



SUNLETTER

THE PEOPLE, EVENTS & EXHIBITS OF THE GRACE HUDSON MUSEUM

FALL/WINTER 2012

GHM Endowment Fund Gets Challenge Grants of \$125,000

2012 Gala Endowment Gifts

Many thanks to the following contributors to the Endowment at our Centennial Gala:

\$35,000

Francine & Ron Selim, Doug Crane

\$5,000

*Walter & Barbara Eversole, Monte & Kay Hill,
Guil & Gudrun Dye, Candace Horsley,
Charles & Wanda Mannon*

\$3,000

Paige Poulos & John Woolley

\$2,500

Janet King

\$1,000

*Diane Daubeneck & Lee Parker,
Glenn & Patty Morgan, Phyllis Curtis,
Eliane Herring, George & Robyn Gibbs,
Ed & Joan Phillips, Jared & Bonnie Carter*

\$500

*Eric Neilson & Karen Holmes, Barbara Bristol,
Channing & Diana Cornell, Janice Preston,
Jonathan Middlebrook, Linda McDonald,
Katie Gibbs, Vergilia Dakin, John & Karen Moon,
Elliot & Marsha Little, Joe & Marian Scherf*

\$250

*David & Sherrie Smith-Ferri,
Frances Harriman, Tom & Laura Allman*

\$200

Katrazyna Rolzinski

\$100

*Catherine Monroe, Barbara Francis, Jerri Harris,
Kat Anderson, Victor Hoosac, Sheila Glassman,
Geoff & Cheryl Heinken, Ed & Donna Berry,
Maxine & Patti Hendricks, Don & Barbara Roncs*

Two anonymous angel benefactors have come forward with challenge matching grants, with a combined total of \$125,000, that could increase the Endowment Fund by \$250,000 in the next year. How wonderful! What a validation of the Grace Hudson Museum's importance to our community! Realization of this goal would push the Endowment Fund—presently at \$2,225,000—to near the half-way mark of our 3-year goal of \$5 million. Every dollar you invest now will be matched 100% with a dollar from these challenge grants. And every gift is 100% tax deductible.

Want to help us meet this challenge? Use the special enclosed Grace Hudson Museum Endowment Fund envelope to send a check or credit card donation. Write "Challenge" on the envelope. Consider giving a gift of stock or making the Endowment Fund a beneficiary of an IRA. Call the Museum at (707) 467-2836 to contact Sherrie Smith-Ferri, Director; Monte Hill, Chair of the Endowment Fund; or myself, to talk about these or other possibilities for giving. This is the ultimate way to "leave a legacy." All contributors will be acknowledged in the next issue of the *Sunletter*.

These challenge grants follow close on the heels of the August Gala, where those who donated to the Grace Hudson Museum Endowment Fund had their monies fully matched by Ukiah residents Francine Selim and Doug Crane. These two generous friends have galvanized many others. You could too....

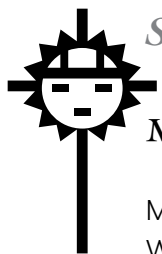
~Paige Marie Poulos, *Sun House Guild President*

The Comprehensive Keith: A Centennial Tribute

Don't miss the exhibit currently on display in our main gallery. A selection of 53 paintings that pays tribute to early California landscape master William Keith (1838-1911), it comes from the collection of Saint Mary's College of California. Keith's influences included the French Barbizon School and American artist George Inness. The exhibit is organized and circulated by Saint Mary's College Museum of Art in Moraga, and will be on display through January 27, 2013.



William Keith, ca 1870. Unknown photographer.



Sun House Guild

**GRACE HUDSON
MUSEUM & Sun House**

Museum Hours:

Wed. through Sat.: 10 am – 4:30 pm

Sun.: Noon – 4:30 pm

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Around the Museum

Much has happened here at the Grace Hudson Museum & Sun House since the last *Sunletter* was published. As you are undoubtedly aware, these are challenging times financially for everyone. The City of Ukiah is no exception.

In late spring, when faced with a significant funding shortfall, the Ukiah City Council considered at what level they could continue paying the operating costs of the Grace Hudson Museum & Sun House. In recognition of the Grace Hudson's worth and significance, in June 2012 the City Council voted unanimously to provide the Museum with three years of full staffing and support.

