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Los Gatos History Gallery Opens November 2017

NUMU adopts an innovative approach to exploring town history through art, artifacts and spotlight exhibits.



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LOS GATOS, CA — September 2017 — New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU) is pleased to announce the opening of the Los Gatos History Gallery on November 4, 2017.

The Los Gatos History Gallery is an interactive exhibit space dedicated to history featuring mural paintings by Bay Area artist Andrea Borsuk. The program goal is to inspire and empower people to make Los Gatos' richly diverse past a meaningful part of their contemporary lives.

In addition to the murals, the gallery will include objects and ephemera from the NUMU collection and an engaging interactive for public participation.

During the first phase of the history gallery's evolution that began in 2016, Borsuk created a series of community specific landscape murals that chart a course through the Santa Cruz Mountains to Los Gatos and explore the characteristics of the town. The second phase of the gallery was realized in a series of murals that provide the story backdrop for the Ming Quong Orphanage for Chinese girls founded in the 1930s in Los Gatos that exists today as Uplift Family Services. *Radiant Light: The Story of Eastfield Ming Quong* is on view in the Mike and Alyce Parsons Reception area through October.

Borsuk will create additional murals on themes selected by NUMU's History Curator. These will be augmented and layered with objects from the museum's collection to tell significant stories of the people, places and events that have historically shaped our town. Themes to be highlighted include:

Origins and Beginnings

Creativity and Inspiration

Innovation

Industry: Harvesting Agriculture to Harvesting Ideas

Community

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The Los Gatos History Gallery highlights and celebrates NUMU's distinctive role as an art and history museum by incorporating both disciplines. The murals will lead the visitor through time and place, and their flexibility to be reinterpreted make them an ideal and versatile tool for teaching many aspects of history. Topics and stories will rotate to provide new information and experiences for all museum audiences.

The November 4th opening of the Los Gatos History Gallery coincides with NUMU's Winter Celebration, an annual community event to showcase the museum's new exhibitions. Talks and tours with exhibiting artists, artmaking activities in the NUMU MakerSpace and other special programs and activities will be organized throughout the museum.

Major support for the Los Gatos History Gallery is provided by McManis Faulkner. Additional support is provided by The Farrington Foundation, The Los Gatos Community Foundation, EMQ Guild (Happy Dragon Thrift Shop), EMQ Auxilary (Butter Paddle Gift Shop), and Maggie Leach.

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. The NUMU Atelier offers classical instruction in painting and drawing. NUMU MakerSpace programs offer weekday, weekend and evening hands-on art instruction for children and adults.

Museum hours are Wednesday 1pm-5pm, Thursday 11am-8pm, and Friday through Sunday 11am-5pm. General admission is \$10. Admission for members of the military, seniors and students over 18 years is \$6, and free for members and visitors under 18 years of age.

Image: Andrea Borsuk, *Radiant Light: The Story of Eastfield Ming Quong* mural (detail), 2017

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