“We have an obligation to our members, donors, and participants that we take very seriously: to tell the truth, to tell the whole story, and to entertain as we enlighten.”
2019 was a fantastic year for your Museum.

MVC made real progress on its reinvention plan and took great strides toward ensuring its existence now and into the next century.

There is a scary reality in the world of museums: If we fail to become more attractive, more interesting, more RELEVANT, we will eventually—and probably sooner rather than later—become extinct.

That may sound like an exaggeration, but it is not. Only 16 percent of the population today is considered a “frequent cultural participant,” with “frequent” defined as going to a cultural event at least once every two years. One cultural experience in 730 days, and you are considered “frequent.” Can you imagine if Netflix had that level of customer participation?

Museums are generally considered exclusive. And there are many positive things about that label. Museums are trusted. The book Presence of the Past reports that museums are considered a more reliable source of historical information than books, teachers, or even relatives’ personal accounts. Museums are fantastic conservationists. There is a good reason you can’t touch things in museums—it’s so those things will be around for others to experience a thousand years from now.

But exclusivity can also mean that many people feel unwelcome and uncomfortable in museums, or that museums don’t tell stories that are relevant to them. Without new participants, museums may eventually disappear.

The team of people who develop and maintain your Museum—the Board, the volunteers, the staff, the interns—strive with everything they do to ensure that MVC thrives. One of the guideposts we use to show that we are on the right path is how many new people are visiting the Museum. I am happy to report that over the past year our events have been attracting new people we don’t know—people we have never seen nor heard from before are beginning to visit our beloved Museum!

After a November talk at the Museum, a CSUCI student wrote us to say: “I had the privilege of attending Dr. [David] Garcia’s lecture yesterday on his book. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to see the good in the world and providing me the chance to be able to go on these experiences through Dr. Garcia’s inspirational work and words.”

This response reminds us why we do what we do, and that we have an obligation to our members, donors, and participants that we take very seriously: to tell the truth, to tell the whole story, and to entertain as we enlighten.

I hope you will find, as you read these pages, evidence that we are succeeding in meeting your goals for your Museum. And I promise 2020 will be even better.
MVC has been safeguarding our region’s history since 1913.

Ventura County is a rare and special place. The terrain, climate, industry, and community have drawn settlers here for thousands of years, and the population continues to grow and evolve.

MVC, through exhibits, collections, education programs, publications, and events, communicates the essence of the region.

Every day, MVC works to inspire vibrant communities by connecting the past, present, and future. We look forward to sharing our efforts to achieve this vision in this Year in Review report for 2019.

Research Library and Collections Department

MVC embarked on a major accessibility project in 2019. In February, the Library completed an assessment to prioritize unprocessed collections and identify items for digitization. In June, through a partnership with California State University, Channel Islands, interns began work on digitizing photographs. Staff began work in August to overhaul the Museum’s collections management policy and completed this work in December. Staff began work on unprocessed donations and has made good progress in cataloging these important community stories.

In December, the Library received a grant from California Revealed to digitize a portion of its historical journals, making them accessible online to the greater California research community and the world. The Library is happy to announce that over 500 photographs are now available online at photographs.venturamuseum.org and, through the work of volunteers, that number is growing every week. The Library has also been able to make important research documents available online, including the “Outland Indexes.”
THE MUSEUM OF VENTURA COUNTY IN DOWNTOWN VENTURA

Since 1977, MVC has provided exhibits, classes, tours, programs, and events at its anchor site at 100 E. Main Street in downtown Ventura.

Open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round, the Ventura site presents exhibits in the Fritz Huntsinger and Family Gallery, Fred W. Smith Gallery, Hoffman Gallery, Community Gallery, and the Helen Yunker Alcove. Programs and events are held in the Howard and Evelyn Burroughs Children’s Garden, E.J. Harrison Family Courtyard, and the Toni Gardiner Cloister. The Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion features rotating exhibits, and private and public events. Fronting Main Street, MVC’s downtown Ventura site has a large plaza that is used for community gatherings and celebrations.

Exhibits and programs here feature the art, culture, and history of our County. All of our offerings are designed to spark curiosity and encourage further learning about Ventura County and the region.

