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Join the Summer Celebration at NUMU, Saturday June 24

New Museum Los Gatos Hosts Annual Open House for the Community

LOS GATOS, CA – May 2017 – New Museum Los Gatos is pleased to present its annual Summer Celebration on Saturday, June 24, 12pm-4pm. Since opening in the Los Gatos Civic Center Center in June 2015, NUMU has hosted summer and fall open house events to celebrate the opening of new exhibitions, and showcase the variety of supporting programs and activities that take place in

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the museum galleries and the MakerSpace and Atelier studio spaces.

During the June 24th Summer Celebration, visitors are invited to tour two new exhibitions, *Power of the Page: Artists' Books as Agents for Change* and *Abstracts From Life: Bay Area Figurative Past and Present*, and (July 25th) closing exhibitions, *Cement Prairie: The History and Legacy of the 1952 American Indian Urban Relocation Act* and *Back From Extinction: Muwekma Ohlone's Heritage, History, and Legacy*. NUMU curators will be available to answer questions and lead tours of the art and history exhibitions.

Visiting artist Michele Théberge will spend the day at the museum engaging visitors in her interactive art installation, *Seeds of Hope* that seeks to amplify the hopes and dreams of all people living in America. Théberge introduced this project as part of *100 Days Action*. She will invite museum visitors to share their thoughts and aspirations and translate them into painted paper seeds that will be added to the *Seeds of Hope* wall installation in the museum. NUMU will continue to collect stories from museum visitors throughout the summer and the artist will return periodically to add visitors' contributions to the installation that will remain on view through mid-September.

Artmaking is also a big part of the day's events. *Power of the Page* exhibiting artist, *Michelle Wilson* will lead a project for kids and adults to create activist posters on hand-pulped paper. This fun and stimulating art project is a continuation of Wilson's ongoing "Books Bombs" community installation series.

Visitors will also be invited to observe a Native American Ti Pi painting demonstration. Local Ti Pi maker, Jesse Salcedo made the TI Pi on view in the *Cement Prairie* exhibition in NUMU's history gallery. Salcedo's Ti Pi is featured at the annual Stanford Pow Wow and various pow wows around the Bay Area. Salcedo mixes common Indian imagery in a modern context to show the merging of traditional and contemporary design. Artists from NUMU's MakerSpace and Atelier Studio programs will participate in the painting demonstration.

Admission to the Summer Celebration is free for NUMU members and visitors under 18 years of age. General admission pricing applies to all other visitors.

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.

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