SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER

March 2025
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EXPERIENCE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: EXHIBITS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS HONORING TRAILBLAZERS

Women's History Month

Presented by the San Diego History Center
And Women's Museum of California

This Women's History Month, the San Diego History Center, in partnership with the Women's Museum of California, is proud to present a series of collaborative events and exhibitions honoring the trailblazing women who have shaped San Diego's history. From pioneering leaders and activists to artists, educators, and innovators, our March programming will highlight the extraordinary impact of local women whose stories deserve to be brought to life.

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Photo: San Diego History Center

POP UP EXHIBIT

Changing Their World – The World's First Women's Studies Department

We invite you to experience a special pop-up exhibition, ***Changing Their World: The World's First Women's Studies Department***, at our Balboa Park Museum. This exhibition celebrates a groundbreaking moment in academia—the establishment of the world's first Women's Studies department at San Diego State University.

Explore the origins of this historic program, officially formulated at SDSU on May 22, 1970. As the first department of its kind anywhere in the world, it paved the way for the academic study of women's history, culture, and contributions to society.

Women's History Fair

MARCH
15
10 AM - 5 PM

Join us at the San Diego History Center in Balboa Park to celebrate the stories and legacies of women in our region through hands-on activities, and engaging pop-up displays presented by local history and community organizations.

SEE MORE DETAILS

Don't Miss the Final Days of ART PRIZE San Diego! Closes March 16

SAN DIEGO ART PRIZE
GABRIEL BOILS
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CURATED BY LARA BULLOCK
SAN DIEGO ART PRIZE

Experience the incredible talent of binational visual artists at ***ART PRIZE San Diego***, a dynamic exhibition showcasing creative voices from both sides of the border.

This year's exhibition, *Stochastic Elegies: Life, Nature & Transcendence*, showcases artwork that explores themes of life, nature, and the world around us. Through unique perspectives and creative expression, these pieces invite viewers to connect with shared human experiences in a meaningful way.

Visit the exhibition through March 16 and engage with the stunning works that highlight the depth of our region's artistic landscape.

DON'T MISS THIS LAST CHANCE

San Diego History Center In The News

MISSING PIECES
WENDY MCKINNEY
COMMUNITY CONNECTOR CONSULTANT, SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER
FOX 5
7:40 | 52°
HEADLINES

4:15
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HEADLINES
MAN SENTENCED TO A YEAR IN JAIL FOR FATAL ATTACK ON SMALL DOG AT EL CA

Visit the History Hub for the latest news on the ***Missing Pieces*** virtual archive project and its recent reveal. Missing Pieces is a collaboration between the San Diego History Center and the San Diego County Black Chamber of Commerce dedicated to preserving San Diego's African American history.

IN MEMORIAM:
Anne Evans (1931–2024)

The San Diego History Center and Women's Museum of California notes with sadness the passing of Anne Evans, a visionary business leader, philanthropist, and longtime supporter of the History Center.

Mrs. Evans co-founded Evans Hotels in 1953 with her late husband, William D. Evans, and served as chairwoman from 1984 to 2014, becoming one of the region's most influential business leaders and advocates for education, health care, and women's issues.

She passed away on February 12 at her home in La Jolla after a brief illness at the age of 92. Her daughter, Grace Evans Cherashore, now serves as executive chairwoman of Evans Hotels and continues her mother's legacy of involvement at the San Diego History Center as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Evans' contributions to San Diego's hospitality industry, philanthropy, and historic preservation leave a lasting impact. She will be deeply missed.

Learn more about Anne Evans and her legacy, in this article from the San Diego Union Tribune.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF LEON WILLIAMS
(1922 - 2025)

Photo credit: San Diego Union Tribune/Eduardo Contreras

The San Diego History Center and the Women's Museum of California celebrate the life of Leon Williams, a Community Hero and San Diego icon, who passed away on Sunday, March 2. A trailblazing civic leader, Williams broke racial barriers as the first Black person elected to the San Diego City Council in 1969 and later to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in 1982. His leadership extended statewide as President of the California Association of Counties and nationally as a Board Member of the National Association of Counties.

Williams confronted racism head-on—from being denied lodging at the former Hotel Pickwick to enduring police harassment while serving on the City Council. Yet, he remained steadfast in his mission to uplift marginalized communities, helping to establish economic and transit development organizations that shaped San Diego's future. His remarkable life, chronicled in Together We Can Do More, leaves an enduring legacy of justice, resilience, and progress.

