

MOONLETTER NOTES

Valley of the Moon Natural History Association, August, 2004

Docent Enrichment
Grace Hudson Museum
Saturday, September 18
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thanks to Laurie O'Hare we
will have a "potluck picnic"
And tour of Grace Hudson
Museum.

Rsvp September 15
Joyce 938-4827



The **Grace Hudson Museum** in Ukiah, California, is an art, history and anthropology museum focusing on the lifeworks of artist Grace Carpenter Hudson (1865-1937) and her ethnologist husband, Dr. John W. Hudson (1857-1936). Changing interdisciplinary exhibitions and public programs feature Western American art, California Indian cultures, histories of California's diverse North Coast region, and the work of contemporary regional artists.



The Cottage Garden Agave American - The Century Plant

By Jenny Randle

As you walk up the road to the Cottage, there, on the right at the corner of the white fencing, is a group of Agave, some have been there since Jack and Charmian's time. If you lift your head to the sky you will see the plant is flowering now, way up the top of a stalk some 15 feet high. Take a good look, point it out to any visitors, because you may not see another Agave americana flower for another 40 odd years.

The Agave americana or the Century plant, as it is known is layman's terms, has blue green leaves, spiked on the end. It is called the Century plant because it flowers every 30 or 40 years and that was once believed to be a century. Once finished flowering the stalk and flowers will die back after about two months.

It seems to be the year of the flowering Agave americana, because may have been seen through the Valley.