An edition of Healdsburg’s first newspaper from the Langhart Collection

Welcoming the Langhart Collection
by Holly Hoods

Exciting news! The Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society (HM&HS) has just acquired the historically valuable Langhart Collection from the Sonoma County Library. The collection consists of hundreds of historical documents, books, maps, drawings and photographs that relate to the history of Healdsburg and Sonoma County.

The items came from the personal collection of our Museum’s founder and first president, Edwin Langhart. The Healdsburg Regional Library has cared for the Langhart historical collection since it was donated to the Library in 1988 by the late Chrystal Langhart, Edwin’s widow.

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Happy New Year! This month we are welcoming several new Board members to our esteemed HM&HS Board. This is great news! I am excited to work with these new team members, who will be profiled in our next newsletter. I will miss outgoing Board members Jim Brush, Jeanne Leal-Hartlaub and Carol Peterson. They can retire feeling proud of their accomplishments and service. I would like each of them to know that their efforts improved the Museum and will not be forgotten. We appreciate their continuing participation as members and volunteers.

We have had excellent attendance at our current holiday toy exhibition. We welcomed nearly 200 visitors on opening day, November 29. “The Greatest Toy Circus on Earth” features rare and collectable circus trains and toys, stuffed animals, vintage circus posters, carousel horses and interactive carnival games. This year we presented outstanding toys from the collections of Tina Castelli, Bruce and Carmen Selfridge, Mark Goff and Phillip Engel, Steve Castelli, Cooper Conrad, Marion Blunt Hoods, the Devitt Family and Meredith Dreisback. Wayne Padd has expanded his Lionel O-scale running model train village to include several new carnival attractions. This is truly a community enterprise.

In recent weeks we have hosted fun Museum tours for elementary school classes from Healdsburg Elementary School, St. John the Baptist School and the Healdsburg School. We also welcomed the Chamber of Commerce and Healdsburg Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs (HYPE) for a festive after-hours holiday mixer.

We always open our holiday toy exhibition the day after Thanksgiving to participate in the Downtown Holiday Party, but this year Thanksgiving was late, so we will keep the colorful display up through January 19. Don’t miss it!

The theme of our next toy exhibition in November 2020 will be “Our Favorite Toys,” featuring prized toys from local collectors, popular toys from history, plus beloved childhood toys (and pictures!) from community members. If you have a toy that fits one of these descriptions and would be willing to loan it to the Museum for display, please let me know.
Volunteer News by Ronnie Devitt, Volunteer Coordinator

Since I have been on the job of volunteer coordinator for a year, it is time to assess the achievements and the areas for improvement. First, I cannot thank our dedicated volunteers enough. Thousands of hours have been contributed by fewer than 100 worker bees. You are awesome.

I am most pleased with the success of our Volunteer Voice weekly email blast. It was designed as a vehicle to provide news to volunteers, but it has become popular with a broader audience from the Museum family.

We have also recruited several great new volunteers and receptionists, but unfortunately we lost a similar number. Increasing our numbers will continue to be a challenge.

My plan to interview each receptionist this year earned me a C-minus grade. My thanks to the receptionists I did interview. They provided good ideas for improvements and frequently asked questions to be answered in the Voice. For those who haven’t been interviewed yet, you are not alone.

Our receptionists are the Museum’s ambassadors to the public. We will continue to have an orientation for receptionists at the beginning of each new exhibition. Information for receptionists will continue to be provided in the Visitor Information binder on the desk, perhaps, in a more usable format. The Museum’s website also provides a lot of information about the history of the area and the Museum and what is going on at the Museum.

Any ideas you have for improvements are always welcome. Email me at vdevitt@comcast.net or leave a note for me at the Museum.

Thank you again!

Welcoming the Langhart… (cont’d from page 1)

While the Healdsburg Library appreciated having the Langhart Collection as part of their reference section, the Library’s priorities and budget prevent them from continuing to devote resources to store and care for the Langhart Collection materials.

