

## Media Release

## LA History Museum Rings in the Holidays with Family Event

LOS ALTOS, CA (October 29, 2019) – Los Altos History Museum invites the public to "Catch the Spirit" of the holiday season with live music, tasty treats, and gift boutiques for shoppers, Wednesday, Nov. 20th, 12–4pm.

At this free event, visitors may tour the J. Gilbert Smith House decorated for a historic 1930's Christmas, and enjoy home-baked goodies on the porch while Carole Cameron plays Christmas music on the piano at 1pm. Shoppers will have first dibs on items in a holiday boutique which runs through December.

In the main gallery of the Museum, choral group Schola Cantorum Silicon Valley will sing carols at 2pm, and students from Egan Junior High will sing songs of the season at 3pm.

Visitors are encouraged to contribute food, gift cards, and unwrapped educational toys to the Community Service Agency donation box at the Museum. Attendance is free, registration appreciated. For more information, visit losaltoshistory.org/CatchTheSpirit

Los Altos History Museum began in 1977 with the opening of the <u>J. Gilbert Smith House</u> historic farmhouse, built in 1905. In 2001, the Los Altos History Museum opened its modern building next door, which houses the Museum's <u>collections</u>, <u>permanent</u> and <u>changing</u> exhibits, <u>store</u> and administrative offices. The Museum and its grounds are available for <u>rent</u> during evenings and weekends. Its collections are owned by the City of Los Altos and are managed by an independent nonprofit organization, whose staff and volunteers are responsible for all programs and operations.

The Museum and J. Gilbert Smith House are open Thursday through Sunday, from noon-4pm. Admission is free. The <u>gardens</u>, outdoor <u>agricultural exhibits</u> and picnic area are accessible beyond Museum hours. For more information, visit: <u>www.losaltoshistory.org</u>, email <u>hello@losaltoshistory.org</u>, or phone 650.948.9427 x14.

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