

HERITAGE MUSEUM

OF ORANGE COUNTY

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Greetings from the Wedding and Facilities Sales Coordinator



Candace Chromy

Dear Friends,

It is such a pleasure to be part of The Heritage Museum of Orange County! I joined the staff last August and it is a wonderful place to come to work every day. Being able to show our museum off as a venue for weddings and other events is a joy. We have 46 events booked so far this year, everything from small intimate speaking engagements of 35 in the Kellogg House to large wedding receptions of 350 guests in the gardens.

My focus is generating revenue for the museum by keeping the property booked for events during the times we don't have school tours. One example of the wide array of activities we encourage here was a Master's Final project that film students from Chapman University Film School shot during the month of December. It is so interesting to have a wide array of activities taking place on the property. Project variety brings life and a new dimension to the museum when we would otherwise be underused.

Our gardens offer the perfect venue for a wedding reception or family gathering. While we can serve as an elegant outdoor setting for a private wine dinner, we also have the space for a corporate team building event or a children's birthday party with room for a petting zoo or jump house. Our partnership with Country Garden Caterers (www.countrygardencaterers.com) and Signature Party Rentals (www.signatureparty.com) offers our clientele a one-stop solution to questions of catering and party rentals while offering an expansive array of cuisine and décor. Brides and grooms that have visited our museum as children on a school field trip are excited to return to be married here.

And don't forget, if **you** are planning an event, contact us first and let us provide you the perfect location—The Heritage Museum of Orange County.

Yours truly,

Candace Chromy, Facilities Sales Manager

Event Calendar

April 24 Heritage Museum Volunteer Day of Service

For Orange County's business community and their families

This unique, one of a kind, feel-good experience will feature a variety of volunteer projects to participate in, from skilled to unskilled. See the article later in the newsletter for more details on this exciting event.

For information on how to register your company for this event, e-mail us at corpvolday@heritagemuseumoc.org.

May 1 Welcome Reception for Ms. Alejandra Garcia Williams, Consul General of Mexico

This invitation-only reception at Heritage Museum will bring together City Council and community leaders in welcoming the new Consul General to our community.

May 22 VTS Chocolate Indulgence Tea

The Victorian Tea Society and Heritage Museum of Orange County present "A Chocolate Indulgence Tea." This outdoor tea features chocolate in many luscious forms. "Women of the West" will model fashions worn between 1865 and 1899 and present amusing cameo performances representing ladies of that era. The tea will also feature vendors and an opportunity drawing. All proceeds from the tea will be used to benefit the children's educational history programs offered by the Heritage Museum of Orange County.

For more information and to order tickets, visit www.heritagemuseumoc.org/eventsandtickets.html.

BABC Valentine's Ball Provides Support for Heritage Museum

A ballroom dance contest was staged on behalf of Heritage Museum at the British American Business Council (BABC) Valentine's Ball. This event was hosted at the Pacific Club on Saturday, February 13.

Kelly Gray, President and co-founder of the clothing line Royal Underground, won the contest with partner Marius Popa of Londance Studios.

Retired Superior Court Judge **James Gray** and his wife, **Grace Walker Gray** performed an entertaining duet straight from the 60s and won the highest dollar pledges for the Heritage Museum.

Werner Escher, Executive Director, Domestic and International Markets, South Coast Plaza danced an intriguing routine with a Londance Studio partner.

The event's celebrity judges were *Orange County Register* columnist **Jane Haas**, Pacific Symphony VP/Marketing **Michael Buckland**, Associate Dean of the College of Performing Arts and Chair of the Dance Department at Chapman University **Dale Merrill**, and VP and General Manager of McDonald's Southern California Region **Steve Norby**.

When the stardust settled, Heritage Museum received \$2800 in support of its mission.

A New Grant for Our Educational Programs

The Heritage Museum is proud to announce the award of a grant from Pacific Life Foundation for \$5000.00. This amount is applied towards the Orange County Education Initiative, which supports the expansion of the *First Californians* and *Gold Rush* programs to allow an increase in program capacity and an additional hour of instruction. This is the second year that Heritage Museum has been selected by Pacific Life Foundation.

Back to Natives Restoration Tackles Invasive Plants

Back To Natives Restoration have carried out their first two volunteer work days at the Heritage Museum of Orange County. On January 17 and again on February 21, close to 200 volunteers dedicated their Sundays to pulling non-indigenous plants, including the invasive crown daisy, and replanting with various native plants in an effort to restore the Museum's nature area to its pre-Columbian state. Spearheaded by Education Director Lori Whalen and Director of Restoration, Reginald Durant, this five year project will be carried out entirely by volunteer support and corporate in-kind donations. Once the invasive species are under control, BTN hopes to re-introduce 7 separate native eco-systems, varying from chaparral to wetlands. The next volunteer day is March 21. Please contact volunteer@backtonatives.org for opportunities.

