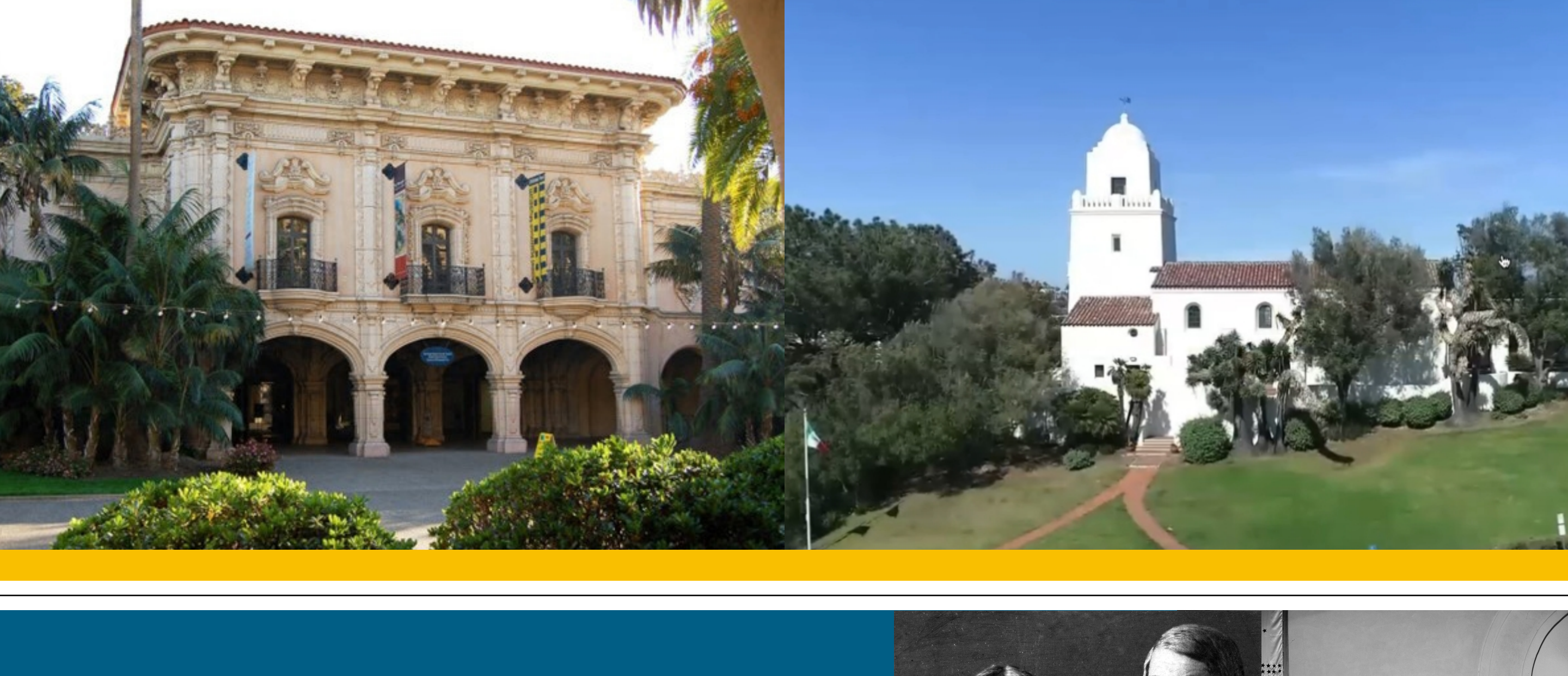


FEBRUARY AT THE HISTORY CENTER: SPECIAL EVENTS, ENGAGING EXHIBITS & BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATIONS!



CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH US AS WE ELEVATE BLACK SAN DIEGO HISTORY



Our museum commemorates Black History Month 2025 by highlighting the artists, authors, activists, and change agents who have used their voices to lead and support local Black communities, positively impacting the San Diego region.

For the past several years, the San Diego History Center has collaborated with community partners, including ALL-IN San Diego, to uncover and share the unique history of Black San Diego. ALL-IN San Diego is a community engagement project dedicated to bringing untold stories to the History Center.



HIDDEN GEM COLLECTED THROUGH THE ALL-IN SAN DIEGO PROJECT

Dee Sanford shared this family photo with ALL-IN volunteers, showing Ted Kennedy during his 1960 visit to San Diego while campaigning for his brother, John F. Kennedy's presidential run. The image was digitized and returned to her, contributing to efforts to preserve and expand the History Center's collection by filling in missing pieces of Black San Diego history.