Learn more about Leon Williams and his profound contributions to public service and the lives of San Diegans in San Diego Union-Tribune article. His dedication and impact will continue to inspire generations to come. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMBER RESEARCH DAY

MARCH
12
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? A benefit of your membership is 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

PRESIDIO WALKING TOUR

MARCH
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 Junipéro 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

MARCH
23

Presented by: Alaska × HAWAIIAN

HULA AND 'UKULELE WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY HUI O HAWAII

Hui O Hawaii of San Diego is hosting a free hula and 'ukulele workshop at our museum in Balboa Park! This special event celebrates the Aloha Vaqueros exhibition and the rich blend of San Diego, Mexican, and Hawaiian cowboy cultures.

Along with the dance experience, you're welcome to bring a 'ukulele* and join in! We'll guide participants in playing and dancing to this beautiful mele (song).

40 Minute Hula Workshops: 12 PM and 2 PM
40 Minute 'Ukulele Workshops: 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM

LEARN MORE

* Basic 'ukulele instruction will be given. Participants must supply their own 'ukulele. Comfortable attire is recommended.

MARCH
25
3:00 - 4:30 PM

CELEBRATING RANDY TIDMORE

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women's museum OF CALIFORNIA
A Program of the San Diego History Center

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Join a special celebration honoring WWII Marine Veteran and Real-Life Rosie the Riveter, Randy Tidmore, on her 103rd birthday! featuring the exclusive premiere of a new episode from WMC's Emmy Award-winning series, *Trailblazing Women*, showcasing her story.

MARCH
29
11 AM-12 PM

BECOME A HISTORY EXPLORER!

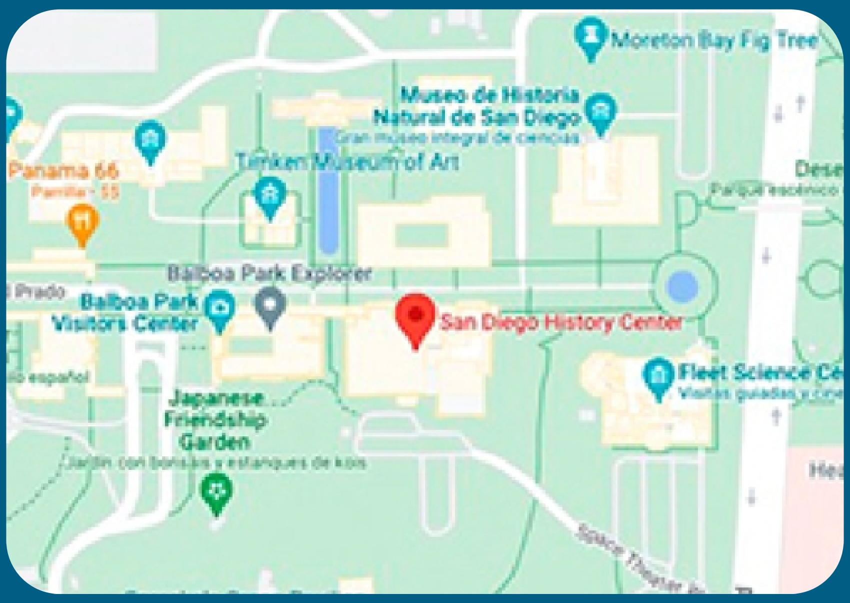
HISTORY EXPLORERS: HEROINES ON THE HOMEFRONT

Celebrate Women's History Month with the San Diego History Center and the Women's Museum of California as we explore the vital role San Diego women played during World War II and the inspiring legacy of Rosie the Riveter—an icon who helped spark women's social and economic awakening during a pivotal moment in American history/. This free family event will feature the reading of the book *Rosie the Riveter: The Legacy of an American Icon* and immersive airplane papercrafting.

RSVP HERE

Explore our flagship museum in Balboa Park and the Junípero 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.


Moreton Bay Fig Tree
Museo de Historia Natural de San Diego
Timken Museum of Art
Panama 66
Balboa Park Explorer
Balboa Park Visitors Center
San Diego History Center
Fleet Science Center
Japanese Friendship Garden

SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER
BALBOA PARK

HOURS

Wednesday through Sunday
10AM - 5PM

PARKING TIPS

Research Archive

University of San Diego
Fashion Valley
MORENA
Aerial Revolution
Junipero Serra Museum
Presidio Park
Serra Palms
McCoy House
Old Town Tequila Factory Restaurant & Cantina
Target
MIDWAY DISTRICT
San Diego Museum Council
MISSION HILLS
HILLCREST

JUNIPERO SERRA MUSEUM
PRESIDIO PARK

HOURS

Saturday & Sunday
10AM - 4PM

PARKING TIPS

Please check here for scheduled closures

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