In return, the City Council asked the Sun House Guild and the Grace Hudson Museum Endowment Fund—their non-profit partners in supporting the Grace Hudson Museum & Sun House—to shoulder more of our institution's future operating costs. The Sun House Guild and Museum Endowment Boards pledged their best, sustained efforts to raise enough money during the coming three years to increase the Museum's Endowment Fund to a level that would largely offset the Museum's operating costs after that time, allowing it to become self-sustaining. As you can see evident throughout this *Sunletter*, we are hard at work to reach this goal. And, thanks to the efforts and generosity of many, we are making real progress towards achieving it.

One of the recent heartwarming contributions to our Endowment Fund was a gift of more than \$500,000 from the estate of the Museum's former receptionist, Artis Mary Spriggs. On November 4th, we held a special reception to celebrate Artis' gift and to name the Museum's foyer in her honor. In my mind's eye, I can see Artis smiling behind the entry desk as she continues to welcome visitors to the Grace Hudson Museum, and the Artis Mary Spriggs Foyer.

~Sherrie Smith-Ferri, *Museum Director*



Left: Director Sherrie Smith-Ferri, and Museum founder Barbara Eversole, in July 2012. They were celebrating the reaffirmation of the public/private partnership between the City of Ukiah and the Grace Hudson Museum.

Right: Recent Grace Hudson Museum benefactor, and former Receptionist, Artis Mary Spriggs. The Museum foyer is now named in her honor.





President's Letter

As we near the passing of a momentous year, it is time to consider our collective vision for the one ahead.

Old friends and new have swelled our membership ranks, and we are setting the stage for even greater growth to come. In this *Sunletter* you will find our new membership brochure. While basic membership costs and benefits have stayed the same, we have added

several new tiers of annual Sun House Guild membership with some exciting first time ever benefits. Chief among these is a shared membership with NARM (North American Reciprocal Museum program). Members who join at the Supporter level or higher receive a validated membership card which entitles them to member admission and member discounts at more than 600 other museums, over 70 in California alone.

A robust membership roster benefits the Grace Hudson Museum & Sun House in a variety of ways. The dues collected are vital to our ability to support exhibits and other on-going programs. Beyond that, philanthropic organizations that provide grants ask for the number of the Museum's members and annual visitors, taking these as a validation of our importance in the local community and to a wider audience of visitors. Every new member benefits the Grace Hudson Museum & Sun House. If you have never joined, please do so. If you are already a member, when it is time for you to renew your membership, please consider doing so at a higher level. Give the gift of membership this holiday season to family, friends and business associates. And help us recruit new members by taking the time to share your passion for the Grace Hudson Museum with friends.

In this issue, you will also see a new look in more than our membership categories. We have taken this opportunity to freshen up the design of the *Sunletter*, and have recently launched a new website for the Grace Hudson Museum & Sun House. Go to www.gracehudsonmuseum.org and "friend" us on Facebook for all the latest Grace Hudson news.

The Grace Hudson Museum & Sun House are national treasures and historic downtown Ukiah's greatest cultural resources. Thank you for your involvement on every level. I am touched and amazed every day by your generosity and your love of the arts, culture and history. I know in my heart that together we can do anything.....

-Paige Marie Poulos, *Sun House Guild Board President*

Guild Volunteers Needed!

The Guild is seeking volunteers to serve on each of its standing committees. If you have expertise or a will to work in Publicity; Hospitality & Events; Membership; Fundraising; or Website Management & Social Media, please email guild@gracehudsonmuseum.org or leave a message for Paige at (707) 467-2836, or call any of our Board members directly.

Life Member and Memorial Donations

New Life Members

Gary & Jean Masson

Memorials

In Memory of Jane Singley Ford

James & Marilyn Smith

In memory of Betty Louise Ganter

Lona Saunders

Paige Poulos & John Woolley

In memory of Dick Parducci

Monte & Kay Hill

Charley & Martha Barra

Paige Poulos & John Woolley

In memory of Terry Simpson

The Betty & Manny Borges family

In memory of Sheila Ascher Glassman

Maxine Hendricks

Diana & Steve Thomas

Janet King

Sherrie & David Smith-Ferri

Harold & Susan Wise

Fran, Samantha & John Kepler

In memory of Loretta May Book

Peggy Andersen

Friends of CA 834 TOPS

In memory of Robert "Bob" Fairbairn

Bette & Katie Fairbairn

Memorial Donations and Life Memberships are assigned to the Grace Hudson Museum Endowment Fund. These funds are invested for the future of the Grace Hudson Museum & Sun House, and are not used for daily operating expenses.