THE AGRICULTURE MUSEUM

Located in the historic Mill Building (1888) in downtown Santa Paula, the Agriculture Museum explores the region’s farming and ranching history, engaging visitors with its broad collection of tractors, farming implements, a living beehive and interactive activity stations for children. These exhibits tell the story of the importance of agriculture in Ventura County and around the world.
CATALOGING NEW STORIES

While processing donations, we’re learning powerful stories from artifacts that have been waiting to be cataloged, like this air raid warden helmet worn by Ojai resident Caroline Frost. Many of today’s visitors think of WWII as something that happened “over there” and might not immediately think of all the ways war affected life on the home front in Ventura County.

After Pearl Harbor, the California coast was on high alert. Ojai Mayor Fred Houk created a Civilian Defense Council, appointing civilians as air raid wardens. Their job was to prepare friends and neighbors on what to do during an air raid. After a Japanese submarine entered Santa Barbara Channel and fired at a local refinery, fear and preparations intensified. During the routine blackouts that followed, air raid wardens patrolled the neighborhoods making sure all houses were pitch black and that light wasn’t betraying the location of the city to enemy planes. Rather than taking shelter, wardens were on watch during the drills so helmets like this one protected the wearer from potential falling debris.

MEET OUR NEW LIBRARY, ARCHIVES, AND COLLECTIONS STAFF

KRystell Jimenez, Project Archivist
Krystell holds a master’s degree in library and information science (MLIS) from the University of California, Los Angeles, and worked in special collections at UCLA before joining the Museum. While studying at UCLA, she interned with the Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights in Los Angeles.

Marcia Stock, Cataloger Archivist
Marcia holds an MLIS from San José State University as well as a bachelor’s degree in English from the California State University, Los Angeles. Marcia is working to make the Research Library and Archives Collection more accessible by taking on extensive digitization projects and managing the online catalogs.

Renee Tallent, Smith-Hobson Family Collections Manager
Renee has worked in museum collections for the past 10 years and specializes in preventative conservation and museum registration. Renee holds a bachelor’s degree in history from Texas A & M University and a master’s degree in museum science from Texas Tech University.
In 2019, the Museum of Ventura County partnered with the City of Ventura’s Community Partnerships Division to provide staff to expand hours and access to the Albinger Archaeological Museum. Located at 113 E. Main Street, this historic site is adjacent to Mission San Buenaventura and was once home to five different cultures spanning 3,500 years of history. In visiting the Museum, visitors learn about the Chumash Indians, Chinese immigrants and others who lived on the site by viewing displays, and archaeological objects and artifacts uncovered in 1974.

 Displays of stone bowls, shell beads, arrowheads, bone whistles, crucifixes, bottles, buttons and pottery are housed inside the exhibit building. The surrounding grounds contain excavations of the foundation of the original mission church, Native American housing, a tomol (plank canoe reproduction), a water well and the oldest standing structure in Ventura County – El Caballo, the Mission’s water filtration building (pictured above).

“The partnership between the Museum and the City of Ventura to open the Albinger Archaeological Museum on a more frequent basis is an important gift for the community.” — Councilmember Cheryl Heitmann, City of Ventura

MVC 2019 ALBINGER ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM UPDATE

The Albinger Museum is now open every Friday – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is free.
THOMAS FIRE REFLECTIONS

WRAPPED WITH CARE: THOMAS FIRE QUILT RELIEF PROJECT

CHRIS HILLMAN: TIME BETWEEN

THE DRAGON AWAKES: THE QING DYNASTY

GEORGE STUART HISTORICAL FIGURES®
This exhibit showcased exquisitely detailed historical figures in elaborate costumes from Chinese history spanning centuries of leaders, dignitaries and everyday people.

BUENAVENTURA ART ASSOCIATION OPEN COMPETITION

DESIGN IN THE MAKING: VENTURA COUNTY ARCHITECTURE
Presented in conjunction with the American Institute of Architects Ventura County, this exhibit explored the dynamic role of architects and designers in affecting positive change in our community through the creative architectural design process.

