

# ANGELS CAMP MUSEUM

FOUNDATION



## Summer 2022 Newsletter

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## President's Message

Welcome Summer 2022!

And welcome to our three new board members, Joe Oliveira, Betty Chase and Chloe Shufeldt. Included in this newsletter are brief profiles of these new foundation board members but I want to point out that we didn't let them "ease in" to their new roles.

At their first board meeting they learned that each of us would take a piece of a grant application due in July from the National Endowment of Humanities (NEH) to modernize the museum's collection software and documentation. By implementing the new software, our unique collection will be searchable and available online to the public, researchers and other museums and historical societies.

The Angels Camp Museum, Columbia College's Internship Director, Mary Watts, and Kristopher Mendell, Director of the Calaveras County Historical Society, are all collaborating with the foundation on this project. Thanks to Kris and Mary for your input and support of this initiative!

The lecture series is complete and will run from October to April. We give you a preview also in this newsletter – enjoy! We hope to see many of you there. Have a wonderful summer. Please visit the museum with your friends and family.

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Foundation President

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## NEH Grant Update

As Karen pointed out in her President's Message, the board is presently in an all hands on deck moment preparing our application for a federal grant from the National Endowment for Humanities that is due July 19, 2022.

There are numerous other letters of support that we will receive from the City of Angels Camp, the Angels Camp Business Association and the Visitor's Bureau and we'd like to thank them in advance for their support and participation. 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.

July 19, 2022    Application Due    July 19, 2022

April 30, 2023    Expected notification date

June 1, 2023    Project start date

In other exciting news, Columbia College connected the grant writing team with a student who intends on building a career out of grant writing and who wants to help us out at the Foundation to get experience. We're using that extra help to start the grant we've identified to get the Sierra Railway Exhibit up and running again! Stay tuned.

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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!

Oct 2021            Joel Metzger, Utica Water

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mWMN46oUA0>

Nov 2021            Michael LaSalle, Wagon Trains of 1848/Thomas Corcoran

<https://youtube/OVklG-ZamPs?>

Dec 2021            Dave Bunnell - Cavern Photography

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laRxwWpFc1Y>

February 2022    Rurik Kallis - Abandoned Mining Towns of the Eastern Sierra

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j\\_amgnL4-8Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_amgnL4-8Q)

March 2022 Frank Tortorich - Big Tree Carson Valley Wagon Road  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYPS27NJDU8>

April 2022 Lynn Downey - The Fascinating and Sometimes Hilarious  
History of the Dude Ranch  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKBnE43C2sl>

*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.*

**PREVIEW! Lecture Series 2022-2023**

October 2, 2022	Brian Connery	Blacksmithing
November 6, 2022	Greg Francek	Fossils in Mokelumne Hill
December 4, 2022	Rollie Fillmore	MiWuk Tribe Presentation
<i>No January Lecture</i>		
February 5, 2023	Lynn Downey	<u>Araquipa</u> & Area Sanitorium
March 5, 2023	Kristopher Mendel	Art in the Gold Rush
April 2, 2023	Sandra Hess, Calaveras Wine Grape Alliance	Our Roots Run Deep

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## New Faces New Skills Great Heart! Welcome New Foundation Board Members!





## Chloe Shufeldt

From a very young age, I have been interested in really old things. Working with the Angels Camp Museum Foundation to protect, preserve, and promote the incredible collection at the Angels Camp Museum is a way for me to direct my passion for the past and the rich history of Calaveras County. In addition to antique objects and the stories about the people who used them, I love the beautiful gardens and plants found around many of the older homes in the County. Cultivating history through horticulture is an activity that brings me great joy. I am looking forward to working with this active, outgoing, and ambitious Board to continue to help make great things happen at the Angels Camp Museum.



## Joe Oliveira

I am a California Native Son and I have always been interested in our state's history. Since moving to Angels Camp some 25 years ago, I was amazed to learn of the rich history of the town and Calaveras County in general. I first joined the Museum as a docent in 2014 and had the opportunity to learn more about the area from staff during formal and informal training. I have served on the Angels Camp Museum Commission and the Angels Camp City Council including my last year in office (2020), as Mayor.

I'm pleased to be joining the Angels Camp Museum Foundation Board and I look forward to helping the Board carry out its mission and achieve its



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I look forward to continuing to serve the community!



**Betty Chase**

I was charmed by the Angels Camp Museum on my very first trip to Calaveras County. Here lay objects that were invented, built, used, and cherished by people from our past. Here were ingenious tools on which their lives depended plus stories of triumph and tragedy. It's a real treat for the imagination.

After a long career in business communications, I wanted to use my writing skills in a new way. Moving from business writing to grant writing is a perfect fit. It's a real privilege to join the dedicated folks on the Angels Camp Museum Foundation Board. Let's continue to bring history to life!

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## **New Foundation Social Media Properties**

Today, if you don't have an online presence, like it or not, you can't be easily found by people who want to learn more about you. The awesome consultant who is helping the Foundation with our Google Ad Grant is also volunteering and helping us develop our baseline digital presence to complement [our website](#) and help get the word out about foundation activities. She has just

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implemented two new social media outlets you can follow:

[Facebook](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

Like us. Follow us. Get involved!

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### **Energy efficient lights and insulation**

Thanks to an energy assessment by Emily Dondero of Freedom Energy Corporation, and the Calaveras Public Power Agency (CPPA), the Angels Camp Museum is looking into a grant that will allow us to bring our energy requirements into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are grateful for their support for power conscious lighting and insulation solutions for our admissions building, carriage house, and pole barn. These updated energy features will go a long way in keeping our visitors comfortable in our hot Calaveras summers.

### **Angels Camp Farmers Market volunteers needed**

This summer, come on over to the Utica Park farmers market in Angels Camp every Friday from 5-dusk and meet us at our new Museum/Visitors Bureau booth! Volunteers are still needed—if you are interested in helping out give us a call at (209)-736-0049 or send an email to [info@gocalaveras.com](mailto:info@gocalaveras.com).

## **The Museum made an appearance at Frog Jump**

Museum staff had a blast at Fair representing the ACM and cheering on this year's prospective Frog Jump champions. Our booth this year featured Angels Camp blacksmith and strongman of Barnum and Bailey fame, Rasmus "Big Nels" Nielson. Big Nels toured with several circus groups in the 1940s and was known for his impressive full-body tattoos.

### **More exhibit improvements incoming**

As always, Chuck Schneider and Jim Miller are working on enhancing our visitor's experiences with updates to our exhibits. Look for a new and refurbished placer gold mining exhibit in the pole barn soon!

**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)

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)!!

**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



