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This landmark group started in 1975 ...

The holidays are often the time we consider honoring our loved ones with a special gift. The end of the year is also the perfect time to support those charities and nonprofit causes that we support with a special contribution. **We would be especially grateful this year if one of your year-end tax-deductible donations is to the Santa Clarita History Center.**

Here at the Center, we have been putting a fresh face on our historic buildings. We have opened part of the Saugus Train Station Museum, the first building moved onto the campus in 1980. The Southern Pacific Agent's office has been faithfully restored; and the waiting room filled with historic art and exhibits about the station's move, the upcoming 150th anniversary of the Golden Spike driven at Lang Station, and stories of the people who made a difference and changed the face of transportation in Southern California.

We've also been able to open some of the buildings in Quester Court, adding a special exhibit about the St. Francis Dam disaster of 1928 in the Edison House. Across the courtyard, the Kingsburry House offers a glimpse into home life in the town of Newhall in the early 1900s. And across History Center Drive, you'll see a collection of artifacts from one of the area's favorite landmarks, the Saugus Speedway - one of the community's favorite exhibits, judging from the number of visitors it brings in.

It’s been a busy year for us, and we’ve included a list of projects completed in 2025. But these repairs and exhibits are a costly undertaking. Donations are the life blood of all nonprofit organizations, and the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is no exception.

Another way to support is to join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the SCV Historical Society at our gala fundraiser on March 7, 2026 at the Canyon Country Community Center. We invite all of you to participate in this unique evening, “SCVHS50: Live From Santa Clarita, It’s Saturday Night!” by purchasing seats or sponsoring tables. A breakdown of the sponsor benefits is attached to this letter; please contact Carol Rock at crock@scvhs.org to make sponsorship or seat purchase arrangements.

Your generous year-end gift of any size will be put to the very best use possible. You will have the gratitude of school children, train enthusiasts, and everyone who loves our valley as a reward for years to come. There is also the added bonus that you will be able to visit the fruits of your generosity over and over again as our museums grow and evolve.

There are four ways to give:

Donate immediately by clicking HERE.

Donate though our website at www.scvhs.org. Make an impact all year long by becoming a sustaining (monthly) donor or make a one-time investment today.

Send a check to the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, P.O. Box 221925, Santa Clarita, CA 91322-1925.

Give from your Donor Advised Fund (DAF)

One more way to support is to **become a member** of the Santa Clarita History Center Museums. Visit our website here and click on the membership tab. Memberships provide ongoing support for programming and operations throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued interest and support. We look forward to seeing you at the Santa Clarita History Center in William S. Hart Park soon!

Dr. Alan Pollack, President

Meredith McGowan, Vice President

Projects completed at the Santa Clarita History Center in 2025 with the financial and physical support of the community.

Pardee House:

· All windows have been sealed, inside and out

Newhall Ranch House:

· UV protection is being applied to all windows

Welcome Sign:

· Has been updated to include QR code and reflect City park ownership

Saugus Train Station Museum:

· THE MUSEUM IS OPEN!!!!! Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm

· The freight room door has been sealed on the track side

· The freight and ticket counters have been built

· Temporary display cabinets have been built in the waiting room

· The dock has been completely resurfaced

· An interactive exhibit has been created so visitors can blow the train whistle

· UV protection has been applied to most of the windows of the station and caboose

Edison House:

· UV protection is being applied to all windows

· Pocket windows have been disabled and sealed, except for one used for demonstration

· Railings on porches have been tightened

Ramona Chapel:

· Antique (original) metal fencing has been painted and affixed to the existing perimeter fence

· Pavers installed to match existing courtyard design

Little Red Schoolhouse:

· A trench has been dug behind the schoolhouse and Kingsburry to stabilize the hillside

· UV protection is being applied to all windows

Kingsburry House:

· UV protection is being applied to all windows

· Doors and windows are sealed against dust and pests

Mitchell Adobe Schoolhouse:

· UV protection is being applied to windows

In 2025, we received a significant donation of artifacts from the Saugus Speedway, some of which will require work before they can be put on display. We also anticipate the return of the speedway's scoreboard which is being donated to the SCVHS by the Valley Relics Museum in early 2026.

In February 2025, we began moving all of the artifacts not on display at the History Center to off-site storage to protect them from fire and other disasters. The complete collection is now stored off-site.

Live! Right in your Email! Gala Sponsorship Opportunities!

Golden Dreamliner Sponsor -
$10,000

Reserved Preferred Seating for 10 with gourmet buffet meal, two bottles of wine for the table and gift. Full page ad in event program. Recognition on organization website, press/advertising and sponsor reel at the event.

Silver Locomotive Sponsor - $7,500

Reserved Preferred Seating for 10 with gourmet buffet meal, two bottles of wine for the table and gift. Half page ad in event program. Recognition on organization website, press/advertising and sponsor reel at the event.

Newhall Express Sponsor -
$5,000

Reserved Preferred Seating for 10 with gourmet buffet meal, one bottle of wine for the table and gift. Quarter page ad in event program. Recognition on organization website, press/advertising and sponsor reel at the event.

Whistle Stop Sponsor - $3,000

Reserved Seating for 10 with gourmet buffet meal, one bottle of wine for the table and gift. Quarter page ad in event program. Recognition in event program, on organization website and sponsor reel at the event.

All Aboard Sponsor - $1,750

Reserved Seating for 10 with gourmet buffet meal and gift. Quarter page ad in event program. Recognition in event program, on organization website and sponsor reel at the event.

Engineer Sponsor- $850

Choice of Reserved Seating for 2 or General Seating for 4. Recognition in event program, on event website and sponsor reel at the event.

Station Agent Sponsor - $500

General Seating for 2. Recognition in event program, on organization website and sponsor reel at the event.

Silent Auction Item Sponsorship (with program recognition) - $500+
value

Live Auction Item Sponsorship (with program recognition) - $2,000+ value

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