Partnership with Westview Services Is a Win-Win Arrangement

Heritage Museum of Orange County is proud to maintain community partnerships with three different service agencies that



Larry



Cherish

provide training and employment services to individuals with developmental disabilities. The longest-running of these partnerships is with Westview Services (www.westviewservices.org).

Providing Westview's clients with volunteer opportunities can be described as a true "win-win" arrangement. The organization is constantly seeking out such opportunities to help its clients gain transferable job skills and personal satisfaction. During the current economic downturn, volunteer work is even more valuable because there are fewer paying jobs available. All volunteer work must be done at non-profit venues, and those such as ours with outdoor opportunities are particularly well-liked. From the Heritage Museum viewpoint, the Westview group is ideal because unlike most of our volunteers, they can come on a weekly basis and take responsibility for maintenance tasks that must be done frequently.

During a recent visit, Westview made arrangements for me to report on two of the clients, Cherish and Larry, and of the group's job coach, Stephanie Schaefer. To read their stories, please see the complete article on the Heritage Museum blog at

<http://tinyurl.com/westviewvolunteers>.

Volunteer Corner

Heritage Museum wants to thank the many volunteers who have performed key services for us during the past quarter.

Particular thanks go to the Fluor Corporation volunteers who picked our excess citrus fruit on behalf of Second Harvest Food Bank.

We also want to thank the Victorian Tea Society, our volunteer auxiliary, for three special events this past quarter:

- decorating the Kellogg House for Christmas
- the Holly Berry fundraising tea
- the Valentine's Day fundraising tea

The following volunteers provided service at one or more of these events.

VTS Members

Ahmann, Veronica
Angold, Miriam
Aspen-Drsata, Linda
Blundell, Kathy
Brothers, Cheryl
Brown, Sharon
Buckels, Mary
Butala, Suzanne
Carlson, Karen Ayn
Cohen, Angie
Dato, Sherry
Datoc, Marylynn
De Hardt, Susanne

VTS Members, cont.

Dooley, Carol
Gaston, Liz
Guerrero, Georgia
Hoke, Teresa
Krochman, Janet
Layne, Donna
Lindel, Lee
Midgett, Linda
Morris, Mary
Moyer, Caroline
Parsley, Marilyn
Pescarolo, Melinda
Pierce, Mary with her husband
Carl and son Jason

VTS Members, cont.

Rolek, Janet
Smith, Maggie
South, Annette
Stokes, Juanita
Teghtmeyer, Diana
Villeli, Maura
Waddell, Laura
Weyant, Joyce
Volunteers from Godinez H.S.
Altamirano, Viviana
Cruz, Juan
Delgado, Erisbel
Delgado, Evelyn

Volunteers from Godinez H.S.

Diaz, Kenia
Flores, Dulce
Genis, Luis
Gollaz, Brenda
Gonzales, Jenny
Lopez, Juan
Pham, Ben
Pham, Kim
Reyes, Heather
Saucedo, Gabriel
Soto, Lizeth
Torres, Rocio
Vang, Uyen

Heritage Museum Volunteer Day of Service

During National Volunteer Week, April 18-25, numerous corporations from Southern California will team up for the Heritage Museum Volunteer Day of Service on April 24. On this day, dozens of employees from local corporations, along with members of their families, will converge on Heritage Museum to complete a number of major construction, restoration, and repair projects.

Scheduled projects include finishing the exterior painting of the Maag House, removing invasive non-indigenous plants from the nature area, constructing a small bridge, planting a garden of plants used by local Native Americans, painting the wrought iron fence surrounding the property, repairing and painting the floor in the Carriage Barn classroom, and repairing stairs on the back porch of the Kellogg house. Some of the specific projects have been taken on by individual corporations such as Fluor, Disneyland, and AECOM, who are supplying the expertise, materials and manpower.

As of this writing, local corporations Fluor, Ernst & Young, LLP, Behr Paints, Pimco, Pacific Life, Kellogg Garden Products, Grant Thornton LLP, Disneyland, AECOM, and Resources Global Professionals are providing time, materials and supplies, and/or volunteer labor to make the day a success. In addition, In & Out Construction will do preliminary large-machine digging for the garden projects, and Back to Natives Restoration will provide expert assistance to volunteers working on removing invasive plants.

Heritage Museum would like to thank the dedicated committee members who are working hard to organize and carry out this event:

Tanya Aguilar	Carol Stone	Adam England	Valerie Troup (Volunteer Center)
Cindy Beyl	Kathy Faith	Susan Caumiant (United Way)	Diane Killeen (Diane Killeen)
Margarita Miranda (Fluor Corp)	Colleen Mensel		

Kid Wisdom

One of the concepts explained on Kellogg House tours is that although electricity was available for homes, it was used only to operate lighting. During the program segment where the children learn about doing laundry and other chores, some program instructors ask them to name electric appliances that would not have been available in 1898.

