4,000.

The rallying call was heard and the challenge taken up. By mid-September, individuals, families and businesses had contributed over $23,000 towards securing these matching funds. And then, at the Live Auction following the History Lives event, the challenge was met in full and ahead of the deadline! What a roaring success! This is a major step toward our overall $100,000 funding goal.

In all, there have been well over 80 donors involved in financing the campaign so far, over a third of them stepped up to meet the challenge grant. Certainly some folks were able to make significant donations, but, in fact, the majority of these contributions have been $100 or less. This effort is succeeding through community support.

In the past the question arose, “Why isn’t that cemetery better maintained?” An answer frequently offered was that families had moved away and there was no one in the area to take responsibility. Certainly that was part of the problem; however, many of the current gifts are from out of the area. Also, almost half of the donations arrive with wishes that the gifts be recognized in honor or in memory of someone. Some recognize a long lineage resting there, such as the Carrillo, Fitch and Grant family tree or the Milsap, Piatt, Branstead family members or the Schmidts and their 13 other related ancestors. Some honor those long passed like 3rd great Grandparents Cummins or the Remmel family plot. Others honor family members more recently lost -- including our own Museum family member, Bob Rawlins. So the difficulty was not simply that people moved away.

Efforts on behalf of the cemetery have been raised over the decades; various service organizations have stepped forward to restore the grounds. These may be glimpsed in old newspapers, but by their very

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Photos by Rick Tang
Cemetery Restoration (cont’d from page 3) nature are not permanent. Most recently, such interest was discouraged due to liability issues. Now one might ask: “Why such a success now?” There seems to be a perfect confluence of vision supported by sound and orderly planning resulting in direct action, topped with good communication reaching those with good intent. Phew! The right people in the right place at the right time supporting action now and planning for sustainability. It’s a joy to watch!

I remind you that donations to this fund may be made by mailing a check to: Healdsburg Museum – Matching Grant, P.O. Box 952, Healdsburg, CA 95448. You may also donate with a credit card by calling the Museum (707-431-3325) during our regular business hours.

History Lives… (cont’d from page 1) family style. Villa Chanticleer event coordinator Becca Hughes and Aaron Bugarske and his talented staff of Fig and Wine Catering kept service running smoothly.

Thanks to the History Lives Committee, Jim Brush, Stan Becker, Pam Vana-Paxhia, Kay Robinson and Mel Amato, and our Office Manager Jane Bonham for helping to make this year’s event so successful. Kudos to the event volunteers: Lockie Gillies, Maria Pisenti, Diane Carriger, Lis Trotter, Susanne Bach, Phyllis Chiosso Liu, Jeanne Hartlaub, Lauren Carriere, Julia Franco, Ashleigh Sims, Candy Yandell, Penny Ottmer, Vickie Norris and Gary Plass.

The History Lives/Pioneer Award event was started 17 years ago to recognize and honor an individual with deep roots in the local area, strong community involvement and leadership in their profession. We appreciate Peachie and Norm Dunlavy, Arnold Santucci, the late Barbara Baxter, Greg and Cindy Martin, John and Kathy Cross, BJ and Russ Green, Jeana Hurst, Stan Becker, Mark Gleason and Sue Witter who created and expanded this event over many years.

This year, to better consolidate our fundraising efforts, we combined the History Lives/Pioneer Award Dinner and the Instant Wine Cellar Raffle into one event. We think it was a huge success and we hope all of our guests enjoyed it as well.

Contributions in Memory of:

Otto Hoefler - from Mayme Chinn
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Jack Darrah - from Phil & Jeanne Hartlaub

Contribution in Honor of:

Mary Brandt on her birthday from Ann and Gene Mackey
We recently had a fun visit from a group of Pacific Union College students and staff. As part of their orientation, they spent a day visiting sites of significance to Adventist faith, including Healdsburg.

The Adventist faith was founded in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1863 with roots in the Millerite movement. Established in 1874, Battle Creek College was the first educational institution opened by Seventh-day Adventists.

Eight years after Battle Creek College opened, it was suggested that the Adventists establish a school for young people in California, as a way to expand the reach of their faith. Following a six month study of the area and its opportunities, the Healdsburg Academy, a ten-room school building on Fitch Street, was purchased. Church leader and prophetess Mrs. Ellen G. White relocated to Healdsburg to be near the new school, which was opened in April, 1882. Her house still stands at 201 Powell Street, as well as her ranch home at 1950 West Dry Creek Road.

Although church officials warned that they might be depleting other small Adventist congregations, members continued to move to Healdsburg to be near the school and their children. Already a strong influence in the little town, Seventh-day Adventists eventually made up a fifth of Healdsburg's population. Later, in 1899, the Healdsburg Academy’s name was changed to Healdsburg College to reflect its growing stature.

Over time the college suffered financial woes. It also faced the challenge of a growing town. When it was founded, it was intended to be in a rural setting, but Healdsburg became increasingly developed and its dormitory was eventually separated from the school building by houses.

Healdsburg College dormitory

The school changed its name to Pacific Union College in 1906, and closed its Healdsburg location shortly thereafter. In 1909, the school purchased the Angwin Resort in the mountains above St. Helena, where it has operated ever since.

The PUC students were eager to see a historic 1877 map from the Sonoma County Atlas, which showed that Healdsburg had a large Seventh-day Adventist settlement, “Advent Town,” located west of the town in the Dry Creek Valley. They appreciated our photos of the Seventh-day Adventist church located on the northeast corner of Matheson and Fitch (across the street from the museum!), the Healdsburg College on Fitch, and the college dormitory, located between Fitch and College Streets, at the site of the current Healdsburg Junior High. The students also appreciated that the Museum has several historic archival documents from Healdsburg College, including a course catalog and a small souvenir year book. We invited them to come back and volunteer at the Museum!
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