

Gualala Arts Lecture Series



HARVEY CUSHING'S HOLIDAY REVISITED WITH RUSS HARDY

Admission is \$5

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

Gualala Arts hosts a lecture by Russ Hardy about Harvey Cushing, neurosurgeon, painter, author on Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Rowfant Club Christmas party, a copy of this long forgotten book. Subsequently Russ encouraged the Rowfant Club to publish a second edition of "A Visit to Le Puy-en-Velay."

As a way to promote the book among prospective neurosurgical buyers, Russ and his wife Judy decided to retrace Cushing's route through the Auvergne, and visit the sites Cushing illustrated and photographed for the book.

Harvey Cushing is widely regarded the founder of neurosurgery as a surgical specialty (at least in America), and is, by general agreement, our country's most distinguished neurosurgeon. Cushing was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1869, was an undergraduate at Yale, received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins, and eventually became Chief of Surgery at Harvard Medical School.



Russ will talk about Cushing's life, a little about the history of Cleveland, more about the history of neurosurgery, but most particularly, about the trip to revisit the Auvergne, as seen in Cushing's artwork, and how these same vistas appear today in modern photographs.

During his career, he almost single-handedly established the scientific basis for modern neurosurgery. He published extensively, developed a number of innovative surgical techniques and basically revolutionized the new specialty.

About Russ Hardy

Yet he did even more. He was a superb author, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his biography of William Osler. In addition, he was also a very good artist, and that talent forms the core subject matter for this presentation.



Russell Hardy is a retired neurosurgeon who spent his professional years in Cleveland, Ohio. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Medical School. He is Professor of Neurosurgery, emeritus, at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine.

In 1900, while still a young man, he traveled to the Auvergne, in central France, and subsequently left behind a diary extensively illustrated with Cushing's own paintings and drawings of that journey. The slim volume was published in 1944 as a limited edition by the Rowfant Club of Cleveland, Ohio, a fraternal organization founded in 1892 to promote the critical study of books to please the mind of man.

Russ has authored numerous scientific and professional papers and edited the book "Lumbar Disc Disease." He is a member of several professional organizations, including the Neurosurgical Society of America, the

Academy of Medicine of Cleveland, the Foundation for International Education in Neurosurgery. He is an honorary or corresponding member of several foreign neurosurgical societies.

Since retirement, he has taken up watercolor painting. Two years ago he had a successful one man show at the Sea Ranch Lodge.

Many decades later Russ Hardy discovered, at a

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