SANTA PAULA’S TREASURED ARCHITECTURE

BROKEN: A HOLOCAUST HISTORY IN FUSED GLASS

DIVERSE AND DISTINCT: WORKS BY WOMEN PAINTERS FROM THE MUSEUM’S PERMANENT COLLECTION

VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ALL STUDENT EXHIBITION

ROTARY OF VENTURA: PERSPECTIVES ON PEACE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

WOMEN BEYOND BORDERS

MUSIC BY THE MASTERS: VENTURA AND OJAI MUSIC FESTIVALS

THROWING SHADE: COASTAL LIVE OAK

IN THE FIELDS OF THE NORTH: PHOTOGRAPHY BY DAVID BACON
FARMING YOUTH: WORKS BY LINO MARTINEZ

ACTUAL REALITY: MIXED MEDIA WORKS BY CARLOS GRASSO AND PETER FOX

LOVE, WHAT’S IT TO YA? SCULPTURE BY LYNN CREIGHTON

UNBRIDLED WITH THE COMPTON COWBOYS: PHOTOGRAPHY BY COURTNEY ELLZEY

This inspired exhibit documented the work and mentorship of modern-day cowboys working with at-risk youth through the dramatic lens of Courtney Ellzey.

CALIFORNIA COOL: MID-CENTURY MODERNISM ON THE CENTRAL COAST

Curated by MVC staff in conjunction with guest curators Eric Huff, Jordan Downs and Steve Aldana, this wide-ranging exhibit explored the region’s popular design movement in interior and graphic design, architecture, and urban development between pivotal years 1945 and 1965.

KALEIDOSCOPE KANDEO: BURNING MAN INSTALLATION BY DENIZ NICOLE

ZEMPOALXOCHITL: MIXED MEDIA WORKS BY LINO MARTINEZ

BUENAVENTURA ART ASSOCIATION COLLEGIATE EXHIBIT

WOVEN EARTH: CHUMASH BASKETRY FROM THE MUSEUM’S COLLECTION

VIRGENCITAS
2019 MUSEUM EVENTS

AGRICULTURE
- Junior Livestock Seminar
- Citrus Label Society Annual Meeting
- Agriculture Career Exploration Day
- Cesar Chavez and Farm Worker Celebration with Dr. Jose Alamillo

ART
- Modern Quilt Guild Quilting Demonstration
- Figure Drawing
- Kids Draw Architecture AIA
- First Fridays
- Women Beyond Borders Box Making Workshop
- ArtWalk Kaleidoscope Kandeo with Deniz Nicole

BOOKS/LECTURES
- Great Forest Fires of 1917 Author Talk with Betsy J. Green
- Ladies and Gentlemen… The Penguins Author Talk with Ivor Davis
- Bridges and Angels, The Story of Ruth Author Talk with David LaBelle
- Women’s Stories from the Holocaust: Frances Elson, Celina Biniaz, Inga Boldt and Lee Edwards
- Archi-Vision: The Mystery, History and the Impact of the Labyrinth Author Talk with Dr. Beverly Russell
- What Architects Bring to Community Design with panel moderated by Mark Di Cecco
- Broken: A Holocaust History in Fused Glass Artist Talk with Frances Elson
- Spacecraft Author Talk with Dr. Michael H. Gorn
- Manson Exposed Author Talk with Ivor Davis
- The Oaks Author Talk with Mitch Stone
- Cheap and Thin: Neutra and Frank Lloyd Wright Author Talk with Raymond Neutra
- Walls that Talk: Murals of the 1930s Author Talk with Santa Barbara Museum of Art’s Lori Mohr
- Strategies of Segregation Author Talk with Dr. David G. Garcia
- Uncompromised: The Lupe Anguiano Story Author Talk with Debora Wright

GEORGE STUART HISTORICAL FIGURES® COLLECTION

Internationally renowned for their exquisite detail and historical accuracy, the George Stuart Historical Figures® represent important personalities of many historical periods. Along with American founders and patriots, groups of figures illustrate French, English, Russian, Chinese and Italian history and the conquest of the Americas. In 1979, Mr. Stuart donated 200 Historical Figures® to the Museum of Ventura County, and in 2010 the Museum commissioned him to create the Lone Woman of San Nicolas Island.

