

# CAMEL



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The mission of the Benicia Historical Museum is to engage the community in the evolving history of Benicia and the Arsenal and their influence in the development of our country.

The Museum complex is the center where history is seen, enjoyed and preserved. Through exhibits, events and educational programs we enlighten the public about the history of this unique city.

*Revised and adopted 2006*

## Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?



Holding banner and flag Racquel Forbes, Nicolette Forbes, Lauren Forbes and Stella Forbes

Oh, what a parade! The museum chose to honor the veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq/Afghanistan. Thanks to John Halliday and Senan Kennedy we had about a dozen military vehicles representing the four wars. Leading the parade were four grandchildren of our Museum Board member Cathy

Forbes in Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross costumes. Our veterans Robert Hitchcock, Lou Vecchi, Chuck Hall and R. A. Jones were seated in the jeeps representing the war they served.



### The Museum Thanks Member Contributions

#### Supporting Level

♦  
Fred & Pat Paine

♦  
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#### Patron Level

♦  
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### Museum Docents

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## *From the President*

Many thanks go out to our Volunteers for the month for July. Senan Kennedy and John Halliday organized our 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Parade entry and did a fantastic job. The museum received a 2nd place ribbon in the automobile category. We had the most military vehicles ever representing WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Iraq/Afghanistan wars.



Senan and John really did a great job this year on getting the vehicles with veterans and others in uniform to be a part of our "Veterans Remembered" theme. It was a job well done.

We are gearing up for our "Kid's Day" celebration and hope you all make it out to the Museum on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00pm. This will be an event to remember. Our summer garden concert series continues with great talent lined up. Your support of these events is greatly appreciated.

We have had a great response in applications for our Executive Director position. The board will be interviewing candidates this month and we are hopeful to be announcing our new director in our next issue of Camel Tracks. Stay tuned and have a very happy summer season.

David Galligan  
Board President

## *Curator's Corner*

We hope that our members attended the opening of our latest exhibit, "Vietnam War-Veterans Remembered". Unfortunately, I was unable to attend because my granddaughter Hannah was graduating from high school in Columbus, Ohio the day before the opening. Can you believe she's going to college in the fall!



If you haven't seen the exhibit, please do. Featured are local veterans Len Corbaley, R. A. Jones, Harry Case (deceased), Ed Craft, James Garrett, Constance Beutel, Bob Flournoy, docent Sonny Flores' father, Paul Morsen, Joseph T. Sinclair, Verner C. Szok, Ernie Gutierrez, Dick and Scott Randle. There are loans by collectors Senan Kennedy and John Halliday who worked diligently on the installation of the exhibit. Jim Lessenger loaned items and created a timeline on the Vietnam War that is amazing in its content. There are captured Viet Cong and North Vietnamese items to view as well. The participating veterans tell their personal stories including a very moving poem that captures how the soldiers felt returning home. The exhibit will run until the end of August.

The Collection Dept. is very excited for the approval to purchase racks to hold boxes of our textile collection. For the last five years or so the boxes have been stacked on top of each other. Thanks to Jim and Roberta Garrett the racks will be assembled and our crew will arrange the boxes so that we can access them more conveniently. **PROGRESS!**

The Board also approved the purchase of a dehumidifier for the Powder Magazine. The humidity level will be improved to better protect our displays. In the future, the magazine will be a top-notch military museum!

Our museum collection comes from you, the citizens of Benicia and beyond. We are the repository of Benicia and Benicia Arsenal history and we would like to hear from those who would like to donate their photos and objects that they no longer want to keep. Call me at 745-3397; I would love to meet with you.

Beverly Phelan  
Curator

## Spenger Garden Concert Series

Presents:

### Houston Jones

Saturday, July 16



Houston Jones is a California based high octane Americana quintet. Formed in 2001, the band performs a strong original repertoire that ranges from bluegrass and folk to blues and gospel. Houston Jones features from left to right in the photo, Glenn Houston (lead guitar), Peter Tucker (drums and percussion), Travis Jones (lead vocals and acoustic guitar), Chris Kee (standup bass, cello and guitar), and Henry Salvia (keyboards and accordion).

"As good as any singing and picking I've heard in my thirty years in the music business. Do your friends a big favor, and turn them on to this band!" - Bob Brown, Owner, Rancho Nicasio, and manager, Huey Lewis and the News

A big hit at every festival they've played, including Telluride, Sisters, American River, Mill Pond, Strawberry (where they were voted "best new discovery" and "best vocalist").

