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Shades of Monterey **Photo Exhibit to Open**

Shades of Monterey, a photo exhibit, will be on display at the Alvarado Gallery, in the Monterey Conference Center from January 28, 2011 until April 4, 2011, and includes images from the photos of local residents collected by the Monterey Public Library. These images document daily life in our unique and richly diverse community. From picking berries on "Huckleberry Hill" to fishermen mending their nets on the wharf in 1939, the exhibit depicts Monterey at work, play and celebration.

The exhibit comprises 26 selected images donated in the first Shades of Monterey project, part of a 1999 statewide initiative to gather and document life in California communities. Since 1999, the Library has continued to enrich its historical collection by collecting photos and stories of local families through the *Shades of Monterey* project, based on grant funding. The Shades of Monterey Collection in the Library's California History Room now includes over 1,300 photos and 13 videotaped interviews.

The Shades of Monterey special exhibit will remain on display through April 4, 2011. The Conference Center is located at #1 Portola Plaza, Monterey, in downtown Monterey. For more information contact Chalet Catlin at 831.242.8743 or visit our website www.monterey.org/museum

Who: City of Monterey
Colton Hall Museum and
Cultural Arts Commission

What: *Shades of Monterey* Photo Exhibit

Where: Monterey Conference Center
#1 Portola Plaza
Monterey, CA 93940

When: January 28 – April 4, 2011