

Instinct Extinct: The Great Pacific Flyway Explores Ancient Phenomenon

Open on Aug. 20, *Instinct Extinct: The Great Pacific Flyway*, fills the Grace Hudson Museum's Main Gallery with an exciting multi-disciplinary contemporary art installation featuring the work of Sacramento-area artists Valerie Constantino, Glenda Drew, and Ann Savageau. Present and past faculty members at UC Davis and Sacramento State, Constantino, Drew, and Savageau have formed an artists' partnership to explore and celebrate the biology, beauty and bounty of the Pacific Flyway: a major north-south pathway for migratory birds in America.

The three artists see the installation as a way to capture the essence of the Pacific Flyway (with an emphasis on the Flyway within California), and its astonishing and millennia-long migration route for millions of birds. Using inter-disciplinary media from Goboscopes to stroboscopes (that create the illusion of flight within the gallery), and from video installations to assemblage boxes, they view the Flyway through a range of lenses: wildlife habitat, agricultural backdrop, recreational commons, conservation story, and inspirational phenomenon.

Focusing on themes of avian anatomy, biodiversity, flight and navigation, the artists' main intent is

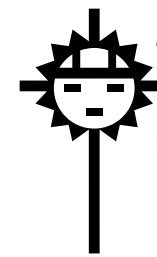
to convey their appreciation for the hundreds of species of birds—song-birds, waterfowl, shorebirds and others—that return to our state each year. At the same time, they hope to address issues of habitat loss, development, pesticide use, and climate change (all serious threats to the environment in general and migratory birds in particular) in a way that encourages conservation and positive adjustments to current ecological practices.

Instinct Extinct: The Great Pacific Flyway is a traveling exhibition from Exhibit Envoy, funded by The James Irvine Foundation and curated by Constantino, Drew, and Savageau. Support for its Ukiah venue comes from Amy Neel, the Neel Family Foundation and the Sun House Guild. We have supplemented this exhibit with bird specimens from the University of California's Hopland Research and Extension Center and Sonoma County's Lake Sonoma Visitors Center, thus providing opportunities to see regional Flyway birds up close. See the Calendar of Events on the back page of this newsletter for affiliated programs to be held in conjunction with this exhibit.

—Karen Holmes, Curator



Goboscope (top) and Ducks and Hunters Box (bottom), by Valerie Constantino, Glenda Drew, and Ann Savageau.



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Special Thanks for Gifts to the Museum

To Craig and Carson Bates for the beautiful feather dance skirt that added so much to our recent Dugan Aguilar photo exhibit. And to Sheila Deeg for the tub full of bulrush plants for our new pond.

To Sun House Guild Board Member Gary Hudson for the handsome Pomo Indian baby basket and Washoe lidded basket. John and Grace Hudson (no relation!) would be thrilled.

To the anonymous donor who gave the very charming petite tulip-shaped cups and saucers that belonged to Grace Hudson. They are now occupying the same spot in the Sun House dining room cabinet where they used to reside.

To Kevin Coughlin's estate for several striking prints by the American artist Grant Wood.

To Amy Neel for her gift of a traditional Pomo winnowing tray. Amy commented that while she has enjoyed it for many years, she felt that the time had come for the basket to return to its homeland. We promise to treasure it.



Pomo twined winnowing tray, gift of Amy Neel.

To artist Virginia Lien Fitch and her family, daughter Kathy Mouat of Santa Rosa and son Steve Fitch of Santa Fe, for generously donating a number of Virginia's lovely paintings to benefit the Museum after her recent passing.

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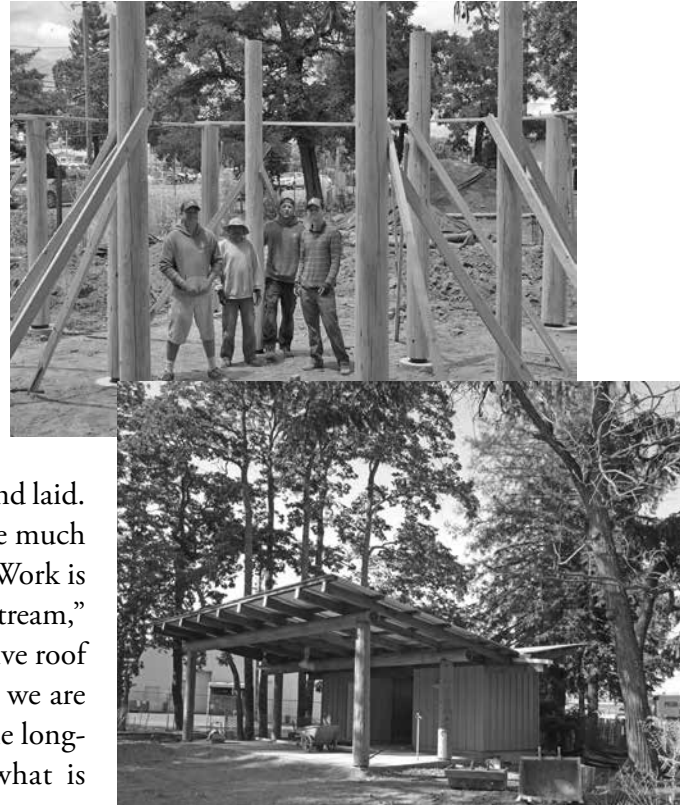
Put On Your Pearls & Kick Off Our 30th Anniversary!
Dinner, Auction & Dancing • Saturday, Sept. 10 • 5:30 pm

