

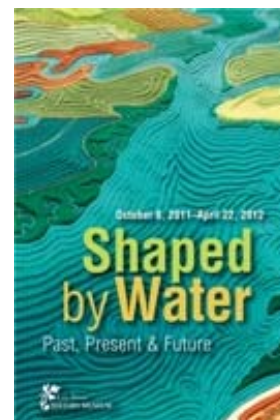
## FACT SHEET

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## ***“Shaped By Water – Past, Present & Future”***

***On Exhibit October 8, 2011 – April 22, 2012***

- Opening Weekend at the Museum | October 15 & 16, 2011 | 12:00-4:00 p.m. -
- Opening Reception | October 15, 2011 | 6:00-8:30 p.m. -

### ABOUT

The role of water in shaping the history of Santa Clara Valley – and how its usage will shape our future moving forward – will be showcased in the Los Altos History Museum’s upcoming exhibition, *“Shaped by Water – Past, Present & Future,”* October 8, 2011 – April 22, 2012. Through photographs, art, stories, and interactive activities, visitors will gain a greater appreciation of the role water plays in our lives – and learn new ideas to protect and preserve this essential resource. To further augment the exhibition, the Museum will also present an inspiring slate of educational programs and events scheduled throughout the course of the exhibition. The Museum will also display water-related art work by San Francisco Bay Area-based artists that further exemplify the story of our connection with water including *“Wetland Washing Machine”* by Mark Brest van Kempen, *“Barreled by Plastic”* by Kathleen Egan, and *“46,000 and counting”* by Judith Selby-Lang and Richard Lang. *“Reflections on Water”* a multimedia art exhibit will be displayed in conjunction with the exhibition at the Los Altos Library from November 1-30, 2011. *“Watershed Sculpture at Adobe Creek: An Inquiry into Ecological Restoration”* with artist Daniel McCormick at the Redwood Grove in Los Altos, (scheduled January 13-16, 2012), will engage the community to build a bio-engineered willow sculpture to restore a creek bank along Adobe Creek.

### OPENING WEEKEND AT THE MUSEUM

**OCTOBER 15, 2011, 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Public Opening Reception at the Los Altos History Museum**  
**OCTOBER 15-16, 2011, 12:00-4:00 p.m. – Riveropolis!**

Two amazing days of family fun. Riveropolis is an interactive 30 foot long kinetic “social sculpture” and waterway installation where visitors of all ages can celebrate the joy of water through play and other hands-on activities. Led by artist Gregory Gavin. As seen on KQED. [www.riveropolis.com](http://www.riveropolis.com)

### WHERE

The Los Altos History Museum is located at 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California.

### EXHIBITION HOURS AND ADMISSION

Museum hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m. Admission is FREE. Special tours can also be scheduled by appointment.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

650-948-9427 | [www.losaltoshistory.org](http://www.losaltoshistory.org)

## ASSOCIATED PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

The following Fall/Winter programming complements the exhibition content and is scheduled through January 2012. Additional programs and events through April 2012 will be announced at a later date. For ongoing information and the latest updates to exhibition programming visit [www.losaltoshistory.org](http://www.losaltoshistory.org).

### **Tree Building Workshop for Riveropolis Installation**

September 24 & 25, 2011, 12:00-4:00 p.m.  
with artist *Gregory Gavin*  
Los Altos History Museum courtyard

### **Wheat Grass Planting for Riveropolis Installation**

October 9, 2011, 12:00-2:00 p.m.  
with artist *Gregory Gavin*  
Los Altos History Museum courtyard

### **The Neutra House Architecture Speaker Series: Sustainability**

October 13, 2011, 6:00 p.m.  
*Charles Davis*, architect for the Monterey Bay Aquarium  
Hillview Community Center, Social Hall  
\$20 general admission [www.neutrahouse.org](http://www.neutrahouse.org)

### **Reflections on Water: Multimedia Art Exhibit**

November 1-30, 2011, Library Hours  
Reception - November 8, 2011, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Los Altos Library [www.santaclaracountylib.org/](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/)

### **Rainwater Harvesting Workshop – DATE CHANGE**

November 5, 2011, 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
*Arnie Thompson, Acterra*  
Redwood Grove, Los Altos  
\$35 Registration limited. Register at [www.acterra.org/stewardship](http://www.acterra.org/stewardship)

### **Significance of the Watershed in Ancestral Ohlone Culture**

November 8, 2011, 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
*Mark Hylkema, Archeologist, California State Parks*  
Art Exhibit reception preceding at 6:30 p.m.  
Los Altos Library, Program Room [www.santaclaracountylib.org/](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/)

### **Community Build of Daniel McCormick's Watershed Sculpture at Adobe Creek**

January 13-16, 2012\*  
Redwood Grove, Los Altos  
Registration limited. Register at [www.acterra.org/stewardship](http://www.acterra.org/stewardship)  
\*weather permitting - check website for up-to-date information

## ABOUT THE LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

The Los Altos History Museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history of the Los Altos area. Permanent exhibits include: "*Crown of the Peninsula: Los Altos Land Use Over Time*," the J. Gilbert Smith History House, and outdoor agricultural exhibits. The Museum is a partnership between the Association of the Los Altos History Museum, a private non-profit (501)(c)(3) organization and the City of Los Altos.

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