



**SUN HOUSE GUILD AND
GRACE HUDSON MUSEUM**

431 South Main Street
Ukiah, CA 95482

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Holiday Open House
December 4
11:00AM-3:00PM

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Holiday Open House

Santa is issuing a special invitation to one and all to come and visit the Grace Hudson Museum at our annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 4, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The jolly old man will be holding court in the Sun House with treats, waiting to hear the Christmas wishes of the young, and young at heart. While visiting Santa, you can enjoy the Sun House resplendent for the holidays, hung with greenery and swags, shining with lights and sparkling with decorations. Carolers will be singing, and hot cider will be mulling.



Christmas dinner in the Hudson's dining room.

You can also do your Christmas shopping while at the Holiday Open House. All Museum Store purchases will be discounted 15% for that day only. Bay leaf wreaths from McFadden Farms, and other specialty items from Mendocino County businesses such as Fetzer Vineyards, Ackerman's Fine Food, P.J.'s Gourmet & Stroh Ranch, Joan's Toffee, beaubella, Carol Hall's Hot Pepper Jelly Co., and Potter Valley Soap Works will be available for purchase. For really memorable Christmas gifts, a few limited edition Grace Hudson rabbit sculptures of "Mr. Jack" will be on hand to buy. Finally, local author and former Fetzer CEO Paul Dolan will be on hand to sign copies of his bestselling book "True to Our Roots." In addition you can purchase the Sun House Guild's latest release of fine wine, "Courtyard Zinfandel," for your holiday entertaining. You can feel good about shopping at the Museum since all sales that day (and every day) benefit the Grace Hudson Museum & Sun House. Happy Holidays!



Limited Edition Grace Hudson Jack Rabbit Sculpture

GRACE HUDSON MUSEUM STORE

Store Volunteers Needed:

For just one day a month, you can make a difference for the Museum. The hours are flexible and the job is lots of fun! Contact Sandi Dockins for more information at the number listed below.

Store Hours:

Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sundays Noon to 4:30 p.m.
(707) 467-2856

Come and see our selection of new merchandise. Mention this ad and receive a free Museum poster with every \$30 worth of purchases.

Heartfelt Thanks (Cont'd from insert):

- ☛ **George and Ruth Bradford Foundation** for a grant of \$3,500 enabling us to get help in completing long-overdue collections inventorying and rehousing projects.
- ☛ **Susan Sparrow** for her donation of a gorgeous coiled wide-mouth bowl basket from the Yosemite area that originally belonged to her grandmother, Hazel Mansfield. Look for this basket on display in Grace's studio at the Sun House.
- ☛ **D. Jeanne Slack** for donating a historic photograph, taken by A. O. Carpenter, of Mabel Phelps with her baby daughter, Eleanor Phelps Slack. Mabel was the half-sister of botanist Carl Purdy and a good friend of Grace Hudson's.
- ☛ **Vernice Bean** who gave us two old Ukiah-area telephone books. It was lots of fun to look up John and Grace's phone number.

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Nov. 20, 2004 – Jan. 23, 2005

Water, Land and Sky: Rediscovering Albert Thomas DeRome

Organized and circulated by the Hearst Art Galley, St. Mary's College of California, this exhibit focuses on the exquisite Northern California landscapes of artist Albert DeRome.

Nov. 21, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Slide Lecture & Opening Reception

2:00 – *A. T. DeRome: A Philosophy of Method* – Slide lecture by Deborah Gilbert, great grandniece of Albert DeRome's wife, artist Martha Sale. Ms. Gilbert writes of California literature and culture and also teaches American Studies at San Jose State University. Reception to follow. Free.

Dec. 2, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Ukiah Art Stroll

Come and see our current exhibition, along with live music and light refreshments. Free.

Dec. 4, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Open House

Come and enjoy the Sun House decorated for Christmas, visit with Santa Claus, listen to live caroling, buy bay leaf wreaths and locally produced fine gifts. Free.

Dec. 14, Noon

Christmas Lunch for Volunteers

January 18, 11:00 a.m. - Noon (Docent Meeting 10 a.m.)

Exhibition Tour for Members by Museum Curator Marvin Schenck. Free.