Pictured left to right: Robert A. Ward, Edward (Ted) Kennedy, Mrs. Ward, Ted Patrick, and June McCann.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS DYNAMIC INITIATIVE](#)

KEEPERS OF THE CULTURE



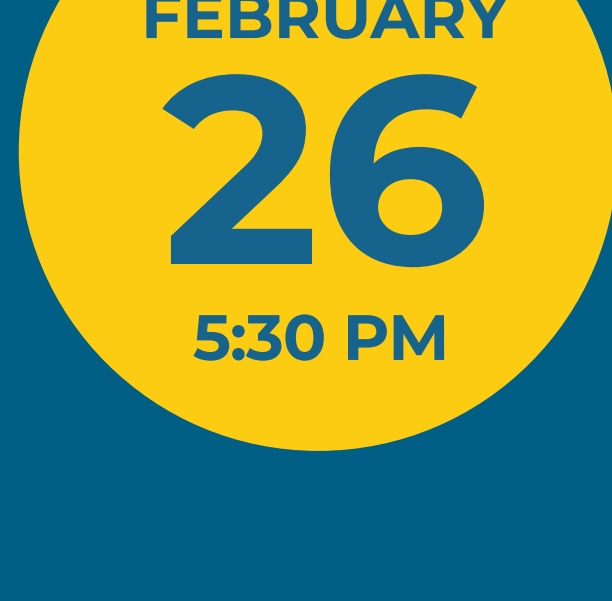
Join the San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art, in collaboration with the San Diego History Center, to honor the 2025 Keepers of the Culture recipients:

- **Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D:** Long time San Diego social justice advocate and the first Black person and San Diegan to serve as California Secretary of State.
- **The Cooper Family Foundation:** Sidney Cooper Sr.'s family continues his spirit of keeping the recognition and celebration of who initiated local Juneteenth in the forefront of the San Diego community.
- **Ron Dhanifu:** A renowned jazz radio programmer and historian who shares the deep roots of jazz within the Black experience, highlighting its cultural significance and global influence on music.
- **Martha R. Logan:** A distinguished leader in the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority (AKA), she has shown exceptional leadership with 75 years of uninterrupted membership, contributing significantly to San Diego's social justice and cultural efforts.

The doors will open at the History Center in Balboa Park at 5 pm for a reception featuring Grammy Award-winning record producer Kamau Kenyatta. The program will begin at 6 pm. Space is limited for this special event, please RSVP today.

[RSVP HERE](#)

MISSING PIECES



Missing Pieces Virtual Exhibition Opens February 26: Showcasing Contributions Reflecting The Lives of Black San Diegans



Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

A new virtual exhibition, *Missing Pieces*, will launch on Wednesday, February 26, at the History Center in Balboa Park. This exhibition showcases the stories, items, photos, and oral histories collected during the first year of an initiative dedicated to preserving San Diego's African American history.

In partnership with the County of San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce, this initiative has engaged community ambassadors who have worked directly with San Diego residents, building relationships and capturing insights, stories, and perspectives. Their efforts ensure the History Center has established connections within various San Diego communities to capture a comprehensive and authentic representation of our community's history is collected and shared.

Join us for the opening reception, Wednesday, February 26 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the History Center in Balboa Park. Space is limited, please RSVP today.

[RSVP HERE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



CALLING ALL MUSEUM LOVERS!

Join us this February for 2025 Museum Month and embark on a thrilling adventure through over 60 museums from throughout San Diego and Tijuana. Discover hidden treasures, experience captivating exhibits, and celebrate the power of art. Digital and physical passes are now available for the region's largest annual celebration of art, culture, history, science, nature and more. Let the exploration begin!

[LEARN MORE](#)

FEBRUARY
8

11 AM - 12 PM

HISTORY EXPLORERS: STORY QUILTS

Become a History Explorer! Each month the San Diego History Center in Balboa Parks offers family-friendly hands-on activities to learn about our community!

This month, families are invited to explore the rich tradition of African American story quilts and learn about the legacy of renowned San Diego artist Faith Ringgold (1930–2024). Together, we'll celebrate personal stories and creativity by decorating individual paper quilt squares. Using stickers, stencils, and patterned paper, you can create your own unique masterpiece.

Suitable for ages: 8 – 12 | Price: \$10 per child

[RSVP HERE](#)

PRESIDIO WALKING TOUR

FEBRUARY
23

1 PM

At The River's Edge And Through The Presidio Grounds

Discover the hidden history of the Presidio de San Diego, located beneath the Junipero Serra Museum in Presidio Park. This walking tour delves into the site's profound historical significance, exploring how its distinctive river and marine environment has drawn people to this area for centuries.

[RSVP HERE](#)

FEBRUARY
23

HULA WORKSHOP WITH UMEKE

45 MINUTE SESSIONS: 11 AM, 12 PM & 1 PM

Umeke San Diego is hosting a free hula workshop at the History Center in Balboa Park celebrating the Aloha Vaqueros exhibition and the blend of San Diego, Mexican, and Hawaiian cowboy cultures.

Step into the rhythm at a special hula workshop and learn a lively hula 'auana honoring 'Ulupalakua, the picturesque upcountry Maui region. Known for its paniolo (Hawaiian cowboys), rolling pastures, and timeless charm, 'Ulupalakua inspires mele (songs) and hula that reflect its unique spirit. Led by experienced practitioners, this workshop welcomes participants of all skill levels to explore the graceful storytelling of hula 'auana. Discover the connection between hand movements, mele, and the land they celebrate while gaining insight into Maui's rich cowboy traditions. Comfortable attire is recommended.

