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Join the Celebration at NUMU, Saturday November 4th New Museum Los Gatos Hosts Biannual Event to Showcase New Exhibitions



LOS GATOS, CA – September 2017 – New Museum Los Gatos is pleased to present its annual Winter Celebration on Saturday, November 4th from 12pm-4pm. Since opening in the Los Gatos Civic Center in June 2015, NUMU has

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hosted biannual events to celebrate the opening of new exhibitions, and showcase the variety of supporting programs and activities that take place in the museum galleries and the MakerSpace and Atelier studio spaces.

During the November 4th Winter Celebration, visitors are invited to tour two recently opened exhibitions, *Waterlines* and *Art & Environment: The Paintings of Andrew P. Hill*. NUMU will also unveil the new *Los Gatos History Gallery*, an interactive exhibit space dedicated to history and created to inspire and empower people to make Los Gatos' richly diverse past a meaningful part of their contemporary lives.

Art making is also a big part of the day's events. Visitors are invited to join the fun in NUMU's MakerSpace and celebrate the national Mexican holiday, el Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Kids and adults will enjoy decorating traditional sugar skulls with royal icing, beads, and colored foil. This family-friendly activity will also take place on Sunday, November 5th from 12-4pm. There is a \$6 materials fee for participants. Admission to the museum is free for visitors ages 18 years and younger.

Curator and artists-led talks and tours will take place throughout the day.

Schedule of Events

12pm-3pm – Representatives from the Sempervirens Fund, Surfrider Foundation, Plastic Pollution Coalition and the Sierra Club will be on hand to share their missions, accomplishments and opportunities for individuals to become advocates for the health and welfare of the forests, oceans and wildlife.

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12:30pm - Meet the collector. Local collector Chuck Bergtold shares his passion for collecting and history. Paintings, photographs and ephemera from Chuck's collection are on view in the *Art & Environment: The Paintings of Andrew P. Hill* exhibition.

1pm - Exhibiting artist and Los Gatos, Marie Cameron shares her process and insight into the spiritual and moral themes investigated in her mixed media assemblages, on view in the *Waterlines* exhibition.

1:30pm – NUMU Art Curator, Marianne McGrath will introduce the newest addition (a donation by Nick Bacica) to NUMU's permanent collection. The work, titled *Wave and Architecture*, is a large bronze and steel sculpture by renowned Bay Area artist, David Kimball Anderson. It is the first installation in the museum's outdoor Sculpture Garden.

2pm - Artist Andrea Borsuk and NUMU History Curator, Amy Long introduce the Los Gatos History Gallery and NUMU's innovative approach to exploring town history through art, artifacts and spotlight exhibits. Borsuk created the mural paintings that serve as the backdrop to the themes explored in the History Gallery.

2:30 – Waterlines exhibiting artist, Danae Mattes leads an exploration of her site-specific *Evaporation Pool* installation made of clay and water that will alter and change for the duration of the exhibition.

3:00pm - Bay Area photographer Ilka Hartmann leads a tour of *Faces of Resistance*, an exhibition that explores major Bay Area social justice movements from the 1960s through 1980s, through a retrospective of Hartmann's photographs and archives.

Admission to the Winter Celebration is free for NUMU members and visitors 18 years of age and younger. 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.

Image: Liz Hickok, *Lithosphere*, 2015. On view in the *Waterlines* exhibition.

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