Construction News

Building continues apace at the Grace Hudson Museum. Our new Outdoor Classroom is in the finishing stages and looks beautiful, while the peeled pole framework of the Pomo Brush Arbor is complete, awaiting the installation of its custom-fit shade cloth awning. Around the edges of the Museum, it looks like a colony of jumbo-sized gophers has been hard at work, as folks from Baelin Landscaping are gluing irrigation pipes together and laying them into a multitude of trenches. Meanwhile, on property adjacent to the Museum, carpenters are busy erecting a long-awaited senior housing project. In short, our block of Main Street is a hive of construction equipment and workers.

Next, the footings for the earth block wall will be excavated and laid. The wall, which incorporates a Pomo basket design, will encircle much of our Nature Education Project, named “The Wild Gardens.” Work is also beginning on the big outdoor water feature, “The Salmon Stream,” that will recycle rainwater harvested from the Museum’s expansive roof and stored in our new water tanks. These are exciting times, as we are coming nearer and nearer to completing the infrastructure of the long-planned Nature Education Project. Come down and see what is happening for yourself. We’d love to show you around!

—Sherrie Smith-Ferri, Museum Director



Above left: Laban Menton and the Menton Builders crew in Pomo Brush Arbor; right: new classroom by Cupples & Sons Construction.

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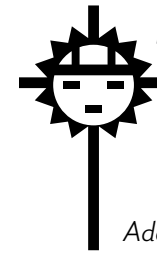
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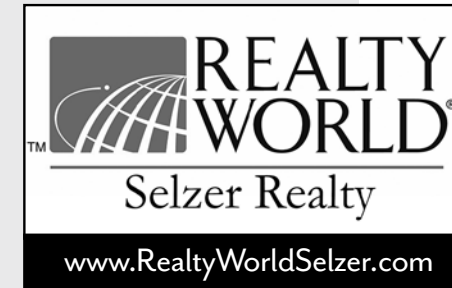
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Grace Hudson Museum Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 20–November 27, 2016
Instinct Extinct:

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Explore and celebrate the biology, beauty, and bounty of the Pacific Flyway—a major north-south flight path for migratory birds in America—with this multi-disciplinary contemporary art installation by Valerie Constantino, Glenda Drew, and Ann Savageau.

Saturday, September 10, 5:30–10 pm
Grace Hudson Museum’s 30th Anniversary Gala
Pearls are symbolic of 30th anniversaries: Put yours on and join us for dinner, dancing, auctions, and fun! Call (707) 467-2836 for ticket information or order online at www.gracehudsonmuseum.org.

Saturday, September 24, 2–4 pm
Artists’ Gallery Tour of Instinct Extinct
Join exhibit artists Valerie Constantino, Glenda Drew, and Ann Savageau as they discuss their work both as individuals and as *Instinct Extinct* collaborators. Free with Museum admission. Refreshments follow the tour.

Saturday, October 8, 1–2:30 pm
Family Fun at the Museum
Hands-on children’s art workshop making feather prints and learning fun feather facts with Cathy Monroe and friends. Call the Museum for details, reservations recommended, materials included. Free with Museum admission.

Friday, November 4, 5–8 pm
First Friday Art Walk Event: HREC Migratory Bird Program
Learn about regional migratory birds with Hopland Research and Extension Center’s (HREC) educator, Hannah Bird, while celebrating the Mendocino Mushroom, Wine and Beer Festival with mushroom appetizers at the First Friday Art Walk. Free.

Saturday, December 3, 10 am–3 pm
Annual Holiday Open House
Start your holidays at the Museum! Visit Santa Claus, tour the Sun House and admire its vintage decorations, shop at our local arts and crafts sale, and savor seasonal refreshments. Receive 15% off Museum Gift Shop purchases. Free.

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