

Our Historic Sites

The San Mateo County Historical Association operates three museums: the San Mateo County History Museum, the Woodside Store and the Sánchez Adobe.

Between the three sites, and outreach programs, the Historical Association serves 60,000 adults, children and families each year.



San Mateo County History Museum, constructed 1910.



Woodside Store, constructed 1854.



Sánchez Adobe, constructed 1846.

Donor Recognition

Any amount of financial support is deeply appreciated. As a special thank you for your contribution, you will be acknowledged in the following ways:

Supporter, \$1- \$99

- Recognition on our website

Friend, \$100- \$249

- Recognition on our website
- One day pass for a family of four to the History Museum

Benefactor, \$250- \$499

- All of the Friend acknowledgments
- Membership to the History Museum for one year
- Recognition in the *Historical Happenings* newsletter

Historian, \$500- \$999

- All of the Benefactor acknowledgments
- Discounts on renting the History Museum for private events

Golden Circle of Friends, \$1,000- \$4,999

- All of the Historian acknowledgments
- Recognition on a donor board at entrance of the History Museum
- Recognition in the Annual Report
- Exclusive invitation to the Golden Circle of Friends Recognition Event
- Commemorative gift

President's Roundtable, \$5,000- \$9,999

- All of the Golden Circle of Friends acknowledgments
- Sponsorship recognition on Exhibits/Children's Programs/Adult Activities (to be arranged with staff)

Chairman's Roundtable, \$10,000 & Up

- All of the President's Roundtable acknowledgments
- Private behind-the-scenes tour of the History Museum (to be arranged with staff)



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2025 Annual Campaign Looking Ahead



Students learn about the Ohlone culture with "hands-on" activities at the History Museum.

What is the Annual Campaign?

The Annual Campaign is a volunteer-led fund drive that provides more than 33% of the revenue necessary to maintain the San Mateo County Historical Association's programming.

Great Progress Made:

On September 14, 2024, our San Mateo County History Museum opened *Peninsula Innovators Changing The World* in its long-anticipated J. Burgess Jamieson Gallery. This \$1.5 million new permanent exhibit tells the stories of the Peninsula's top innovators and entrepreneurs: From R. I. Knapp, the 19th century inventor of the Knapp Sidehill Plow (which revolutionized agriculture in California) to local venture capitalists who, over the last five decades, have made possible products and services that have changed the world. These stories may be explored through films in the *Paul Cook Theater of Innovation* and in the state-of-the-art interactive displays and electronic timeline which allow visitors to learn about our incredible innovative leaders with a swipe of the hand and finger on the screen.

The Annual Campaign Supports:

- Operating our San Mateo County History Museum in Redwood City. This 40,000-square-foot building allows the public to experience the San Francisco Peninsula's story from the time of the Ohlone Indians until today's era of great innovators.
- Public access to the Sánchez Adobe Historic site in Pacifica. Visitors take in the first three periods of California History that are all represented at this place.
- At the Woodside Store in Woodside our patrons encounter a nineteenth-century country store set in the midst of what was once a vibrant logging industry.
- Conducting hands-on, highly interactive school programs at our three above locations plus Folger Stable in Woodside.
- Preserving the 450,000 historic items in our Historical Association's collections and making them available for public review either online or at our research library at the History Museum.
- Organizing public educational programs on a regular basis: This includes having the History Museum open without admission fees every first Friday of the month.
- Partnering with others on large community events. This includes a variety of free program days. For example, every fall the History Museum teams up with Casa Círculo Cultural to stage a *Día de los Muertos* celebration.
- Continuing a creative schedule of changing exhibits at the History Museum.
- Publishing our journal, *La Peninsula*.



New Permanent Exhibit:
Peninsula Innovators Changing The World
in the J. Burgess Jamieson Gallery

Coming Soon!

In 2026 our nation will be observing its 250th year. Our San Mateo County Historical Association will be recognizing this great milestone by adding three new venues to its San Mateo County History Museum.



Under construction: The 15,000-square-foot Taube Family Carriage House and Automobile Gallery. Under renovation: Lathrop House.

We will celebrate:

- The completion of the 15,000-square-foot Taube Family Carriage House and Automobile Gallery which will include a permanent exhibition floor displaying our prestigious collection of horse-drawn vehicles, a changing exhibits floor which will allow us to showcase vehicle collections from throughout California, and a rooftop special events space.
- The opening of the 1863 Lathrop House which was moved to our block in 2019. It will sit opposite the Carriage House on the Marshall Street side of a Museum block. Rooms in the House will be furnished to reflect the lives of the different 19th century families who lived in it. Education programs will link the history of the mansion to the Carriage House.
- The installation of the Peninsula Natural History Gallery which will unveil the History Museum's rich collection of paleontological specimens, including a replica skull of the Giant Short-Faced Bear and the remains of the extremely rare *Paleoparadoxia*.

This is a bright future, but we need your support to help get us there!