



# CLARKE MUSEUM

WINTER 2016

## Afternoon Tea Party at the Clarke



Join us on January 28, 2017 for a tea party, and enjoy a preview of our new 1960s exhibit. Delight in a service of tea sandwiches, scones, sweet treats and a choice of teas, while surrounded by vintage tea sets from our collection. Tables will be set up throughout the museum where guests will sip fine teas, nibble on fancy snacks, relax and mingle.

Our program will include a fashion and textile presentation, a discussion on historic hats, as well as live performances and other entertainment. Hats and gloves are encouraged. Tickets are limited and available at the museum. All ages are welcome! Tickets are \$20 for members and children under 14 or \$25 for adult non-members. Come down to the museum or call (707) 443-1947 to purchase tickets.



## 2017 Open House

The Clarke Historical Museum invites the community to a free day at the museum. Join us on Saturday, February 4, 2017 to explore the museum and how we are planning to fulfill our mission as we move ahead. This event kicks off the new year

at the museum, and will showcase the newest exhibit, which focuses on the 1960s era. The museum is a part of this era, as it opened its doors in 1960, thanks to our founder, Cecile Clarke.



Whether you have never been to the museum, haven't been here in a while, or are a frequent visitor, there will be something that interests you at our open house. Learn about the museum, view the collection, and experience the work being done here. Historical walking tours and oral presentations will be given by various docents throughout the day.

To boost early year memberships, we will be having a membership drive in the lobby. If you haven't signed up as a member with the museum, this would be a great day to pledge your support to the museum.

A volunteer signup station will be set up to demonstrate volunteer opportunities and match potential volunteers to tasks which best suit their interests. Come learn about the benefits of membership. Door prizes, raffles, music, and tasty treats will all be a part of this fun event.

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.

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## Current Exhibitions

### Cars, Culture and Humboldt County in the 1950s

September 3—January 7

This exhibit examines the cultural impact the car had on Humboldt County in the 1950s. From car clubs to hard top racing, women's fashion to artwork, this exhibit illustrates how the car helped reshape life in America. Co-curated by Bill Morrill and Jack Moore, with original art work by Frank Speck. Sponsored by AAA.

### Korean War Exhibit

September 3—January 7

The follow-up to our WWII tribute, this exhibit will feature an assortment of photos, uniforms, medals, documents, weapons and posters from the Korean War era. Also known as the "Forgotten War," nearly fifty thousand American troops died in the Korean War, which spanned the years of 1950-1953.

### The Hover Collection

A "living memorial to the Karuk basketmakers," this collection of Karuk basketry and dance regalia from the mid-to-late 1800s will be on display once again. Featuring artifacts from master basket weavers such as Elizabeth Hickox and Nettie Ruben.

### Bohmansson Pharmacy Exhibit

This showcase of a turn-of-the-century drug store includes hundreds of authentic apothecary bottles and jars. Also discussed in the display is the soda fountain, a driving factor behind the popularity of the local pharmacy as a place for social gatherings.

## Upcoming Exhibits

### Christmas Display

December 4—December 24

Come and see this year's holiday display in our dynamic Community Case. Featuring rare antique Bliss dollhouses from our collection, this display is sure to delight the entire family. The Victorian room will also feature a Christmas display, including a goosefeather Christmas tree.

## Upcoming Events

### Pierson's History Series: Humboldt Headlines

December 9, 2016

7:00 p.m.

From the fatal ship collision off Shelter Cove to Fortuna's biggest bank robbery to the Socialist mayor of Eureka, we'll tell you the stories that everyone read about in the days before the Lost Coast Outpost: "Jack London Knocked Down in Bar Fight!" - "Flames Force Entire Town to Flee" - "Tiny School Wins Statewide Contest." Presented by Historian Jerry Rohde.

### Basket Evaluation Day/Rummage Sale

December 10, 2016

11:00—3:00 p.m.

Featuring local appraiser Coleen Kelley Marks, the Clarke Museum is holding a basket evaluation event in Nealis Hall. Bring your local Native American baskets to the museum to be appraised. Informal appraisals (verbal approximation of value) will be \$15 per item, up to three items per person. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call (707) 443-1947. There will also be a rummage sale in the museum.

### Afternoon Tea Party/Museum Preview

January 28, 2017

1:00—3:00 p.m.

Join us for a preview of our new 1960s exhibit. Delight in a service of tea sandwiches, scones, sweet treats and a choice of teas, while surrounded by vintage tea sets from our collection. Our program will include a fashion and textile presentation, as well as live performances. Hats and gloves are encouraged. Tickets are limited and available at the museum. All ages are welcome! Come down to the museum or call (707) 443-1947 to purchase tickets.

### Open House

February 11, 2017

11:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Come down to the museum for an all day celebration with prizes, snacks, activities and entertainment for the whole family. Our newest exhibits will be on display. This is a free, all-ages event.



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## Year in Review: Looking Ahead to 2017

Hello members of the Clarke Historical Museum, thank you all for your continued support by dedicating time, energy and resources to help keep history alive and for everyone!

We had a fantastic year for grants and corporate sponsorships, bringing in over \$33,000, with 5 still in the works! These grants went towards many worthwhile projects, like the WWII Educational Memorial at the airport, reprinting Adventures in the Clarke, an activity booklet that is given out to all grade school students who takes a tour of the museum, the conservation of the Ulysses Grant portrait as well as four other paintings, free days at the museum overlapping with school holidays, and helping pay the expense of just keeping the doors open and the heat on. Thank you to all of our generous sponsors!



We kept moving forward through time by covering the 1940s and 1950s in 2016 with two great exhibits, Humboldt County Remembers WWII and Cars, Culture and Humboldt County in the 1950s. Next year, we'll reopen to the public on February 1st with an exhibit on the 1960s, followed by a quilt exhibit over summer, then spending the rest of the year in the 1970s.

