



# **A long-established museum of the arts and Argentine tradition**

**San Antonio de Areco, Argentina**

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## **Gauchos, Pampas and Tradition.**

Close to the city of Buenos Aires is the traditional town of San Antonio de Areco, in which a number of museums have been maintained for three generations by the same family. These display the arts and traditions of the Pampa and their famous gauchos.



San Antonio de Areco, home of the annual festival of Argentine traditions

## A program of renovation

We, the Gasparini family and museums supporters invite you to visit *Museo Evocativo y de Bellas Artes Osvaldo Gasparini* and *Museo de Arte La Recova*. A programme of renovation and improvement has begun in 2016, and when complete they will offer a major contribution to the arts, the appreciation of the country's history and support for education. This initiative builds on the historical and cultural legacy that was first established by local artist Osvaldo Gasparini, and which has been passed down through generations. We call on friends in Argentina and around the world to help us to accomplish this dream.



The exterior of *Museo Evocativo y de Bellas Artes*



A display of a typical Gaucho hut in the grounds of the museum

With the support of the Elephant Minds Foundation, the first stage of this project has been accomplished and future plans have been agreed. Celebrating fifty years of the inauguration of the *Museo Evocativo y de Bellas Artes* and the birthday of its founder, his wife Rosita and their sons Miguelangel, Luis and Rubén Darío are working together with Patricia C Prada Jimenez, coordinating this project to gain support in Argentina and abroad.

In the next few months the Museum seeks to undergo renovations to its main building - housing the central exhibit rooms and workshop - and begin improvements to the adjacent Chapel, Recova and Ranch located within its walled garden.



Artist Luis Gasparini at work

The first phase of the project has already been completed, and significant changes will enrich the experience of visitors. Work began with the clearing and cleaning of the main entrance, barbecue area, terrace, garden and external plaza. Murals that had been installed on the outside walls, front entrance and terrace have been uncovered. New seating was installed in the garden and around the traditional campfire-*fogón*. We intend to restore the exhibition room at *La Recova* and upgrade toilet facilities. The gardens have been cleared, tidied up and rearranged, with a comprehensive redesign and replanting planned for the coming spring.



A tile mural celebrates tradition. "Tradition is the torch that lights the way for communities, not only does it illuminate through terrible nights of uncertain destinies, but also shows the way to the future..."

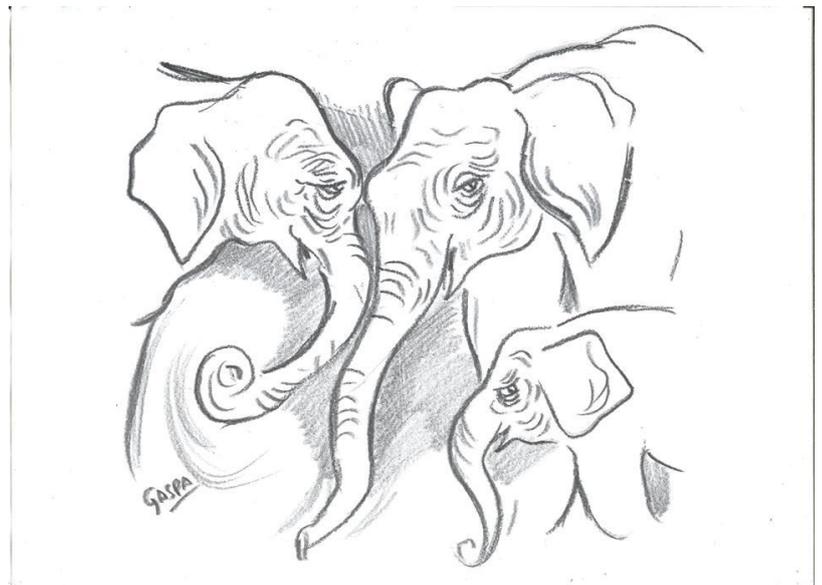
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## Contacts and further information

Elephant Minds, with *Museo Evocativo y de Bellas Artes Osvaldo Gasparini* and *Museo de Arte La Recova*, would like to invite anyone who wishes to be part of this dream to join us. With your support and participation we will all work together and make it happen.

This programme of developments will bring the artists' work into the twenty-first century, helping to maintain the history of their family and that of their town for generations to come.

For more information on the project and to find ways to help and participate please get in touch..



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We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much!

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