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GILROY MUSEUM

195 5th Street • Gilroy, CA 95020
(408) 846-0446

HOURS:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10AM - 4PM

First and Second Saturdays
10AM - 2PM

Email the museum at:
Gilroy.Museum@cityofgilroy.org

YOU'RE INVITED

to

Gilroy Historical Society's 6TH ANNUAL HERITAGE LUNCHEON



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

Old City Hall Restaurant
7400 Monterey Street, Gilroy, California

11:30 Social Hour – 12 noon Lunch

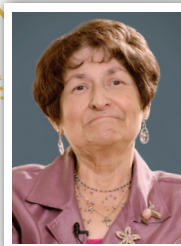
followed by

152 West Productions Presents:
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\$30.00 per person – ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY – RSVP by January 21

If you did not receive a mailed invitation, RSVP to

Joanie Lewis at 408-202-2294



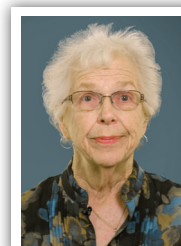
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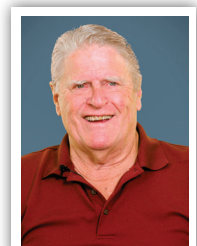
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Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 AM at the Museum, or an alternate outdoor location (due to Covid). Let us know if you would like to attend to share ideas.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

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The following items are for sale with the proceeds going to benefit the Museum.

GHS Historical Footage DVD	\$ 5.00
GHS Gilroy 1950 DVD (55 mins.)	\$ 10.00
GHS Gilroy Museum Tour DVD	\$ 12.00
GHS Oral Histories DVD	\$ 10.00
Old City Hall Collector Spoon	\$ 1.00
Walking Tour Booklets	\$ 1.00
Packet Historical Homes Notecards	\$ 10.00
Single Historical Homes Notecards	\$ 1.00
Postcards	\$ 1.00
Souvenir Pencil	\$.25
Gilroy Museum Mouse Pad	\$ 10.00
Historic Home Prints by R. McGinnis	\$ 10.00/15.00
Tote Bags	\$ 5.00
Juan Bautista De Anza Booklet	\$ 5.00
<i>A Country Doctor in the Valley of Hearts Delight</i> by E. Barratt ...	\$ 5.00
<i>A Hundred Years of the Gilroy Hot Springs</i> by I. Sanderson	\$ 25.00
<i>John Gilroy</i> by Truda Cooling Nelson	\$ 15.00
<i>Gilroy's Old City Hall</i> by Woollacott, Pursell and Myer	\$ 5.00
<i>Images of Gilroy</i> by Claudia Salewske	\$ 20.00
<i>San Martin Then and Now</i> by D. Brodsky	\$ 20.00
Christmas Ornament (Globe)	\$ 10.00
Christmas Ornament (Ceramic)	\$ 10.00



When ordering from Amazon use **smile.amazon.com**, and they will send the Gilroy Historical Society a tiny percentage of your purchase!



Proceeds from Sales Directly Support the Gilroy Museum.

COMING UP SOON AT THE GILROY LIBRARY

Dolores Huerta Exhibit at the Gilroy Library - until January 23rd. Don't miss it!

Gilroy is honored to host this special exhibit curated by the Smithsonian Institution.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

- We are grateful for your support in so many ways! Every penny helps us with our special projects and operational expenses. Since we go to press before Christmas, a complete list of donors will be published in our next Society Page.

THANK YOU

also to the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association. We applied for a grant to help support our Heritage Film Program and were awarded \$2000. This is especially needed as 2022 was the final year of our historic grant from the County for these films and they cost \$10,000 per year. We're also going to apply to the Gilroy Foundation for the same purpose.



WE ARE GRATEFUL

to the City of Gilroy for renewing our license to provide staffing at the Gilroy Museum until 2030. We must be doing a good job! It is a very beneficial partnership as the City takes care of the building, provides utilities, IT support, a copier and computers. We are part of the public face of the City, serving residents and visitors, responding to media inquiries, working with Visit Gilroy and educating our future generations. Long live the partnership!

