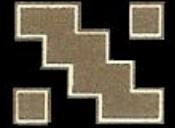


# CLARKE HISTORICAL MUSEUM



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**TO ALL!!**



## **Fall at the Clarke**

This autumn we had some fun times at the Clarke Museum. A popular exhibit highlighted past Presidential elections with magazines, ballots, bumper stickers and campaign buttons. Several museum visitors saw the exhibit and donated more buttons. Our collection is even bigger now, getting ready for future campaign years. Any political items *you* would like to donate--local, state or national--would be welcome.

Halloween and Thanksgiving exhibits were followed by Christmasing the whole place. We added a special dimension to Arts Alive in Novemeber and December by having Native American artisans set-up their wares in Nealis Hall. But most fun was the Main Street Halloween where candy and gifts were given out to hundreds of costumed children. The staff dressed up too!



Above: Keilana Kalgren takes part in the Halloween festivities!

## **Board Changes**

Larry Seeger and Roger Smith served admirably on the Clarke Board for the allotted six years, and at the January meeting a thank you reception was held to honor their service. Lonnie Wellman, after a break has returned to the board. Thanks to all. If service on the Clarke Museum board sounds like something that would interest *you*, let us know.

## **New Hours**

**The Clarke will now be open Wed-Sat, 11-4. We will now be closed Sun-Tues.**

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**The Mission of the Clarke Historical Museum** - The acquisition, display and custodial care of objects representing the legacy of Northwestern California. Our pupose is to publicly inform, educate and celebrate the area's rich cultural diversity.

# New Exhibits for the New Year!!

## The Fabulous Fifties

A very popular new exhibit that will be running into the spring is on the 1950s. That flamboyant optimistic time was a materialistic reaction to the privations of the Depression and the Second World War. We have a lot of distinctive fifties "stuff" in the collection--clothing, books, records, jewelry, photos, greeting cards, toys, appliances and lots of household knick-knacks. For some of us, it's a trip down memory lane--for others it's a glimpse of ancient history. Either way, come enjoy the exhibit!!



Above: toys of the 1950s  
Left: 1950s square dance dress and some examples of popular music

## Upcoming

Our popular school exhibit is coming down, but if you are still interested in looking through old yearbooks, just ask to see those in our collection. Look for upcoming exhibits on ship building, lumber and lighting. Have you ideas about exhibit themes you would like to see? If so please let us know.

## Cold Snap

There we were in mid December, trying to figure out how to drastically cut our budget when what should happen? Our furnace went out! Totally kaput, not repairable. Temperatures dropped into the 40s--not good for staff or artifacts. Than angels came to our aid! Maples Plumbing offered to do the replacement at cost with free labor. The McLean Foundation came up with an emergency grant of \$1500 and arranged for a match from the Humboldt Area Foundation for \$1000. So, thanks to Maples, the McLean Foundation, and HAF, the Clarke's collection, workers and visitors have been saved from immediate physical and fiscal disaster. It's wonderful to see the community rallying around to save its irreplaceable heritage.

## Money Woes and New Hours

The Clarke is not immune to the nation's financial troubles. The stock market's effect on our investments and the reduction of City funding has meant that we've had to cut last year's budget by over 25%. Since most of our expenses were already fairly bare-bone, this has meant cutting staff hours, pay and benefits. And so that staff can be present to serve the public, the board has decided we must reduce our open hours. The Clarke will now be open Wed-Sat, 11-4. This means we will now be closed Tuesday as well as Sunday and Monday. We truly apologize for this and hope that it will be only a temporary change.

## To Charge or Not To Charge

With these hard economic times for the Museum, it is sometimes suggested that we charge admission. We are resisting this for three reasons. First: Cecile Clarke, the Museum's founder, was committed to this being a free public museum. Secondly: as a museum of our entire community's heritage, it is only right that it be open to the *entire community*. No economic segment should feel excluded or feel they can not afford to drop in as often as they want to view our frequently changing exhibits. And finally: charging admission doesn't really make economic sense. Attendance drops as soon as you charge admission. With less attendance, there are fewer sales at the gift show, an important source of the Clarke's funding. And money dropped in our donation boxes will dry up when visitors feel they have already paid.

So, at present, the Clarke remains your free museum. If you want to help financially (and we certainly could use it), visit our gift shop, drop cash in the box or consider a bigger financial donation. And please become a member, renew your membership and/or find new members. Thanks.

## Cafe Nooner and Mad River Brewery

Many thanks to Cafe Nooner, a new restaurant which has opened across from the Clarke on Opera Alley, serving great Cajun/Greek food. They provided the delicious food when the Clarke hosted the November Chamber of Commerce mixer--as a donation to the Museum! Dimitra Chase, one of the owners, is a former volunteer and intern at the Clarke. Give them a try, they're terrific. And thanks to the Mad River Brewery for providing the mixer's liquid refreshments--also as a donation. Both are fine establishments and friends of local history.

## Donations

2008 was a record year for the Clarke with 134 donors added to our collection, donating more than 3,000 wonderful items. If you have items to donate that represent times in our local or national past, come by or call. Help make History!

# Notes From Nealis Hall



## New Light

The lighting has been changed at the Museum through a generous grant provided by Redwood Coast Energy, installed by Trinidad Electric. The lighting has truly enhanced our displays and also precipitated major cleaning of the exhibits.

## New Displays

Come in and see a display of local regalia. The Museum has recently loaned out many regalia objects for use at the Yurok Jump Dance and the White Deerskin Dance. The Clarke is delighted that these artifacts have contributed to these important ceremonies.

Left: The “grey family” and the plank house, enjoyed by two visitors, is much better illuminated thanks to the new lights!

## Upcoming Exhibit

Lillian Johnston, Wiyot tribal member and frequent Arts Alive vendor, will be exhibiting her signature pine needle basket collection from March through May. Her baskets are available for purchase in our gift shop, please help support local artisans. A reception will be held during the March Arts Alive, come and join us in the festivities!



## Special Thanks

A very special thanks goes out to local Native American artists who presented their work during Arts Alive in November. Kathy Chase, the Childs family, Tarhina Henry-Lewis, Lillian Johnston, Carol Larsen, Celinda Lewis, Richard Marshall, Theresa McCullum, Cindy Robertson, Cheryl Seidner, John Sanchez, Farrell Starr, the Stokes family, Raia Storr, and the HSU ITEPP club.

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**LEAVE A LEGACY** History is, by definition, for the long term. Those of us who support preservation of history, need to think long-term too. If you share the Clarke Museum's mission of preserving and presenting local history, you might consider supporting it even after you are no longer here.

Planned giving can come in many forms. You could remember the Clarke in your will with a gift of money, real estate or other assets. You could set up a long term endowment, or you could establish a charitable remainder trust so that you can begin giving in your lifetime. These and other options will help sustain the museum for years to come and will bring immediate tax benefits to you and your heirs. To explore possibilities of planned giving, talk to your lawyer, insurance agent, accountant or financial advisor.

Help preserve the past - for the future!

## MAKE ME A CLARKE FRIEND!

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**A note from our President: If you are already a member of the Clarke, Thank You!**

Renewing your membership now helps to ensure that we maintain our financial goals.

AND, we're always anxious to have new friends. Why not make your friends our friends with a gift membership? We'll send a personal card in your name to let them know.

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