

## A Party of Epic Proportions

The response to Calistoga's 125th Anniversary event has been tremendously positive, and gratifying for those who made it happen. For the local community, it was a proud day to celebrate all that we love about this city—its history, its uniqueness and its great sense of fun- and for the many out-of-towners who came in to celebrate with us, the party was another reason to come to a place they associate with having a good time. That in itself is a valuable attribute for us as a destination and as a city.

It takes many hands to pull off an event of this size. In addition to our sponsors we've thanked many times before, I'd like to thank the 125th Anniversary Committee who helped shape this celebration. Their time and energy have been most appreciated: Jack Gingles, Olivia Lemen, Dick Kuykendall, Steve Galion, Pat Haynes, Shirley Blomquist, Rose Beck, Su Sneddon, David Moon-Wainwright, Carl Sherrill, Karen Verzosa, Jim Barnes, Georgi Carlin-Costello, Frank di Fede, Doug Cook and Mary Sue Frediani. Special acknowledgment goes to the Chamber's event coordinator Allison Day for successfully juggling many elements and multiple locations, and booking high energy bands which had people dancing in the streets, and the wildly popular kids' entertainment and games.

Our partner organizations which deserve mention are the Sharpsteen Museum, Native Sons of the Golden West Calistoga Parlor #86, Vocal Color, Carlene Moore & Napa County Fairgrounds, Calistoga Farmers Market, Calistoga Veterans Association and Calistoga Community Resources Dept. Special people we need to also thank are Police Chief Jonathan Mills, Fire Chief Steve Campbell, our Sam Brannan double Dean Enderlin, Lori Cantrell & Yvonne Marriott of the Calistoga Post Office, Diane Kuykendall for the art show, and the dozens of Visitor Center volunteers who helped during the event. To the food vendors and wineries which made the whole day a great-tasting representation of Calistoga, our sincere thanks. We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the editors and writers of the Calistoga Tribune and Weekly Calistogan for their solid support, and photographers Chick Harity & Yvonne Henry for documenting the special moments of the celebration so well.

As always, your thoughts are welcome. I can be reached at 707-815-2105.