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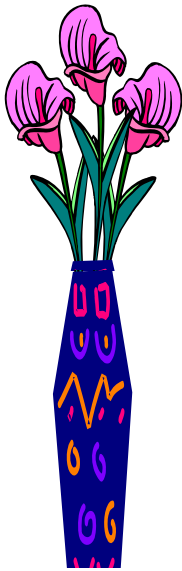
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Charter Day Luncheon



The luncheon celebrating the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Blackhawk Museum Guild was a great success. More than sixty people came for a beautiful luncheon catered by **Scott's Catering** under the supervision of **Beverly Barnette**.

Pat Behring, Guild Chair, introduced several early members who were on the board of directors, along with many docents who were trained by **Nora Wagner** and **Dan Dunn**.

Dan Dunn, Museum Director, gave a fascinating presentation on the beginning of the museum and all of the wonderful fundraisers and exhibits over the last twenty years. The slide show was great fun as we all changed in hairstyles and fashion. It is a testament to the success of the museum how many people are still with us and active as volunteers after twenty years.



The reservations for this event were handled by **Mary Jane Hassman** and her husband **John** and the decorations were provided by **Kathy Carlson** and **Mary Jane Hassman**.

There will not be another Guild meeting until after the Bargain Basement Sale, so we will see you at the meeting in October on the 12th!

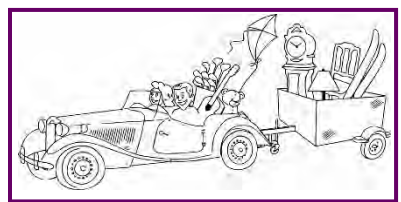
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Charter Day Luncheon Photos



Coming Events at the Museum



Blackhawk Bargain Basement Sale Preview Friday, September 9, 2011 Public Sale September, 10 and 11

We will again have our special members preview sale on the Friday evening before the public sale, which last year was both a great success and a lot of fun. **But before any of that can happen, we need your donations and your help.** Come and join Joyce Tucker and her loyal group of volunteers any Wednesday through Friday from 10:00 to 1:00. They need help with sorting and pricing the donations and getting them ready for the sale. It's also a great opportunity to find out what is going to be for sale and pick out things you may be interested in buying.



The "Come Behring Treasures" Party and Fashion Show at the Museum previously announced for August 11 has been cancelled.



No Guild Meetings July through September

The next Guild meeting will be the **Annual Membership Luncheon to be held on October 12.** The September 2011 Meeting has been cancelled to allow the scheduling of the Bargain Basement Sale that week.



Post - Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Museum Open House Monday, August 22, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Join us once again for the Museum Open House on the day after the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. What better way to close out a weekend at Pebble than touring the Museum collection?

The Blackhawk Museum Guild Newsletter is published monthly with a deadline of the 17th of each month. If you have photos or information to include, please send them by email to Waldon Carlson at wgcarlson@sbcglobal.net or call for other alternatives.

Docent Graduation and Awards Ceremony 2011



This year the Guild is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. At the graduation ceremony on June 6, the Museum acknowledged the charter docents who are still current guild members: Larry Anderson, John Bingaman, Joanne Dahlin, Lotty Graham, Ed Holloway, Herb Jorgensen, Betty and Bob Lutes, Len Neely, Peter Plotner, Janice Rubay, Vickie Shields and Cynthia Turner – what loyalty!

Docent trainees received their docent badges and on-going docents received awards for the many hours of service above and beyond their commitment to the docent program. The period of service is from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011. The ceremony was followed by a dessert reception with pastries courtesy of Scotts Catering.

This year's graduates are Phil Anderson, Ron Boggs, Rudy Ceragioli, Jack Hiles, Gary Meneghin, Desi Nemeth and Kevin Ryan. Congratulations to them all! Their training began in October of last year and concluded this month. Besides attending two sessions per month trainees are required to present a mini-tour to their colleagues and write a research assignment on the three cars they chose for their mini-tour. They will join the approximately 100 docents on our roster some of whom are not active at certain times.

On-going docents received special recognition in a variety of areas. Some researched a

topic of their choice and presented to their colleagues as a power point presentation, some also with a gallery demonstration and hand out: Tom Escover, The BMW 328 Roadster & Its Legacy; Mike Hayward, "Pierce Arrow, Nothing Short of Perfection;" Doug Morse, "It Has All Been Done Before;" and Jon Summers, "The Mullen Auto Collection, Parts I & II."

