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2026 Annual Fund Goal – $100,000 by Dec 31st

October 2026

Marin History Museum



Marin Community History Day, May 2026

Dear Friend of Marin History,

An exciting transformation is underway at the Marin History Museum. Over the past year, we've expanded our reach throughout Marin, taking history beyond our museum walls and into the places where we live, learn, and gather.

Today, we're bringing Marin's history to life in classrooms, libraries, colleges, community gatherings, and public spaces throughout our county. Students are discovering original artifacts and historic photographs, while residents are connecting with Marin's stories through bilingual exhibits, our Monthly Speaker Series, community programs, and new member experiences.

As we build on this momentum, we invite you to become a supporter of the Marin History Museum through a gift to our 2026 Annual Fund.

Public Investment Is Strengthening The Museum

In 2025, the County of Marin committed $300,000 over three years to help support the facilities and operations required to preserve Marin County's largest historical collection. The City of San Rafael also began providing our public home at the historic Boyd Gate House rent-free, an annual contribution valued at $14,400.

We are deeply grateful for this vital public support, which has strengthened the Museum's financial foundation and positioned us for the future.

Building A More Sustainable Museum

Since July 2025, the Board has reduced annual operating costs by more than $100,000 while donor support, programming, and community engagement have grown.

Every dollar saved is another dollar we can invest in preserving and sharing Marin County's history.

PLEASE TURN OVER ↪

Help Us Raise $100,000 by December 31st

Marin History Museum



Bringing Marin history into classrooms

Your 2026 Annual Fund gift will help build on this momentum, preserving Marin's remarkable historical collection while expanding exhibits, educational programs, and community engagement throughout our county.

Every Annual Fund gift, no matter the size, makes a difference.

As a special thank-you, donors who make Annual Fund gifts of $1,000 or more by December 31st will receive the following invitations and experiences:

Annual Fund Gifts

A limited-edition Steep Ravine collection created in collaboration with Marin designer Tommy Breeze, known for his original illustrations celebrating some of Marin's iconic landscapes.

$1,000+	Invitation for you and a guest to the January 22 VIP Preview of our new "At Steep Ravine: Dorothea Lange's West Marin Retreat" exhibit, plus a limited-edition Steep Ravine x Tommy Breeze hat.
$2,500+	All of the above, plus special recognition as a 2026 Annual Fund Leadership Donor on the MHM website and at the January 22 VIP Preview.
$5,000+	All of the above, plus a private curator-led tour of our new "At Steep Ravine" exhibit for up to 10 guests.
$10,000+	All of the above, plus a private behind-the-scenes tour of the Marin History Museum Collection.

Please consider making a gift to the 2026 Annual Fund today. With your support, we can preserve the collection entrusted to our care, bring more of Marin's history into our schools and communities, and ensure that the stories that shaped this remarkable place continue to be shared for generations to come.

Thank you for being part of this story, and for your critical support of the Marin History Museum.

Take care,

Heather McPhail Sridharan
President, Board of Directors

P.S. Want to see what donor and member support made possible this year?

Please read our 2026 Community Impact Report:
marinhistory.org/impact

Marin History Museum

COMING JANUARY 2027

At Steep Ravine: Dorothea Lange's West Marin Retreat



ANNUAL FUND DONOR VIP PREVIEW

January 22, 2027 at 6:30 PM at the Boyd Gate House
A special preview for Annual Fund donors at the $1,000+ level. Each qualifying donor may bring one guest.

An intimate look at one of America's most celebrated photographers and the Marin landscape that offered her inspiration, renewal, and time with family.

From 1957 to 1964, Dorothea Lange and her family spent time in a rustic cabin at Steep Ravine, where she photographed family, friends, and the dramatic coastal environment. The exhibition will bring together Lange photographs, historic images and maps, cameras, and archival materials while placing her work within the larger history of this remarkable Marin landscape.

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10 ways to support the Marin History Museum today!

#1

Make an online donation

Give easily and securely through our online donation form. As a nonprofit, the Marin History Museum relies on community support to preserve and share Marin's rich history.

#2

Monthly giving – join the Marin Heritage Circle

Become part of the Marin Heritage Circle, our community of monthly donors. Your ongoing support provides reliable funding for exhibits, collections, and educational programs, ensuring Marin's stories remain part of everyday life for generations to come.

#3

Donate your car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat

Support the Museum with your vehicle donation. Contact Sue Hagan, Board Treasurer, at info@marinhistory.org for more information.

#4

Donate by mail

Prefer to send a check? Make checks payable to Marin History Museum and mail to:

Marin History Museum
P.O. Box 150727
San Rafael, CA 94915

#5

Honorary and tribute gifts

Make a gift in memory or honor of someone special. When donating online, indicate your honoree and include an email if you'd like them or their family notified of your thoughtful gift.

#6

Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)

Support the Museum through your donor-advised fund. DAF giving is simple, secure, and allows you to focus on the impact of your generosity on Marin's history.

#7

Stock and IRA gifts

Gifts of appreciated stocks, mutual funds, or other securities may provide tax advantages while helping preserve Marin's unique history.

#8

Legacy giving – join the Marin Legacy Giving Circle

Create a lasting impact with a planned gift, a meaningful way to support the Museum that costs nothing today. Legacy donors are recognized in the Marin Legacy Giving Circle and invited to exclusive events celebrating their lasting contribution to Marin's cultural heritage.

#9

Community business partnerships

The Marin History Museum partners with businesses that share our commitment to celebrating and preserving Marin's history. Join us in creating a stronger, more connected community.

#10

Corporate match: double or triple your gift!

Many companies match charitable contributions for employees, retirees, spouses, or board members. Matching gifts multiply the impact of your donation, helping preserve Marin's history for future generations.

Learn more and give today

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