



Clarke Historical Museum

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You are cordially invited to the 12th annual Salmon BBQ on Saturday, August 25th, from 11am to 4:30pm, held at the historic Samoa Roundhouse, located next to the Samoa Cookhouse. For the second year in a row, the Clarke Museum and the Timber Heritage Association will jointly host the **Salmon, Oysters, Ales and Rails Fundraiser**. Tickets are \$20 and include barbequed salmon, salad, baked beans, fry bread and soda; oysters, ales and wine will be available for purchase. This family friendly event is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever with live music, local vendors, many activities for kids, great food and good conversations. Speeder car rides available with a reservation at [www.http://timberheritage.org/](http://timberheritage.org/).

This is a great opportunity to support two great organizations dedicated to Humboldt County's history and culture. We are seeking sponsors and vendors for this well attended event. For more information, please call 443-1947.

Pi'êep Káru Payêem - Long Ago and Today

We are happy to announce the unveiling of the *Pi'êep Káru Payêem: Long Ago and Today* exhibit catalog! As anyone who has seen the catalog will tell you, it contains great photographs, beautiful artwork as well as important ethnographic information. Written by Karuk ceremonial dance leader Julian Lang, the catalog gives insights into the cultural landscape of the upper Klamath River by discussing Karuk culture, the environment and ceremonies. Also included is a poster sized version of the Karuk Lands Management Historical Timeline. The invaluable information contained in the catalog will serve as a research tool for generations to come. The catalog is for sale in the museum's gift shop for \$25, come by for a look.

Calendar of Events:

Salmon BBQ, Sat., August 25th

Applebee's Fundraiser, Wed., Oct 3rd

Roof Fundraiser Party, Sat. Oct 13th

Volunteer Appreciation Party, Sat. Sept. 9th

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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Announcing Two New Exhibits



Trinidad Mill Engine, c. 1910s

Railroad and Logging

Logging and trains are an important part of this region's history and are the focus of a new exhibit. Although pioneers to this region had been logging since the first summer of their arrival, they were limited to trees that loggers could cut, animals could move, and mills could saw. In the decades to follow, technological advances made the larger trees fair game. The first steam locomotive came to Humboldt in 1875 to haul logs on a newly completed railroad extending up Salmon Creek from Humboldt Bay. In 1881 John Dolbeer introduced his innovative "steam donkey," a mobile winch that could drag logs out of the woods over terrain which even the toughest oxen would not attempt. Together, logging railroads and steam-powered yarding ushered in the era of "highball logging," when virgin redwood forests throughout the region yielded to the overwhelming power of mechanized harvesting. ~paraphrased from *Two People, One*

Fishing Tales

We are reeling in the summer with a new exhibit on fishing. On display are tales of Native American fishing traditions, whaling, recreational and commercial fishing, and artwork inspired by the salmon run. The focus of this exhibit is to explore different perspectives and tell some of the many stories about what fishing means to Humboldt County.

The exhibit includes a display created by the Wiyot Tribe on traditional Native American fishing, and artwork commemorating the salmon run on the Eel River by renowned local artist Michael Guerriero. Historic photos, harpoons, commercial products related to the whaling industry, and fishing equipment from the Clarke Museum's collection complete the exhibit. Tourists and locals alike will find much to see about the rich history of fishing on the North Coast.



Postcard of "Typical California Trout Stream" c. 1910

Meet Me At Applebee's Fundraiser

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Meet Us at Applebee's!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday October 3, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and meet us at Applebee's for a dinner that supports the Clarke. Applebee's holds a benefit night to support non-profits, all you have to do is tell your server you're there for the Clarke and 15% of your bill goes to the museum! Come watch the Giants play their last regularly scheduled game, eat some great food, and help the Clarke all at once. What a home run! Bring this voucher and

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Martha Cuddeback

In early May of this year, the Clarke received a very interesting donation in a highly implausible manner: A Blue Lake school teacher presented us with a cardboard box that contained the documents, letters and photos of a HC pioneer family. The schoolteacher's brother, a trash collector in Pacific Grove, California had, during the performance of his duties, noted the Humboldt County origin of the materials within the box and removed it from the flow toward oblivion. He mailed it to his sister who brought it to us.

