CLAREMONT

MUSEUM OF ART



As an arts destination, Claremont has never had a more exciting opportunity to grow, both in reputation and in actuality. I invite you to play an important and essential role at this time.

THE DEPOT

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First, I am delighted to share the news that the Claremont Museum of Art has signed a lease with the City of Claremont for the Claremont Depot, which will serve as CMA's permanent home. This iconic building in the heart of the Village offers the perfect setting to showcase the exceptional works of Claremont area artists past, present and future. It also provides the community an exciting new venue for an array of special events and family activities.

We are currently working with our architect and contractor on everything from design schematics, to exterior landscaping and signage. The historic exterior of the building will remain intact, as will the atrium/lobby. The remainder of the interior will be renovated to accommodate three galleries showing a variety of exhibitions and providing space for other activities that will make the building a vibrant addition to the community.

The Depot renovation will be undertaken in two phases. Phase I includes transforming the former Foothill Transit Office and the atrium/lobby into exhibition space for paintings, ceramics, and sculpture. Phase II, focusing on the two most eastern rooms in the building, will require more extensive renovation, which will require additional time and resources. The City of Claremont will be partnering with us on underwriting Phase II with special grants earmarked specifically for this project.

To begin Phase I, CMA must raise \$150,000. Our generous lead donors, Randall and Janell Lewis, and a few committed Board members and friends have agreed to pledge a total of \$75,000 to establish a Challenge matching grant in honor of our founder, Marguerite McIntosh, and in memory of Harrison McIntosh, Claremont's nationally-recognized ceramist. To secure these funds, CMA must raise an additional \$75,000 to reach our goal. Every dollar you contribute will be matched dollar for dollar up to a total of \$150,000.

Now, your part. Please help CMA reach its goal by making a significant gift to the Depot Renovation Fund. Donors of \$1,000 and above will receive a unique, handcrafted ceramic tile showcasing the Claremont Depot. Donors of \$5,000 and above will receive special recognition on our donor wall inside the Depot lobby. Please complete the enclosed response form and return it with your contribution in the enclosed envelope. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Marilyn Ray at marilynray348@gmail.com or (909) 917-6511.

Thank you for considering our request. You will be making an investment not only in the Claremont Museum of Art, but also in the future of our community.

Sincerely,

Sandra Baldonado

President, Claremont Museum of Art