On this particular day, the kids had named washer, dryer, microwave, and vacuum. In an attempt to elicit one more key kitchen appliance, the instructor asked, "What about after you eat?"

"Dessert!" shouted one of the boys triumphantly.

Wish List

USB-compatible computer projector, new or used

conference room chairs, new or used

copy paper
postage stamps

glue sticks for school tours
paper towels

Recommending Heritage Museum Facilities - Another Way to Support Our Mission

Do you know anyone who is planning a wedding (or who you suspect will be doing so soon)? What about a shower, a birthday or anniversary party, or a family reunion? Do you or someone you know belong to an art or craft guild that would like put on a public showing of their work? Is your company or club or church group looking for a fun site for a group picnic or an elegant venue for a special dinner party? What about a photographer who needs a location with beautiful and varied backdrops for a special photo shoot? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then tell them about us!

Heritage Museum derives the financial support it requires to fulfill its mission of maintaining and improving its educational offerings, restoring and maintaining its antique homes and artifacts, and developing its grounds from three main sources:

- Direct contributions from corporations and individuals
- Corporate and foundation grants for specific projects
- **A social enterprise program based on renting museum facilities**

By recommending Heritage Museum as a venue for any type of gathering, you are helping us grow much-needed income from the social enterprise component of our funding.

Word of mouth is one of the best marketing methods available, so your personal recommendation is a valuable contribution to our mission. Please invite people who may need a special event venue to check us out by visiting our website at www.heritagemuseumoc.org or calling us at 714-540-0404. Be sure to let them know that renting our venue helps us to provide educational field trips for nearly 20,000 children each year and to preserve precious historic buildings and artifacts for our own and future generations.

Sponsor a Day, Week, or Month of Educational Programs

Help support the costs of our Programs by sponsoring a day, week, or month of them. Your name and logo will be prominently displayed in the Kellogg House. You can also sponsor our Public Hours. Please call 714-540-0404 for details and sponsorship pricing.

Thank You to Our Donors

Thank you to the following companies and individuals who have made donations to Heritage Museum since our last newsletter.

<p><u>\$4000</u> Kellogg Garden Products</p> <p><u>\$1000-\$1500</u> Adams, Carol Batista, Valerie/Lee, Jordan* Bushman, Bruce & Julie Gioia Luisa America, Inc. Harrington, Julie Johnson, Richel/Morgan, David* Kang, Janice/Suh, Mike* Kurtz, Ken & Norma Moreen, Megan Ann/Folkman, Matthew Lee* Ohe, Amalia/Gamez, Daniel Shute, Shannon/Tanksley, Matthew* Villegas, Elizabeth</p> <p><u>\$500-\$999</u> Learner, Rebecca Matoba, Rika/Lopez, Henry*</p>	<p><u>\$500-\$999, cont.</u> Pena, Bianca/Ng, Cole* Phan, May/Mai, Sean* Schlopy, William/Martineau, Aimee* <u>\$100-\$499</u> Austin Hardwoods & Hardware, Inc. Braithwaite, Robert Goda, Gene Gray, Jim P Gray, Marie Johnson, Karen McCann, Carol Passchier, Arie Spitzer, Michael J. Stone, Carol Vickery, Kay Yarbrough, Norma</p>	<p><u>\$10-\$99</u> Anderson, Mary Brandalise, Ron & Judy Chapman, Gerald, D.D.S. & Staff, Cooper, Robert & Diane De Souza, Aubrey Esber, Jeff & Suzanne Fierce, Martha Gibson, John R. Goldstein, Sandi Govern, Frank & Sharon Graham, Antoinette Hancock, Michelle Hayden, Dennis D. Hose, Bruce Inslee, Josephine Reuter Kellogg, Joanne Key, Arlene</p>	<p><u>\$10-\$99, cont.</u> Kinnear, Dave Larson, Diane McCullough, Edward M. Meinhold, Diana Meyer, Mirth Middleton, Alicia Muth, Mary M. Partridge, Robert & Alice Ptak, Alan Ross, Lorna Rote, Karen Rugg, M. D. Slidders, Ken Tonkovich, Mr. & Mrs. E. Paul & Janet Whitford, Ralph Whitney, Blaine Williams, Mr.& Mrs.Dan Wisniewski, Nancy</p>
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* These couples have chosen the Heritage Museum for their wedding and/or reception

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Heritage Museum of Orange County is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization 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. The museum educates more than 20,000 visitors each year primarily from schools, both public and private, and other youth groups.