Jon Haupt, the Library branch manager, reached out to the HM&HS to see if we would be willing to accept stewardship of the collection with the permission of the Langhart heirs. Ed and Chrystal Langhart’s daughter Melinda Hill generously agreed to permit the collection to be transferred to the Healdsburg Museum archives.

We are delighted to welcome the Langhart Historical Collection to the Healdsburg Museum, Edwin Langhart Founder.

Welcome Our Newest HM&HS Members

The Alinder Family
Kathleen Harrison

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HM&HS Annual Membership Meeting — Thursday, January 16, 2020

It’s almost time to gather and hear about what has been accomplished in 2019 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 for the social hour and to receive potluck dishes.

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Dinner will be at 6:30 pm. We do not have access to a kitchen, so wrap your hot dishes well. Be sure to bring a serving utensil for your hot dish, cold dish or salad.

Place settings of plate and eating utensils will be provided along with wine glasses.

Bread, wine, dessert and coffee/tea 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 have a raffle again this year. One ticket is $5, five tickets for $20.

Following dinner, we will elect board officers and directors and a nominating committee for 2020, hear reports from the Board President and Executive Director/Curator and learn which buildings the Historic Preservation Committee has chosen to honor.

We need volunteer help in three areas:
- decorate tables at 1:00 pm
- help at the buffet table with serving
- help with clean-up at the end of the meeting

Please contact Susan Sheehy at (707) 326-2712 or susansheehy@mac.com if you would like to help. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Kip Miller’s Contribution to the Holidays

Annually the Healdsburg Museum family opens its doors to a holiday-themed exhibition, recreating celebrations from the past. This year’s theme remembers traveling circuses and carnivals that brought fun, games and exotic feats to small towns across the country.

Kip Miller’s carousel horse before the Kincade fire

Kip Miller is a long-time member of the Museum. He also supports our community-giving events including the Fourth of July, where he brings Uncle Sam to life in costume.

The Museum staff and volunteers were delighted to learn that Kip would lend his wooden carousel horses to the carnival atmosphere this year.

Then time stood still, while thousands evacuated their homes and businesses during the October 2019 Kincade fire. Kip suffered a great loss. The house he and his late wife Betty designed and built 30 years ago on Pine Flat’s Wooden Horse Ranch along with his cottage and workshop all burned to the ground with fires fanned by winds over 40 miles per hour.

Despite his 89 years of age, Kip Miller shook off the sorrow of such loss, finding solace in discovering, miraculously, that his wooden friends stored in the wine cellar had been spared. Yes, they smell from smoke and show some slight damage, but Kip cleaned them up a bit and brought them to take their place on the carousel platform.

While he will admit that age has slowed him down a bit, his determination to continue on is a marvel and encouragement to us all.

Kip “Uncle Sam” Miller and niece Sydney Spencer

Vesna Breznikar and Manok Cohen created the Museum display for Kip’s carousel horses.
Leota (Van DeVeere) and Fred Gonzalez during a recent visit to the Museum

Gonzalez Family Generosity  
by Holly Hoods
A warm thank you to our generous members Fred and Leota (Van DeVeere) Gonzalez of Los Altos. This big-hearted couple loves Healdsburg and our Museum, visiting us at least twice a year. Leota’s connection to this community remains strong, with family connections dating back generations through the Van DeVeere, Day and McCord lines.

Fred and Leota are big proponents of mentoring and internship programs which they support through philanthropy. The Gonzalezes regularly contribute to our paid internship program, established a few years ago by Jane and Nelson Weller. This year, Fred and Leota have also donated $5,000 to expand our youth education program’s Family History Essay Contest.

We appreciate their support and pledge to continue to use their donor dollars well.

Tax Benefits for Museum Supporters  
by Kay Robinson
Are you 70½ years old or older? Do you have a traditional IRA? Are you receiving an annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)? Do you plan on gifting to the Healdsburg Museum on a regular basis? Here’s an idea to allow such donations and get a tax break.

