



ANGELS CAMP MUSEUM

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Gold is Where You Find it: **THE RUSH to ANGELS CAMP**

Main Gallery - Exhibit Open



Our undiscovered gemstone in the heart of the Mother Lode is really starting to sparkle. When you walk through the doors on the main floor, it is bright and alive, appealing to your curiosity, and you know you are going to find something really interesting. The gallery has been transformed. It is no longer just a collection of old stuff, it is glowing with stories of our golden past, and stories of the people who put the town of Angels Camp on the map: the miners, Henry Angell, the Chinese, and Mark Twain. But this is just the beginning because the gallery exhibits are designed to rotate, to change, and thus

entice you to visit the museum, regularly, to see new displays and learn more of our local history and the cultures and families that made it all happen.

It was wonderful to see our dedicated patrons at the Gallery Exhibit Preview and thank them personally for their commitment. For those of you who couldn't make it, thank you, also, so very much, for supporting our endeavor, this couldn't have happened without you. The Museum

Foundation also extends a heartfelt thank you to Kim Arth, Museum Director, whose vision and understanding has allowed this museum to blossom. And thank you also, to the museum staff for their dedicated work.

So bring your family and bring your friends, and explore.

The Gallery Exhibit is now open!





Get Your SHARES Card and/or Community Card and Help the Museum Grow!

We are all approached by many charities and we have to pick the ones that are most important to us. The Museum has found a method of donating that allows you to donate without having to write a check. We have acquired S.H.A.R.E. cards from SaveMart. These cards have no personal information on them so you won't be giving out any information when you use them. The cards are good at all SaveMart, S-Mart Foods, FoodMaxx and Lucky Stores, *everywhere*. They donate 3% of the total cost of your purchase to the Museum. Even if you are on vacation and go into one of these markets anywhere, use the card and you make another donation!

You can pick up an Angels Camp Museum S.H.A.R.E.S. card, anytime, at the Museum.
Or email membership@angelscamp.gov and we will mail the card to you.

Do you shop at Angels Foods or Sierra Hills Markets? They have a Community Card that will also give back 3% of your purchase to the Museum. **You may request the card at either Market locations.** Just tell them you want the money to go to the Angels Camp Museum. Simple as that!



All proceeds received from S.H.A.R.E.S. and Community Cards are used to fund museum exhibits and projects.



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President's Message

by Karen Strand

What an exciting time to be part of the Angels Camp Museum Foundation!

Because of generous donations and grants, the museum was able to complete the rotating exhibit, Gold is Where You Find it: THE RUSH to ANGELS CAMP, in the main building. On November 8, we hosted a chocolate and wine reception for members, donors, council members and sponsors. It was a huge success and we had many positive comments about the exhibit.

The Foundation is again offering lectures on the first Sunday of December, February, March and April. The lectures are very informative and are free for members and \$10 for non-members. Please pick up a membership brochure at the front desk and see the many advantages of membership.

Our next project is the medical exhibit. There has already been much interest in this exhibit with many donations. If you would like more information or would like to donate please call the museum at (209) 736-2963.

I would like to welcome Gina Milani, our new member to the Foundation. Gina has already helped with the lecture series and will be an asset with new ideas and enthusiasm.

Please plan a trip to the museum and enjoy all the exhibits.



Let me count the ways *your membership helps the museum grow!*

All exhibit enhancements and lecture series are made possible by your maintaining your membership and we so appreciate your support.

We truly want to "give back" to you as well.

the renovation of the main gallery and opening of the

"Gold is Where You Find it - the Rush to Angels Camp" *on November 8th,*

the renovation of the downstairs gallery which will house the

"Medicine in the Gold Rush" *is 70% completed.*

We listened to you and now our lectures are on Sunday afternoons. Our 2015-2016 series was the first Sunday in October, and November and will be the first Sunday in December, February, March, and April (pre-lecture reception 1:30 to 2:00 and lecture from 2:00 to 3:00). This also enables you and guests to enjoy revisiting all the museum buildings and enjoy daylight hours as the museum is open 10 AM to 4 PM. You will be emailed the lecture speaker and topics and they are also posted on our website: angelscamp.gov, click on the museum link.

Our first VIP reception and preview of Gold is Where You Find it - the Rush to Angels Camp, on November 8th was an invitation only event for members and donor/sponsors and was an exciting and rewarding way to share the museum's growth. We are looking forward in 2016 to another VIP opening of the medical exhibit and completing our goal to raise \$25,000 for a heat and air conditioning system in the Carriage House.

