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April 21 & 22: Los Gatos Historic Homes Tour & A Bigger Bash

NUMU Celebrates Vibrant Local History with Weekend-long Fundraising Events



LOS GATOS, CA – February 2018 – New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU) is excited to announce plans for Celebrate History Weekend events including the **Los Gatos Historic Homes Tour** on Saturday, April 21st and **A Bigger Bash** on Sunday, April 22nd at the History Club of Los Gatos.

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Now in its 23rd year, the Los Gatos Historic Homes Tour takes place on one day only - Saturday, April 21st from 9am to 5pm in the historic Johnson Avenue neighborhood, the first commercial center of Los Gatos which comprised 131 acres of land purchased in 1874 by Peter Johnson from Denmark. Seven distinctive neighborhood homes will be featured, including one of the first homes built on Johnson's land and two homes that were formerly a grocery store and elementary school built in late 1890s. The neighborhood also includes the historic Spreckles' Hospital which in turn became the Eastfield Ming Quong Orphanage for Chinese girls and today serves as the conference center for Uplift Family Services.

The program guide provided to all tour goers includes historical and architectural information on the featured homes as well as back stories and trivia on the history of the Johnson Avenue neighborhood, including the locations of the former sites of a private zoo of exotic animals, and the baseball field where Los Gatan Hal Chase practiced. (He was later implicated in the Black Sox scandal of 1919.) Local musicians will serenade tour goers in several homes, one homeowner's private artists studio will be open for viewing, and vintage cars on loan by local collectors will be parked on neighborhood streets for all to enjoy.

And new to this year's weekend event is *A Bigger Bash* – an evening event on Sunday, April 22nd at the History Club of Los Gatos – another historic Johnson neighborhood landmark founded in 1897 by a philanthropic group of women interested in studying history and world affairs and supporting charitable causes. *A Bigger Bash* revelers will be treated to a fun and festive evening

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celebrating local history, arts and culture. In addition to wine, food, song, and dance, an address by a noted guest speaker will round out the evening's program.

Tickets: Pricing and Availability

Tickets for both events go on sale on February 26, 2018. Historic Homes Tour and *A Bigger Bash* tickets are limited. Both events are expected to sell out.

April 21 Los Gatos Historic Homes Tour

\$50 p/person | available for purchase Feb 26 - April 15 | buy online and at NUMU

After April 16, \$65 p/person | available for purchase through April 21st or until sold out | purchase at NUMU & select tour homes only | not available online

April 22 *A Bigger Bash*

Ticket pricing and availability announced in February | purchase online and at NUMU

Tour+Bash Combo

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Check the NUMU website (newmuseumlosgatos/hht) for complete program and ticket information and to buy tickets.

All proceeds from ticket sales, tour program ad sales, and event sponsorships

benefit programs and exhibits at NUMU, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
Celebrate History Weekend is generously supported by The History Club of Los Gatos

New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU), formerly the Museums of Los Gatos founded in 1965, is a public non-profit art and history museum located in the Civic Center Plaza in downtown Los Gatos. NUMU's mission is to engage the community at the intersection of art, history and education through innovative, locally connected and globally relevant exhibitions, programs and experiences.

Museum hours are Wednesdays 1pm-5pm and Thursday – Sunday, 11am-5pm. General admission is \$10. Admission for members of the military, senior and students over 18 years is \$6, and free for members and visitors under 18 years of age.

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