

# Camden Time Capsules



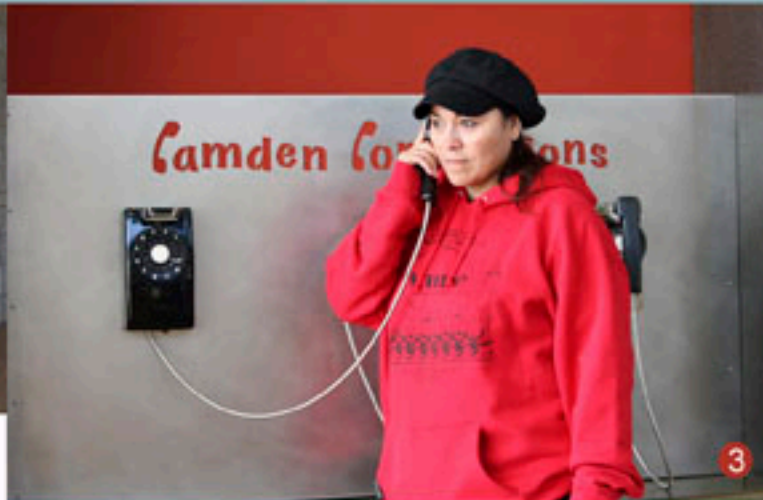
## Windows into the Past

Vintage panoramic photographs of the Santa Clara Valley depict various stages of the history of land use in this area before urban development took over the landscape: ranch land for grazing livestock, the transition from ranch land to orchards, and the era of endless expanses of orchards. These images were extracted from the museum archives at History San José. They are re-contextualized within the Camden Community Center, a complex that is linked to previous land use in its integration of the old Camden High School grounds and buildings. Each image has been digitally re-mastered and greatly enlarged, offering big, clear "windows into the past."



## Memini: The Camden High Yearbook Timeline

25 years of Camden High School yearbook cover art are displayed in full color photographic reproductions glazed onto porcelain tiles, showing a timeline of late 20th Century design history.



## Camden Connections

Using original phones from Camden High School linked to a high tech audio delivery system, *Camden Connections* offers audio samplings of past and present life in the community. Included are voices of Camden High alumni recalling memories from the high school, poetry from the Camden Youth Center, and reflections on life in this community from a local creative writing class.



## Pool Bubbles

Glass lens "bubbles" hold photographs of swimmers and divers. These aquatic images span decades of pool activity, from the present day all the way back to the early years of the Camden High School Pool, which is located just outside the door to the left of this installation.



## School Desks

*Rooftop Prankster*  
*The Lookout*  
*Day Tripper*  
*Pom-Pom Pride*  
*Cutest Couple*  
*Rock Star*

These cast metal sculptures were inspired by a Camden High School senior class prank in which all the desks from the school were perched on the roof of the building one morning in 1977. Each school desk is an individual interpretation of typical high school personalities.



## Greetings from the Past

Vintage postcards featuring the famous "sea of blossoms" and other pastoral scenes from Santa Clara Valley's agricultural past are digitally layered and merged by the process of lenticular photography. The photographs shift from the pictorial views on one side of the cards to the written notes on the other, blending historical images with voices from this community's past.



## Camden High Time Capsule

This historic display encapsulates artifacts and memorabilia from Camden High School, that once occupied this site.

