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.
OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

Every year, guests from all over Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernadino, Riverside, and San Diego Counties visit Heritage Museum for school field trips, community and private events, exhibitions and lectures, and public hours!

Heritage Museum has worked diligently to partner with organizations and individuals to help subsidize the costs associated with providing programs and services to the community. In supporting these offerings, generous community members help provide invaluable opportunities for visitors of all ages to participate in the hands-on programs that encourage life-long learning and love for history and culture.

As a small non-profit with a big community impact, we ask you to consider supporting our efforts to share cultural and natural history with the residents of Orange County and surrounding areas. Opportunities to sponsor school field trips, public events, exhibitions, natural habitat restoration work, and capital improvement projects are always available. We are grateful for donations in the form of financial contributions or in-kind goods or services. Heritage Museum of Orange County is a 501(c)3 non-profit; therefore, all contributions are tax deductible.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of Heritage Museum of Orange County.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE TO DISCUSS OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION WORK AT (714) 540-0404.
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

FIELD TRIPS

All Heritage Museum programs are created to complement and enhance classroom lessons. This means careful consideration is given to both Common Core and California Content Standards as programs are created and revised. Each educational program uniquely correlates to standards across multiple grade levels. For an overview of where our programs correlate to the Common Core and Content Standards, please visit the "Education and Tours" page on our website: https://heritagemuseumoc.org/
**CHILDREN LONG AGO**

If you were born a long time ago, what would you and your family be doing? Designed exclusively for our youngest guests, this program encourages exploration and imaginative learning through “old time” activities in the Kellogg House.

1 hr. Recommended for Preschool through Kindergarten. $9/person & 10 person minimum (add a 15 minute “old-fashioned” clothes washing activity for $1/person). Weekday tours scheduled at 12pm or later.

**KELLOGG HOUSE**

Through an interactive tour of the historic 1898 Kellogg house, students learn what life was like in the 1890s by playing with vintage toys, doing laundry, making butter, dressing up in Victorian costumes, and other activities.

2 hrs. Recommended for grades K-3. $11/person & 10 person minimum. Extended tour options are available. Groups over 100 persons may require an increase in tour time due to capacity restrictions. Please contact the Reservations desk for more information.

**JOURNEY IN TIME**

Students journey back in time by building on our Kellogg House program with a visit to our working blacksmith shop, featuring members of the Orange County Blacksmith Guild, as well as a “quilt” craft project.

4 hrs. including a 30 minute lunch break. Recommended for grades 2-3. $15/person & 20 person minimum.
Students can explore the lifestyles of native Californians and Rancho settlers through artifacts and activities that focus on foods, homes, tools, and social customs.

2 hrs. Recommended for grades 3-4. $15/person & 20 person minimum.

Students will get to examine and handle authentic and reproduction artifacts. They will taste popular foodstuffs, grind corn, explore Native Californian plants and animals, and learn how these were utilized for everyday Indian life. Indigenous shelters will be discussed and examined along with hunting and fishing methods. Children will don rancho style clothing to role play rancho life and collaborate with their classmates to create a “diseño” (rancho map) of their school or other known location to demonstrate a common challenge faced by rancheros that may have contributed to the subsequent loss of their land.
"Eureka!" Students experience the journey to “The Golden State” with hands-on activities that include purchasing supplies, panning for “souvenir gold” and “traveling on the Oregon Trail.” Wear sturdy walking shoes for this one!

2 hrs. Recommended for grades 4-5.
$13/person & 20 person minimum.
Extended tour options are available.
Groups over 80 persons may require an increase in tour time due to capacity restrictions.

Through hands-on activities students will experience for themselves what it was like to be a miner seeking gold in California. The children will join in as we recreate the traveler's journey to the west. They will learn some of the difficulties and challenges that many faced traveling in a wagon train or sailing the rough seas from lands faraway. They will hear about the explorers who mapped the paths to the west and brought back exaggerated tales of their discoveries: mountains bigger than anyone could ever dream, streams and rivers overflowing with fish, and corn that grew as tall as trees. They will come to understand how these stories influenced people in the east to leave their homes with all the hopes of making a better life for themselves and their families.
Without GPS or telephones, how did the early explorers find their way? From boats to the stars to compasses and the telegraph, early advances in technology were instrumental.

