

# ANGELS CAMP MUSEUM FOUNDATION

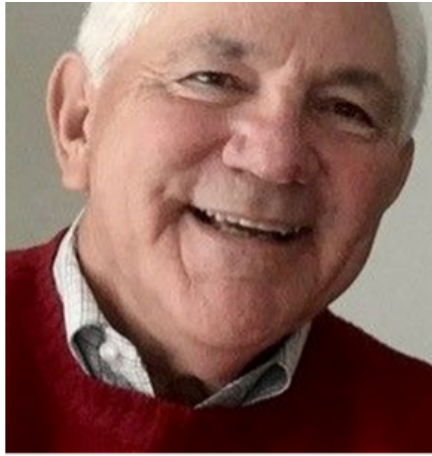


## Fall 2022 Newsletter

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## President's Message

Greetings:

I would like to begin by recognizing the long and loyal service of current and past board members for their extraordinary dedication.

- Karen Strand, our outgoing president, serving since 2015 and providing exceptional leadership in pulling together our Lecture Series. See below for the 22/23 schedule.
- Marilyn Smith, our outgoing secretary for her years of service and for keeping the group on task.
- Also, continuing board members; Gina Milani, Ron Rivera Tad Folendorf for their valuable contributions to the Foundation and the community in general.

I would also like to welcome our new board members Chloe Shufeldt and Betty Chase.

I have personally been involved with the museum as a docent and commission member over the last few years and I'm pleased to be continuing that association as a member and president of the Foundation Board.

Please join us soon by attending one of the Lecture Series events or just stop by with family and friends to enjoy the museum.

*Joe*

Joe Oliveira  
Foundation President

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## New Foundation Board Officers

At the August Foundation board meeting, new officers were voted in and leading the foundation for the next 2 years are:

**Joe Oliveira, President**  
**Ron Rivera, Vice President & Treasurer**  
**Gina Milani, Secretary**

The foundation is always looking for board members who want to work in support of the Angels Camp Museum to raise awareness and needed funds to expand our preservation and education activities. You don't have to be on the board to get involved however, you can always volunteer to help with events, grant writing, social media, and other fundraising activities.

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## **NEH Collections Grant Update**

The Foundation Grants committee was successful in submitting our application for the NEH Collections grant. If we are successful at obtaining funding, the museum will have the funds necessary to develop a training program on how to appropriately catalog our collection and hire interns through Columbia College and possibly the summer program at Sacramento State to staff a 3-year project to fully catalog our collection of artifacts.

We're not waiting however, and soon we will begin the software migration from Past Perfect to CatalogIT and begin work on the museum collections paper, photographic & documentation artifacts. At this time also we will work with Martin to determine what type of long-term storage we will need for the original artifacts once they are digitized. The foundation will seek out a grant from NEH Preservation for Small Institutions for the purchase of these long-term storage items.

**Expected notification date: April 30, 2023**

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## **2022-23 Foundation Lecture Series**

**1st Sunday each Month at the Museum Carriage House 2-3:00 PM**

(Refreshments at 1:30!)

<b>October 2, 2022</b>	<b>Brian Connery</b>	<b>Traditional Woodworking</b>
November 6, 2022	Greg Francek	Fossils in Mokelumne Hill
December 4, 2022	Rollie Fillmore	MiWuk Tribe Presentation

*No January Lecture*

February 5, 2023  
March 5, 2023  
April 2, 2023

Lynn Downey  
Kristopher Mendel  
Sandra Hess  
Wine Grape Alliance

Araquipa/Area Sanitorium  
Art in the Gold Rush  
Our Roots Run Deep



## **OCTOBER LECTURE -- 2022-23 SERIES KICKOFF!**

### **Brian Connery – Woodworking Wizard**

In January 2019 Brian gave a lecture on modern blacksmithing. This year he's returning to give a presentation on traditional woodworking as the precursor to blacksmithing when metals were scarce. He will be bringing examples of his woodworking tools and samples of a wide variety of species of wood from soft to hard.

### **About Brian:**

I started looking into the mystery of wood working after a time spent understanding metals, mostly with the desire to merge the two together somehow. Can I combine a forged metal object with some exotic piece of wood and make it into a project worthy of the effort put into making it in the first place? Why not? But how do I find the right kind of hardwood and match it to a forging which demanded a lot of sweat to create it, but more important was

working which demanded a lot of sweat to create it, but more important was knowing just where were these woods sold in small pieces just for me.

Luckily there were such places and they had such a variety of colors and textures that it would take years to know them all. Bubinga, cocobolo, rosewood, lignum, kingwood, walnut, the list was endless...the prices were high...and which one could be worked by hand as that was the only method I had and with traditional techniques which were actually working the wood, not machining it.

Over time and trial, I was able to come up with the right combinations of woods and metals; they created the marriages I wanted, without also creating untouched "jewels not tools". As a traditional woodworker I understand my labors will be slow and sometimes difficult compared to being able to use power sanders, saws and jointers, but with patience and fortitude I have come to appreciate the efforts of past craftsmen in wood. They came up with works of art and beauty in ways that I can only read about and attempt to duplicate with hand planes, chisels, rasps and scraping irons, but I'll keep trying.

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## New Foundation Social Media Properties

Our introduction into the digital world continues with a wider social media presence! The main goals of this effort are:

- Raise Awareness of the museum, and secondarily the work of the foundation
- Expand our newsletter list by driving visitors to our [website](#) form to sign up
- Raise funds in support of museum preservation and education efforts
- Craft strategies that combine education and edutainment that double as fund-raising activities on behalf of and in concert with the museum.

Follow us on:

[Pinterest](#)

[Twitter](#)

Instagram (Coming)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#) (no content yet)

TikTok: Passive income from creators who want to donate (donation hub)

**Like us. Follow us. Get involved!**





# MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

The Museum had a very successful summer welcoming visitors from all over! There will be an update on all of the activities currently in progress in the winter newsletter.

**MUSEUM NEEDS VOLUNTEER DOCENTS:** If you love history and you like meeting new people, you'd be a perfect museum docent to share our history with museum visitors! Training is included and it's a lot of fun - the museum attracts visitors from all over the world! For more information contact: [jessica@gocalaveras.com](mailto:jessica@gocalaveras.com)



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**BE HEARD** - The City wants your input! The city is working with a consulting firm to assist with five-year strategic plan development and they want to know what matters most to you about the services the city provides. This survey is open through September 30, 2022, at 5 PM.

[Click Here to Begin Survey!](#)

**AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM**

How to easily help the Angels Camp Museum through the Foundation with each Amazon purchase:

1. Log in to your Amazon account and search for Amazon Smile
2. Set up your account and choose the Angels Camp Museum Foundation as your charity
3. Afterward, log in to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) when you are making an Amazon purchase. Amazon will automatically donate a percentage of your purchase to the charity of your choice.

It's that easy! Please consider making the Angels Camp Museum Foundation your charity of choice on [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)!!

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**MUSEUM HOURS:** Open 7 Days a week, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Admission:

\$15 per adult, \$10 per child

\$10 for Calaveras County Residents – Adults

\$5 for Calaveras County Residents – Child

\$12 for seniors 65+ and vets

Active duty military are free with a 20% discount on admission for anyone in their group

NEWS!!! Gold panning is now included in the price of admission!!



