

# Capitola chooses museum leader

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**CAPITOLA** — Local historian and author Carolyn Swift has been named to head the Capitola Historical Museum.

Her appointment to the coordinator's post was announced Thursday at the City Council meeting.

She was selected out of more than 40 candidates vying for the newly created part-time position.

Swift appears a natural choice to run the city's museum.

She is the author of a book on the city's popular Begonia Festival and has a regular column on local history, "Swift Currents," in The Mid-County Post.

In addition, she co-wrote a local history book, "Soquel Landing to Capitola-By-The-Sea," with Sandy Lydon.

She has also served on the museum's board of directors.

Swift replaces Mary Vaage as head of the museum.



Historian,  
author  
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Vaage left at the end of March, expressing frustration about the role of the director, a city employee receiving a \$600 monthly stipend.

Following the announcement that Vaage was leaving, members of the museum board made a pitch to city leaders to create a new position.

The City Council approved the job, which is now considered a part-time city employee and pays \$1,000 a month.