



ANGELS CAMP MUSEUM

FOUNDATION

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www.angelscamp.gov/museum

Medicine in the Gold Rush

Exhibit Opening Reception

You can't deny, our sparkling gemstone, the Angels Camp Museum, just got a bump up in clarity with the inclusion of our newest exhibit. *Medicine in the Gold Rush*, presents a timeline of medical practices from 1848 to present. The exhibit recognizes the doctors, their instruments, and the medicines they used to keep our community healthy. Beginning with the region's original inhabitants, Mi-wuk Indians, the exhibit recognizes the cultural influences towards the early days of modern medicine. The exhibit also recognizes the social position of doctors' offices and drugstores as places where folks gathered and talked. The exhibit builds upon communication with the advent



of the telephone with a narrative by a local resident who spent many years connecting folks with only a name, a short number or a designated ring pattern. There is a documentary of a local practitioner who actually made house calls. The exhibit includes a doctor's bag and examination equipment, medicine bottles, prescriptions, eye glasses and leg braces. There is even an antique examination table that would make you want to get better quickly as it certainly doesn't look too comfortable to lay upon for any length of time.



A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped to make this exhibit come to life and sparkle. Thank you!



COMING SOON!

COMFORT in the Carriage House

The Thermometer has burst!

With the help of our generous donors
we have exceeded our original goal and raised
\$27,135!

Thank you!

Our invaluable carriages and wagons will soon be smothered in the comfort of a stable climate controlled environment , protecting the wood and metal of these beloved artifacts. And our guests to the Carriage House will be comfortable too. Yeah!

Save Our Past,

Invest In Our Future



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President's Message

GOOD NEWS!! We achieved over our goal of \$25,000 to install heating and air conditioning in the Carriage House. The GREAT news is it is because of your generous donations. With the addition of a climate controlled environment in the Carriage House, the carriages and wagons will last for future generations. Also, in the Carriage House when looking at the wagons and carriages, please read the interpretive signs and who has sponsored the signs. We only have two wagons that have not been sponsored. If you are interested, please contact the Museum at (209) 736-2963.

The *Medicine in the Gold Rush* exhibit is complete and has been well received. Thanks to all who contributed artifacts. Many families who have seen the exhibit have many stories about their relatives depicted in the exhibit. The lecture series started again in December. Please read in the Newsletter about the great lectures Jim Miller, Education Coordinator, has assembled. All of the staff and volunteers at the museum hope that you have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Karen, *President*
Angels Camp Museum Foundation



Calaveras Community Foundation Funded 2015-2016 School Field Trips to the Angels Camp Museum

Sincere thanks to the Calaveras Community Foundation (CCF) for sponsoring nine school field trips to the Angels Camp Museum during the 2015-2016 school year. As a result of a generous grant from the Calaveras Community Foundation, bus and driver fees as well as museum admission was covered for 318 schoolchildren.

Students from San Andreas Elementary, Mokelumne Hill Elementary, West Point Elementary, Copperopolis Elementary, Christian Family Learning Center, Bret Hart Union High School, and Oakendell School visited the museum. K-12 students learned that the 3-building historical park and museum brings the extraordinary history of California's Gold Rush to life through extensive indoor and outdoor exhibits on mining, ranching, Mark Twain, medicine, firefighting, artisan businesses and houses one of the largest carriage collections in the nation.

"Thank you for allowing our students to time travel through your wonderful collection of Calaveras County!" said 4th grade teacher Mr. McCarty from San Andreas Elementary School. The Angels Camp Museum is truly grateful to the Calaveras Community Foundation for offering to subsidize these expenses in order to give Calaveras County schoolchildren the opportunity to gain hands-on experience through a field trip to their community museum.

Upcoming Events

LECTURE SERIES

Reception at 1:30pm, lecture starts at 2:00pm.