Getting radio play at 70+ stations across the USA (20 states and growing), and internationally (Canada, Australia and New Zealand).

Houston Jones (2002): "Their self-titled CD is a stunner!" - Dick Brundle, Fiddling Cricket Records

Three Crow Town (2005):

"Very highly recommended!"- Dirty Linen Magazine

"One of my favorite CDs of the year!"- KFOG-FM

Jericho Road (2009):

"Rousing...soaring...the group's ensemble playing is impeccable throughout." - Dirty Linen Magazine

## Spenger Garden Concert Series

Presents:

### Russ Lorensen

Saturday, August 20



Russ Lorensen has established a reputation as one of the San Francisco Bay Area's leading interpreters of jazz standards, with a sound and approach that place him at the intersection of Broadway, jazz, and pop – the very essence of the Great American Songbook. Jazz Review says that "Lorensen is not just a crooner covering the traditional Sinatra style or trying to be the next Connick; he is his own man."

Nominated for a 2007 MAC Award by the Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs, Russ Lorensen's passion for the stage started as a youngster, with a performing career that began at age seven in his home town of Philadelphia. As an actor he has appeared in award-winning musical productions with theatre companies throughout the US, and has toured with the National Theatre for Children. As a choral conductor and vocal coach, Russ was the Associate Conductor of the award-winning California Youth Chorale for 5 years. As a vocalist he has toured the US, UK and Europe, appearing in concert with such luminaries as Broadway stars Karen Mason (Hairspray, Mamma Mia, Sunset Boulevard) and Dale Kristien (Phantom of the Opera)

Lorensen is best known for his critically-acclaimed tribute to an American music icon in his show, Benedetto/Blessed: Celebrating the Life and Music of Tony Bennet, Lorensen's tribute to the man whom Frank Sinatra called "the best singer in the business" premiered in 2006 as the opening act for the legendary Eartha Kitt. Since then, the show has enjoyed sold-out runs across the country, including both the Empire Plush Room and Jazz at Pearl's in San Francisco and others.

Russ' debut CD, A Little Travelin' Music, was released in May 2006 and includes duets with special guests Shawn Ryan and Klea Blackhurst. His second CD, What I Want For Christmas, was also released on 2006. Both CD's were included on the Nominating Ballot for the 2006 Grammy Awards in the category of "Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album" alongside such artists as Tony Bennett, Michael Bublé, and John Pizzarelli.

## *Calendar of events*

### Views of 1906 Earthquake

Ongoing exhibit  
Continues until July 31  
Museum

### Vietnam war - Veterans Remembered

Ongoing exhibit  
Continues until August 31  
Museum

### 100 Years of Fashion

by Goodwill Bags  
Saturday, July 9  
11:30 am  
Stone Hall

### Spenger Garden Music Series

presents:

#### Houston Jones

Saturday, July 16, 2011  
Spenger Garden @ 8:00pm

### Kids' Day at the Museum

Sunday, July 17  
1:00pm to 4:00pm  
Museum Complex  
Free Event

### Spenger Garden Music Series

presents:

#### Russ Lorenson

Saturday, August 20, 2011  
Spenger Garden @ 8:00pm

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presents:

#### The Steve Freund Trio

Saturday, September 17, 2011  
Spenger Garden @ 8:00pm

### Costume Ball

Saturday, October 29, 2011  
More information TBA

## *Museum Requests*

- A Leaf blower
- Foam board
- A carpet sweeper

Thanks Verna Gollnick for the small paper cutter and the foam board

Thanks Susan Sullivan for the Lawn mower and wheel barrow

## *Artist Needed!*

If you can draw and paint a little please call Tania. We need a small simple mural done of the view looking west from the Von Pfister Adobe. Thanks

## *Membership & Volunteers*

There is so little we could have accomplish in our 26 years without the support and help of our members and volunteers.

Our members and volunteers share the believe in the museum's vision to preserve our history for the new generations to come, and with their yearly contributions help us bring it to life. For this we are very grateful to all our active e members and volunteers.

Without our volunteers it would not be possible to have our museum open to the public five days a week, to organize cultural events and fundraising activities, keep up with the accessioning of artifacts and so many other things.

We are here thanks to you and we need your help to pass to others our believe in the museum. Please invite your friends to join the Museum or become a volunteer. Please invite them to come to our free events like Kids' Day and bring their families.

Thanks again for all your support!