THE NIGHT OF THE NOSFERATU

The Night of the Nosferatu featured figures originally created for a staged performance in 1979 that told the fictional story about the bloodline of the original vampire, Count Dracula.

THE DRAGON AWAKES: THE QING DYNASTY

The Dragon Awakes featured leaders and dignitaries, such as Tzu-An Empress and Tao Kuang, and everyday people spanning centuries of Chinese culture.
2019 MUSEUM EVENTS

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS
- Free First Sundays Arts and Crafts
- Community Design: Thomas Fire Rebuild with David Ferrin, AIA
- Bridge Builder Award Gala honoring the Tom and Esther Wachtell family
- Mission Park Design Charrette with Nick Deitch, Main Street Architects
- Rotary of Ventura Scholarship Awards Reception
- Member Appreciation Day at the AG
- Bonita C. McFarland Scholarships Reception
- California Club
- Labor Day Vintage Tractor Fair
- Dia de los Muertos Remembrances and Fiesta
- Member Appreciation Day at MVC
- Las Posadas

FILMS
- From the Ashes Up: Thomas Fire Documentary
- A Perfect Fire Storm: Thomas Fire Documentary
- Face of a Nation: America’s Presence in the World’s Fair

MUSIC
- Chris Hillman: An Evening of Stories and Songs
- Brothers Fortune, Ag Museum Concert Series
- Ventura Unified School District Closing Reception and Student Concert
- Shaky Feelin’, Ag Museum Concert Series
- MUNCH @ the Museum
- Sol Tree, Ag Museum Concert Series
- Salty Suites, Ag Museum
- Medicine Hat, Ag Museum Concert Series

POETRY
- Fire and Mud Poetry Reading curated by the Poets Laureate from Ventura County, Santa Barbara and Malibu
MVC COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND COLLABORATIONS

In 2019, the Museum of Ventura County sponsored more than 40 nonprofit partners in presenting programs benefiting the greater community. These diverse partner programs gave the public access to poetry, music performances, bicycle education, artist interviews, beekeeping best practices, storytelling, independent films, environmental talks and master gardening techniques. The Museum’s 2019 community partners included:

- Acorn Project
- AIA Ventura County
- America in Bloom
- Camerata Pacifica
- Channel Islands Bicycle Club
- Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra
- Citrus Label Society
- City of Santa Paula
- City of Ventura
- Community Memorial Hospital
- Downtown Ventura Organization/Partners
- Fillmore Western Railway
- Focus on the Masters
- Friends of the Ventura County Library
- Future Farmers of America
- Interface Children and Family Services
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Modern Quilt Guild
- Ojai Music Festival
- Oxnard Union High School District
- Rotary of Ventura
- Rubicon Theatre Company
- Santa Clara Valley Hospice
- Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
- Santa Paula Beekeepers
- Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce
- Santa Paula Historical Society
- SEEAG Ventura County
- Solo Press
- Soroptimist International of Oxnard
- Totally Local VC
- Topa Topa Flywheelers
- Townies Storytelling Project
- UC Master Gardeners
- Ventura Chamber of Commerce
- Ventura County Agriculture Commission
- Ventura County Arts Council
- Ventura County Library and Foundation
- Ventura County Office of Education
- Ventura County Star
- Ventura Film Society
- Ventura Land Trust
- Ventura Music Festival
- Ventura Unified School District
K-12 SCHOOL AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Museum’s education programs reached more than 7,000 children and family members in 2019. MVC provides curriculum-based and experiential programming that emphasizes art, history and STEAM content. This year, the education team of staff and docents served 4,374 low-to-moderate income K-12 students during tours, and an additional 2,792 children and family members during Free First Sunday educational events.

TEACHER TRAINING

MVC hosted a professional development workshop for 30 tenth- and eleventh-grade history teachers from Oxnard Union High School District. The workshop introduced teachers to the research library, collections, and exhibits archive while also providing training on how to integrate Museum content into history/social science standards for high school students.

