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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!

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.

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Celebrating his centennial, internationally acclaimed artist and longtime resident Hau Beiren donated an original painting depicting his series, “Old Apricot Villa,” to the collection.

An eventful year!

TERRIFIC EDUCATIONAL 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
- Smeria Castle Gala
- SV Gives: day of online giving
- Train Days!

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