OLD SAINT MARY CEMETERY

- On November 5th fifty people came to see the remarkable work being done here! **Dave Peoples** and **his crew** have done an incredible job identifying unmarked graves. **Mike Hughes** created small crosses which Dave labeled to identify the person interred and who they were related to. Thank you **Ermelindo Puente** for erecting a lighted flagpole too!

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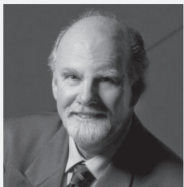
Tales of Local 19th century Gunfighter Sheriff John Hicks Adams

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
AT 10:30AM

IN-PERSON AT
THE GILROY LIBRARY



John Hicks Adams was elected for 5 terms as Santa Clara County sheriff. Among his exploits were the capture of the Ingram Partisan Rangers, Confederate sympathizers and stagecoach robbers, in a shoot-out near the New Almaden quicksilver mines, and the pursuit and hanging of California's most wanted bandito, Tiburcio Vasquez.



WILLIAM BRIGGS, AUTHOR

of *Badass Lawman, Gangs, Guns and the Sheriff who Tamed the Golden State*. He is past co-president of Morgan Hill Historical Society, a former professor and dean in the California State University system.

GILROY LIBRARY (408) 842-8207
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MAYOCK HOUSE AND CHAPEL AT GAVILAN COLLEGE

Around 1980 the Society paid for moving the historic Mayock House from East Sixth Street to Gavilan College. An agreement at the time specified that the carpentry students would restore the house for use by the Faculty Association and the Society would retain use of one room for an office and occasional Society meetings. We have appreciated that privilege, but haven't been able to use the house since 2017 because the facilities administrator said the Department of the State Architect (which must approve all school buildings) said the Mayock House and chapel (moved to campus from Dunneville) did not meet seismic safety standards. Prior to this we understood that as long as students didn't use these buildings they were acceptable to the State.

Our board and member **Rick Santos** (retired from Gavilan maintenance staff) have been concerned about both buildings being empty and unused. In November **Rick, Joanie Lewis** and **Connie Rogers** met with Dr. Pedro Avila, new President of Gavilan, and Jeff Gopp, Gavilan's head of maintenance. We had a very constructive discussion and agreed that both buildings are important to the college. The first step must be to clarify what standards historic buildings on campus must meet and under what conditions in order to be usable.

Research Room Named in Honor of Claudia Kendall Salewske

Claudia was a teacher, author, and an active member of the Gilroy Historical Society. Using our reference room she wrote two books about Gilroy history; **Pieces of the Past** (1982) and **Gilroy** (2003). She developed the third-grade local history curriculum, including a teachers' manual. For seven years Claudia volunteered twice a month at the Gilroy Museum, making a significant contribution to Gilroy's history through her scholarship and research. On December 7th we were proud to name the research room in her honor with a handsome new plaque.



Claudia Kendall Salewske
Photo was by Larry Mickartz



**Connie Rogers and Susan Voss
at the dedication.**
Photo by Adam Henig



Christmas Luncheon for Museum Volunteers



**Connie and Susan getting thank you
bouquets after the Christmas lunch.**



**Volunteers pose on the Museum steps prior to their
lunch at Old City Hall.**

All the December 7th photos were by Adam Henig.





Home schooled students on a Museum tour try out 1890's headgear.



Home schooled students and parents assembled for Museum tour.



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Our original Gilroy fire hose cart in the November 11th Veteran's Day Parade! **Sarah and John Kelly** are holding our banner while **Dave Matuszak** and **Brian Martini** are pulling the cart. Photo by Maureen Hunter.

World War II veteran **Al Gagliardi** was in the Veterans' Day parade at age 100. He is a Life Member and a Past President of the Society!



Goodbye 2022 and Hello 2023!

Like Janus, the Romans' mythological two faced god, the end of one year and the beginning of another often spurs reflections and new aspirations. At the close of each year, the Gilroy Museum summarizes its accomplishments in terms of its monthly statistics. The museum keeps records on its interaction with the public and its internal Museum projects. Together these measurements give a picture of customers served and progress made in maintaining and organizing the Gilroy Museum. Due to publication deadlines, only 11 months are captured in the table below, so the final 2022 statistics will be somewhat larger.

