



# SBMM Flagship Society

Leave a Legacy that is  
Anchored in the Community

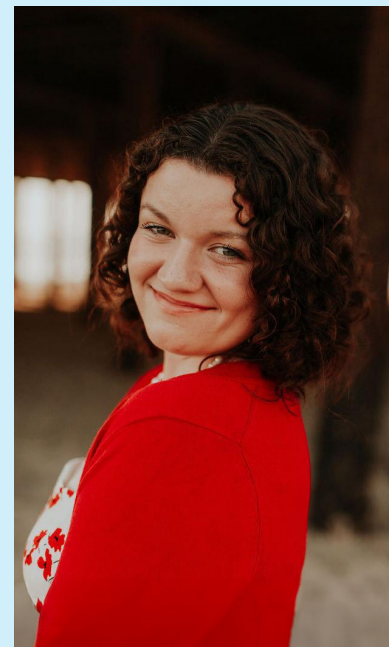


*What you leave as a  
legacy is not what  
is etched in stone  
monuments, but what is  
woven into the lives  
of others. — Pericles*



## Girls in Ocean Science Conference Inspires Emma Lossing to Pursue her Passion

Emma Lossing's connection to SBMM began when she was a young girl visiting from Lompoc. A family sailing trip near the Santa Barbara Channel brought her to the museum for the first time, sparking an early fascination with the ocean and marine life. However, it wasn't until high school that she reconnected with SBMM in a meaningful way. Her aquarium science teacher encouraged her to attend SBMM's Girls in Ocean Science Conference, representing her high school's aquarium science program.



**Create a promising future and legacy** by making a bequest or other planned gift to the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. Your support allows the museum to inspire creativity through engaging exhibitions; build community through gatherings and events; and participate in important initiatives - all while highlighting 13,000 years of maritime history. Your planned gift will have a lasting impact on the community, and for future generations.

Emma was captivated by the event and recalls being “so amazed” by the program’s opportunities. She had expected a day of simple activities, but instead found herself immersed in marine science, going on boat trips, and conducting hands-on research. The experience proved transformative, giving Emma a sense of connection and motivation to make a difference while strengthening her belief in the museum’s power to shape lives and foster a deep respect for the environment. “SBMM is improving so many lives,” said Emma. “I can see how an impactful gift from a donor today would then empower the next generation of scientists. For me, SBMM’s legacy is evident in its ability to build a future where young people are equipped with the knowledge, passion, and drive to make meaningful contributions to the world.”



## Flagship Society

The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum Flagship Society is a group of dedicated individuals who have made provisions in their estate plans to ensure the museum continues to educate and inspire future generations about the region's rich maritime history.

To honor those who have included SBMM in their estate plans, the museum:

- Features member names on a special display in the museum.
- Lists members in the museum's annual report and other publications.
- Invites members and their guests to unique receptions.

**To join the Flagship Society**, an intended donation must include SBMM as a beneficiary. The donation may be an unrestricted planned gift (allowing the museum flexibility to meet its most urgent needs) or a designated planned gift (provided for the museum's endowment, education programs, or to honor a loved one). Planned gifts of \$10,000 or more allow for inclusion in the museum's Flagship Society.



## Planned Giving Options

Maximizing your gift and participating in planned giving are strategic ways to leave a legacy while helping to secure SBMM's work into the future. Your Flagship Society gift may also offer you significant tax advantages and can continue to provide income to you and your heirs. Individuals may join the Flagship Society by making contributions to SBMM through one or more of the following planned giving opportunities:

- In your living trust or will.
- Beneficiary of a life insurance policy or an annuity.
- By gifting assets from a tax-deferred retirement plan, such as a 401(k) plan, 403(b), or an IRA.
- By establishing a charitable remainder trust that can provide lifetime income to a loved one as well as a significant future gift to the Maritime Museum.
- As a final legacy in a donor advised fund.

## A Journey Rooted in Community and Legacy

A California girl at heart, Marie L Morrisroe was born and grew up in Los Angeles. While she did move with her husband to the East Coast for a time, as promised by her husband they made their way back to California, settling in Pasadena for 25 years. They eventually found their way to Santa Barbara looking for a peaceful weekend getaway. After a long search, they discovered Montecito Shores, and what began as a small weekend escape soon became their full-time home. "To sum up, I have been in Santa Barbara now for almost 30 years, and I am so happy that I have found a place where I can meet people and continue to be engaged in the community," said Marie.



An active volunteer, Marie gives her time to the Santa Barbara County Courthouse Docent Council, an organization she gravitated toward after spending 22 years as a court reporter for the Superior Court in Los Angeles County. Her connection to the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum began when she attended a talk at the museum given by her former doctor, Roger Dunham. That single lecture sparked an enduring interest in the museum's lecture series and outreach programs.

To further her investment, Marie has joined the museum's Flagship Society. Through her gift, Marie is ensuring SBMM's legacy will continue in the community. "Santa Barbara offers so much—culture, education, nature—and I feel fortunate to live in a place that supports such vibrant community involvement," said Marie. "Whether attending inspiring SBMM lectures or welcoming guests at the courthouse, I've found pleasure, connection, and purpose here. Through my legacy gift and ongoing volunteer work, I'm proud to honor the people and places I love—and to remain actively involved in the community that has given me so much."



Create a promising future with lasting impact. Leave a legacy that is anchored in the community. Start the conversation by contacting the museum at (805) 456-8742 or emailing [development@sbmm.org](mailto:development@sbmm.org).



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