INTERNSHIPS

MVC offers internships for students who want to gain professional experience in various aspects of operations and administration. In 2019, the Museum hosted interns from Ventura College, CSUCI, and Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.

ARTS EDUCATION

Museum education staff provided arts and crafts activities and tours throughout the school year. Summer “Museum Kids” art programs were also offered at the Agriculture Museum and MVC.

Ventura Unified School District participated in the second all-student exhibit where artists shared their visual artwork and student musicians performed at the closing reception. Rotary of Ventura showcased student art in the Smith Pavilion and awarded $10,000 in scholarships to local high school senior art students.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2019, $4,000 in scholarships were awarded by the Museum’s Fine Arts Committee to continuing high school and college students studying fine art, photography, and graphic design. The Bonita C. McFarland Endowment Fund provides this important scholarship funding.

ADULT DRAWING CLASSES

During the course of the year, over 400 people participated in free, monthly figure drawing classes led by local artist Ryan Carr.
MEET OUR NEW EDUCATION STAFF

BOB CROMWELL, EDUCATION MANAGER

Bob began his career in education as a Navy force protection trainer, then earned master’s degrees in history (University of San Diego) and education (California Lutheran University). He served as an education coordinator with the National Park Service, and is now the MVC/AG education manager.

STEVEN KRYSTEK, MUSEUM EDUCATOR

Originally from Southern California, Steven graduated from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, with a bachelor’s degree in art history. An experienced informal educator, he enjoys sharing his passion for local history and agriculture as part of the Museum’s education team.
In 2019, the Museum presented the first annual Bridge Builder award gala. The Bridge Builder award celebrates the accomplishments of leaders who have made significant impacts on the region—those who have changed the fabric of our community, creating a new and better future.

On April 26, 2019, 200 guests gathered at the Museum to honor the Tom and Esther Wachtell family. The Wachtell family’s commitment to philanthropy and to supporting our County’s major institutions has forever changed our community’s culture and environment. Guests enjoyed a reception in the Museum and galleries, dinner and the awards ceremony in the Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion, followed by dancing in the Plaza. The Bridge Builder award design was created by glass artist Frances Elson.

On April 4, 2020, the Museum invites you to celebrate the amazing extended family of Isabel Winemiller and William Dewey Hobson. After arriving in Ventura in 1854, this remarkable duo and their many descendants forever changed the way we experience our environment. The accomplishments of this family are numerous and notable, including creating Ventura County in a hard-won legislative battle in 1872. This year’s Bridge Builder award gala will be special and spectacular. Patron tables are available now.

For Patron table and sponsorship opportunities, please contact ebrokaw@venturamuseum.org.
MUSEUM OF VENTURA COUNTY

A LEGACY GIFT FOR THE FUTURE

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The Edith Hobson Hoffman planned giving program was created to enable our supporters to utilize tax-advantageous gift planning, and to give significantly to the Museum, while sustaining what they love most about the institution. The Museum of Ventura County is grateful to have received generous bequests in 2019 from Helen Yunker, Miriam Schwab, and Christina Allison.

HELEN YUNKER
Longtime Museum supporter Helen Yunker stepped up in 2016 with a financial gift and a call to action for others to help our Museum thrive.

“An institution of this importance needs financial giving from the entire community. I hope you will join me in helping to preserve our past and ensure the future of our museum.”

Helen lived in and supported Ventura since 1958. She lived by the philosophy: “By helping and sharing with others, you multiply your own happiness and blessings many times over.”

Helen passed away in 2018 at the age of 96, and in 2019, MVC received a major bequest from her estate, which has been used to create the Helen Yunker Collections Preservation Fund.

MIRIAM SCHWAB
Described as “unassuming,” Miriam quietly left a bequest of over $1.4 million to the Museum. Miriam, a champion of the arts, was active in Ventura music festivals and as a violinist with the Ventura College Symphony Orchestra.

The Museum of Ventura County is grateful to have received the bequest for the Miriam Schwab Fund, which supports operational priorities, as identified by the Board of Directors.

