

# The Visitor

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## Jane Kennedy Foundation President

*Jane Kennedy has been a resident of Campbell since 1972. Jane was on the City Council for three consecutive terms and served as Mayor in 2000, 2005 and 2009. Over the years she has held leadership positions on the City's Planning Commission, Campbell Chamber of Commerce and Valley Transportation authority. Demonstrating her commitment to preserve Campbell's historical buildings, Jane has served 12 years on the board and eight years as the president for the Campbell History Museum and Ainsley House Foundation.*



She fondly recalls watching the Ainsley House being moved from its original location on Bascom and Hamilton Avenues to its new location in Downtown Campbell at the Orchard City Green. She finds humor in the memory of the house being moved down the street and suggests the viewing of the video of the house moving. The video is available to view at the Ainsley Carriage House. Since the arrival of the House, the Foundation, being a nonprofit organization that supports the House and Museum, has worked very hard to keep the Museum and Ainsley House staffed with

Curator, Part Time Educator and Part Time Programs Employee.

To support the Museums the Foundation does many fund raisers such as the Music in the Park and Holiday Teas. These fund raisers allow us to provide the City with an education program, give money to the Museums general fund, and an endowment program. In over 20 years the Foundation has given the city over half a million dollars and raised money to have new roof put on the Carriage House.

“I have had the pleasure of serving many years on the board and this is my last year.

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The volunteers that help are phenomenal and have showed me how proud they are to support the Museums. While I will not be serving on the Board, I will continue to volunteer and work with the Museums to ensure the success we have worked so hard to build.”

# Summer Concert BBQs

The Summer Concert Series concluded on August 18, 2011. This year was a phenomenal success for the Campbell Historical Foundation. Our Volunteers gave 110% each Thursday to serve the Hotdogs, Polish dogs, Nachos, Chili, Chips, Candy and drinks. Without them, we would have never have been as successful as we were. The Board of Directors wants to give a BIG THANK YOU to each and everyone that worked these Concerts – each of you were instrumental in helping us make the Summer Concert Series a winner this year.

## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

The following business graciously donated items to help us achieve our goal this year.

Gelato Classico

Mama Mia's

Nothing Bundt Cakes—Los Gatos

Sonoma Chicken Coop

Williams Cutlery & Gifts



## Downtown Campbell Fall Wine Walk September 28, 2011 at 5:00pm

The Campbell Historical Museum is participating in the Downtown Campbell Fall Wine Walk September 28, 2011 at 5:00pm.

Stroll the Avenue, taste fine wines, and meet the winemakers during Downtown Campbell's 2011 Fall Wine Walk. Enjoy tasting tables from local wineries in many of the Downtown shops and galleries; listen to live music; enter our raffle; and sample taste treats in a warm and friendly community atmosphere!

The event will take place rain or shine; all tastings and entertainment will be held inside participating shops.

Tickets will cost \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. More information and advance sales will be available in August.

Downtown Campbell Business Association Presents:

### 2011 Fall Wine Walk

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
5 - 9pm

Tickets \$25 in advance / \$30 at the door

Taste fine wines, meet the winemakers and enjoy art, music while strolling the charming streets of Downtown Campbell! Tickets can be ordered online or at designated merchants located in Downtown. More information online at [downtowncampbell.com](http://downtowncampbell.com)

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## Breakfast Room Table Conservation

The museum is pleased to announce the return of the breakfast room table. For the last two months, our 1920s French art nouveau hand painted table was lovingly repaired by Mark Harpainter of Wooden Artifact Conservation in Berkeley, California.

As with any older home the Ainsley House requires constant monitoring and maintenance to keep it at its best. In the winter of 2009, a gutter seam released in the roof and caused a leak in the ceiling of the breakfast room.

Unfortunately, our beautifully painted table was directly below the leak. Museum staff found the damage the following

morning. The damage to the top of the table was quite extensive due to the time the water sat on the table surface. Over the last couple of months Mark has worked to stabilize the remaining paint, including the delicate hand painted polychrome floral motifs on the table top. He then slowly rebuilt the four layers of paint while maintaining the overall glazed appearance.

We hope Alcinda Ainsley would be just as proud of the table today as she was when she selected it for her new home in 1925.

