



Clarke Historical Museum

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HISTORY DISCUSSION



Just a piece of this expansive and informative timeline

about the history of lands management on Karuk aboriginal territory in the mid-Klamath watershed in Northern California.

Come listen and discuss as the creators of the Karuk Historical Land Management Timeline will be presenting on **Thursday, Oct. 6th from 6 — 8 PM**. This project came about through a partnership between UC Berkeley PhD students and the Karuk Tribe which resulted in the fantastic 4'x15' educational timeline; a resource for learning

Beer, Cheese and Exhibit Pairing

One of Humboldt County's premier collectors, Jack Nash, is displaying part of his massive beer bottle collection at the Clarke. It officially opens at the Beer and Cheese Pairing on **Friday, Oct. 7th from 6 — 8 PM**. Mad River Brewery will supply the beer and Cypress Grove will provide the cheese. This is a members only and free event. We will be selling memberships at the door. What a great opportunity to bring a friend and encourage them to become a friend of the Clarke.



The Bridges of Humboldt County

One hundred years ago, one Humboldt County bridge made history. In 1911, Fernbridge became the longest reinforced concrete bridge in the world. Since then the "Queen of Bridges" has withstood floods, earthquakes and careless drivers. Its birthday inspired a new exhibit featuring Fernbridge and other county bridges. With as many rivers and streams as Humboldt County has, that's lots of bridges — made of rope, logs, planks, iron and concrete.



Postcard of Fernbridge

The Mission of the Clarke Historical Museum is the acquisition, preservation and educational display of objects relating to the history of Eureka and Humboldt County, in order to further appreciation by residents, visitors and school children, of the area's rich and diverse heritage, and in doing so to promote increased visitation to our historic region.

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Queen Victoria, in mourning for Prince Albert, set a fashion trend in black

JET SET

In Victorian times, to be in fashion often meant wearing black. And to accessorize often meant "jet" or black glass. A new exhibit displays some of the Clarke's jet buttons, jewelry and jet-embellished clothing.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Every four months or so we change the case just inside our front door to show a sampling of recently donated items and to acknowledge the donors. So if you donate things to the Clarke, you may receive both our thanks and the object's instant display.

THE CLARKE GOES SOLAR

We are pleased to announce that HSU professor Arne Jacobsen and Ben Scurfield from Scurfield Solar have agreed to work with the Clarke Museum in designing a solar hot water system for the historic Bank of Eureka building! The Clarke has partnered with the HSU Solar Thermal Engineering class with the intention to get the Museum up to 21st century standards. The goal is to harness green energy power to not only cut down on our utility bills but also to help the planet in the process. The class is broken down into three teams, with each designing a system they feel will best serve the Clarke. It is our hope that the best of these plans will be implemented in the near future.

NEEDLEWORK

Not long ago, all "accomplished" women were expected to do needlework – embroidery, needlepoint etc. It was one of their few creative outlets. Even now, needlework is a relaxing pastime for women and men. As a result, many pieces of beautiful needlework have been made over the years. A good sampling are now on exhibit at the Clarke. Hangings, linens, clothing, and furniture plus patterns and magazines about the craft are part of this Fall exhibit.

HATS OFF TO HATS

After four years of hat sales, the Clarke is down to its last few boxes of hats. Thanks to all who have made this such a successful fundraiser for the Museum. Thanks to Jean Gladstone-Clark who donated some 6000 hats for the Clarke to add to its collection or sell to raise funds. Thanks to Marcia Hutson for months of cleaning and sorting. Thanks to Anita Rest, Rosemary Hunter and Carol Hale for organizing all the big hat events. And thanks to all the volunteers who did the selling. We made over \$26,000! Hmmm. Anybody have another batch of things that we could sell to make money for the Clarke?



Clarke volunteers advertising for a Mother's Day hat sale in the Rhody Parade, 2008

WELCOME HOME KI-WE-LAT-TAH

The unveiling of the 1852 portrait by Stephen William Shaw of the Wiyot Leader Ki-we-lat-tah will happen at Arts' Alive on October 1st. Ki-we-lat-tah was a strong leader who still has many decedents living in the area. He gained particular notice from Euro-Americans in 1849 by aiding the Gregg/Wood party as they attempted the first overland expedition from the Trinity mines to the Pacific Ocean. The restoration of this beautiful historic portrait was made possible by a grant from the Arcata Foundation and donors Arlene & Bill Hartin. It took over a year and it has been worth the wait as the portrait looks fantastic!



WELCOME MEMBERS!

Thanks to the following friends for joining or renewing their Clarke Museum memberships in the last few months:

Arcata Elementary School
Dr. James & Sile Bauriedel
Mary & Earl Biehn
Patricia Bitton
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St. Bernard's School
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Connie Smith
June Speier
Lorene Steele
James & Margaret Stephens
Elizabeth Thompson
Julie Timmons
William Troiano

WISH LIST

You sure are generous thoughtful people! The last wish list brought in a number of useful items Extra special thanks to John Birkbeck for bringing in a new cd player. We can still use more plate or photo stands, tools/nails etc., a paper cutter, a cordless drill, and a digital camera.

IN A CLASS ABOVE THE REST

The Clarke would like to thank the Eureka High School Class of 1946 for a generous donation to honor their classmate and Clarke board member Don Hill. After their 65th reunion they decided to make a donation to support the Clarke. What a class act!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the new school year underway, we are scheduling school tours. We have some wonderful volunteers to lead these tours – but not enough of them! Would you like to help by leading tours in the museum or taking programs out to schools or community groups? You'll get lots of training and inside knowledge of local history and the museum collection. It's fun too!



Photo by David Young of the BBQ site at the Roundhouse

SALMON, OYSTERS

ALS & RAILS

The event was delicious and fun. The Clarke's 11th annual barbeque was held August 27th in conjunction with the Timber Heritage Association – this year at the Samoa roundhouse. Food and drink, face painting, music and speeder rides – it was all so successful it looks like we'll be doing it again next year. Thanks to everybody who helped and to all our sponsors!