The family was the Cuddeback family from which a small Humboldt County town derived its name. The original HC Cuddebacks, Henry and Martha, hailed from Ohio and Wisconsin, respectively. Henry first came West as a gold prospector, c. 1849, and probably met his wife-to-be via another gold seeker, Jesse Pease, her father. They married in 1853 in Wisconsin. Henry returned to the gold fields in 1854, but it wasn't until 1862 that Martha arrived in Humboldt County. By then, Henry had bought a farm located between the Van Duzen River and Yager Creek. There, the Cuddebacks prospered and raised eight children. For photos and the story of the Cuddebacks of Humboldt County, please visit our website at <http://clarkemuseum.org/cbweb.pdf>



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Roof Raising Fundraiser



Construction of the Bank of Eureka c. 1911

Interested in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Bank of Eureka Building with the Clarke Historical Museum? Many people in Humboldt have already donated to the roof fund, and the museum is more than halfway to our goal. If you would like to donate to the fund you'll be invited to an exclusive, after-hours party on Saturday, October 13th as a reward for your generosity. As any recent visitor to the museum has noticed, this leak has caused a great deal of damage to the main hall's south-facing wall. After receiving several estimates from roofing contractors, the museum has developed a plan and now needs the funds to complete the project before the rainy season begins.

In 1982 the National Trust for Historic Preservation included the Clarke Museum building in the National Register of Historic Places. Originally constructed for the Bank of Eureka, the Clarke is in a Classical Revival building designed by noted San Francisco architect Albert Pissis. He designed more than 35 major buildings in California, most of them in San Francisco, which makes his work all the more unique to Humboldt County. The building was the first Class A fireproof building in northwestern California. According to *Humboldt Times* the bank opened on July 15, 1912 and to honor this centennial anniversary the museum must repair the roof of this historic building.

The Bank of Eureka building has been the Clarke Museum's home since 1960. The museum needs \$3,000 to repair the leak, and \$15,000 to repair the noticeable paint and plaster damage. Beyond the invitation to the party, donors will have the pride of knowing they helped preserve a part of Humboldt History. **Any donation amount is greatly appreciated!**

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Great Gifts in the Museum Store

The gift shop committee has been hard at work making sure the museum store continues to help generate much needed revenue while also highlighting many of the talented artisans in Humboldt County. New arrivals include pure beeswax candles in unique designs by Golden Bee Candle works located in Ferndale. We also have new handmade tote bags with the Clarke Museum's name and logo printed on the front. Perfect for a day of shopping in Old Town Eureka. These bags were sewn by Eureka resident Darcy Brown of Antikva Designs, who also has cloth purses and aprons for sale. The gift shop also has a new candy shop featuring old fashioned sweets, jams from Mad River, and Larrupin Mustard. There is also new jewelry and hair accessories by

Christina Anastasia. As always there are many fantastic books on local history, such as the *Among the Silent Giants* by Sharon Porter Moxley and Susan Dregey that tells the story of Sharon growing up in the remote logging camp called Whitethorn. Shopping in the gift shop helps supports the museum, local artists, and authors. Don't forget, as a member you receive a 10% discount on all products in the gift shop.

Thank You Members!

Memberships represent a large portion of the Clarke Museum budget. Thank you to our members who ensure that the lights stay on, the doors remain open, community programs continue, and school tours visit. Why not ask your friends to become a member! Membership is not expensive and there is a membership level for every income. There are many benefits for members including enhanced communication about museum activities, invitations to Members First Preview Days, receptions and programs, discounts at the gift shop, and receiving the Clarke's quarterly newsletter.

Call for Volunteers

As the school year approaches, the Clarke museum is looking for interested volunteers to help lead the tours and outreach or create school programs. Prior teaching experience is not required! Thank you to our hard working school tour volunteers Dina Fernandez, Laura Hennings, Jamie Bush, and Nancy Mathews who helped lead school tours and outreach for over 1,000 students during the 2011-12 school year. Please call the museum at 443-1947 if you are interested in educating the next generation about Humboldt County history.

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MEMORIAL FUNDS

The Clarke has two new memorial funds for Lynn Wellman and Don Hill. Donating to these or establishing your own fund is a way to honor someone's memory.

Honoring the Memory of Lynn Wellman

Twelve years ago, when Lynn Wellman joined the Clarke's staff, she was given the task of putting the textile room in order and accessioning the items within. The textile room was, at the time, the storage area within the Clarke in the state of greatest chaos. She dug in and accomplished, over the years, this daunting task while at the same time involving herself in all aspects of the museum's operations. Lynn was a person of immense energy and good cheer, a hard worker and a good friend. We miss her very much.

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Honoring the Memory of Don Hill

Don Hill was a dedicated and valued Clarke board member. He was consistent and helpful with board activities, especially the fund raisers. Don served as Treasure and Vice President. His warm personality and great smile will be missed.

Carolyn Burns	Ellie Beckman	Bob & Mary Kay	Ben Shepherd
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