



October 2022

Museum News

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Anthropology students once again roam the museum, examining baskets and pottery as they complete class assignments. Community members brave the challenging parking situation for a chance to bring visiting family members from out of town to learn about our local cultural heritage. Descendants of the Pomo basket collections visit cherished ancestors who reside in spirit, within the objects held at the museum. We are grateful for the return to normalcy, and we invite you, too, to visit the museum. Even a pass-through at lunch can bring down your blood pressure on a stressful day! Please come by and say hello soon.

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Keeping it in the SRJC Family

The SRJC Museum recently donated a large amount of vintage clothing to the Fashion/ Theater Department. These were items that were difficult for the museum to store, given our limited capacity, and were gratefully accepted for use in performances as well as clothing construction classes.

On Exhibit

Rare Pomo Basket Returns to SRJC after 18 Year Loan to Grace Hudson Museum

This large, masterfully woven basket was just returned to the SRJC Museum after an 18 year loan to the Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah. This is a very rare, old basket, circa 1880, with great social significance, in that it was almost certainly made by a native person for native use, as a special occasion basket. In his 1993 book *From Straw into Gold*, Foley (Ben) Benson states that there are approximately 40,000 stitches of sedge grass root and dyed bulrush used to create this spectacular basket, and that it features a pattern called "ant trails". Note the ornate 7 pointed flower design on the bottom of the basket. View this, and many other gorgeous Pomo baskets in the museum today.



The Languages of Headwear.

This exhibit is a fascinating, cross-cultural exploration of hats, helmets, and dance regalia from the SRJC Multicultural Museum's Collections. Exploring themes of identity, protection, status, and ceremony. Up through the end of the Fall semester.

Coming Soon



Dia De Los Muertos Exhibit October/November

View our altar in the museum, created by student employees and volunteers, along with other altars across the SRJC campus, starting October 24th, on exhibit through early November.

International Education Week November 14th - 18th

The Museum is partnering with the International Student Program to create an exhibit featuring photos and objects representing the different countries that are represented through SRJC's very own International Students!



Elsie Allen cutting redbud at Warm Spring Dam site, Sonoma County 1980.
Scott Patterson, photographer

Breaking Traditions: The Legacy of Elsie Allen's Commitment to the Pomo Women's History Month, March 2023

The year 2023 marks the 20 year anniversary since the Elsie Allen Pomo Basket Collection came to the Santa Rosa Junior College Museum. We will be celebrating this milestone with a huge event, featuring the entire Elsie Allen Pomo Basket Collection of over 130 baskets, plus photos, videos, and demonstrations. Co-curated with Silver Galletto, Southern Pomo and Coast Miwok basketweaver, and an enrolled member of Cloverdale Rancheria. Stay tuned!

Student Employees and Volunteers



From left to right: Samson, Débora, and Angel

Student Employees and volunteers are the heart of the SRJC Multicultural Museum! These three, featured below, are an amazing team. They prepare educational materials for Children's Tours, help with exhibits, take care of the objects in the archives, and deep clean the museum. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (linked below) to see what else we're working on this year.

Samson is studying anthropology and is proud to be a part of a museum that offers such a well collected and diverse collection. He loves all types of tea, animals, and writing and reading. Samson recently moved to Sonoma County from New York.

-Samson, Student Volunteer, Fall '22

"I have gained such a wonderful and broad perspective on other cultures as a result of working as a student employee at the Multicultural Museum, especially those cultures that have been ruthlessly oppressed for such a long time. It has been a tremendous privilege to be in touch with such a magnificent variety of cultures in addition to being able to look after and maintain these objects that have such a beautiful significance. As a psychology student, the museum's experience has helped me grow personally and equipped me with knowledge that will help me in my future career goals."

-by Débora, Student Employee, Fall '22

"I love volunteering at the SRJC Multicultural Museum! The exhibits are amazing and the staff are awesome! As an anthropology major, I feel a strong need to preserve history and culture. I hope to work for a museum in the future and encourage people to appreciate the diversity of others." Angel was born and raised right here in Sonoma County. She has gone on three cross-country road trips and loved seeing the National Parks and watching the landscapes change.

-by Angel, Student Volunteer, Fall '22



Children's Tours Returning



After a two year hiatus, our Children's Outreach Tours are resuming! There are just a few spaces on our calendar left for 3rd and 4th grade classes to get a fun hands-on learning experience with our enthusiastic volunteer docents. This semester, Professor Lori Laiwa Thomas, an enrolled member of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians and Native American Studies instructor, will engage some of our lucky visitors with traditional Grass Games and storytelling! Visit our Outreach page at: <https://museum.santarosa.edu/outreach-program>

Your Support Matters!

On a very modest budget, with only one full time staff member and a small group of dedicated student employees and volunteers, the SRJC Multicultural Museum provides services to over 4,300 visitors a year



from SRJC and the broader community. By donating money or time to the museum through volunteering, you will be helping us to continue to provide quality exhibits and immersive learning experiences while taking top notch care of our world class collections of cultural objects from all over the world. The SRJC Museum is a gem! Thank you for helping us keep it running smoothly!

How Can I Help?

Visit the Foundation's Giving Page at
<https://santarosajc.ejoinme.org/donation>
Designate your generous gift to the SRJC Museum.
Interested in talking to someone about volunteering?
Call Rachel at (707) 524-1862.



How to Find Us:

The SRJC Multicultural Museum is located in Bussman Hall, behind Analy Hall and the Doyle Library on the Santa Rosa Junior College campus. Look for the two black dog sculptures!

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Current Museum Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm*

No appointment needed!

*through the fall semester, 2022

All SRJC Covid Protocols apply - see website for more information.

Follow Links below this page to visit our website for virtual exhibits, videos, and resources!