January 8th, 2017

Michael Minkler

Utica Water and Power Authority History

February 5th, 2017

Adrian Nestor

Italian History in the Mother Lode and the Romaggi House

March 5th, 2017

Lindy Miller

Sole Trader Act for Women's History Month

April 2nd, 2017

Jeff Olsen

Angels Theatre History and Movies filmed in the Gold Rush

June 4th, 2017

Dr. Bob LaPerriere

Gold Rush Medicine and Healthcare on the Wagon Trail

COMING SOON!

Other Activities at the Museum In 2017

LIVING HISTORY DAYS

Docents bring to life the Artisan Exhibits
Carpenter's Shop, Print Shop, Historic Textile Shop
March 11th, April 8th, and May 13th

WHAT IS IT?



DEVOTED VOLUNTEER



Bob helping in the Henry Angell booth in downtown Angels Camp at the Wild West Days Event

Introducing **Mr. Bob Hillis**; *Museum Docent and Artisan Print Shop Volunteer*

Bob Hillis first got involved with the museum through a mutual friend, Bob Petithomme. As a commissioner, Bob P., was working on the development of the Artisan Exhibit, which was to include a historic Print Shop and he knew just who to ask for some help. Together they sourced and set up all the equipment for the Artisan Print Shop and thus, Bob Hillis became involved with the Museum. Bob has been a Docent now for about three years, participating in the first Docent training class. He also serves as an Angels Camp Museum Commissioner and is in his second, three year term. As a Commissioner, he serves on the Artifact Donations Review Committee and the Education Committee. He is often seen volunteering at the Museum community outreach booth (the Henry Angell tent) at

various events or demonstrating the printing equipment during Living History Days at the Museum.

Bob was born into a printing family. His grandfather started a print shop in San Jose in 1901 called Victor Hillis and Sons. In 1953 it incorporated to become Hillis Printing, Inc. Bob started working there when he was eight years old and continued until he graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1959. Bob obtained a degree in Printing Engineering and joined Schmidt Lithograph in San Francisco. Next he moved into sales at Griffin Brothers Typography, selling to the "Mad Men" advertising agencies of the early 60's. Then he started his own printing business called Trade Litho Press, which was incorporated under the name of RC Hillis and Assoc., in 1971. Bob ran this operation until 1984, at which time he then moved to Calistoga Press, in Calistoga. He and his wife Chyrl retired to Angels Camp in 2002.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

- ◇ Do you like History?
- ◇ Would you like to learn more about our community?
- ◇ Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others?
- ◇ Do you think that it is important that children learn about history?
- ◇ Do you have a few extra hours a month that you could give of your time?



The Angels Camp Museum needs your **help**. Please consider becoming a volunteer. You'll receive free training, a complimentary museum membership and 10% off at the gift shop.

To learn more ...

Please contact the museum at (209) 736-2963 or email education@angelscamp.gov

Volunteers are the strength and continuity of the Angels Camp Museum. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, share your talents and engage your community in understanding the gold country history of Angels Camp and the Mother Lode region.



**J.A. Bertola
Patented in 1857
Ore Amalgamator**

Not long ago this Ore Amalgamator was rediscovered at the Museum, and what a truly unique find. The complete device included a wooden structure that held the cast iron tub. This is shown on a copy of the original patent, which is on display with the tub in the mining exhibit. This tub was filled with crushed ore, water and mercury. A revolving muller would thoroughly mix the soup, assuring full contact with the mercury to any gold. After several hours, the resulting

amalgam would be removed and the waste water and free mercury would be drained from the ports. Using mercury to capture the gold within pulverized ore was a very common practice.

Here is another free and painless way to support the Angels Camp Museum.

Do you buy from Amazon.com?

Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and tell Amazon to send 0.5% of your purchase price to the Angels Camp Museum. Then every time you log on to Amazon be sure to go thru <http://smile.Amazon.com> to ensure that they send a contribution from your purchase. Amazon will remind you, if you forget and you can switch easily and continue shopping.