CHRISTINA ALLISON
Born in Brooklyn in 1939, Ms. Allison was a gifted soprano who trained in New York, claimed two Rockefeller grants, and sang with distinction with European opera companies for many years. In 1980, she married David N. Allison, whose mother’s family, the Knapps, had long been prominent in Santa Barbara. After her husband’s death in 2000, Christina continued to be active in her community, especially with the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and the Irish Historical Society, where she served as a Board member, and continued writing and performing until she passed away in 2018. In 2019 the Museum of Ventura County received a major bequest from the estate of Christina Allison which has been used to create the Christina Allison Fund.
If you have included the Museum of Ventura County in your will or estate plans, please let us know so that we can give you proper recognition. To explore planned giving options, please contact the Development Department at (805) 653-0323 ext. 305.

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MEET OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT STAFF

ERIC KNIGHT, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Eric joined the Museum in July 2019. He comes to MVC from the Ventura County nonprofit sector, most recently managing a portfolio of new business income development at the American Cancer Society. Eric received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Columbia College, Chicago; completed training at the Coaches Training Institute; and graduated from the Ventura County Leadership Academy in cohort XXIV.
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Supports the purchase and exhibit of fine art, promotes appreciation and awareness of art, and awards one or more scholarships annually to art students. Established 1990.

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Supports operational priorities, as identified by the Board of Directors. Established by bequest 2019.

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Supports operational priorities, as identified by the Board. Established 2017.

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Supports the Museum Research Library and Collections Department, and exhibits of materials from these areas. Established by bequest 2018.

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Supports operational priorities, as identified by the Board. Established 2018.

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To make a donation, please call the Development Department at (805) 653-0323 ext. 330 or email sgordon@venturamuseum.org.

While tribute donations may be made in any amount, a $1,000 gift in honor or memory of someone is recognized with installation of a commemorative tile that will remain outside the Museum for years to come.

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Ventura County Credit Union  
Ventura Rental Party Center  
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Whitten and Sally Yount  

Alberta Word’s Birthday  
Carol and Larry Dawes

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Richard Pidduck

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Lynn Ross
MUSEUM OF VENTURA COUNTY IN VENTURA

Huntsinger Gallery A:
March 6, 2020 – April 26, 2020
Legacy: Seven Decades of Ventura College Art
May 7, 2020 – June 7, 2020
Ventura Unified School District:
All Student Show
June 20, 2020 – September 27, 2020
A Ticket to Ride: How Transportation Transformed Ventura County
October 9, 2020 – January 31, 2021
Margaret Garcia: Arte Para La Gente

Smith Gallery:
March 6, 2020 – June 15, 2020
Nordic Myths and Legends: George Stuart Historical Figures®
July 2, 2020 – October 11, 2020
American Revolution! George Stuart Historical Figures®
October 16, 2020 – January 17, 2021
Curiouser and Curiouser: Mounted Oddities from the Collection

Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion:
January 25, 2020 – February 22, 2020
Buenaventura Art Association Open Competition
February 29, 2020 – April 11, 2020
Ojai Studio Artists: Mending the Divide
April 24, 2020 – May 24, 2020
Focus on the Masters: Learning to See

Huntsinger Gallery B:
March 14, 2020 – April 26, 2020
Huelga! Photographs from the Frontlines by Jorge Corralejo
October 9, 2020 – January 31, 2021
Mural, Mural, on the Wall:
The Legacy of Millard Sheets

Agriculture Museum in Santa Paula

Limoneira Hall
June 1, 2020 – June 1, 2021
A Ticket to Ride: How Transportation Transformed Ventura County

Finch Gallery
January 24, 2020 – March 7, 2020
Patterns on the Land

March 14, 2020 – August 2, 2020
Huelga! Photographs from the Frontlines by Jorge Corralejo
August 15, 2020 – January 18, 2021
Agricultural Art from the Permanent Collection

Calavo Hall Education Gallery
August 2020 – August 2021
Farmer’s Almanac – Forecast for the Future
This financial information is prepared internally and is subject to audit adjustment.

The audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019 will be posted on the Museum’s website when issued by the Board of Directors.

