It’s so gratifying to see the looks on the children’s faces during the education programs like Banning Heritage Week when they make the connection between the past and the present, and begin to see themselves as the entrepreneurs and pioneers of the future!

While learning what it was like to be a child in the late 1800s, the students are also introduced to a young man who would change the face of the Southland and beyond. The legacy of Phineas Banning and his entrepreneurial spirit carries with it an important lesson for our school children — that with hard work, perseverance, ambition, and vision, dreams can be achieved. Through your generosity, you make this inspiring and powerful message possible.

**It’s Getting Even Better!**

We’ve expanded our Banning Heritage Week program by adding two extra days to each of our two annual Banning Heritage Week sessions. This is a 40% increase in capacity, meaning an additional 600 students will be able to participate!

On behalf of all the children who have been inspired by our education programs over the years,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF FRIENDS OF BANNING MUSEUM!
In Memoriam – Angi Ma Wong

It is with profound sadness that we tell you of the passing of our dear friend and Board member Angi Ma Wong. Angi gave so much to Friends of Banning Museum, and our lives were enriched for having known her. In her honor, an “old” red rose (a rose from the Victorian era) will be planted in the “antiques” section of the Howard Rose Garden that she loved so much.

Did You Know…

The Friends of Banning Museum mission statement also belongs to you — our members, friends, and donors.

Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit

Everything we do is based on this mission, and you’re supporting it with your generosity each time you renew your membership or make a donation. Here are just a few examples of how our initiatives and programs directly align with our mission.

Preserve History

Gone is the 1970s wallpaper that was eroding the original wall plaster in the Mansion, replaced by a fresh coat of paint. This change will not only help preserve the structure but brings the walls back to the way they were historically. And, most recently, a beautiful new stair runner (see at left) was installed after the 30-year-old runner wore out. The new one is made of the highest quality wool and should last another 30 years!
Promote Education

In addition to our acclaimed education programs—Banning Heritage Week, the Living History School Program, and Evolution of a Town—which reach nearly 10,000 school children each year, we try to weave education and learning into everything we do here at the Museum. For example:

Tours of The Banning Museum give visitors a glimpse into life in the Victorian era—how people lived, worked, and socialized. It’s quite an education to see how much life has changed in such a relatively short period of time!

The Banning Museum’s permanent exhibit, *Improbable Gateway: The Los Angeles Transportation Legacy*, is one of the only places where visitors have the unique opportunity to learn the mostly untold story of the impact Mr. Banning had on the growth of the harbor area and all of Los Angeles.

Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit

One of the things Phineas Banning was best known for was his entrepreneurial spirit, which propelled him to do great things for his community and his nation. This extraordinary perseverance and vision is an inspiration to our visitors, young and mature alike.

To encourage and recognize this perspective, each year we present the Phineas Banning Entrepreneurial Spirit Award to an individual in the local area who exemplifies the commitment, passion, and determination that characterized General Banning.

This year’s winner is Mr. Salvador Lara, who, for nearly a decade, has worked tirelessly to beautify and clean his adopted home town of Wilmington. In 2007, Mr. Lara founded Clean Wilmington, a non-profit whose mission is to organize other residents to take action to create a clean, beautiful, and safe community. He was presented with his award by FBM Board Member Julia Banning at the annual Phineas Banning Birthday Celebration on August 15. Congratulations Mr. Lara, and thank you for all you do for our community!

Thank you for your support of Friends of Banning Museum. YOU make everything we do possible!

Turn Shopping into a Good Deed!

Ralphs Community Contribution Program and Food 4 Less Community Rewards Program are helping non-profit organizations. Register your Ralphs rewards Card or Food 4 Less Community Rewards card, select Friends of Banning Museum as your non-profit of choice, and each time you shop, you’ll be helping FBM! If you are registering your Food 4 Less Community Rewards card at checkout in the store, take the barcode provided here with you.

If you previously enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program through August 31, 2015, you will need to re-register to continue your participation.
The Banning Museum

2016 Events

**February 13**
11th Annual Valentine’s Tea and Tunes Luncheon

**April 2**
Wisteria Regale

2015 Victorian Christmas
At The Banning Museum
401 East M Street, Wilmington, CA 90744

- **December 4**
  Friday, 11:30 a.m.
  Victorian Christmas Luncheon
  For tickets, call: (310) 548-2005

- **December 5-6**
  Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
  Victorian Christmas Weekend Celebration

Thank you to these wonderful sponsors for helping keep the Victorian Christmas weekend celebration FREE!