One day when I had finally become disenchanted enough with the outmoded conglomeration of foodstuffs stashed in my refrigerator, I came to the conclusion it was high time I took some action. I began by opening the door carefully so none of the contents would come tumbling out, pulled up a chair and placed a trash receptacle near by.

Now, where to begin?? Probably the vegetable crisper drawers at the very bottom. Well, well. What was this? Looks like it may have been celery or again sort of resembles rhubarb. Pretty dried out, better toss it. And this wad of stuff looks like old mildewed rags. Must be the moist paper towel I used to keep the celery fresh.

Aha!! Could these be old watermelon rinds? But why would I be saving old watermelon rinds? Now I remember – my neighbor was planning to make watermelon pickles but had unfortunately gone on a three week vacation before starting her project.

And that’s what happened to the beautiful ripe tomato I could not find when I put together my green salad. It must have been hiding under that ice cream bar I mistakenly thought I had put in the freezing section. Chocolate part is still good though.

Now working up to the bottom shelf I find two recycled mayonnaise jars filled with either powdered sugar, salt, or perhaps baking soda. No, it has caustic taste and burns my tongue. Probably some of that tile cleaner I bought in economy size last year. I suspect I may have used some in the potato pancakes last week.

Now here we have a jelly and jam assortment with little more than t tablespoon amount in each jar. To name a few there is apple, grape, peach, apricot, apricot-pineapple, and one that looks like cherries or olives. Can’t tell by the taste. Also, there is a banana compote which does not look too inviting and I will pass up tasting that again.

Here we have, on the second shelf, the pickle department offering plain relish, hamburger relish, sweet and sour relish, dill pickles, sweet gerkins, kosher dills and one variety jar with pearl onions, pimiento, peppers, and something that looks like grass. Well one thing to do. Dump them all into one container and stand back for the explosion.

Of course there could never be a respectable refrigerator without a few opened, unconsumed, soft drink soda cans sitting there like dead soldiers who had expended their ammunition. These must be emptied into the sink and deposited in the recycling bag, and later transferred to the trash can after the ants have discovered them. Note: “Sunbeams & Buzzards” is for sale in our Museum gift shop.

Hot Dog Festival, Sat. July 13th 10-4
Several things come to mind for this months corner and then I go to writing and (blank)! I try to write a few things down and forgot where I put my note pad. Anyway....

- We are working hard at getting the Bequette House up to its original 1926 style and a true part of the museum experience. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a copy of our brochure soliciting help in retiring our debt as soon as possible. This is a project that really needs the community support, so please take a look at the brochure and help us out.

- We have our annual membership meeting on July 10th at 11am to elect our officers/board members for the coming year. Join us if you can.

- Listed to the right are our volunteer (docents) that do a wonderful job greeting our guests, but we could use a few more and don’t worry about being an expert. We do all the training, so come for a visit and see what our Docents do.

- Things are all lining up for our annual ‘Hot Dog Festival’ this year on July 13th from 10-4. This is really a fun day for all and this year we are adding ‘Arts & Crafts’ booths, so come on down and enjoy the ‘good old summer tradition’ of a hot dog festival. KCEE 24’s “Central Valley Today” show will be airing a spot about our Festival on Tuesday, July 2nd between 11am and noon. We will be there for a live broadcast.

- The Three Rivers sign that was located at Slick Rock was recently donated to the Three Rivers Museum to be saved as part of our community. The sign is being replaced by a new sign under a program developed by the Village Foundation. The sign has been put next to the Bequette House.

- The archives at the Museum have had many additions recently about families in the area and/or just photographs of Three Rivers. We need more information and especially old photographs. If you have them, we would like to scan the photos for our permanent files, so bring them by, we will take good care of them and return them to you.
Thank you for making our Silent Auction a success!

A big “Thank you” from the Board of Directors and all the volunteers to the following individuals and companies that made our 2013 Silent Auction an enormous success. In alphabetical order:

Bank of the Sierra
Toni T. Bird (an individual)
Anne Birkholz
Blue Moon Nursery
Stacy Bohland, Nut Country
Bravo Farms in Traver
Sophie Britten
Ann Brown
Nancy Brunson
Sue Burke
Charlie Castro
Janine Chilcott
Chump’s
Isabelle Collins
Color’s Gallery & Gifts
Lawrence Cook
Pat and Rusty Crain
Beverly Britten Drewry
Linda Drouet
Bobbi Haggard
Louis Jackson
Gaynor McKee
McKellar Farm Fresh
John McWilliams
Tom Marshall, Photography
Reimer’s Candies/Ice Creme
Jack and Joyce Nielsen
Three Rivers Mercantile
Pizza Factory
Chris Schlossin, Sequoia Motel
Sequoia Natural History Assoc
Staples Office Supplies
Dana Sun
Three Rivers Drugs
Jean Vane
Chan Wilcox
Susan & Steve Wolff

2013 Historical Society & Museum Events

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>JUNE</td>
<td>1st hours TBA</td>
<td>Silent Auction and introducing the Bequette House next door to museum.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JULY</td>
<td>10, Wed</td>
<td>Annual membership meeting to confirm slate of officers and directors for 2013-2014 year. Light Refreshments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JULY</td>
<td>13, Sat</td>
<td>Hot Dog Festival at Museum Supporting the Three Rivers Vol. Firefighters &amp; Museum. Craft booths added this year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEP</td>
<td>19-20,</td>
<td>California Student Indian Day . Native-Americans will instruct an est. 250 4th grade students on Indian life.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCT</td>
<td>5, Sat</td>
<td>Living History Day Exploring early Three Rivers from the viewpoint of the residents. Very different</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOV</td>
<td>16, Sat</td>
<td>Senior League Holiday Bazaar at Memorial Building Museum will have a booth.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOV &amp; DEC</td>
<td>Nov 17 through Dec 31</td>
<td>Holiday Gift Shop time at the Museum.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEC</td>
<td>7, Sat, 10am-3pm 7, Sat, 5pm-7pm</td>
<td>1st Saturday, Three Rivers Community Caroling at the Museum</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Artifact of the Month for July

Here’s this months artifact on our Facebook page

Uniforms from World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam are represented in the museum. All worn and either loaned or donated by local servicemen. The stories these could tell.

Artifact of the Month for August

Here’s this months artifact on our Facebook page

This little spinning wheel was shipped around the ‘Horn’ (South America for you history folks) and was part of the Kaweah Colony.

Thanks to Maile Peck for our August ‘Artifact of the Month.’
WHEN IS THE MUSEUM OPEN?

SUMMER HOURS: April through September 2013
Daily— 9am to 5pm

SPECIAL HOURS:
If you have a family gathering or group in Three Rivers let us know and we would be happy to open the museum for a special occasion.

Craft booth space still available at the Hot Dog Festival. Call 561-4085 for details.