2 hrs. Recommended for grades 4-5.
$15/person & 30 person minimum

During the Early Exploration & Technology program students will learn about the types of transportation and the manner in which it has evolved all over the world since ancient times. Students will also examine the various forms of navigation travelers have used over the millennia-- such as celestial navigation, the astrolabe, and the magnetic compass--through the eyes of famous explorers and hands-on activities.

The content of this outdoor program is interdisciplinary; providing a unique crossover of S.T.E.A.M. activities and Social Science curriculum. From building foil boats to creating their own constellation, students will have the opportunity to participate in interactive projects, all with the goal of reinforcing the lessons you’ve taught in your classroom.
From foods enjoyed by indigenous peoples to plants we eat today, we will explore our local environment and how it affects our food supply.

2 hrs. Recommended for grades K-2
$12/person & 20 person minimum

Students visit the museum to learn about foods enjoyed by people of the past and present. During this program, students will explore our local environment and how it affects the food supply. They will take a nature hike to identify indigenous plants. They will feel the heat and humidity of a working greenhouse, smell fresh grown herbs, feel the texture of different types of soil, discuss the benefits of composting, and plant some seeds. They will explore how we get our water and test the pH of various common liquids to understand when water is safe for our bodies.
EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

ENRICHMENT

With associated costs, participation in extracurricular activities is not always accessible to members of the low-income community. Enrichment programs offered by Heritage Museum are free for participants, and encourage, inspire and support older students outside of the traditional classroom setting. By providing engaging, hands-on learning experiences for young adults, Heritage Museum helps support the development of social, cultural, and human capital for this marginalized and underserved population.
PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

MURAL SERIES
The Mural Series is an after-school art program for high school students that fosters intercultural/intergenerational communication. Small cohorts of students participate in this extended, multi-phase project, which involves collecting oral histories and creating artwork based on a predetermined theme.

PEOPLES HISTORY OF OC
Standardized school curriculums often neglect to include the histories of local, minority and marginalized groups. People’s History of Orange County is a three-week summer program that exposes high school students to these hidden histories through lectures, field trips, interviews with significant historical figures and culminating projects.

MUSEMS INSPIRING CHANGE
The M.I.C. program for middle school students encourages career exploration within the museum industry. During field trips to several local museums, participants learn about the vast array of subjects museums focus on and roles within the organizational structures. This program seeks to build the next generation of museum leaders and supporters.

INTERNSHIPS
By providing access to experiences within the fields of natural science, history, education, marketing, and many others, Heritage Museum is a highly desirable location for local students to seek internship and field work opportunities. Ranging from high school to university level, students gain meaningful academic and career experience at Heritage Museum.
Heritage Museum of Orange County sits on Tongva land once known as the Pasbenga Village. With respect for and responsibility to those who came before, Heritage Museum encourages environmental stewardship by teaching about Orange County watershed ecology, diversity of plant communities, wildlife, habitat restoration, early cultural history, and interpretation. The Gospel Swamp natural area and urban farm serve as valuable resources for people of all ages.
As a primarily outdoor space, Heritage Museum is uniquely privileged to oversee 4.5 acres of land known as Gospel Swamp. The area is utilized as an outdoor classroom to teach the community about natural habitat restoration, urban farming and the importance of keeping open, green spaces. In such a densely populated city, access to land suitable for cultivation is extremely limited. Gospel Swamp Farm, the museum's microfarm, provides opportunities for community members to exchange volunteer work for the space to grow and harvest fresh produce.

Public access to information, trainings and resources can be obtained through participation in the volunteer naturalist program, the borrowing barn, workshops, wetlands restoration days, and guided nature walks.
At Heritage Museum our mission remains at the core of everything we do. By providing free community events that focus on history, heritage and culture, we help connect both past and present realities to the lived experiences of our community members. We celebrate the diversity that exists within Orange County, and provide an inclusive platform for intercultural dialogue.
Every year we provide free events to inspire our community members' appreciation and understanding of their own history, heritage, and culture. This encouraged connection between past and present has an immense impact on the lives of children and adults: Heritage Museum is an invaluable resource for life long learning.

