



**36th Annual**

## **Instant Wine Cellar Is Almost Here!!!**

Get ready to enjoy our pre-COVID format as the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Instant Wine Cellar returns to the Boys' & Girls' Club on Saturday, August 24 from 4-7 pm. Sample wines from Canard, Fisher, Ladera, Poggi, Sterling and Storybook Mountain. Feast on yummy appetizers while bidding on silent and live auction items, trying your luck at winning a prize-filled raffle basket, and waiting to see if you win the Grand Raffle Prize of five cases of premium wines from Napa Valley producers (although purchasers of Grand Raffle tickets need not be present to win).

Purchase event and/or raffle tickets in advance by using the enclosed flyer, downloading a purchase form from the Museum website ([www.SharpsteenMuseum.org](http://www.SharpsteenMuseum.org)), or in person at the Museum. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

This is the Museum's major annual fund-raiser, and we rely upon our members to attend and to contribute your time and treasures to help make it a success. If you have an item or service that would make a great auction item or addition to a

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### **Message from the President**

Dear Sharpsteen Members,

Over the course of my first month as your newly elected Sharpsteen Museum Association President, I had the

chance to meet many of our new and long-time docents at our Annual Docent Luncheon. I also chaired a Board Meeting for the first time!

Although I've been aware of this for a long time, it's worth repeating how impressed I am with our talented Board and with our truly dedicated docents. You are the unsung heroes who make our museum so successful! Our Docent Chair, Jane Bennett, emphasized at our last meeting that we are always in need of more docents. If you are interested in volunteering, or know someone who might be, please let us know!

While I'm on the topic of getting to know everyone, I was reminded recently that the Sharpsteen Museum hasn't held its Annual Membership

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## **Celebrating the Work of Chick and Yvonne**



*Photo by Eden Umble*

A beaming, lively crowd turned out on June 21st to honor Chick Harry & Yvonne Henry at the opening of their special exhibit "Chick & Yvonne: A Life in Photographs." The Sharpsteen is presenting the first major retrospective of their combined bodies of work, representing photojournalism (Chick) and fine art photography (Yvonne).

After warmly greeting friends, Chick reflected on his & Yvonne's decision to settle in Calistoga in 2001, get involved with the Tribune, and even become Sharpsteen volunteers. Yvonne stated that, at its core, this exhibit "is a celebration of the camera." True to her playful nature, Yvonne directed the crowd to get out their phones and start taking photos of anything that interested them, then

congratulated them on participating in perhaps the first photo flash mob.

This past winter, when our Special Exhibit Team was pondering our next project, we felt there was no better time

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Meeting for several years, due to some rather significant disruptions, namely, two major wildland fires and a pandemic! The Annual Meeting is normally held the first week in June, but given all the catching up we've needed to do, your Board has scheduled this year's meeting for September 11 at 10:00 am. It will be held in the Sharpsteen Museum, and will last about an hour, during which time you'll have the opportunity to interact with your Board, learn about plans for the year, and ask any questions you may have that pertain to the Museum.

If you haven't been to our newest Special Exhibit, featuring the works of Chick Harrity and Yvonne Henry, please take the time to do so. The high turn-out at our opening reception is testimony to the importance of this lifetime collection of world class photojournalism and award winning art!

Oh, and don't forget to buy your tickets as well as your raffle tickets for the Sharpsteen's August 24 Instant Wine Cellar event. Rumor has it that our own Sam Brannan may even join the party, looking remarkably spry for someone who is 205 years old!

Dean Enderlin, *President*

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raffle basket, please contact IWC Chair Pat Larsen ([dirofdev48@gmail.com](mailto:dirofdev48@gmail.com) or 510-410-4558). If you have an artistic flair and can help assemble raffle baskets, Pat would love your help. Or, if you know the best way to persuade a local merchant to donate an item or service, please ask on our behalf. Pat has solicitation letters and donation forms available. And

on the day of the event, we can always use help setting up and taking down. We're looking forward to getting together to celebrate the Sharpsteen!

Pat Larsen, *Ways and Means Chair*



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- Eden Umble- Media Chair

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Shari Hanson- Newsletter Editor

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Museum's mission is to preserve and to provide for public exhibitions and study of the history of the community of Calistoga and the upper Napa Valley.



