



CLARKE MUSEUM

Winter 2013

Third Annual Murder Mystery Dinner

THE CLARKE MUSEUM PRESENTS
MURDER MYSTERY
ROUNDUP

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
The Bayside Grange
 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd., Bayside

WANTED

For more information
 contact the Clarke Museum
 (707) 443-1947
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TICKETS \$50
 Includes buffet dinner,
 professional performance,
 line dancing, & silent auction

The Clarke Museum invites all range-riding cowboys and ranch hands to an ace high murder mystery on January 18th, 2014 from 5-9 p.m. at the Bayside Grange, 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd, Bayside, CA.

Pull out your best chaps and spurs, because this shindig is going to be a bully good time. The BBQ and chili will be top notch and served early, everyone is guaranteed to leave full as a tick.

Buy your tickets now, this event may sell out. Your ticket includes buffet dinner of BBQ, chili, coleslaw & cornbread, professional performance, line dancing and silent auction. A bar featuring beer, wine and specialty cocktails will be available for purchase. Costumes are encouraged!

Tickets are \$50 and available at the Clarke Museum 240 E Street, Old Town Eureka.

A New Year with New Exhibits

We have many exciting exhibits scheduled for 2014. In January the museum will feature a special exhibit on locally carved wildfowl decoys. *Floating Sculptures: Wildfowl Decoys from Humboldt County* will open on Saturday, February 1st during Art's Alive, with a special reception on January 30th from 4:30-6:30 pm for museum members. Memberships will be sold at the door.

In late January a new exhibition will highlight the culture of tribes whose aboriginal territory lies outside of Humboldt County. This exhibit will focus on the rarely shown collection of Native American items from the Alaskan, the American Southwest and the Great Plains regions, with a section devoted to the Pomo tribe.

CALENDAR:

- Saturday, January 6, 2014 ~ Wyndsomeness ~ Arts Alive ~ 6 to 9 pm
- Thursday, January 9, 2014 ~ Public Board Meeting ~ 5:30 pm
- Saturday, January 18, 2014 ~ Murder Mystery Fundraiser at Bayside Grange ~ 5 to 9 pm
- Thursday, January 30, 2014 ~ Members Only Duck Decoy Exhibit Reception ~ 4:30 - 6:30 pm
- Saturday, February 1, 2014 ~ Duck Decoy Opening ~ Arts Alive ~ 6 to 9 pm
- Saturday, March 5, 2014 ~ Trombones at Four and Katie Ohlheiser Book Signing ~ 6 to 9 pm

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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 to promote increased visitation to our historic region.



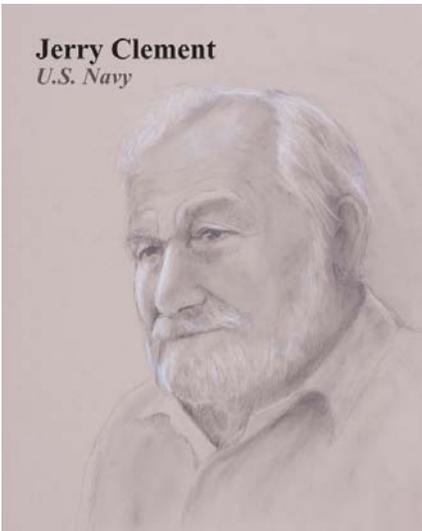
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The World War II Veterans Portrait Project

On November 11th, the Clarke was proud to host 400 people at the museum to celebrate veterans. The event featured Kathrin Burleson's WWII veteran portraits, which were a result of her involvement with Honor Flights. This program takes World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the memorial that was built in their honor. For the past two years, she has spent time drawing these remarkable men and women, and recording their stories. The portraits are now part of the Clarke's permanent collection, and can also be viewed online (<http://www.clarkemuseum.org/ww-ii-portraits.html>). If you would like to purchase a digital copy to make your own print of a portrait please contact the museum at (707)443-1947.



