

TRINIDAD MUSEUM SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

A special exhibit of local marine life will soon be shown at the Trinidad Museum Center. This exhibit of shells, corals, sponges, and dried or preserved creatures was collected by the late Thelma Patterson during the latter years of her life and has been donated to the Trinidad Museum by Pat Patterson.



In talking with Pat about Thelma's interest in marine life, we learned that shortly after moving to Trinidad in 1971, she began collecting driftwood, especially knot-holes. This interest expanded until Thelma, referring to herself as a "beach bum", collected a wide range of items from beaches and tide-pools. She began to specialize in seashells, and with Pat's help acquired deep-water specimens from drag-boat fishermen. To become more knowledgeable she

However, don't wait until then! Stop in and visit your Museum now. Our first exhibit opened on June 14th, and most of the material is still on display. It included Bruce Pettit's basket collection, local Indian photographs by Katie Boyle, and Katie's shells and dried animals. On the walls are large presentations, by Humboldt State Marine Lab students, showing tidal zone inhabitants, types of Algae, sea-vegetable recipes, photos and detailed charts of life on local beaches. We have not been able to establish regular hours yet, but Charles is usually near by in the afternoons, so do stop in .

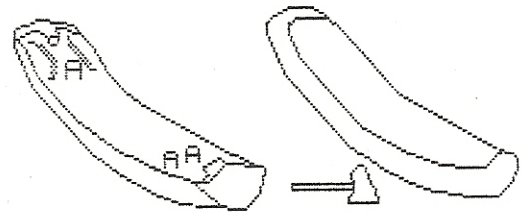
We should be open daily but in order to do so we need your help. If you can give a few hours once a week in the afternoon please call Charles or Katie. Many tourists have been asking about the Museum, saying they would like to see it but the sign says "closed". We finally achieved our Museum Center. Now let's keep it open!

from drag-boat fishermen. To become more knowledgeable, she took courses from Dr. Doris Niles and from professors at Humboldt State University. As her expertise grew, Thelma gave talks on seashells and tide-pool life to schools and club groups. Pat says Thelma often referred to this period as "the best ten years" of her life.

The specimens are currently being collated by conchologists Ruth Greenberg and Louise Watson. In order to make this marine exhibit more complete the Patterson collection will be augmented by material collected by Bob Talmadge Sr. and donated by his son , Bob Talmadge Jr. Also there are charts, slides, specimens, and publications prepared by staff and students of Humboldt State University through the cooperative program with the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust. We hope to have this fine exhibit ready by late August and look forward to seeing you all at the opening.....Charles Fleschner

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Axel's work on the second canoe is again attracting much interest from both tourists and residents. Axel reported that our Historic Day celebration was attended by many leading representatives of Native American groups from as far away as Smith River, Hoopa Valley, Wiyott and Rio Dell.

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You will soon receive an announcement regarding a special tour of four fantastic homes north of Trinidad. Ray Davis, Ann McRory and others are organizing this event which will be a very exciting opportunity to view some of the magnificent architecture in our area . Watch the bulletin board at Saunders for more information.

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We Need You!!!

Dues were due and payable in April. If you forgot to renew your membership please do it now! Send your check for \$10 or more to the address above.

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Our thanks to all those who supported the Society's recent raffle fund-raiser which ended July 4th. We raised \$288 for the Museum. The prize, donated by Ray and Kay Davis, was \$100 worth of lottery tickets won by Frank Jewett, whom we hope to see on the "Big Spin"! And thanks to all the ticket-sellers who donated time, hard work and enthusiasm : Anne McCrory, Phyllis Sharum, Dick and Cathy Wagner, Joyce Johnson, Raul Biascocchea, Anna Marie Van Kemper, and Roger Hardison.

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MUSEUM TOUR

On Saturday , September 19th, the College of the Redwoods is sponsoring a tour of 10 of the 12 Museums from Trinidad to Scotia for \$42.50 per person, guided by Ray Hillman, director and curator of the Clarke Museum. We will meet for coffee at 8 a.m. at the Clarke Museum in Eureka, and conclude at 5 p.m. with dinner in Scotia - after which the bus will return to Eureka. The first stop will be our own Trinidad Museum. Call 443-8411 -extension 531- for further information and to make reservations. The trip is limited to 40 people per bus so better reserve early.

Board meetings

12 noon at the Center
August 10 - September 14 -
October 12. All interested members are welcome to attend.

THEATER PARTY-Saturday, December 5th! Dicken's Christmas Carol at Pacific Art Center in Arcata! Mark your calendar! Museum Benefit Performance! More in next newsletter, but **SAVE that DATE!**