**Welcome New Members**

Jean Anderson, Cindy Eddy, Dylan Wilford, Donald Williams

**Membership Level Upgrades**

**Angel:** Felicia Woytak & Steven Rasmussen

**Life:** Cal Mart, Madonna Day, Jim & Shari Hanson, H. William & Deborah Harlan, Lucretia Marcus, Mark Peterson, Schramsberg Vineyard, Linda Shaw, William M. Thomas

**DONATIONS**

**General:** Bev & Jim Barnes, Pat & Ray Branstetter, Sally & Truman Houk, Wendy Johnson, Curt & Debora Keegan, Julianne Laks, Valerie Mathes, Loula Palmer, Fay Pauls, Kathy & Jack Paulus, Marcia & Jerry Phillips, Linda Sereni, David & Suzan Shaw, Linda St. Clair Hidalgo & Manuel Hidalgo, Marilyn Stark

**In Memory of Ellie Wright Robinson:** Jackie & Brett Lang

**Sharpsteen Museum Association**

**Notice of Annual Membership Meeting**

Weds, Sept. 11, 2024, from 10-11am, at the Sharpsteen Museum

*All members are welcome to attend.*

Meet your Board of Directors; Learn about plans for the year; Q & A; and more!

Hats Off  
to Our  
Docents!!!



BEST OF THE BEST

Team Docent for May & June 2024

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| Rose Beck         | Pat Larsen        |
| Jane Bennett      | Karen Legeyt      |
| Lloyd Best        | David Lomax       |
| Emily Bucchianeri | Corliss Meyer     |
| Judith Cornils    | Jo Ellen Noble    |
| Bridget Ely       | Carla Taylor      |
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| Bruce Gardom      | Molly Towey       |
| Deanna Gardom     | Wendy Watson      |
| Lorne Glaim       | Dylan Wilford     |
| Marilyn Glaim     | Jeannie Williams  |
| Sally Houk        | Ron Yost          |
| Cathy Keag        |                   |

Annual Docent Luncheon

The Annual Docent Luncheon was held on June 12th at the Calistoga Inn. It is a way to give the Docents a small reward for all the volunteer work they do. This is the one time each year that the Docents get to socialize with each other, and for some, it is the first time they meet the other Docents as well as the members of the Sharpsteen Board. It also provided the perfect time for the official installation of the 2024-25 Board. The food was great and a good time was had by all.

You, too, could be a part of this awesome team. Interested? Please contact me at (757) 536-1146. (Yes, area code is 757, not 707!). Hope to hear from you soon!

Jane Bennett, *Docent Chair*



Annual Docent Luncheon at Calistoga Inn



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or place to celebrate these local photographic legends. Chick & Yvonne accepted immediately and got to work combing through their archives.

What makes this show uniquely intimate is that they curated every image themselves, and describe them in their own words. Through Chick's 60 years as a photojournalist, we can revisit historical events, from Saigon to the White House – Chick photographed nine presidents, from Eisenhower to George W. Bush – from Normandy to Calistoga's Lincoln Avenue. The yin to Chick's yang, Yvonne's boundlessly creative photography sees the camera as a tool of infinite possibility. Her award-winning images skip across her thematic series over the years (Water, Wind, SX-70 Polaroids, and others). The images are a mix of human stories – some, like Chick's "The Baby in the Box," can stop you in your tracks – beauty, and whimsy, like Yvonne's underwater portrait of the Calistoga Swim Team which she shot wearing a weighted wet suit. Seeing her Brownie box camera and first photo of her baby brother in his stroller marks the birth of a lifelong love affair with photography.

This exhibit runs through November. All are welcome; please bring your friends & family to share this rich journey with you.

*Eden Umble, Media Chair*



Photo by Michael Umble

Eden Umble, with Chick and Yvonne



We would like to thank the board of the Sharpsteen Museum and museum docents for organizing the current exhibit with its 'focus' on the camera. Particular thanks to Eden Umble, Pat Larsen and Jackie Lang for their creativity and physical labors.

The Friday opening party reminded us of the preview parties hosted by the Calistoga Soroptimists for the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> exhibits at the Calistoga Fairgrounds. Citizens eagerly greeted folks they hadn't seen in a year, enjoyed the refreshments, made new connections and voiced their opinions on the exhibit. It was classic, first-class Calistoga community.

The Sharpsteen is a living museum for our community.

Appreciatively, Yvonne Henry and Chick Harrity

This letter appeared in the June 28<sup>th</sup> [Calistoga Tribune](#).

## Notes From the Book Store

### *Indian Baskets of Central California- Art, Culture, and History*

It's the #1 best book written on Indian basketry for decades, and the only title we carry regarding this important piece of every Californian's past. Written by author Ralph Shanks and edited by Lisa Woo Shanks, you will easily follow the Native tribes, their history, location, and customs of basket weaving.



From our own Wappo to the Pomo, Patwin, Miwok, and more, readers will learn to identify baskets possibly in their own collection, their honored cultural uses, plant materials used, and weaving techniques.

Native Americans are among the world's greatest artists and no art exceeds the beauty of California basketry.

