

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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2026 Annual Campaign The Future is Now



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Students explore the immigrant experience and learn about the diverse people who came to this area in our *Land Of Opportunity* exhibit.

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.

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 here.
- 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 education 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*.

Opening 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.



The permanent exhibition floor of the Carriage House under construction. Photo by Carmen Blair.



The "Museum Block" will include the Taube Family Carriage House and Automobile Gallery, a new Natural History Gallery, the newly renovated Lathrop House and the History Museum. Photo by Patti Cooley.

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. Located on the Marshall Street side of the Museum Block, it will sit opposite to the Carriage House. The rooms in the house will be furnished to reflect the lives of the different 19th century families who lived in it. Upstairs will be a changing exhibit gallery featuring local history.
- The installation of a 2,700-square-foot Peninsula Natural History Gallery which will unveil the History Museum's rich collection of paleontological specimens, including the remains of the extremely rare *Paleoparadoxia* and ancient elephants.

The Challenge:

The addition of these new venues in 2026 represents a capital expense of \$23 million. This will *double* the size of the History Museum's public spaces. Especially in the first year, this will require additional exhibits, education programs and a variety of new visitor services. A strong Annual Campaign is the essential tool for the Historical Association to provide the necessary funding for these remarkable improvements.

Our future is bright, but we need your help! Please contribute to our Annual Campaign.

ON THE COVER: Pristine horse-drawn vehicles in San Mateo County Historical Association's Carriage Collection, currently in storage and bound for the new Taube Family Carriage House.