August 2012 Gala Thanks

Gala Sponsor: Savings Bank of Mendocino County; **Drawing Prize Sponsor:** Carter, Momsen & Knight; **Caterer:** Jim Stuart, Ukiah Valley Medical Center; **Auctioneer:** Sheriff Tom Allman; **Dinner Wine:** Mendocino Wingrowers Alliance, Mendocino Winegrape & Wine Commission, Barra of Mendocino, Mendocino Wine Company, Fetzer Vineyards, McNab Ridge Winery, & Whaler Vineyards; **Beer:** Michael Laybourn, Mendocino Brewing Company; **Entertainment:** Linda Pack. *Thanks to all those who donated goods and services to our live and silent auctions:* Julia Frech & the Dakin Family; Destination Hopland; Taste of Redwood Valley; Anderson Valley Winegrowers Association; Walter & Barbara Eversole; Parducci Winery; Robert Taylor; Gary & Jean Masson; Jim Lawson, J-Bar-S Ranch; Hartmut & Rose Oertel; Sapothecary; City of Ukiah Recreation Depart.; Ann & Tommy Thornhill; Zach Schat & Schat's Bakery; Rivino Winery; Marjorie Chan; Steve & Karen Beeman; Tres Classique; David Scott Salon; Sheila Glassman; Holly Brackmann & Roger Foote; Ann Killkenney & Mendocino Book Company; Nelson Family Vineyards; Marian Scalmanini & By Design; Marvin Schenck; Windmills Café; Simona's Italian Restaurant; The Maple Restaurant; Mario's Ristorante Italiano; Melissa Horn; Grace's on Main; Terri Vagt & Best in Show; Erin Maidrand & Bella Capelli Salon & Spa; La Tre Clothing & Accessories; Ukiah Natural Foods; Happy Woman Jewelry; Tim & Laura Buckner; Tim & Karen Bates; The Apple Farm; Be-Bop's Diner; Mi Pueblito Mexican Restaurant; Ukiah Garden Café; North Street Cafe; TJ Nail & Spa; Coffee Critic; Jessica Hall & The Swan Studio; Paige Poulos & John Woolley; Mary Louise & Leroy Chase; Sherrie Smith-Ferri; and Gordon Bourke. *Many thanks, as well, to all those who generously bid on these auction items!*

Gift Shop Volunteers Needed!

Call (707) 467-2836
to learn more about
this fun opportunity.



GRACE HUDSON
MUSEUM e3 Sun House

Gift Shop for every occasion

Open Wednesday – Saturday
10 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday, noon to 4:30 pm

*Conveniently located off
the Museum foyer:
431 South Main Street
Ukiah, California 95482
(707) 467-2836*

or shop online at:
www.gracehudsonmuseum.org

New Guild Members

Karen Piretti Rosen	Patricia Reed	Denisse Mattei
James D. Smith	MaryLou Leonard & Andrew Stein	Halle Brady
Janice Berman	Patty Shanahan & Carlo Mays	Jan Stephens
Deanna Apfel	Allyne Brown	Edward & Lucy Susan Haynes
Nancy Branch	Suzanne Rude	Anne Green
Leila Kazimi & Neal Mettler	Nona Smith & Art Weininger	Kristana Arp
Maria Reyna	Alberta Zmarzly	Vishnu
Cheryl Currey	R.C. Wong	Susan Wynd Novotny & Finn R. Alden
Brent & Nancy Walker	June Twelves	Dana Driver
Sandra Tyrrell	Andrée Maccoll	Ronlyn & Stephan A. Schwartz
Herb Thompson	Kathleen O'Rourke	Dorleen McBride
Geneva York	James Albert Goltz & Eliane S. Herring	Mike Knight
Shannon & George Phelan	Julia Hicks	Suzanne Walsh
Colleen Gorman	Deb Attoway	Susan Holzhauser Boer
Charlotte Macken	Mike Knight	Scott Cratty
Roland Krausen	Nancy Horroeks	Ronald & Nancy Parker
Mary Ann Michelsen	De-Anne Hooper	Erin Carney & Jane Fletcher
Cassie Gibson	Linda Waggoner	Kathleen Gordon-Burke
Paul Jacobson	Cheryl Thompson	Doug Zimmerman

Collection Gifts

Appreciation and many thanks to:

Tim Meyers: for donating an original A.O. Carpenter studio portrait of “W. Woodward & Family.”