INCREASING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

MVC has adopted a five-year strategic plan built on six pillars:

- Relevant programs
- Robust partnerships
- Compelling vision
- Accessible collections
- Transparent governance
- Sustainable funding

Without consistent and reliable funding, the Museum cannot achieve its goals. We are pleased to report that because of your help, we are on our way toward financial sustainability.

MVC’s focus over the last two years has been to bolster its endowment, increase earned revenue from admissions, store sales, venue rental, etc., and create prudent reserves. We have had initial success in all these arenas, but we still have much to achieve toward our goals, which are to earn 20 percent of our revenues from endowment earnings, 20 percent from earned income, and have reserves equal to three months of operating costs.

The success we have achieved thus far would not have been possible without the continued support of our government partners, Ventura County and the City of Ventura. Both have pledged multi-year grants that enable MVC to forge forward by stabilizing operations and by delivering stellar programs and services. On behalf of the entire Ventura County community, we are grateful for this vital support.
MUSEUM OF VENTURA COUNTY

VOLUNTEERS—THE HEART OF OUR MUSEUM!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND VOLUNTEER AT YOUR MUSEUM

MVC has a vibrant staff and volunteer culture, with a range of volunteer opportunities from which to choose. When you decide to join the volunteer team at MVC, there are options in Visitor Services, the Research Library and Archives, Event Services, Administrative Support, Education Tours, MVC Ambassadorship, and our Docent program.

To apply for a volunteer position online, visit www.VenturaMuseum.org.

Museum volunteers gain satisfaction out of doing something unique in giving back to our community. Our volunteers support the preservation of Ventura County heritage and continue learning about our County’s history and art through service and research.

We give our heartfelt thanks to all of the dedicated loyal docents and volunteers who make the Museum what it is today; without them we could not exist. For 45 years, the docents and volunteers have supported the Museum’s goals of preservation through library archiving, educational tours, exhibits, and engaging with the community. Because of their efforts we better celebrate our history and educate our community. These goals are part of the Museum’s plan to maintain our importance in history and our community, gain membership and make sure everyone who comes to the museum leaves feeling enriched by their experience. We need volunteers to continue reaching our goals.

“You will get satisfaction out of doing something to give back to your community that you never get in any other way.”
—Ruth Bader Ginsburg

The Museum is a place where families, schools and community come together to celebrate art, music, lectures, film and to have fun. Our volunteers make this possible. The Museum thanks everyone who has given their time to volunteer. We wouldn’t be where we are today without their service!

Liisa Pynnonen, Volunteer Coordinator
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COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Audit ensures that the Museum’s financial systems are audited regularly by a qualified entity so that they are accurate and meet professional standards.

Development oversees fundraising activities to ensure that the Museum has the financial resources to reach and support its mission and annual programs.

Finance and Investment ensures that the Museum acts as a responsible steward in managing its financial resources to accomplish its mission in an effective and efficient manner. It ensures that the Museum adheres to all legal requirements and accounting principles to ensure fiscal responsibility and build public trust.

Governance reviews the Museum’s leadership and management infrastructure and refines the policies, procedures and legal documents that support best practices for nonprofit organizations. It ensures that MVC moves into the future with the strongest building blocks.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Accessions considers potential collection and deaccession of history-related materials.

Agriculture Advisory and Farm Implements advises on the operation of the Agriculture Museum and provides for the development and maintenance of the farm implement collection.

Docent Volunteer Council provides volunteer support to library operations, school tours, curatorial efforts, and exhibition preparation and construction.

Endowment creates a strong and stable base of continued financial support for the Museum through increasing endowment funds.

Fine Arts promotes interest, appreciation, education and research in art through exhibits, collection, conservation and preservation of the Museum’s fine and decorative arts collection.

Innovation explores opportunities for audience expansion through the development of new programming, diverse exhibits, expanded education programs and the Museum’s use of technology.

Latino Advisory advises the Museum on programs and exhibits that reflect and involve Latino and Chicano culture and history.

The Museum of Ventura County appointed three new members to its Board of Directors in July 2019.

Jessica Arciniega – Oxnard
Formerly an associate at Wasserman, Comden, Casselman and Esenten, LLP, Jessica has now been assistant general counsel at the Agricultural Labor Relations Board since 2012. Jessica is also formerly a Board member of MICOP, the Mixteco Indígena Community Organizing Project.

