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Impact Report

The Association of the Los Altos Historical Museum

2015-16

This annual impact report tells you how we did this past fiscal year. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to another successful year to come!

– ***Ed Taft,*** *President 2015-16*

An eventful year!

TERRIFIC EDUCTAIONAL PROGRAMS:

Art/Object Photography & Lighting Workshop

Artist Talk with Marianne Lettieri

Capture History! (oral history how-to)

Garden & Historic Bike Tours

Historical Preservation Celebration

How SF Saved its Heart with Rick Laubscher

Ikebana Show

Many Communities, Many Voices exhibit reception

Memoir Writing Workshop with Sylvia Halloran

Monthly Lean In Circle

Panel of California Artists on working with history

Spirits Return exhibit reception

Veterans Day with Robin Chapman & Cantabile

Vintage Tintype Photography Class

FUN SPECIAL EVENTS:

29th Annual Crab Feed & Auction

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party

Catch the Spirit! holiday boutique & local authors

Gait & Balance Classes

Garden Party Gala at the Geschkes

Hau Beiren @100 Reception

Indian Home Cooking Class & Dinner

Jazz in the Afternoon

MoonFest!

Museum-Rotary-Kiwanis Chamber Mixer

Ohlone Day!

Picnic & Train Ride on the Niles Canyon Railway

Semeria Castle Gala

SV Gives: day of online giving

Train Days!

Original exhibitions & programs

We educated!

1,118 third- and fourth-grade students from Los Altos/Hills visited the Museum for a **history tour** tied to their class curriculum.

The **annual historical essay contest** for 3rd-6th graders attracted 460 entries, with Gardner Bullis taking home the trophy this year.

Five original exhibitions...

In the **SMITH HOUSE GALLERY,** we displayed **images of early Los Altos**, including businesses, railroads, and the Smith House itself, followed by an exhibit on **local politics**. All were drawn from the Museum collection. In the **MAIN GALLERY,** curated by our professional staff and created by community members:

- ***Spirits Return:*** *Cultural Traditions Keeping Memories Alive* connected visitors with cultural traditions throughout the world by which families honor and celebrate the memories of their ancestors. We made new friendships, notably with the Mexican Consulate.
- ***Reflect & Create:*** *Where Art and History Intersect* saw local artists creating new works inspired by artifacts in the Museum's collection.
- ***Many Communities, Many Voices:*** *Personal Narratives from the Oral History Collection* highlighted our program which records, preserves, and makes accessible the personal narratives of many members of our community.

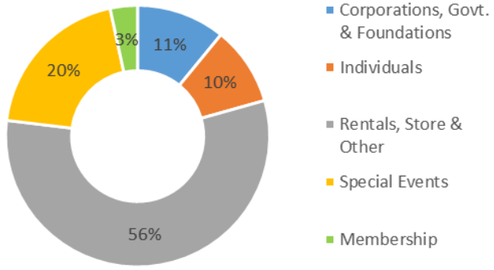
This year, we welcomed 19,367 visitors. Thanks to our docents and store volunteers, the **Museum is open** to the public four days a week (Thursday-Sunday) from noon to 4pm. Admission is free, thanks to generous support from members—like you!

A very good year!

The Museum's **balance sheet is strong**, with approximately $1 million in assets and *no debt*. These assets provide **reserves** to maintain the Museum's mission in spite of any adversity, as well as to generate investment income to supplement the Museum's operating budget when needed. The **facility rental program** remains strong, with many dates already booked for 2017. **Thanks to donors like you**, a successful Annual Fund campaign raised over $58,000 and exceeded our goal for the year.

INCOME	
Corporations, Govt. & Foundations	$79,270
Individuals	$70,944
Rentals, Store & Other	$410,591
Special Events	$143,742
Membership	$24,465
TOTAL INCOME	**$729,012**
EXPENSES	
Staff	$284,644
Contract Workers	$248,885
Supplies & Equipment	$43,277
Admin & Other	$36,096
Printing	$31,952
Facility	$22,167
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$667,021**
NET	**$61,991**

Income



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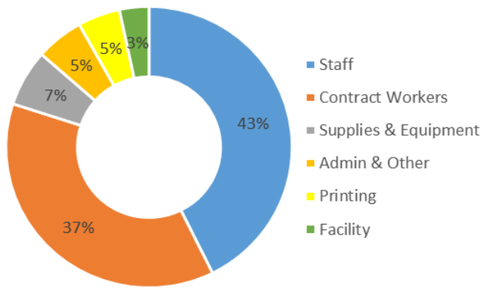

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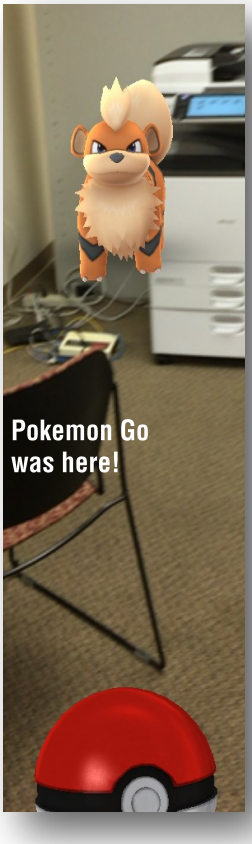

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