The largest event of the year, "From Dinosaurs to People", draws over 1,100 community members. This interactive program emphasizes Orange County’s natural and cultural history through archeology and paleontology, demonstrations and presentation by Native Americans, and many community partners specializing in relevant fields. Other programs have included Black History Month celebrations, Dia de los Muertos workshops, themed lecture series, historical trick-or-treating, and Las Posadas. Through rotating exhibitions, we further share often obscured history and culture of the area.

Through the implementation of the programs offered at Heritage Museum, we seek to make an impact on our community members by helping them to engage with their own history and culture.
Heritage Museum is fortunate to have generous supporters who believe in the importance of our mission. Sponsors help to support educational programs that enrich the cultural, social, and historical experiences of thousands of visitors from Orange County and the surrounding areas. Our sponsors drive us forward and encourage us to develop new and exciting opportunities for the community. We would be grateful to have your support for our museum family, in the hopes that we may continue to drive community engagement virtually.
All donations at or exceeding $60, will give 6-month access to our Virtual Membership Portal. Additionally, all sponsors that donate at or exceeding the Premier level will receive a shout out on our social media and website. Sponsorship levels do not include additional perks beyond what is stated here.

As a non-profit, we rely heavily on our community. HMOC would not be able to operate without the wonderful folks that pass through our gates. HMOC is facing difficult times in the current climate across the state. Hosting our normal operations is out of the question right now, as it is for so many others. We are hoping to express to you the importance of our community, and the impact Heritage Museum has on these wonderful people that visit us annually. Would you be willing to offer a donation in support of our past, present, and future guests that deserve the chance to make their own memories here at beautiful HMOC? We are currently navigating the digital frontier to offer our programs virtually, so we can reach our HMOC friends from the comforts of their own homes. We invite you to please consider lending a helping hand, we cannot succeed without the support of our community, without help from people and organizations like yours.

**HMOC FAMILY  Any Amount**
We are accepting any donation amount that you may be able to provide. No matter how small a contribution may seem, it goes a long way in the hearts of HMOC staff and those that are supported by your generosity.

**VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP  $60**
Any donations at or exceeding $60 will provide 6-month access to our Virtual Membership Portal. Our portal will include monthly:
- Blog Posts
- Podcasts
- Videos
- Digital Exhibitions
- Virtual tours
- And much more!

**PREMIER  $500.00**
A Premier level sponsorship supports the equivalent of paying for 1 bus and 20 students under normal operating circumstances.

**Bronze  $1,000.00**
A Bronze level sponsorship supports the equivalent of paying for 2 buses and 40 students under normal operating circumstances.

**SILVER  $1,500.00**
A Silver level sponsorship supports the equivalent of paying for 2 buses and 90 students under normal operating circumstances.
**GOLD**

A Gold level sponsorship supports the equivalent of paying for 3 buses and 40 students under normal operating circumstances.

**$2,500.00**

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**PLATINUM**

A Platinum level sponsorship supports the equivalent of the costs behind starting a mural project under normal operating circumstances.

**$5,000.00**

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**DIAMOND**

A Diamond level sponsorship supports the equivalent of the costs behind hosting a summer exhibition under normal operating circumstances.

**$10,000.00**

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**BENEFACTOR**

A Benefactor level sponsorship supports the equivalent of paying for 2,000 students under normal operating circumstances.

**$20,000.00**

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**LEGACY**

A Legacy level sponsorship supports the equivalent of large scale operations including things such as restoration work on our historic buildings or startup costs for new projects around HMOC grounds.

**$30,000.00 +**

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*The cost equivalents displayed in the different sponsorship levels represent a point of reference only. Donations received will be applied as needed. Immediate needs include but are not limited to; Associated COVID-19 expenses, staffing costs, production of digital content, and general restoration and upkeep of HMOC grounds.*

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THANK YOU!