Around the Museum

By Sherrie Smith-Ferri
Museum Director

Greetings from the Grace Hudson Museum & Sun House. We have certainly been busy lately, so busy that we are sadly tardy in getting this edition of the newsletter out. It has been a challenging period. As outlined elsewhere, we spent the summer working on various long-term collections projects including inventorying and photographing Grace Hudson's unframed artwork, inventorying and assessing the condition of artifacts in the Sun House attic, beginning to plan the new Museum courtyard showcasing native plants used by Pomo Indians, initiating the installation of our long-term exhibit on Pomo Indian basketry, developing educational programs for the coming school year, working with several authors and producers on Carpenter/Hudson family projects, and writing grants to fund preservation and restoration projects at the Sun House.

On the financial side, troubled economic times for the City of Ukiah, thanks to the financial woes of the state, significantly threatened the Museum's operational funding for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Representatives of the Sun House Guild, the Museum Endowment Board, Museum staff and City staff met and negotiated over several months' time, eventually coming to a compromise solution. In summary, the City is decreasing the Museum's operating funds for Fiscal Year '04-'05. However this decrease is less than was originally proposed by the City. In return, the Guild pledged to increase the amount of Museum operating funds that they reimburse the City for the current '04-'05 Fiscal Year. This will enable the Museum to keep the same staffing levels in place and to continue our current level of changing exhibits, educational programs and public events. The City also agreed to put in a solar generating system for the Museum, which will significantly reduce the Museum's power bills in the future. The City of Ukiah, the Sun House Guild, and the Museum Endowment Fund worked together in a spirit of cooperation and mutual partnership to reach this agreement. We feel it is a fair compromise. Thanks to an anonymous and magnanimous donation of stock shares, and the generosity of those

supporting the Museum's fundraising Luau this August, the Guild will be able to meet their increased financial obligation for the upcoming fiscal year. However, the ongoing bleak outlook for the City's fiscal health does bring an urgency to our annual appeal for year end support and gifts.

How do the City financial woes impact the Grace Hudson Museum? We are dependent on the City of Ukiah's General Fund to supply much of our operating support, thus our operating budget is negatively impacted by the City's revenue shortfall. This uncertain monetary situation vis-à-vis the City highlights the Museum's need to become more financially independent. Shortly after the Museum's 1986 opening, the Grace Hudson Museum Endowment Fund was established. Its goal is to enable the Museum to become fiscally self-sufficient, thus ensuring its continued operation and growth. The way the Endowment Fund is structured, its principal remains intact, while income derived from that principal is used to support the Museum. Great strides have been made to increase the amount of the Endowment Fund's principal since its inception, but we have not reached the level of self-sufficiency as yet. Donations to the Fund are tax-deductible, and can be made now, as well as with a bequest through your will or trust. It is truly a gift that will keep on giving. Here at the Museum we are committed to continuing to serve our members and community through these difficult times, providing cultural educational experiences to both new and returning visitors of any age. We ask you to help us ensure that this cultural legacy endures and continues to thrive in the future.

How Can YOU Help Support The Grace Hudson Museum & Sun House?

- Buy a bay leaf wreath at the Holiday Open House
- Renew your membership in the Sun House Guild
- Volunteer to work in the Museum store or as a Sun House docent
- Bring chocolates to the Museum staff
- Buy a case of Sun House Guild Zinfandel for your holiday entertaining
- Make a donation to the Museum in a loved one's honor
- Become a Life Member of the Sun House Guild
- Assist staff during exhibition installations
- Encourage your neighbors and friends to join the Sun House Guild
- Remember the Museum in your will or trust
- Patronize the Museum Store when you need a special gift
- Purchase a limited edition Grace Hudson "Mr. Jack" sculpture
- Make a tax deductible donation to the Museum's Endowment Fund, Exhibition Fund, or Acquisition Fund
- Attend Museum exhibits and public programs



Your Donation is Tax Deductible

Your tax-deductible donation to the Grace Hudson Museum enables us to provide learning opportunities through exhibits and other programs not only this year, but for the years to come.
Donation should be made to: "Grace Hudson Museum" and mailed to: 431 S. Main, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Memorial Donations and Life Memberships are assigned to the Grace Hudson Museum Endowment Fund and are invested for the future of the Museum, not used for daily operating expenses. All gifts are properly acknowledged.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorial for Maude Billy
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Sherrie & David Smith-Ferri
White Wolf & Miriam Gruver

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