

Our facilities are open to the public every Monday and Thursday (except legal holidays) from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and the fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Special open houses are held Saturday afternoon on Labor Day weekend for the annual Pioneer Reunion and Saturday afternoon on Flower Festival weekend in June. Special tours can be arranged by prior appointment. Admission is by voluntary donation.

Besides the home and the outer buildings, which include a blacksmith shop, museum room, reference library and carriage house, the society maintains a gallery on the lower floor of the Lompoc Museum, located at 200 South H Street. The Museum is open from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The Museum is closed on Mondays. Admission is \$1.00 per person.



The formal dining room was reserved for special meals and entertaining.

Adopt-A-Room

Our Adopt-A-Room program has been embraced by members and friends of the Historical Society. Those who adopt a room are responsible for their upkeep, which includes light cleaning and changing of displays and artifacts. While many of the rooms have been adopted, there are still opportunities for YOU to participate. Please contact us if you have a few hours a month to share with us. It's an opportunity to handle a piece of history!

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ALSO BE SURE TO VISIT:

***The Lompoc Museum
200 South H Street***

***La Purisima Mission
State Historic Park
2295 Purisima Road***

***Mission Vieja, the original
site of La Purisima Mission
At the end of South F Street***

***Cypress Gallery
119 E. Cypress Ave.***

***The Murals of Lompoc
Throughout Lompoc's historic downtown***

Lompoc Valley Historical Society, Inc.

**"Preserving The Past For
Future Generations"**



**The Fabing-McKay-Spanne House
Constructed in 1875**

The Fabing-McKay-Spanne House, located at 207 North L Street in Lompoc, is the headquarters of the Lompoc Valley Historical Society. The home is fully furnished in the style of the early 1900's. When you first step into the formal parlor, you are whisked back to a simpler time and place - before television, radio, stereos, telephones and microwave ovens. It was a time of enlightenment and creativity - a time of simple dignity.

Located in the beautiful Lompoc Valley in “California’s Wonderful Corner,” the **Lompoc Valley Historical Society** was founded September 5, 1964 as an outgrowth of the Lompoc Pioneer Society. The mission of the society is to provide a repository for historical artifacts and documents pertinent to the history of the Lompoc Valley. The secondary mission is to publish a book about the history of the Lompoc Valley

In 1968, the society learned that the Victorian residence of N.L. Spanne was slated for demolition. The home, constructed in 1875, was the first two story wooden residence built in the newly founded town of Lompoc. Directors of the Historical Society voted to purchase the property for \$15,000 and negotiated a 10 year loan, which was paid in 8 years. The home was named the Fabing-McKay-Spanne House after the three families who had lived in it.

Since that time, the home has been fully renovated and furnished in true Victorian style. Although the home is not the typical “painted lady” style Victorian, it has elements typical of the period. There is no fancy gingerbread, turrets or stained glass. This was a Victorian “farmhouse” built for a working family.

The home was built by Henry Wadsworth Fabing less than a year after the founding of the town of Lompoc. Nicknamed “Fabing’s Folly” by the townspeople, the home loomed forth in the midst of vacant land. Until the home was built, there were no permanent residences to speak of in the Lompoc Valley. Local residents soon began sharing Mr. Fabing’s faith in the valley and followed his lead by constructing permanent, substantial housing. The Fabings sold the home to the William McKay family in 1902. In 1911 it was purchased by Nis and Karen Spanne. Fabing and Spanne were blacksmiths. McKay was a farmer, businessman and shipping agent. When the Lompoc Valley Historical Society acquired the property, only those three families had lived in the house, so it was named in honor of them.

The Lompoc Valley Historical Society is a non-profit corporation devoted exclusively to the preservation of the historical records and artifacts of this area. The Society encourages study and research into the history of the Lompoc Valley. To this end, we have collected, and continue to collect, historical material, including manuscripts, documents, diaries, letters, photos, books and artifacts to make them available for research purposes to individuals, schools and organizations who are interested in local history.

We depend upon volunteer support, membership dues, bequests and gifts, which are deductible for income tax purposes. No member of the organization is salaried, nor are we funded by any governmental agency of any kind. We are proud to say “We do it ourselves!” Our small sales area helps us in our restoration work. We welcome the donation of saleable items to include in the sales area.



The upstairs master bedroom, known as the Nichols Room, includes a bedroom suite from the H.S. Rudolph home. Adjoining the bedroom is a sewing room, featuring vintage sewing machines and notions.



The anchor from the USS Chauncey, one of the seven Naval Destroyers that went aground in 1923 at Honda Point is on display near the Blacksmith Shop.



Vintage kitchen utensils and appliances are featured in the Museum Room. A display of shipwreck artifacts, office machines and a Doctor’s office are also featured.

Become A Member

You can become a member of the Lompoc Valley Historical Society. Your membership dues assist with the ongoing renovation and maintenance of the Fabing-McKay-Spanne House. There is no residency requirement for being a member. Many of our members live outside our immediate area. Your membership dues include:

- **Quarterly Newsletter:** “Hodge Podge of Miscellany,” which includes interesting tidbits of local history and announcements of quarterly dinner meetings and special events.
- **Lompoc Legacy:** Periodic publication highlighting specific subjects relating to local history.
- **The knowledge** that your membership helps to preserve Lompoc’s history for the enjoyment of future generations!

Membership dues:

- Active Single:** \$25 annually
- Active Family:** \$35 annually
- Sustaining:** Individual: \$50 annually
Group: \$100 annually
- Patron:** \$250 annually, all groups
- Lifetime:** \$250 per individual
\$350 per family living under one roof
\$500 Organizations
(Only one payment of dues)

Junior (under 18 years of age): \$5 annually

In Memoriam: Special contributions may be made in the name of a deceased person, in any amount the donor wishes to contribute.

General donations are also accepted in any amount for specific projects. These may include ongoing genealogy projects, miscellaneous archival projects, artifact displays or historical home maintenance. If you do not have a project in mind, simply state that your donation be used “wherever the need is greatest.”

Donations of locally significant historical documents, maps and artifacts are also accepted.

Collectible items may also be donated to be sold in our sales area. Please designate at the time of your donation that these items **are not restricted** and may be sold.