Gilroy Museum-By the Numbers

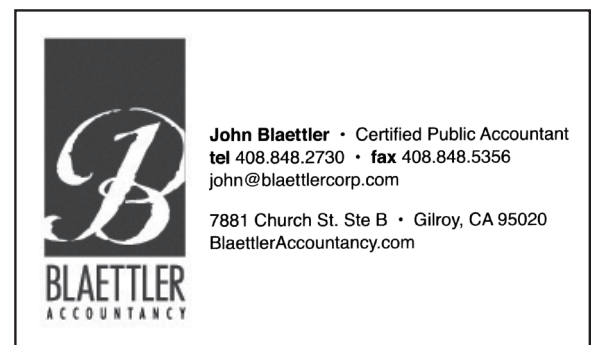
Total Public Participants	Nos.	Internal Museum Audits/Projects	Nos.
Daily Visitors	741	Displays	8
		Events - Chamber of Commerce Mixer;	
Walking Tours	149	Research Room Dedication	2
Museum Tours/Presentations	182	Audited Objects Collection Boxes	419
Traveling Trunk School Program	258	Audited Furniture	151
Research Inquires/Requests	86	Audited Photographic Prints and	570
Total Museum Program Participants	1,356	Framed Photographs & Art Works	150
Volunteer Hours	1,891	Collection Committee Accessions	170

As the table shows, there has been plenty to do in 2022. Another year though, brings new opportunities and a host of new jobs. In 2023, the Museum Volunteers will be busy supporting established public programs and working to ensure a more organized collection. The list of Museum projects includes:

- Assembling and organizing new storage for framed photographs and art works,
- Completing the Objects Collection audit and revising the associated database records,
- Developing and executing a plan for reorganizing the basement storage area,
- Reordering the photographs stored in the newly renamed Claudia Kendall Salewske Research Room and updating their database records,
- Researching and evaluating artifacts considered for removal by the Collection Committee,
- Revising and creating new displays,
- Processing research requests and
- Integrating the Museum's history files more fully into the Museum's database program.

Of course, meeting the 2023 goals is dependent on having dedicated volunteers who enjoy serving their community and telling Gilroy's story. Volunteers do it all from taking snap shots of artifacts for visual records to photographing children posing in bonnets and hats of the 1890's. If you like putting things in order, the Museum Collection comprises about 25,000 items that need to be checked, filed, recorded and verified. Is finding answers or doing historical research your cup of tea? Gilroy is the third oldest city in the county, and at 150 years and counting, there are a plethora of topics to choose. If you're a people person, opportunities exist to meet and greet visitors, give Museum tours, and collaborate with your fellow volunteers. Just want to get out of the house and do something different? Become a Museum volunteer and we'll make sure you are prepared for and comfortable with your assignment! With dedicated volunteers, the Gilroy Museum can achieve its goals. Come join the Museum team in 2023!

Want further information on becoming a Gilroy Museum volunteer? Please call the Gilroy Museum at 408-846-0446 and speak with Susan Voss.



Join the
 Gilroy Historical Society for
**Monthly
 Walking Tours**

**FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
 10:00 AM - NOON (approximately)**

2023 Schedule

*Meet in front of the Gilroy Museum, 195 Fifth Street
 unless otherwise specified*

- January 7** MONTEREY STREET
- February 4** BUNGALOWS
- March 4** WOMEN'S HISTORY TOUR
- April 1** OLD GILROY I (*Railroad and Alexander Streets*)
- May 6** OLD GILROY II (*Forest and Chestnut Streets*)
- June 3** GAVILAN HILLS MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY
(Meet at the cemetery, 1000 First Street)
- July 1** NO TOUR
- August 5** FIFTH STREET
- September 2** NO TOUR
- October 7** WILLIAM WEEKS BUILDINGS
- November 4** OLD ST. MARY CEMETERY
(Meet in front of St. Joseph Family Center, 7950 Church Street)
- December 2** NO TOUR



**Tours Free
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- Reservations suggested but not required -

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