David Fukutomi – Camarillo
David is a prominent government and private sector consultant specializing in security and emergency management. His government service has included stints with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services. He has served as a consultant to various government agencies including the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and State of California.

Tom Pecht – Oxnard
Tom is the co-owner and operator of Pecht Ranch, a family business that grows avocados and citrus. He is part of a multi-generational County family. Tom is involved with numerous other regional nonprofits. He serves on the Board of Directors for Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association and the Leadership Advisory Council for Interface Children & Family Services.
What an exciting year! As you learned in earlier pages, among the many positive happenings that the Museum had this past year, was the unexpected receipt of two generous estate gifts that came at a key time. The Main Street and Santa Paula Museums were suffering from significant deferred maintenance—the roof on the Main Street Museum needed replacement at a cost of $105,000, and we had no funds in the budget for it. These estate gifts made the roof possible. Over the years, I have found that estate gifts come at the perfect time, and the time to plan for these types of gifts is now.

Planned gifts or bequests can be as simple as including the Museum in your estate plans by naming the Museum as a beneficiary in your will, a life insurance policy, a charitable trust or annuity, or other deferred gift opportunity. These types of gifts are a significant resource for the strength, growth and sustainability of the Museum, ensuring that our treasured history will continue.

In the early 2000s, the Museum developed a program to encourage and recognize those visionary community members who remember the Museum in their estate planning. The program, The Edith Hobson Hoffman Society, is named for Edith’s long legacy of generosity and community-minded spirit and provides special benefits to its members, which include anyone who specifies a planned gift to the Museum.

Our Museum friends who have included planned gifts/benefits inspire confidence in the Museum’s mission and empower our community to pursue the ideas and dreams that move our Museum forward. Additionally, gifts to our endowment fortify the Museum’s overall health, sustaining it as it continues to evolve and expand.

We are truly grateful to all who have generously included the Museum in their estate plans and hope that our work is inspiring even more people to include the Museum in their planning.

Kate McLean
Board Chair
In 2019, business leaders from around Ventura County came together with the Museum to create the Business Club. Ranging from small businesses to global, publicly traded corporations, these members are actively stewarding the Museum’s mission and vision.

For more information, please contact Development Director Eric Knight at eknight@venturamuseum.org.

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- California Oaks Property Management
- California Resources Corporation
- E.J. Harrison & Sons Corporation
- Haas Automation
- Leavens Ranches
- Limoneira
- Pierpont Racquet Club
- TOLD Corporation
- Ventura County Credit Union

The Museum of Ventura County relies on sponsorships to present our exhibits, programs, and more. MVC offers sponsor opportunities for any size business, from $500 to $10,000 and above.

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Sponsor opportunities include:

- Free First Sundays
- Exhibit Openings
- Panel Discussions
- Special Events
- Exhibits
- Lectures
- Music Series
- Custom Opportunities

Many MVC Board members and staff were recognized for accomplishments in 2019:

**Anna Bermudez**, Chief Curator, was selected to collaborate with the Smithsonian Latino Center on a 2021 exhibit at the Smithsonian Latin American History Museum.

**Elena Brokaw**, The Barbara Barnard Smith Executive Director, was one of the Pacific Coast Business Times’ Top 50 Women in Business, voted Citizen of the Year by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, and named as one of the top 50 most influential people in the tri-county region by the Pacific Coast Business Times.

**Kate McLean**, Board Chair, was the inaugural recipient of the Kate McLean Award for Exemplary Leadership, awarded by the Center for Nonprofit Leadership at California Lutheran University.

**Tom Pecht**, Board Member, with his wife Karen, was recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals as Philanthropist of the Year.

**Dick Rush**, Board Member, was named as one of the top 50 most influential people in the tri-county region by the Pacific Coast Business Times.

**Denise Sindelar**, Deputy Director, was voted Arts Leader by Mayor Matt LaVere in the Ventura Mayor’s Arts Awards.
Major funding for these programs is made possible by the City of San Buenaventura, the County of Ventura, and private and community donors.