Julie DeVere  
Collections Specialist



Before Treatment



After Treatment

Photos provided by: Mark Harpainter

## IT'S A SPOOOOOKY HALLOWEEN

The 10th annual "Spooky Night" is scheduled for Friday, October 28th in conjunction with the Downtown Trick or Treat night. Designed for families, this evening includes Halloween crafts and activities geared for children. Fee is \$5 per person; Free for Museum members. The program will be from 2:00 – 6:00pm.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience a fun, safe, old-fashioned Halloween.



## Photos With Santa

Santa Claus will be making a special appearance at the Ainsley House on Friday, Nov. 25th from 10am to 1pm. Don't miss the chance to take your photo with Santa or to give him your Christmas wish list. Santa will be checking his naughty and nice list while sitting inside the Ainsley House living room waiting for boys and girls of all ages to come and get their picture taken with him. Bring your own camera. Fees: \$5 for museum members / \$10 for general public. For more information call [\(408\) 866-2119](tel:408-866-2119).



## Enjoy a Victorian Christmas

In November, the historic Ainsley House will be transformed into a warm, inviting home for the holidays. The 15 rooms in the Ainsley House will be decorated by interior designers, house stagers and decorators to create a memorable holiday treat. The Museum Foundation will open its popular **Holiday Boutique** and offer special delights for the holiday shopper. The Holiday Boutique is open during Ainsley House business hours Thursday - Sunday noon - 4pm. Closed Thurs. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving), and open every day from noon - 4pm. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. Last chance for shopping at the Holiday Boutique is on Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> during the Holiday Open House.

The Museum Foundation's popular **Holiday Tea and Tours** will be held daily 1:00-1:30PM from Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Teas feature delicate sandwiches and holiday sweets, as well as a guided tour of the Ainsley House. The donation/fee for the Tea and Tour is \$35 (or \$30 for members). Reservations can be made starting September 1<sup>st</sup> for Museum members and October 1<sup>st</sup> for the public by calling 866-2757.

Our Holiday **Open House** event will be on Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 8:00pm. See the Ainsley House all lit up for the holidays, live holiday music and refreshment in the Carriage House. Tickets are \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-



# Jewelry Trunk Show

Just in time for the holiday shopping, we are having a trunk show of SPLASH JEWELRY. Artist Lynne Gyorey will be selling her original and gorgeous collection of necklaces, earrings and bracelets in the Carriage House on Thursday November 3rd from 5:00pm to 7:30pm.



*Artisan Jewelry for Modern Collectors*

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Please "Like" us today*



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*The Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley House Foundation* is a California 501 (c)3 non-profit, public benefit corporation. It exists solely to support the Campbell museums and does that through considerable volunteer efforts, energies and financial assistance. The Foundation currently provides approximately \$50,000 annually in support of Museum operations and programs. As needs arise the Foundation also mounts significant capital campaigns to raise funds in support of special projects, such as the 2007 re-roofing of the Ainsley House's faux thatched roof.

Museums are of great public benefit. They provide citizens with a sense of place and pride in their community and their past. They provide perspective on an area's history, demonstrating how people lived in the past and how the area came to be what it is today. They provide children with a sense of wonder as they experience the past through education, exhibits, activities and hands-on experiences. They stimulate economic activity by attracting visitors and stimulating interest in the area and, through its Store operations, contribute to the City's economy as well. Many visitors come to tour the Museum and then shop Downtown or visit one of Campbell's many fine restaurants – all of which contribute to the cultural experience as well as a thriving Downtown and local economy.

The mission of the Campbell Historical Museum and Ainsley House is to interpret to a broad public audience, in innovative and meaningful ways, the history of the Campbell area from its pioneer beginnings to today's 21<sup>st</sup> century setting, and to relate that history within the broader context of the Santa Clara Valley and encompassing region.

The Foundation is run by a completely volunteer Board of Directors whose primary purpose is to fund-raise to support Museum programs, operations and special projects. The Foundation has established an endowment for the long-term needs of the museums, and contributes a percentage of their annual fundraising income to continue to build the endowment. Most funds go to general operations to provide the annual pledged gift to the City, without which Museum programs and operations would be significantly reduced. The Foundation also operates two Museum Stores, one in each museum, to promote the Museums and generate funds. Most efforts go towards the Foundation's fund-raising activities and events designed to both promote the Museums and generate funds for continued support.

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