In connection with the portrait donation and an upcoming WWII Memorial at the Arcata airport, the museum has established a new fundraiser called "Adopt a Veteran". We are asking for the community to donate \$100 for each of the 157 veterans whose portraits are now curated by the Clarke Museum. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Just fill your donation information on the form located on the back of this newsletter. This money will not only defer the cost of professionally cataloging and preserving this collection, but also provide funding for the memorial at the airport, and allow us the flexibility to pursue other projects to help educate the public about the role local WWII veterans played in that conflict and the sacrifices they made to help protect America's values and freedoms.

To accomplish our projects we need to act fast. We want to ensure these service men and women have the opportunity to enjoy the new airport memorial and other related projects. Your support of this worthy project is greatly appreciated. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! The Clarke Museum is preparing to create a float for the Annual Rhododendron Parade. The parade is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 26, 2014. We are looking for creative people to help design and construct a float. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this special project then please contact the museum at (707) 443-1947.



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THE "HUMBOLDT TUG" REGISTER (03/1885 - 03/1890)

A large, heavy register, once in the Clarke collection, now at the Humboldt County Historical Society presents a perplexing mystery as to its origin and use. It must have reached the Clarke a long time ago, probably before 1960, when the collection was located at Eureka High School. The ledger cover has no info on it. Within the cover, in very large print, are the words: "HUMBOLDT TUG". The ledger contains 240 pages of which only the first 61 were used. Each page has 51 entry lines & 14 columns. Each line records info concerning a ship's entry, business & departure from Humboldt Bay. The 14 columns of each line contain the following information: 1) Type of vessel, 2) name of vessel, 3) captain's name, 4) point of origin, 5) date of arrival, 6) destination, 7) departure date, 8) mill(s) and/or business office(s) visited, 9) # of draft (bill?), 10) amount of lumber loaded, 11) shingles loaded, 12) shakes loaded, 13) payment for services (presumably towing), 14) date of payment. More than one person made entries over the 5 year period the ledger covers. I initially assumed this item was the log of a tugboat business. However, after having no success finding a "Humboldt Tug" company listing (or anything like it) in the directories of the period the register covered, I had to rethink that assumption. I considered the possibility it was the work of a Eureka harbor master or, less likely, an independent group, but if either case pertains, why is there absolutely no info on or within the ledger identifying its owners?



The Humboldt Steamer ran from Eureka to San Francisco. The museum has model of boat and a ticket from 1878.

Photo # 1964.1.55

SHIP TYPES: Schooners and steamers dominate the ship types listed in the register with a pronounced emphasis on schooners. This situation began to change on page 51 and a more or less even balance between schooner and steamer postings exist on the last 10 pages. Two steamer lines provided round-trip passenger service from San Francisco to Eureka throughout the period of time covered by the register, both working a weekly round-trip between the two locations. The steamer, Humboldt, was in use during the entire 5 years for one of the lines. The other line had as its main vessel, City of Chester, but used other vessels intermittently. Dolbeer & Carson, followed by the John Vance mill, were, according to the ledger, the local mills most prolific in shipping lumber during 1885-6. San Francisco was the dominant market for lumber shipments moving out of Humboldt Bay in that time span. San Pedro (LA) was the second largest taker. During 1886, the Southern California market (LA & San Diego) grew greatly and, at its peak, probably supplanted San Francisco as the primary market. The strength of the Southern California market lasted until the first half of 1888, then began to subside. By 1889, San Francisco had become, again, the primary market, at least as reflected in this register. Beginning with pg. 58, a severe decrease in lumber shipments occurs, continuing to the end of the register (pg. 61). The time frame (1889-1890) that matches these pages' entries also corresponds with a severe national recession.

A FEW STRAY FACTS: 246 boat names are recorded in the register. The first recorded instance of loading at the Pacific Lumber Co. occurred 6/27/1887. On 10/12/1888, Silver Spring became the first steamer cited in the Humboldt Tug register as loading lumber. Noted on ledger page 46: "On 8/25/1888, the City of Chester sank after colliding with the Oceanic at 9:45". This steamer, which ran a Eureka to SF route, was replaced by the Pamona.