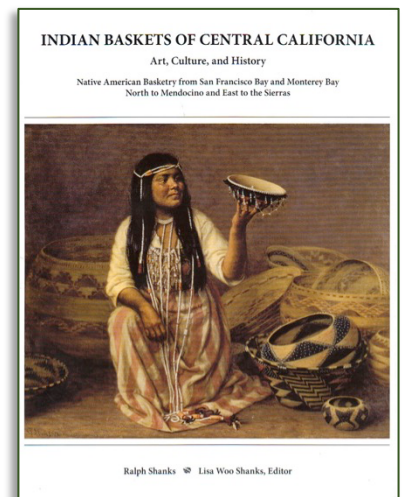
"Nearly 200 full color photographs and drawings illustrate the rare, fine California Indian baskets from great museums and private collections in the United States and Europe. The vast majority of these baskets are illustrated for the first time." This incredible tome is hardbound with a dustjacket, measures 11.5" x 9", 176 pages printed on top quality heavy paper including color images, index, bibliography, and acknowledgements. Looking for your Native background? See page 2 for the tribal map.

Cost is \$25 per copy (less 10% for Sharpsteen members). If you prefer a copy shipped, please contact the museum via our website: [sharpsteenmuseum.org](http://sharpsteenmuseum.org) and send us a message through the "Contact Us" option. Please be aware, this book is large and heavy due to its size and quality.

We first offered this title many years ago and hosted Ralph and Lisa Woo Shanks at a standing-room-only evening lecture and book signing event at the museum. Many participants brought Indian baskets from their own collections to share or to ask questions regarding a basket's heritage.

Too exciting for words. You need this book in your collection. Thank you for your continued support of your Sharpsteen Museum.

Kathy Bazzoli, *Book Store Chair*



## Sharpsteen Scholarship Winner

The Sharpsteen Scholarship Committee has chosen Calistoga High School Graduate Cindy Lopez to receive the award of \$2,000 graciously donated by Felicia Woytak and Steven Rasmussen.

Cindy wants to teach and has the necessary skills to do it, because she was recognized as the most organized student in the whole school by one of her teachers. In addition, there is positivity and good energy in her work, and a dependability that can be counted on to meet her deadlines.

She served as an intern at the local elementary school, and the first-grade classroom where she worked with groups, as well as one on one, was filled with students who appreciated her warm and caring nature.

We know Cindy sets high goals for herself, because she signed up for all the AP classes offered by her school. She conquered each one with patience and focus. Time management was her strong point. These characteristics will serve her well in college.

Creativity is another of her strong points, as she was a member of the MITInventTeam which came up with an idea to help agricultural workers and firemen with a wearable device to keep cool while in the field.

It somehow seems fitting that the Sharpsteen Museum has chosen someone who, after completing her education, wants to return to Calistoga to teach its future young citizens.

Museum members will look forward to welcoming Cindy back to Calistoga as a teacher.

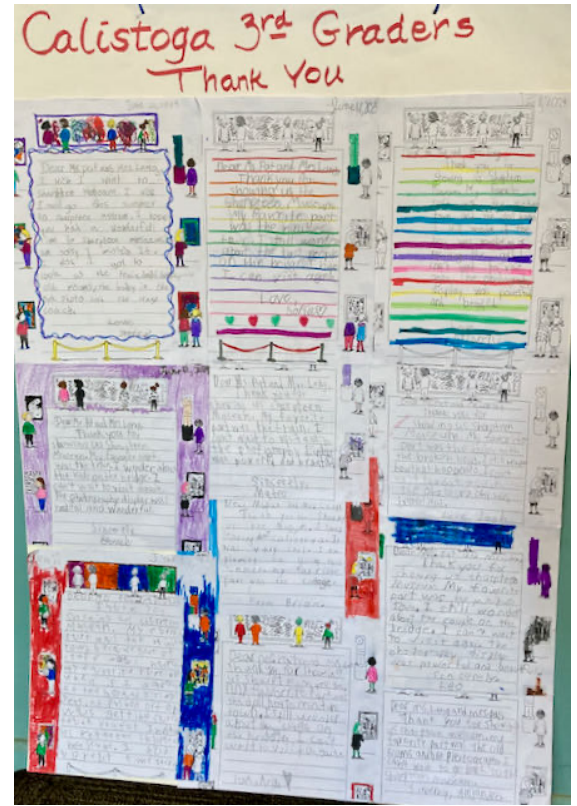
Dina Corcoran, *Scholarship Committee Chair*  
Committee: Dina Corcoran, Donna Dill, Jackie Lang, and Alan Rogers



# Calistoga Kids Dig the Museum and the Special Exhibit

Calistoga's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders visited the museum as the school year was drawing to a close. Prior to their visits, I went to their classrooms and gave them an introduction to our *amazing* Photography Exhibit featuring the work of Chick Harrity & Yvonne Henry. It was exciting to see them look for the photos we had discussed. Their trip also included a visit to the Calistoga Public Library & the park.

A fun way to start off summer. Jackie Lang, Education Chair



Left- A group of Calistoga Elementary School student visitors. Above- A sampling of letters of appreciation written to the Museum Docents.



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