Aloha Vaqueros Family programs are presented by Alaska + Hawaiian Airlines

Alaska × HAWAIIAN.

MEMBER RESEARCH DAY

FEBRUARY
25

9AM-12PM

Attention members: Do you have a research question or topic you wish to explore? Are you curious about the research and archival operations of SDHC? As part of your membership, you are invited to take advantage of Member Research Day, a monthly opportunity to access the History Center's Research Archives in Balboa Park. Delve into our extensive collections, uncover unique historical insights, and engage our team to investigate history on a deeper level.

[RSVP HERE](#)

COMING SOON



EQUAL PAY DAY

TUESDAY
MARCH 4
AT 4:00 PM

Featuring Rob Bonta, California Attorney General Sandra Maas, Emmy award-winning journalist and Equal Pay advocate Dr. Hei-ock Kim, Executive Director of the Kim Center for Social Balance.

[LEARN MORE](#)

SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER

women's museum OF CALIFORNIA

WOMEN'S History Fair

FREE EVENT

MARCH
15
10 AM - 5 PM

Celebrate the stories of women in the San Diego region with hands-on activities and engaging pop-up displays presented by local history and community organizations at the History Center in Balboa Park.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Spring Break Camp

March 31 - April 4, 2025

April 7 - April 11, 2025



Explore, Learn, and Create: Spring Break Camp at the San Diego History Center!

Join our one-week spring break art camp at the History Center in Balboa Park for children aged 7 to 11, where history meets creativity! With a blend of fun and discovery, kids will explore crafts, learn new skills, make friends, and create lasting memories.

Pricing: \$300 for nonmembers, \$255 for members* (15% discount)

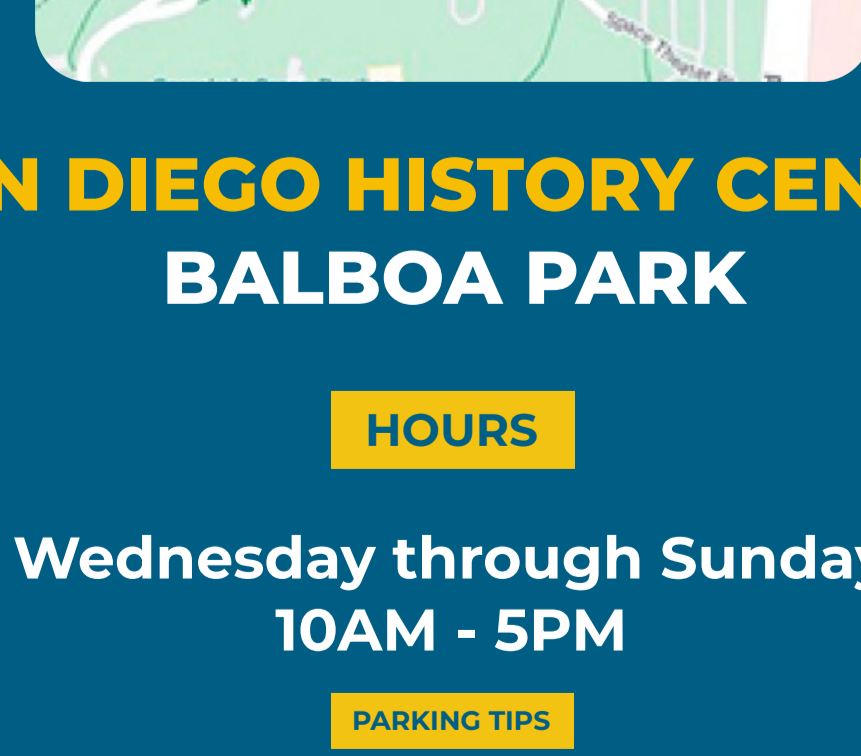
[MARCH 31-APRIL 4, 9 AM - 3 PM](#)

[APRIL 7- APRIL 11, 9 AM - 3 PM](#)

*Discount is applied when members log in using the email attached to their membership

Explore our flagship museum in Balboa Park and the Junipero Serra Museum in historic Presidio Park, where visitors and locals alike can discover why the history of San Diego matters today.

Immerse yourself in our fascinating exhibitions and interactive experiences that bring the region's history to life.



SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER BALBOA PARK

[HOURS](#)

Wednesday through Sunday
10AM - 5PM

[PARKING TIPS](#)

[Research Archive](#)



JUNIPERO SERRA MUSEUM PRESIDIO PARK

[HOURS](#)

Saturday & Sunday
10AM - 4PM

[PARKING TIPS](#)

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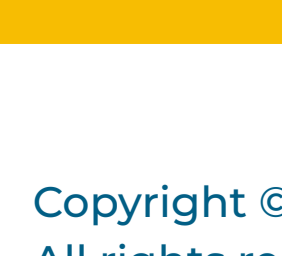


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