Funding this important institution remains a constant focus for the board and staff and we'll continue to concentrate on our two



primary fundraisers of the Up in Smoke BBQ Competition in spring followed by Archaeology and Cultural Awareness Day in October. We are revitalizing the 3rd Saturday speaker series this coming year, so check in regularly as 2017 is shaping up to be a busy year.

I continue to be humbled and grateful for the opportunity to work for such an important community treasure, here's to another great year at the Clarke Museum!

-**Ben Brown**, Director

## Basket Evaluation Day/ Rummage Sale

Visit the Clarke Museum on Saturday, December 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for an evaluation day and rummage sale benefit!



The museum will be hosting a Native American basket and related Native American objects evaluation day, led by Coleen Kelley Marks and Bruce Pettit, who will be providing informal appraisals (verbal approximation of value, not formal insurance evaluation) for \$15 per item in the Nealis Hall wing of the museum.

At the same time, a rummage sale of museum quality items will be held in the main hall. Items included in the sale are pottery, baskets, and art prints, as well as antique books, toys, tools, utensils, and more. All items being sold were either nonessential items that have been deaccessioned or items that were donated to the museum with the express purpose of fund-raising.

Proceeds from the event go toward the day-to-day operations of the museum. The basket evaluation event will be taking part in the Nealis Hall annex, while the rummage sale will be held in the main portion of the museum, to the left of the sign-in desk in the lobby as you enter the museum. For more information, call (707) 443-1947.



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## Archaeology & Cultural Awareness Day

Over 400 people attended Archaeology & Cultural Awareness Day at the Clarke this October. In conjunction with Archaeology Month, a national program designed to promote the preservation of our country's heritage, the Clarke Historical Museum offered a free day to celebrate this important program. The museum partnered with California State Parks, Redwood National Park, and Humboldt State University Anthropology Club, as well as local volunteers and artisans, to provide demonstrations on local native American basket weaving, flint knapping (how to make stone tools and blades), and excavation activities for all ages. There were also make-and-take art projects, as well as face painting for the kids. This event was sponsored by the California Society of Archaeology and Morgan Stanley.



(Clockwise from top left: a young museum visitor learns to shape arrowheads, an HSU volunteer assists a child excavator, two little girls enjoying an activity, board member Eugene Brundin talks with basketmakers Verna Reece and Dixie Rogers, Michael Peterson giving a group demonstration in flint-knapping )



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## Gift Shop Prepared for Christmas Shopping Season

Gifts, stocking stuffers, and decorations!

Our holiday gift range has arrived! With items meant to inspire, shop for cultural gifts for everyone on your list this year! Gifts from our fine artisan producers and curator-approved Native items, these represent the best of local craft.

Explore our ideas for gifts for everyone on your list, including kids, as well as fun history-themed stocking stuffers and decorations for your home. Celebrate the holidays with gifts from the Clarke Museum gift shop and support one of Humboldt's most important cultural institutions.

Best yet, give the gift of a Clarke Museum membership! One year of membership benefits starts at only \$30 for a family, with higher level memberships available (as well as discounted memberships for students and seniors). Memberships and donations to the Clarke Museum are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your support of the Clarke! Every purchase supports the collection.



## Museum Changes Membership Cycle Structure

Some changes were recently made to the membership cycle at the museum. Going forth, all memberships will expire at the end of December, and will need to be renewed in January of each year.

This will help make things easier for members and more efficient for administrators. If this causes a hardship for any of our members, or if you have any questions or comments regarding the change, please give us a call down at the Clarke. We value the input of our members, and we could not keep the museum going strong without your generous support!

The Clarke Museum has simplified memberships by having them all expire at the end of each year, please purchase your 2017 membership today.

The Clarke Museum is only as strong as the support we receive from the community. Thanks to Cecile Clarke and all those who have donated items, this region is lucky to have such an outstanding museum. The support we receive allows us to continue her legacy of hosting high-quality exhibits, maintaining the historic Bank of Eureka building, spearheading important projects, and continuing our mission of preserving and presenting this region's history. From school groups, local residents, and tourists from near and far, over 12,000 people visited the museum in 2016 to learn about this region's history and culture.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting the Clarke Museum! Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.



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## A Recipe from Christmas Past



### Grandma D's Gingerbread Cake

3 Eggs	1 1/8 C boiling water
1 C Sugar	2 C flour
1 C Molasses	<i>Custard Sauce:</i>
1 C Oil	3 T sugar
1 tsp ground cloves	1 T cornstarch
1 tsp ground ginger	dash of salt
1 tsp ground cinnamon	1 egg, separated
2 tsp baking soda	1 1/4 C milk
	grated orange or lemon rind

Put the 3 eggs, 1 C sugar, molasses, oil and spices into a large bowl and beat well. Dissolve the soda in  $\frac{1}{8}$  C hot water and add to the mixture. Sift in the flour and beat well. Add 1 C boiling water and beat lightly and quickly. Don't make the mistake of adding more flour. The batter will be thin. Pour into a rectangular baking pan and bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Serve hot with unsweetened whipped cream or the custard topping. To make custard topping, mix sugar, cornstarch, salt and milk and heat in a double boiler. Fold in egg white and rind. Pour over hot gingerbread squares and serve.

[From *A Century on the Range* by Humboldt County Cattlewomen (Kearney, NE: Morris Press, 2000), page 124.]

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**It has been decided that, in order to save money and reduce the burden on the environment, the Clarke Museum quarterly newsletter will be sent via email beginning in 2017. Please make sure we have your email address, and be sure to contact us with any questions or concerns.**

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