The Rude family: for the gift of Grace Hudson’s original numbered oil *Little Girl with an Orange* (#530).

Helen and Al Nicholaisen: for Grace Hudson’s original numbered oil miniature *Basket Baby* (#229), and four Hudson landscape sketches.

Denisse Mattei: for the donation of two miniature baskets.

Michael Rubenstein & Bob Brewer: for their generosity in locating, purchasing and donating “Picturesque Mendocino,” a promotional booklet from the turn of the century with many photos by A.O. Carpenter.

Bob Brewer: for gifting a 1913 Carl Purdy Fall bulbs catalogue, and a 1941 press release photo of a Pomo woman.

Jean Mazzoni: for the original Grace Hudson pencil sketch of a Pomo child and barnyard birds, and promised funds for conserving it.

Michael Rubenstein: for spotting and donating the Craftsman style plaster sculpture of a Pomo Indian baby in a cradle basket.

Craig Bates: for the donation of two Carl Purdy bulb and plant catalogues.

The Ellis/Boyle Family: for a letter, and two original A.O. Carpenter photos, that have been handed down through the descendants of May Carpenter Ellis.

Morgan & Pauline Ruddick: for their generosity in gifting a Pomo basket.

Felecia Essman & the Sims family: for their family heirloom; a copy of Grace Hudson’s most famous painting, *Little Mendocino*.

Special Thanks to These Friends

Madelyn & Dennis Yeo: for their generous donation to the Sun House Guild in support of the Grace Hudson Museum, and for graciously opening their home to other Museum friends and supporters.

Laura Fogg for donating her beautiful handiwork, *Quiet Morning*, as an “Opportunity Quilt” to raise funds to support the Museum.

The George & Ruth Bradford Foundation: for a \$2,000 gift to the Grace Hudson Museum Endowment Fund.

Alan Mathews & Bicoastal Media: for sponsoring a Holiday Trolley stop for the Grace Hudson Museum.

Ukiah Rotary Club & the Rotary Foundation: for supporting the “Family Fun at the Museum” programs.

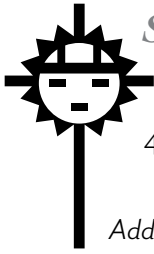
Benj Thomas & Susan Baird, Fetzer Vineyards, & Mendocino Striders: for their recent donation of funds to the Grace Hudson Museum.



Little Girl with an Orange, #530 in Hudson’s series of numbered oils, was recently donated to the Museum by the Rude family.



Sheriff Tom Allman was the auctioneer at the 2012 Sun House Guild Gala in August. Over \$100,000 was raised that night thanks to the Museum’s generous supporters.



Sun House Guild

GRACE HUDSON MUSEUM

431 South Main Street * Ukiah, California 95482

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Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, March 9, 2013

7:15 am to 6 pm

**Bus Trip to the
de Young Museum
and the Legion
of Honor,
San Francisco**



Grace Hudson Museum Calendar of Events

Through January 27, 2013

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A selection of 53 paintings by early California master artist William Keith (1838-1911). From the extensive collection of his art at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California.

Through January 27, 2013

Mini Landscape Exhibit in Spriggs Foyer Hallway

This companion exhibition to *The Comprehensive Keith* features several landscape paintings from the Grace Hudson Museum that show influences of Keith and his era.

March 9, 2013

Grace Hudson Museum & Mendocino County Art Association Bus Trip to San Francisco

Join us for a day long excursion to see *Girl with a Pearl Earring: Dutch Paintings from the Mauritshuis/Rembrandt's Century*, and *Royal Treasures from the Louvre*. Call the Museum for details: (707) 467-2836.

February 16, 2013 through May 5, 2013

The Hupa People

This exhibit features the work of Ernest Marshall, member of the Hoopa Valley Indian community and self-taught photographer. Marshall's images capture life in this Native northwestern California community from the 1930s through the 1960s, and are supplemented by the artistry of his grandson and exhibit curator, Bradley Marshall. Call the Museum for information on the public programs associated with this exhibit: (707)467-2836.

Check out our new website!

Find the latest Museum news, Carpenter family facts, Sun House and Museum tour details, store specials and more:

<http://www.gracehudsonmuseum.org>