Quoted directly from the San Francisco Chronicle December 14, 2018, article:

People…should consider making the donation from their individual retirement account to take advantage of a no-brainer tax break. People who take the standard deduction generally get no tax benefit from their charitable contributions. But if they’re older than 70½ and donate directly from their IRA, the amount transferred won’t be added to their income and taxed, like it would be if they took money out of a regular (not Roth) IRA themselves.

This type of transfer, called a qualified charitable distribution or QCD, reduces your adjusted gross income. ‘Lots of other tax benefits, credits and deductions are based on AGI,’ said financial expert Ed Slott, a CPA and author of several books on retirement. ‘Reducing your AGI may reduce your Medicare premium surcharge, the amount of Social Security that’s taxable, and it could increase your medical deduction.’

This type of donation, also called an IRA charitable rollover, counts toward the required minimum distribution that people older than 70½ must take from their regular (not Roth) IRAs each year, as long as they make the donation by year end.

To make a donation this way, ask the company that holds your IRA to write a check from it to a qualified charity of your choice. It can send the check to the charity or to you for forwarding to the charity. It can’t be made out to you.

For the content of the full article, refer to: https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/networth/article/A-no-brainer-tax-break-if-you-re-old-enough-13465632.php

It may make sense for you to make a donation in this manner from your IRA. Check with your financial planner.

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Seventh Day Adventist Sesquicentennial

The Healdsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church just celebrated a significant milestone: the 150th anniversary of the founding of the church in Healdsburg. Of the many churches with deep roots in Healdsburg, the Seventh-day Adventists’ ties to the area are especially strong and interesting to trace.

The first of the Seventh-day Adventist camp meetings was held in September 1868 in Wright, Michigan. The camp meeting format met with great success in the east.

Later that year, D.T. Bourdeau and J.N. Loughborough traveled from the Adventist “capital” in Battle Creek, Michigan, to San Francisco to organize Adventist activities in the west. They held the first camp meeting west of the Rockies that year in Petaluma. By June of 1869, camp meetings were being held in nearby Windsor, Healdsburg and Santa Rosa.

From June to August 1869, Elders Loughborough and Bordeau held tent meetings in Healdsburg at which 35 people were baptized and became motivated to establish a house of worship. A home and double lot on Center Street were procured from E.W. Rudolph. Doors opened to this first meeting house in Healdsburg on December 23, 1869. It became the second meeting house west of the Rockies after Santa Rosa.

Healdsburg was once the home of Ellen G. White, one of the pioneer founders of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. For over seventy years until her death in 1915, Ellen White served as the primary spiritual counselor to the Seventh-day Adventists, striving to communicate the will of God in her speeches and writings. Inspired by miraculous visions and healing trances, Ellen White’s prophesies and admonitions shaped the spiritual direction of the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide. Her influence was also strongly felt in the development of Healdsburg College, an institution she helped found in 1882, which is still thriving today in Angwin, Napa County, as Pacific Union College.

To commemorate the sesquicentennial of the SDA Church in Healdsburg, an extensive program was planned, featuring breakfast, a church service, a concert, history displays and a guided tour of local historic sites. Mayor Hagele and the City of Healdsburg issued a proclamation. The Museum staff loaned photographs and documents for the history display and attended the celebration. We were pleased to be part of this historic occasion.
Brick Walkway – Don’t Miss Out!

It’s time to act if you wish to be included in the first wave of the commemorative brick walkway. We have over 100 bricks subscribed and will be placing an order with the supplier in November.

You can choose a 4” x 8” brick for $200 (three lines of type) or an 8” x 8” brick for $350 (six lines of type). Create your own wording for the brick, whether it is to honor a loved one, an ancestor, your business or yourselves.

Flyers were sent to all Museum members in June. Use that if you still have it or stop by the Museum and pick up another copy. To buy online, go to www. engravedbricks.com/campaign/HM.

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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.

Membership Levels and Benefits:

Individual: $30    Family (2 or more): $50

- Free genealogy, property and historical research by appointment
- Russian River Recorder quarterly journal and The Review newsletter
- Members' only Museum exhibition opening receptions
- 10% discount in Museum gift shop

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