Don't forget to use your cards when you buy your groceries!



Use your S.H.A.R.E.S. card when you shop at any Save Mart, Lucky or Food Maxx stores.

Use your Community Card when you shop at Angels Food and Sierra Hills Markets. A percentage of your total purchase will be donated to the Angels Camp Museum. If you haven't signed up, please go to <http://escrip.com> and follow the directions to register or ask an employee at the store for help.

All proceeds received from S.H.A.R.E.S., Community Card and Amazon.com are used to fund museum exhibits and projects. **Thank You!**

It takes a village to raise a museum.

Your contributions mean the world to us and to our community.

Our growth and development would not be possible without you and we are so very grateful.

THANK YOU!

The Wings of Freedom Foundation contributed \$5,000 for the *Medicine in the Gold Rush* exhibit and then graciously gave \$14,650 towards the heating and air conditioning units for the Carriage House. Both of these projects are significantly important and pivotal for advancing the museum. Thank you!

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who donated collections and in-kind or monetary gifts:

Barden Stevenot, Dr. Donald and Mary Jean St. Claire, Reed and Bobbie Severson, William and Sharon Nieder, Gregory and Nuala Jordan, Ron and Sue Rivera, Chevron Corporation, Dr. Roger Wahlman, Sonora Regional Medical Center, George and Nioma Mather, Frank E. Weingart, Cole Video, Edward Treuting, Blooms And Things, Angels Food Market & Deli, Starbucks, Irish Vineyards, Brice Station Vineyards, Jack and Ruth Johnson, Calaveras Visitors Bureau, Gina Milani, William and Nancy Hardison, Betty Raggio, Marsha Redding, Robert and JoAnna Reagan, Adrian Nestor, Ryan Anderson, Chuck and Suzie Schneider, Monica Wood, Christian Family Learning Center, Bob and Clelia Petithomme, Loren Whittle, Foothill Goddesses 2016, Donn Marinovich, Bruce Calderwood, Barbara Richards, Gary and Carol Hinman, Jim Nims, Tad Folendorf, Jim Miller, Jerry Bianchini, WorldMark by Wyndham, Murphys-Angels Lions Club, Walter and Sharon Gloskowski, James Fletcher, Anne Forrest and Bob Fienberg, and Jim Toney.

With your help.....

A summary of our successes!

Main Gallery - Heating and Air Conditioning
The Mark Twain Exhibit
Artisan Exhibits: Carpentry, Print Shop, Textiles
Gold Panning Station
Chairs, projector, screen, podium, sound system
Stamp Mill Exhibit
Main Gallery Renovation
the Rush to Angels Camp Exhibit
Carriage House Wagon and Carriages Exhibit
Outdoor Artifacts Exhibit
Angels Camp Museum Front Sign
Medical Exhibit
Downstairs Gallery Renovation
Carriage House - Heating and Air Conditioning

Thank You for helping us to save our past so our future generations can learn from our history! We are very grateful!

FREE ADMISSION DAY!

128 locals visited the museum on Saturday, September 24th to celebrate free admission on museum day. The event included artisan and stamp mill demonstrations, hands-on activities for kids, live music by Sierra Mountain Band, and Johnny's Food Truck. A fun day for our community to have the chance to check out all the great projects going on at their neighborhood museum.



CARRIAGE HOUSE Transportation Exhibit

It is a guiding principle of the Museum to *strive to accurately interpret exhibits for the general public by utilizing narrative history.* In August of 2012, the Museum Foundation began soliciting for interpretive sign donors and has raised over \$11,000 for this



purpose. Donors have selected a specific wagon, carriage, buggy or cart or piece of outdoor equipment. However, there is a breaking cart and a sulky which each need a sign to complete the Carriage House Transportation Exhibit. Please contact the museum at (209) 736-2963 for details.



***Have a wonderful Holiday Season!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***