SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER

October 2025

NOW

FALL INTO HISTORY THIS OCTOBER

Final chance to get tickets for this exciting event!

Step back into San Diego's Prohibition past with a one-night only speakeasy experience inside the History Center!

Event Highlights:

- Enter through a secret side door into an immersive speakeasy setting
- Local actors bring to life stories of bootleggers, hidden bars, and colorful legends
- Flapper-inspired performance by the San Diego Civic Dance team
- Rare artifacts from our archives displayed up-close
- Opportunity dressing & costume contest with exclusive prizes from local mixologists, theaters, and businesses

Sip, dance, and discover the city's hidden history—this is one night you won't want to miss.

Password required—register to receive it!

San Diego History Center & Women's Museum of California Members: **$75**
General: **$85**

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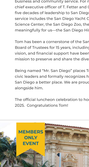

San Diego Rotary to honor SDHC Chair Emeritus Tom Fetter as the 71st recipient of the Mr. San Diego Award

At 91, Tom Fetter continues to inspire with his remarkable dedication to both business and community service. For more than 60 years, he served as chief executive officer of T. Fetter and Co., Inc., while also contributing over 50 years of leadership to the San Diego History Center (formerly the San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Balboa Park Club, the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, the San Diego Zoo, the USD School of Law, and—most meaningfully for us—the San Diego History Center.

Tom has been a cornerstone of the San Diego History Center, serving on the Board of Trustees for 15 years, including six years as Chairman. His leadership, vision, and financial support have been instrumental in advancing SDHC's mission to preserve and share the diverse stories of our region.

Being named "Mr. San Diego" places Tom among a distinguished roster of civic leaders and formally recognizes his lifelong commitment to the community he has helped shape. We are proud to celebrate this well-deserved honor alongside Tom.

The official luncheon celebration to honor Tom will take place on October 16, 2025. Congratulations Tom!

We invite you to the Annual Members Meeting of the San Diego History Center.

Over the past year, the History Center has made a meaningful impact in our community—safeguarding, uncovering, and celebrating the stories that make San Diego's past and future so fascinating. At this Annual Meeting, we'll share highlights of this important work and the difference your membership support makes every day.

Join Jim Jessup, San Diego History Center Trustee, as he shares his family's story behind one of San Diego's most iconic civic landmarks—the historic Jessup Street Clock.

Through Jim's storytelling, discover the remarkable ingenuity of his grandfather, Joseph Jessup, who built both the clock in 1915 in downtown San Diego, and how Joseph's five sons helped grow J. Jessup and Sons Jewelers into a thriving local business.

Jim's account comes full circle with the family's decision to move the beloved Jessup Clock into the San Diego History Center, ensuring its place in the city's story for generations to come.

We look forward to gathering with you for this meaningful evening of history, community, and appreciation.

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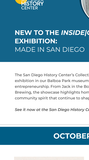
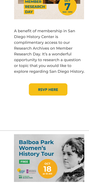


The San Diego History Center's Collections team has curated a new *Inside/Out* exhibition in our Balboa Park museum atrium, celebrating local creativity and entrepreneurship. From back in the 1904 and the Luna Park/Big Indians to Adrian Wilson and Tiffany Studios, this exhibition showcases how innovation and community spirit have continue to shape San Diego's identity and economy.

See it now at the San Diego History Center in Balboa Park.

OCTOBER EVENTS



A benefit of membership in San Diego History Center is complimentary access to our Members Only Speakeasy! Dancing into a wonderful opportunity to research a question or topic that you would like to explore regarding San Diego History.

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Celebrate Filipino American History Month with the San Diego History Center and the Council of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO)

Drop in anytime for an evening filled with music, delicious bites, and drinks inspired by our exhibition: *Taste San Diego: Filipino Culinary Journeys.*

Stay for a couple of songs and a drink or the whole night as we honor culture, tradition, and community.

Admission is **FREE**
Suggested donation: $5

Come along on a free guided tour —starting at the Bea Evenson Fountain on the east end of the Park—that honors the incredible women who helped shape Balboa Park and San Diego's vibrant history.

Connect with local genealogical societies, explore helpful resources, and take the first step in uncovering your family's unique story. All are welcome—bring your tips, tools, and community connections that will guide you on your journey of family history research.

SAVE THESE DATES

Celebrate San Diego! A New Era for Women's History

Join us for a joyous occasion marking a bold new chapter in San Diego's history. The Women's Museum of California has officially merged with the San Diego History Center—an milestone that calls for both reflection and vision.

This distinguished event will honor the current inductees into the Women's Hall of Fame—trailblazing women whose courage and leadership have shaped San Diego. We pay tribute to these remarkable leaders, whose legacies continue to inspire and impact the future.

At the same time, this event launches a renewed commitment to women's history in San Diego—supporting exhibitions, research, and programs that continue to keep women's voices at the forefront of our region's story.

Guests will:

- Celebrate the achievements of current Women's Hall of Fame inductees
- Recognize decades of advocacy and community building
- Fully support for the next era of the collection and presentation of San Diego women's history

This is more than an occasion of distinction—it is a call to action to invest in the future of women's history, ensuring the voices and stories of San Diego women remain central today and for generations to come.

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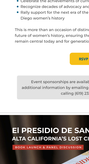
Event sponsorships are available. Contact Sheila Thomas for additional information by emailing SThomas@sandiegohistory.org or calling (619) 232-6203 ext. 126.



Join us for an evening with local author and archaeologist Richard L. Carrico as he presents his new book *El Presidio de San Diego, Alta California's lost city*, a deep look at the history and archaeology of San Diego's Presidio. A panel featuring Erica Pinto, Commissioner, Jordan Hooper, Tribal Liaison, Kumeyaay Nation, Professor of Anthropology, San Diego State University and Fred Grand, California Indian Heritage and Executive Director, Old Town Chamber of Commerce will explore the site's broadest cultural and Indigenous context.

Tickets:
Member Ticket: $10 | General Public: $20
Please note that due to high demand reservations are required.

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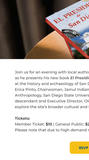
SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER IN THE MEDIA

Visit the History Hub for the latest local news spots regarding the opening of the new exhibition *San Diego's Lost Neighborhoods*:



CURRENT EXHIBITIONS IN BALBOA PARK

Explore our flagship museum in Balboa Park and the Junipero Serra Museum in Presidio Presidio Park in Old Town San Diego and discover the diverse stories of the history of Southern California.

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

SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER
BALBOA PARK
Free Admission
Wednesday through Sunday
10AM - 5PM
Balboa Park

JUNIPERO SERRA MUSEUM
PRESIDIO PARK
Free Admission
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
10AM - 4PM
Presidio Park

Serra Museum Presidio Park Historic

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