



## **Public Tours & Programs**

From lectures and visits by historical characters to children's crafts programs to guided walking tours to the oldest buildings in downtown Pleasanton, the Museum on Main offers a variety of programs to suit the needs of the community.

### **Public Programs**

**Guide By Cell Audio Tour:** Participants are able to dial into a central phone number and with the push of a button get history of the community and some of the buildings in our historic downtown. FREE

**Ed Kinney Lecture Series: *An Evening With . . .* January-October 2011**

A monthly lecture series and performances held at the Firehouse Arts Center.

**M.o.M.'s Reading Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month 10am – 11am**

Preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families are invited to meet at the Museum On Main for a *free* monthly reading and craft program. Book reading begins at 10am with crafts immediately following. Encourage a love of books with fun topics like Chinese New Year, Hop into Spring, All Aboard for Fun, and Spooky Stories! No reservation is required. Playgroups or large groups please call in advance.

### **Guided Tours**

Guided public tours are available by advance reservation. We offer a wide array of tours suited for various areas of interest and knowledge. Upon request, all of the tours listed below can be modified to the needs of your group. Tours last approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours. Fee, although we conduct a free public walking tour on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. Tour topics range from a museum tour, to downtown walking tour, Pioneer Cemetery, Knowledge Hill, museum "behind the scenes," and local parks. Fee: \$5. Per adult, \$3 per child; minimum of 5 adults.

**Traveling Trunk: Our Local History** Open your door to history! The Traveling Trunk is an opportunity for your organization to learn more about the varied and diverse history of the area. Invite the Museum to your business or community meeting for an interactive educational presentation including artifacts and historical photographs. Minimum \$50 per program.

### **School Programs**

#### **Guided School Tours**

The Museum on Main offers a variety of guided tours. Each tour can be scheduled and designed to accommodate the needs of your group. Guided school tours are available by reservation Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tours last approximately 1 - 1 ½ hours. Tour topics range from a museum tour, to downtown walking tour, Pioneer Cemetery, Knowledge Hill, and local parks. *Tour fees:* \$3 Student/Child; Free- Teacher and Chaperones

**\* Combined Museum & Downtown Walking Tour:** Our most popular guided school tour! Your class will enjoy a tour of the Local History Gallery reviewing our past from pre-historic through present day in addition to a walking tour of the historically significant sites of Downtown Pleasanton.

### **Traveling Trunks**

A mini-museum in your classroom! Traveling Trunks are packed full of original and replica artifacts, historical photographs, activity ideas, educational materials, music, dress-up clothes and more! Teachers may book trunks on a weekly basis and may share within the school. Maximum 3 weeks/school. Unless other arrangements are made, teachers pick up and drop off Traveling Trunks at Museum On Main. Traveling Trunk: \$25 per week (Maximum 3 weeks/school.)

### **Traveling Trunk Topics:**

- **Local History Traveling Trunk (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade):** Focus on the people and places in the history of the Amador-Livermore Valley.
- **Gold Rush Traveling Trunk (4<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Focus on diverse experiences of the Gold Rush and impact on California.

### **Volunteers**

The Museum has a cadre of volunteers who assist the staff in a myriad of ways including serving as docent/greeter, assisting with office work, working with our collection of objects and archival materials, helping with public programs, special events and educational programs. Our volunteers range in age from 13 to 90. They are the foundation of this organization and donate upwards of 5,000 hours a year to help keep the Museum open and serving the public.

## **Fundraising Events**

### **Wines & Valentines Dinner – February 11, 2012, 6 p.m.**

A multi-course meal masterfully prepared and with impeccably matched wines and beers. Also, enjoy the popular two-bit and live auctions.

### **Paint the Town Art Day. – 2013 Date to be determined**

Paint the Town is a *plein air* art event to benefit the Museum on Main.

### **Museum on Main Historic Home Tour - Sunday, June 24, 11am-3pm**

Discover the historic gems of downtown, historic remodels, as well as new construction built to fit right in with the charming community. Presented in conjunction with the Pleasanton Heritage Association.

### **Brothels, Bar Rooms, and Bandits. Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-10pm**

Return to the Pleasanton of old when it was one of the most “desperate” towns in the west! It is 1890 and you are invited to a party hosted by Senator George Hearst and his wife, Phoebe. .

### **Ghost Walk: Tours depart each half hour from 6pm-8pm on: Oct. 21, 22, 28, 29**

Meet the local “ghosts” on your guided tour of the haunted buildings of Downtown Pleasanton. Tours will enlighten you to the history of the area as well as the spirits that have decided to stick around for a while. Be afraid, be very afraid! Guided tours last approximately 2 hours.