

Entrance Fees and Donations

While most museums charge no admission fee, they do welcome cash and other contributions. Museums pay their operating costs out of income generated by gifts, donations, sales from the gift shops, and other sources. Most museums must raise funds for utilities, cleaning, preservation, acquisition and building repairs. We urge all visitors to contribute something to the museums they visit.

Don't Throw it Out!

Most of the exhibits have been contributed by public-spirited friends, often family members or residents who have strong community ties. Each collection is unique, and each museum has its own personality.

Museums welcome donations of materials having historical interest. These include clothing, tools, artifacts of all kinds, photographs, letters, written records, objects of daily use, furniture, notebooks, musical instruments, signs and almost anything that would, when displayed or studied, give visitors and scholars a better understanding of the past. If you own, or know others who own such materials, please tell the docents or curators. Help us to preserve a good record of the past so that we can understand the present and prepare for the future.

General Historical Museums

This list of general historical museums in the San Gabriel Valley does not include all of the Valley's interesting historical places. Others are specialized exhibits, historic houses and sites that are not of general historical interest.

The Foothill Curators

Curators of San Gabriel Valley historical museums meet several times each year to discuss projects, problems and resources, and to assist each other in the operation of their museums, projects, outreach, funding and the like. This brochure is a project of the Foothill Curators.

Plan a Historical Museum Tour

Occasionally museums are closed when this brochure indicates they should be open. It's best to call to be sure a museum will be open when you want to visit. Many museums are also open by appointment.

The Internet and Museum Web Sites

This brochure's Internet address is: www.duartehistory.org/foothillcurators.htm where you will find hyperlinks to those museums that have web sites.

**A Guide to the
Locations and Operating Hours
of the
HISTORICAL MUSEUMS
OF THE
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY**

Welcome! We hope that your appetite for local history will be whetted by your visit, and that you will use this brochure to locate other museums in the San Gabriel Valley, and visit them too.