

# ANGELS CAMP MUSEUM

FOUNDATION



## Spring 2022 Newsletter

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## President's Message

Welcome Spring 2022!

The Angels Camp Museum Foundation has many projects that are moving forward. The Farming and Ranching Barn project is going well but we still need your help to reach our goal of \$25,000. Thank you to everyone who sponsored equipment in the Farming and Ranching barn. If you would like to donate, please visit our website: [angelsmuseumfoundation.org](http://angelsmuseumfoundation.org) for more information.

I hope some of you have had to opportunity to attend our lectures. Our final lecture for the 2021-2022 season is April 3 and features Lynn Downey, retired Levi Strauss historian. We will announce the 2022-2023 lecture series in our June newsletter. Please let me know if you have suggestions for a lecture. The grand opening of the Frog Jump Exhibit is April 30. Please mark your calendar (More on that under our new "Museum Happenings" Section of the newsletter.

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Karen Strand  
Foundation President

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## Google Ad Grant

In 2021 The Angels Camp Museum Foundation applied for a \$10K google ad grant and we are happy to report that this grant has been awarded! The Google Ad Grants program supports registered nonprofit organizations, including many that share Google's philosophy of community service to help the world in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. Google Ad Grants is an in-kind advertising program that awards free online advertising to nonprofits. The Foundation is working with a local Google Advertising professional and will be focusing on raising awareness of the museum promoting exhibits etc. with the goal of increasing admissions.

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## Pole Barn Campaign Update - Now 55% of Goal!

To date the latest Foundation campaign to benefit the Mining and Ranching

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Building (aka the Pole Barn) has brought in \$14,214.25 which includes \$1,250 raised from the Foundation's lecture series.

We plan to kickstart our 2022 efforts with more "What the Heck is That?" and "Bet you didn't Know" fundraising campaign emails and hope to reach our \$25,000 goal by July – 1 year after we began.

**The generosity of our members, lecture goers, and other supporters has been remarkable and greatly appreciated! THANK YOU! If you haven't been to the Mining & Ranching building lately, I encourage you to go and see the outstanding progress that has been made!**

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## Couldn't Make one of our Lectures?

### Watch it On **CCTV's YouTube Channel!**

A Big **THANK YOU** to Susan Tomasich for filming our lectures which enables us to connect more people with our wonderful storytellers!

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| Oct 2021      | Joel Metzger, Utica Water<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mWMN46oUA0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mWMN46oUA0</a>                                   |
| Nov 2021      | Michael LaSalle, Wagon Trains of 1848/Thomas Corcoran<br><a href="https://youtube/OVklG-ZamPs?">https://youtube/OVklG-ZamPs?</a>                                     |
| Dec 2021      | Dave Bunnell - Cavern Photography<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laRxxWpFc1Y">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laRxxWpFc1Y</a>                           |
| February 2022 | Rurik Kallis - Abandoned Mining Towns of the Eastern Sierra<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_amgnL4-8Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_amgnL4-8Q</a> |
| March 2022    | Frank Tortorich - Big Tree Carson Valley Wagon Road<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYPS27NJDU8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYPS27NJDU8</a>         |

***The Museum Foundation Lecture Series is part of our campaign to raise money for the Mining and Ranching Building exhibits.***

***Admission fees go directly to the campaign.***

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## 2022 Museum Foundation Grant Pursuits

This year the foundation will pursue 3 grants, two of which focus on museum collection cataloging and one focused on an exhibit:

Nat'l Endowment for Humanities (NEH)

Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant

(Digital Infrastructure) – The foundation will pursue this grant in support of the museum's efforts to **modernize the existing collections software** and create a best-practices method of cataloging artifacts; as well as the development of a training manual to ensure complete and consistent cataloging by volunteers and others involved in this important task. The goal is to make our unique collection more readily accessible, searchable, and available to the public and researchers.

NEH - Humanities

Collections and Reference Resources

Alongside the above effort to modernize and complete the cataloging of the museum's artifacts, this grant (if awarded) would allow the **artifacts to be photographed and digitized** for addition to the collection database and other innovative promotional uses.

NEH – Public Humanities Projects

Public Humanities Projects supports projects in three categories (Exhibitions, Historic Places, and Humanities Discussions). The foundation will pursue a grant with the goal of **rehabilitating the Sierra Railway Exhibit**, and making it an interactive exhibit. This will require a complete replacement of the track and rewiring of the exhibit, but it is an important piece of our local history and we've already gotten a lot of guidance from a number of model train enthusiasts.

*The model located at the back of the Museum's Mining and Ranching Building (aka the Pole Barn) replicates the unique switchback design which was required to descend some 700 feet in elevation from Jamestown to Melones and then back up to Angels Camp. The daily passenger train ran from September 10th, 1902 until March 1939 significantly shortening the travel time between these towns. When the last train traveled the route, the crew picked up the tracks behind it.*

**BLAST FROM THE PAST:** We are in the process of adding all of the past foundation newsletters to our website under resources and have them going back to 2012 so far. For a walk down memory lane, [click here](#).





# MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

- For the past few months, our museum volunteers and staff have been hard at work to bring the history of Angels Camp (and beyond!) alive with new displays and revamped exhibits.
- We are proud to announce that the long-awaited outdoor Jumping Frog Jubilee Exhibition will fully open April 30th with our "Who Let the Frogs Out" celebration. Enjoy free Museum admission, food vendors, and even a Frog Jump for children. The display itself features a timeline of Frog Jump and Angels Camp history as well as a stage where visitors can try their luck at out-jumping world record holder, Rosie the Ribeter.
- After a long hiatus, gold panning lessons have returned! This was a much-loved activity for our visitors pre-Covid, and we are so glad to be able to offer it again. For only \$5 a person, you too can learn how to pan like a pro.
- On March 12th, members of the Matuca 1849 Chapter of E Clampus Vitus dedicated a plaque to Museum founder, William Daniels. This beautiful stone monument is now on display in front of the Carriage House.
- We're always working on something new in the Museum, and this week Museum staff, Chuck Schneider and Jim Miller are excited to be able to display our mercury retort furnace in the Pole Barn. This 1,200lb beast of boiler was previously outdoors, but through some heavy lifting and elbow grease, it now plays a crucial part in telling the story of Angels Camp gold mining.
- Below the Pole Barn we've able to redo the gravel pathways leading

around our outdoor displays. Previously, overgrown bramble made our lower exhibit our best kept secret, but with the path resurfacing, new and returning visitors can enjoy our larger pieces of Gold Rush history.

- Also, keep an eye out for our beautiful new forthcoming exhibit information displays generously sponsored by our volunteers, Museum Foundation members, and members of the public.

**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)

**MUSEUM HOURS:** Open 7 Days a week, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
\$15.00 Adults, \$10 Children 6-17, under 6 (free)  
Audio Tour: \$5.00 Additional

Discounts:

- Veterans, Active Duty, Seniors, First Responders and Calaveras County Residents receive a 20% discount (\$12.00)
- Families of 4 and above (same family) \$40.00 flat fee

