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### The Bisno Schall Gallery at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse



The 1929 clock that turns the hands on the courthouse tower.



Details from the mural on the clock chamber walls.

**Have you ever wondered how the clock on the tower of the Santa Barbara County Courthouse works or where it came from? From 1929 when the building was completed until 2011, the magnificent masterpiece that was built by the Seth Thomas Company in Connecticut was out of sight behind a solid wall. It is thought to be the only such clock in our country that still functions in the tower for which it was intended. Similar clocks once graced Independence Hall in Philadelphia and Grand Central Station in New York. Dr. David Bisno and the late Dick Schall and their spouses shared a deep interest in horology and decided to fund and direct a renovation project for the clock. The gallery also features includes a mural by Ed Lister illustrating the history of timekeeping from the earliest times until 1929. The ceiling, by Zachary Baker, depicts the night sky as it would have looked on December 4, 1602, the date that Sebastian Vizcaino's ship arrived in what is now Santa Barbara's harbor. December 4 is the feast day of Saint Barbara — hence our city's name. Join us to see this room and learn more about the clock and the murals on Saturday, January 14, 2017 beginning at 2:15 in the afternoon. For more information on the project, go to:**

**[www.bisnoschallgallery.com](http://www.bisnoschallgallery.com).**

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_ space(s) by sending an e-mail message to [jsmcgee@history.ucsb.edu](mailto:jsmcgee@history.ucsb.edu) or leaving a message at 805-300-4016. This event is FREE, but space is limited, so please reply promptly. If more than 20 people come, we'll have two sessions, with one group in the clock tower and the other in the Mural Room on the second floor, each led by a docent. We'll gather by the Santa Barbara County relief map in the first floor lobby to the right of the big arch as viewed from Anacapa Street at 2:15pm.