

# Clarke Historical Museum

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## SCHOOLS, CORKSCREWS and BEAUTY

Totally unrelated topics, but you don't want to miss exhibits on any of them. In collaboration with a number of area museums, the Clarke has mounted an exhibit about small schoolhouses including pictures of many of the buildings that once dotted our educational landscape. Also, we have just opened an exhibit of Roy Sheppard's fabulous collection of corkscrews. We're talking 300 corkscrews here! In an exhibit sponsored by Myrtlewood Liquors, they are displayed along with related items from the museum's collection. Finally, be sure to see the display of dresser sets, perfume bottles, and other accoutrements that once enhanced our lovely local ladies. These items are from our collection – an area where we can always use more donations.



Ben Shepherd pours wine from Riverbend Cellars



## SALMON & TRAINS

This year our annual salmon barbeque will be held in conjunction with the Timber Heritage Association at Samoa. August 27 – save that date! More information will be coming later, but if you have a large tent we can borrow, let us know now – 443-1947. This is going to be a trainload of fun!

## SLEEPY TIME

A topic we haven't exhibited before is sleep wear and all sorts of sleep time related items. Now, come to the museum and see night shirts and night gowns, robes and bed jackets, sleep wear sewing patterns, bed linens, magazine ads, night caps and even alarm clocks. The exhibit will run through the summer. Don't sleep through this one!

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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## BIRTHDAY ORNAMENT

2011 marks an important anniversary for Eureka and the Clarke Museum. That was when the Bank of Eureka, currently housing the museum, was built. The bank had an earlier brick building on this same site, but hired San Francisco architect Albert Pissis to design a grander earthquake-reinforced structure. A current exhibit at the Clarke illustrates the history of the site from early settler James Ryan's garden, to the Bay Hotel, through two bank structures and, since 1960, the Clarke Museum.



Constructing the Bank of Eureka building, 1911

Now, we are excited that the Humboldt Area Arts Council has chosen to commemorate our building with its annual brass ornament. These will be available around town, but at our museum gift shop, it won't just be for Christmas. Year round, they can sell as souvenirs of our building.

We have to come up with our half of the money to make the ornaments. That \$885 is not in our tight budget. If *you* can pitch in any money at all, it will help the Clarke receive the recognition its beautiful building deserves — as well as the ongoing revenue it can greatly use.



4th of July celebration, 1908 , in Arcata.

## JULY 4<sup>th</sup>

Don't miss Old Town's Fourth of July festivities. Second Street will be hopping with craft and food booths, and the Clarke Museum will be right in the thick of it with our vintage hat and sidewalk sale. And, although the Fourth falls on a Monday, the Museum will be open and free of charge.

## WIYOT COMING-OF-AGE CEREMONY

Come in to see the recently installed storyboard depicting the Coming-of-Age ceremony held for the first time in nearly 150 years by the tribal chair's daughter, Michelle Hernandez. This was truly was a remarkable event and we are honored that the Wiyot Tribe was willing to show this small exhibit at the Clarke Museum!

## NEW ARTISTS IN KARUK EXHIBIT

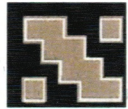
New artwork has recently been installed! Alongside of artwork from Alme Allen, Anthony Calloway, and Joyce Norell, we now are happy to announce that Lena Bommelyn, Loren Offield Jr., Nancy Steele, and Nisha Supahan are all on display in the contemporary artist section of the Karuk exhibit. We will be holding another artist panel in the coming months, so stay tuned!

## FLINT KNAPPING DEMONSTRATION

A special thanks to Zac Hruby for demonstrating the ancient art of flint knapping. Utilizing obsidian, Zac discussed and demonstrated the process with the people who attended the event.







# The Clarke Presents...

## A Catalog Fundraiser!

Join us in celebrating the Karuk Tribe's  
"Pi'êep Káru Payêem: Long Ago and Today"

An Exhibition on Karuk Art and Culture

### Pi'êep Káru Payêem Long Ago and Today

Exhibition of Karuk Art and Culture



Clarke Historical Museum  
Eureka, California

### Catalog will include:

- High resolution photos and detailed descriptions of the items and artwork in the exhibit
- Fold-Out Poster of the Karuk Lands Management Timeline
- An account of the exhibit creation by the curators of the Clarke Historical Museum and the Karuk Tribal Museum
- Interviews with featured artists and the Karuk elders involved in developing the exhibit

This catalog will be sold in the Clarke Museum gift shop as well as other local businesses and museums. Your support for this project will be a fundraiser for the Clarke for years to come. The Museum needs \$8,500 to cover design and printing costs.

Help us document this important exhibit for future generations!



## Karuk Land Management Timeline



The Karuk Lands Management Historical Timeline is an educational resource for learning about the history of lands management on Karuk Aboriginal Territory in the mid-Klamath watershed, Northern California. A poster sized version of this important resource will be included in each catalog!

All donations are tax deductible and all donors are invited to an exclusive catalog publication gala!

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

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Two new memorial funds have been established

For: Marlene Miller

Donor: Wendy Wahlund & Ben Shepherd

For: Grant Larsen

Donor: John & Sandra Winzler

Donating to these or establishing your own fund is a way to honor someone's memory and support the museum that preserves Humboldt County's heritage. Please include with your donation information on the honoree and who should be informed of your gift.

## LET THERE BE LIGHT

Thanks to many of you, there will be! Three antique globes will again light the front of our building. The goal mentioned in our last newsletter has been met! And even some unexpected costs have been covered. Fixture construction and the electrical work is underway. So, special thanks to our "enlightened" donors: Nancy McCarroll, Shirley, Tim and David Foster, Nina Thorwaldson, Evelyn Waters, M. Colleen Bonner, Jeff and Sharon Lamoree, Jim and Pat Moranda, Jim and Gail Timmons, the Odd Fellows Sequoia Lodge and a really generous anonymous donor.

## THANKS TO HUMBOLDT SPONSORS

Last year, Humboldt sponsors gave the Clarke a grant to help put together our current exhibit on the Karuk culture, past and present. This year, they came through with funding for field trips to the museum for schools in outlying areas so that kids whose heritage this is can come, enjoy and learn from the exhibit. This grant also made possible funding tour guides of Karuk ancestry. Thank you Humboldt sponsors!



3rd grade class from Hoopa Elementary