Summer 2025 GHS Museum Sponsorship Opportunities

As we look around, we see the "footprints" of Foothiller alumni and retirees, not just in the memorabilia they have donated, but in their financial support of GHS inside and outside the museum. Please know that we appreciate every donation, small and large. As we tell the students, this isn't "our" museum; it belongs to all Foothillers past, present, and future.

With your support, these are the projects we are working on now.

WASP Mural

The Astronaut mural is fully funded, the proof approved, and we're awaiting district final approval. The mural will be painted on a west wall of the Humanities Building, facing the Museum. Visitors will be able to see it out the Museum east entrance doorway.

However, we still need an additional \$10,000 to fully fund the cost of the WASP mural, which will honor our two historic Women's Air Force Service Pilots: Jean Landis, Class of 1936, and Frances Coughlin, Class of 1938. Both women received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2009. Their mural will be on the wall adjacent to the Astronaut mural, facing the east side of the pool and visible from the museum as well.





Jean Landis' 2009 WASP Congressional Gold Medal in the Museum

During WWII, 2,000 women flew military planes built in California to the East Coast to be sent to Europe for the war. 82 of them died flying in the service of their country.

We again thank these generous mural donors: Jean Landis, Class of 1936, Trust, 2 donations; Barbara and John Buckton, Class of 1962, Dottie Emerson, Class of 1971; Shelby Miller, retired Principal Assistant; Jim Spackman, Class of 1958; Bill Ashman, retired GHS Principal; Tom Bloomer, Class of 1967; Bill Woolman, Class of 1962; Sharon Galvin Davis, retired English teacher; Jim Stieringer, Class of 1959.

More Campus Bronze Plaques

As you know, we have many bronze plaques celebrating our history throughout the campus. We would like to add these:

Eddie DeCoito Old Gym Floor Plaque: During the summer of 2024, the original 1937 Old Gym floor was replaced and with it a painted remembrance of the court being named the "Edward DeCoito Court". We'd like to honor Eddie with a small bronze plaque on one of the walls: **\$500**

Astronaut Mural Plaque will be below the mural giving more detail about our 3 historic alumni: Cost \$1500

WASP Mural Plaque will be below the mural giving more detail about our 2 historic women: \$1500

1959 Rose Garden Sign

Foothillers from the 1960s-2010s may remember that outside the 1959 Student Office and the Art and Science Buildings, there were brick planters, filled with roses. In 2014, the remaining roses were transplanted to planters adjacent to the east Math Building stairs, near the first museum, and the small garden outside of it.

Our thanks to Custodian Groundsworker Sal Samaniego for all his efforts transplanting them and caring for the roses and the two planters for many years. A small sign will commemorate Sal's efforts to preserve these 66 year old roses: \$500

GHS Museum General Fund

We welcome donations as we try to "empty" our storage room and file cabinets and create displays that include items that capture our history. For example, we recently purchased portfolios for 16x20 athletic photos that were previously framed, but with our limited wall space, we have no place to hang them. We plan to purchase more portfolios for the smaller photographs in our file cabinets to make them more accessible to visitors. \$500

Also, we also recently purchased 2 lockable noticeboard cases, one for each entrance door for museum notices, such as our visiting hours. \$150

General Fund: miscellaneous office supplies and digital support. \$1000

To make a financial donation online, visit our website at foothillersmuseum.com and use the gold donate button. (Please email us at ghsmuseum@guhsd.net to share the cause you are supporting.)

OR write a check payable to GHS Educational Foundation, including the cause you're supporting, and mail to

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