The Quill and Scroll award was given to Mike Zinser who wrote several auto articles for the guild newsletter and to Waldon Carlson for editing all guild auto articles.

Docents that recorded most hours (110 each) are Juergen Habermeier and Marc Kagan. The new graduate who recorded the most hours is Mike Zinser with 66. New docents commit to giving 2 tours a month for 2 years or approximately 48 hours a year! Many docents received recognition for giving more than 60 to 20 plus hours. Docents also received awards by category: school/youth groups, public tours, Scott's special events, car clubs, adult groups and outreach. The Docent of the Year award is given at the Guild Holiday Party in December.

Lynne Leach, President of the board of the Mr. Diablo Silverado Council of the Boy Scouts of America, was the dynamic speaker. This year marks the 12th that the Blackhawk Museum has partnered with this council's Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, "Blackhawk 500" event. Among her inspirational remarks she commented on research that indicates volunteering can extend people's lives and create happiness by giving them meaning. No wonder we have so many happy docents who spend so much time at the museum in educational service! Bravo and thanks to all our docents!

Nora Wagner

Docent Graduation and Awards Ceremony 2011



PINEWOOD DERBY CARS RACE AMONG THE JUKE BOXES

The 12th annual Blackhawk 500 Pinewood Derby took place on Saturday, May 21, in the Museum's lower gallery among the juke boxes on display. Wooden race cars fabricated by Cub Scouts from the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council of the Boy Scouts of America raced down an inclined track at scale speeds exceeding 200 miles per hour. The fastest cars crossed the finish line in close order, and electronic gates and computers were needed to determine the winners. The results were instantly flashed on a large screen on the wall while the Cubs and other spectators cheered their favorites.

This is the second year this event has been staged in the lower gallery, and the new arrangement proved very satisfactory. A single track ran the length of the room while the audience occupied seats along the other side of the room so that everyone had a good view of the races.

Seventy model cars, which met very specific size and weight requirements, were entered in the racing event, grouped according to age and Cubbing rank: Tiger Cub, Wolf Cub, Bear Cub, and Webelos Scout. The winners of each group then raced each other for the Grand Prize. The 2011 Grand Prize winner was Austin Barlow of Cub Pack 137 at 219 scale mph. Second Prize went to Connor Warnock of Pack 158 at 216 mph. The Blackhawk 500 has an unofficial "open" class which anyone can enter without regard to age or sex. The specifications for open class racers are more liberal with regard to length and weight. This year's winner was Nicholas Barlow, and his dad placed second.

In the upstairs lobby, twelve additional model cars were entered in the "Show Car" design competition. These cars had to meet the same specifications as the other cars, but were not raced. They were judged on styling characteristics, and awards were given for

"Most Artistic," "Most Futuristic," "Most Realistic," and "Judges' Choice." In addition, a special award, "The Blackhawk Trophy," given by the Blackhawk Museum, was awarded to the model most representative of the type of car that might be displayed in the Museum's galleries. This year's winner was Owen Becker of Pack 815 with a racing coupe. Another special award was the "Spirit of Scouting" trophy, given this year to Jesey Verespey of Pack 882.

When they were not watching the races, some of the Cub Scouts were entertained by a clown who fashioned swords and hats from balloons. Others participated in a Museum Treasure

Hunt developed this year by docent John April. Using clue sheets, participants searched the Museum's collection for specific automobiles.

At the conclusion of the event, Chairman Stephan Olvera, assisted by event co-founder and Museum docent Roger Evans, handed out the many awards and trophies. The top trophies, as in past years, seemed almost as big as the Cubs who won them, and could easily find new use in future years as small boat anchors!

As in past years, Museum docents contributed to the success of this event in many important ways. Gordon Johnson, Mary Man, and Ed Bader served as judges for the design competition. Ed Spencer, Mike Hayward, Ron Boggs, Jack Hiles, and Rudy Ceragioli were gallery hosts and greeters. John April served as a greeter as well as developer of the Treasure Hunt game. At the Treasure Hunt table were High School students Reiner Lueth, Connor Leech, and Stephanie Liu from the "Behind the Ropes and Under Hoods" program.

By Roger Evans, Docent and Mt. Diablo Silverado Council Member-at-Large

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On your mark...
Get set.....
GO!!!!



Chairman
Stephen
Olvera,
Event
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and the
WINNERS!



Is this fun or
what?

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