

OUR HISTORY

Heritage Museum of Orange County answers the question asked by many children—"What was here before the freeways, neighborhoods, and shopping malls?" These 11 acres of land near the intersection of Fairview and West Harvard Street in Santa Ana reflect the region's legacy of triumphs, hardships, and transformations. Museum visitors of all ages have the opportunity to step back in time to experience the heritage, history, and culture of the county through hands-on, minds-on educational programs.

OUR MISSION

Heritage Museum of Orange County is a cultural and natural history center dedicated to preserving, promoting, and restoring the heritage of Orange County and the surrounding region through quality hands-on educational programs for students and visitors of all ages.

OUR PAST

During a whirlwind of suburban and business development, the need became apparent to preserve the past and maintain connections to early founders. Providing an ideal link to Orange County's entrepreneurial history, the 1898 home of the Kellogg family was moved from its original location in Santa Ana on Orange and Walnut to Fairview and West Harvard Street in 1980. In 1982, the Maag Family residence, which was originally located on the present-day site of Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana, joined the Kellogg house. Officially founded in 1981, the museum opened for visitors in 1985.

OUR PRESENT

Today, Heritage Museum of Orange County offers elaborate "living history" exhibits and environmental stewardship opportunities for visitors of all ages. Developed to provide a host of exploratory and interpretive educational experiences, Heritage Museum attracts more than 40,000 guests a year.

OUR FUTURE

Heritage Museum of Orange County is moving forward to continue its commitment to excellence as a premier living history and education center. Its 19th century beauty and natural setting sets the theme to experience and learn about the county's unique past. Planning is underway for program development, event and exhibition production, and the restoration of the Maag House and Garden.