

The *Ramona Museum of California History* first opened in 1972 on Figueroa Street in Los Angeles. It housed an eclectic collection of artifacts and relics gathered together by the members of Ramona Parlor #109, Native Sons of the Golden West.

A fraternal organization, Ramona Parlor received its charter in 1886. Many of its members were some of the earliest movers and shakers in southern California. The Ramona collection reflects the life and times of many of these early members and offers a wonderful assortment of Native American artifacts, items from the Mission and Rancho periods and an extensive collection of early American tools and firearms. It also features many items from Eugene W. Biscailuz, Sheriff of Los Angeles County for almost 50 years. The Museum moved to San Gabriel in 1992 after the Figueroa building was taken over by the City of Los Angeles for use as a community center.

High school students are invited to participate in a very exciting program available for student volunteers. *The Young Historians Program* was developed several years ago to give students the opportunity to learn about small museum management. We try to provide student volunteers a unique hands on museum experience that is not ordinarily afforded them, given their age and level of experience. Students are patiently trained and supervised by qualified museum staff for the kind of activity that interests them. The Museum is open every Saturday from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Occasionally, hours are extended for special events and group tours.

Volunteer opportunities are available in the following areas:

- ❖ Website Design and Maintenance
- ❖ Database Maintenance
- ❖ Record Keeping/Accessions
- ❖ Docent (Tour Guides)
- ❖ Graphic Art/Brochures and Signage
- ❖ Digital Photography
- ❖ Clerical/Accounting
- ❖ Maintenance
- ❖ Historical Research (may be done off premises)
- ❖ Publicity/Community Outreach
- ❖ Exhibit Development and Display

*Transportation is not available.* Parental permission is required. Attendance is documented to qualify for school volunteer credits.

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