For anyone interested in the 'HUMBOLDT TUG' mystery, the register is now at the Humboldt County History Society. A database abstracted from it (& a necessary companion catalog of ship & mill names, etc., reduced to 2-letter entries in the database) are available at the Clarke. Any ideas on the register's origins & purpose would be welcomed by Clarke personnel. ~article by Art Barab

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Announcing the 1st Annual Redwood Coast Beer & BBQ Cook Off

Mark your calendar and start fine tuning your BBQ sauce recipes. The Clarke Museum is excited to announce the first annual Redwood Coast Beer and BBQ cook off. This delicious competition will pit the best home barbequers against each other. We all get to enjoy (and judge) the results. There will be a category for professional BBQ-ers and local breweries will serve samples to help wash down your lunch. All tickets and entrance fees are a fundraiser for the Clarke Museum and the Redwood Acres fairground. The event is slated to be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at the fairgrounds. Keep your apron on and your bottle opener ready because more information will be released soon.

It's a Little Warmer in Here

The heat works! A big thank you to DG Fairhaven Power Company (located at 97 Bay Street in Samoa) for fixing the heater. The Clarke Museum would like to recognize this local company for keeping the museum visitors warm and our collections safe. The next time you need electric work, make sure to support local businesses that support non-profits.

*Photo: A cold day in Eureka in the 1920-30s.
Jeanie Harrison Collection, 2006.73.350*



Great Deals on Locally Made Gifts



Beautiful Burl Gifts by Charlie's Woodcraft

The next time you are buying a gift, why not have it be extra thoughtful? The Clarke Museum's gift shop has a great selection of locally made and unique gifts suitable for everyone on your list. By shopping at the museum you are supporting the Clarke and local artists. Remember, there is no suggested donation for entrance to the museum if you are just stopping by to shop, so come by for a few minutes the next time you are in Old Town. Museum members receive a 10% discount on all purchases.

We have several new items for sale. The 2014 Wiyot Language Calendar is both educational and useful. In the jewelry section you will find sparkling watches and bracelets by All that Glitters, as well as the ever popular abalone necklaces and earrings by Happy Woman Jewelry. Glass mosaic light switch covers and frames by Bayside artist Robin Friedman brighten up any room. The gift shop continues to stock old favorites such as vintage label bookmarks, old fashioned candy, pine needles baskets, redwood burl bowls, original paintings and photographs as well as a variety of jewelry and much more. Stuff your stockings full of Humboldt history and artwork.



ATTENTION HISTORY BUFF! Eureka Books is now offering a 10% discount on local books to members of the Clarke Historical Museum (some restrictions apply). The discount applies to books in the Humboldt County, Local Authors and Northern California sections. Show your membership card to get 10% off their extensive selection. Not a member? Want the discount? Join the Clarke!



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Membership Reminder – 'Tis the season

As 2013 comes to a close, the Clarke Historical Museum would like to thank all of its members this holiday season. Looking at the numbers, your membership donations have allowed so many people to learn about Humboldt County history. Your support enabled the museum to hold numerous special events ranging from honoring our veterans to teaching children about archeology. Membership is the best and easiest way to let us know you appreciate the museum. It also helps us to know who we should thank and keep posted about special events and fundraisers. If you are not a member, please consider becoming one. All donations to the museum are tax deductible. If you are a member then please spread the word to your friends and family about the Clarke Museum. A family membership is a great gift for the history buff who has everything. Together we can keep Humboldt History alive for generations to come.

A year in numbers . . . and still counting (as of November 30, 2013)



Total Visitors 12,536
Who are our visitors?
 1,463 Students on School Tours
 241 Foreign Visitors
 1,146 Visitors outside of California
 1,837 Children
 1,200 Seniors

1,463 Volunteer Hours
 19 Special Events
 4 Interns
 85 People made donations to
 add to the Musuem's collection

Memorial Service for President McKinley held at the City Hall in Eureka in 1901. Photo by Edward Chase.
 (Gladys Strobe Collection, 2002.13.1)



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