*To help the museum grow even more, please consider **upgrading your membership renewal to Friend or Patron Level**. A membership at any level, makes a great gift. This past year we have seen an increase in the gift giving of membership so thank you again!!!*

Our membership application is on our website and we are happy to mail applications to your friends. Individual Memberships are \$35; Family Memberships are \$50, Friend Memberships are \$100, and Patron Memberships are \$250. For more information and to receive membership applications, you may email me at membership@angelscamp.gov.

The museum's gift shop has lots of new items for all ages and members receive a 10% discount. It is a Great place to shop for holiday gifts. We look forward to seeing you more often at the Angels Camp Museum. Happy Holidays!

Lee Croletto, Membership Coordinator

It takes a village to raise a museum.

*Your contributions mean the world to us and to our community.
This would not have happened without you and we are so grateful.*

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Gina Milani

What made me say YES to volunteer for Angels Camp Museum...

While I only recently moved up to Angels Camp in May, a dear friend of mine has lived here for over 35 years - so I've been up to visit a lot over that time!

I've always loved this area – full of so much history! Best known for being in the heart of Gold Rush Country, just like American overall -- Angels Camp's history isn't just about Gold, it's about the families who came from all over America, Europe, Asia, from far and wide to settle here, in the foothills, and make a new life for themselves and their families – in mining, ranching, and wine making, logging, transportation, hotels & related service industries. Life was much different back then, but, really, it wasn't all that long ago! And the changes and opportunity that have shaped Angels Camp continue – it just looks different today.

Now, that I'm making a new life in Angels Camp, when I was asked to join the Angels Camp Museum Foundation, I didn't hesitate to say yes. I've always loved history -- not just reading about it, but discovering it and sharing it – like the Angels Camp Museum team is doing so wonderfully. Let's face it. A community's history is often overlooked in the hustle and bustle of daily demands; you've probably driven by the museum countless times meaning to get back for a visit. In our city, there is an abundance of stories and rich history – and that history is important to our community here in Angels Camp. Local museums, especially ours, are undiscovered gems that have yet to be fully discovered. Here, people of the past who form our heritage come to life.

In the spirit of giving back, I hope I can help introduce our wonderful museum, and museum programs, to those in our community who may have not yet discovered it. And, in the process, help us think about HOW the community has changed over this short period of time so we can think about where the community might grow in the future. There's no better way to envision a future for a community than learning about where we've been and understand what we've learned collectively. In this way, we can preserve the enduring character of Angels Camp while keeping up with the rest of the region (and world for that matter) and what we can all do to make that happen.

As I understand it, Jim Miller, Museum Education Coordinator, has some newly discovered evidence about Angels Camp's namesake Henry Pinkney Angell that promises to shed new light on the myths surrounding this interesting character. I can't wait to hear all about it at the December 6th lecture series!!

Come join us Sunday, December 6th from 2-3!

PS: Panning for gold is still on my bucket list!

Lecture Series

Reception at 1:30pm

Lecture 2:00-3:00pm

Sunday, December 6th, 2015

“Henry Pinkney Angell”

presented by Angels Camp Museum
Education Coordinator Jim Miller

Sunday, February 7th, 2016

“The Other Author: Bret Harte”

presented by American Literature Instructor at
Columbia College Kimberly Pippa-Tonnesen

Sunday, March 6th, 2016

At 1:00pm - Native Sons of the Golden West
Recognition Ceremony, followed by a
lecture by Barney Noel, from 2-3pm.

Sunday, April 3rd, 2016

Film Viewing of *Jump: A Frogumentary*
Questions and Answers with
Frog Jockey Panelists

For more information visit www.angelscamp.gov

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*Save Our Past,
Invest In Our Future*

The Museum Foundation is launching its initiative for this fiscal year to raise a total of \$25,000 to provide air conditioning and heating for the Carriage House.

As you well know, the carriages and wagons in this building are invaluable. It is imperative that we help preserve them for future generations by providing a stable climate controlled environment that won't harm the wood and rust the metal of these beloved artifacts.

In addition, your support will go towards improving the Carriage House as the Museum's only venue space for hosting lectures. We want you to be comfortable too!

New air conditioning and heating will help improve the overall visitor experience at the Angels Camp Museum.

The Museum Foundation asks for your help in reaching this goal.

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