

Don't Miss Our America at 250 Events and More This June

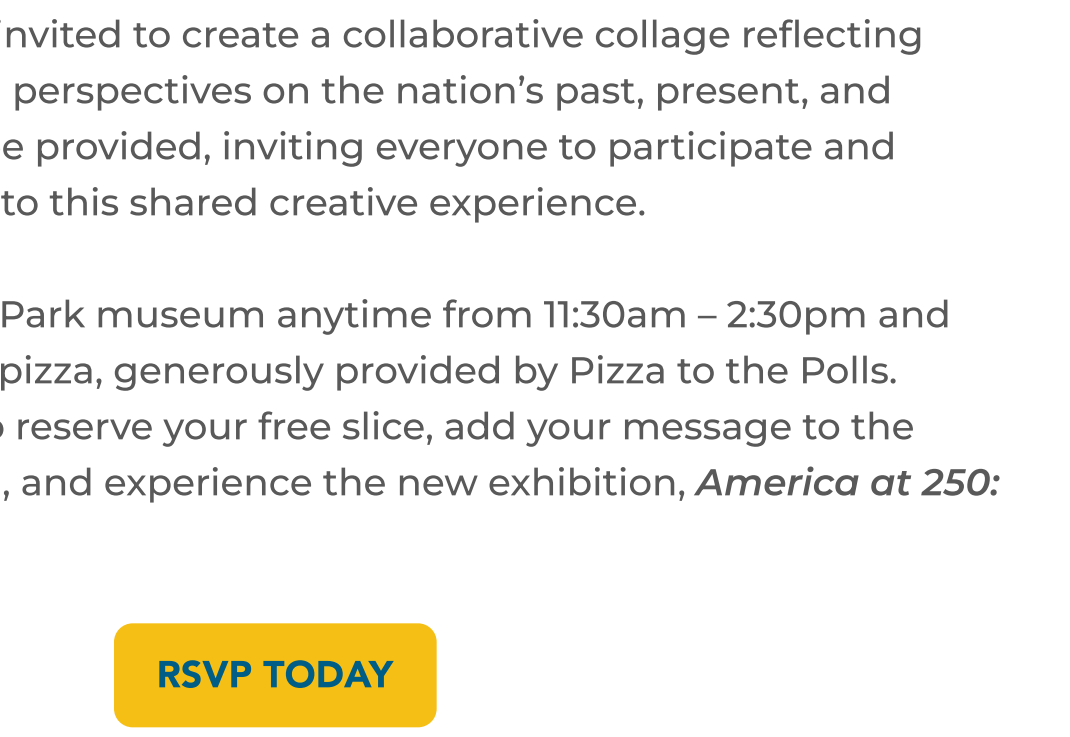
San Diego ★ 1776-2026 AMERICA at 250

OPENING JUNE 18

America at 250: San Diego 1776–2026 opens June 18 at the San Diego History Center in Balboa Park, offering a local perspective as part of the nationwide commemoration of America's 250th anniversary.

Featuring objects from SDHC's collections and exclusive private loans, the exhibition explores San Diego's evolution from a Spanish settlement and frontier town to today's vibrant binational region. Artifacts highlight Kumeyaay heritage, transportation, architecture, military history, and social movements.

This family-friendly exhibition invites visitors to reflect on our shared past, explore the present, and imagine the future.



A SLICE OF HISTORY: WISH, CREATE, CELEBRATE 250
A Free Civic Season Event for All Ages | Celebrating America at 250

Guests of all ages are invited to create a collaborative collage reflecting hopes, memories, and perspectives on the nation's past, present, and future. Materials will be provided, inviting everyone to participate and contribute their voice to this shared creative experience.

Drop in at our Balboa Park museum anytime from 11:30am – 2:30pm and enjoy complimentary pizza, generously provided by Pizza to the Polls. Register in advance to reserve your free slice, add your message to the community Wish Wall, and experience the new exhibition, *America at 250: San Diego 1776–2026*.

[RSVP TODAY](#)

GIRL SCOUTS CAN EARN AN AMERICA 250 PATCH THIS SUMMER

This summer, local Girl Scouts are invited to experience history in action through special field trip programs connected to the new exhibition *America at 250: San Diego 1776–2026*.

Through guided exploration, creative activities, and hands-on learning, scouts will discover the people and events that shaped San Diego while reflecting on the future they hope to build for their community.

Participating scouts will receive an America 250 patch as part of the experience.

Programs include:

- Guided tours of the *America at 250: San Diego 1776–2026*
- Interactive lessons on San Diego women's suffrage history
- Arts and crafts activities centered on civic engagement and community voices

Program Dates:

📅 June 27, July 25, August 29
🕒 10:00am – 11:30am & 12:30pm – 2:00pm

[RSVP TODAY AND JOIN US IN CELEBRATING AMERICA AT 250](#)

SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER IN THE COMMUNITY



JUNE 20
11:00AM-6:30PM

We'll see you at the
**Cooper Family Foundation
JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**

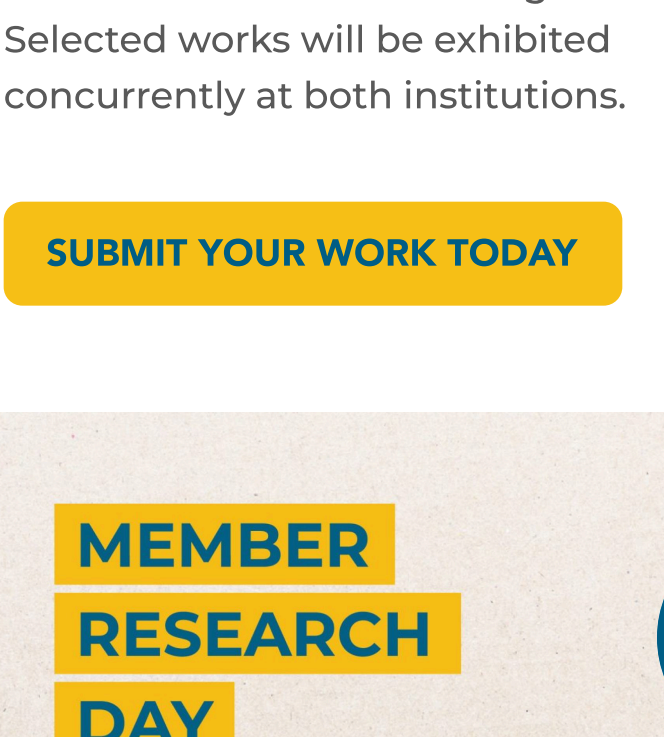
MEMORIAL PARK
2975 Ocean View Blvd., San Diego 92113

The San Diego History Center is honored to participate in the *Cooper Family Foundation's annual Juneteenth Celebration* at Memorial Park on Saturday June 20. This longstanding community event, founded in 1970 by Sidney Cooper Sr., commemorates Black freedom and resilience through cultural performances, educational exhibits, and family-friendly activities.

Stop by our table to explore local history, find out how to contribute your story and items to our collections, learn about upcoming exhibitions, and enjoy a fun children's craft inspired by African American heritage in San Diego.

Admission is FREE and open to all.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS JUNE



SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER
OCEANSIDE MUSEUM OF ART

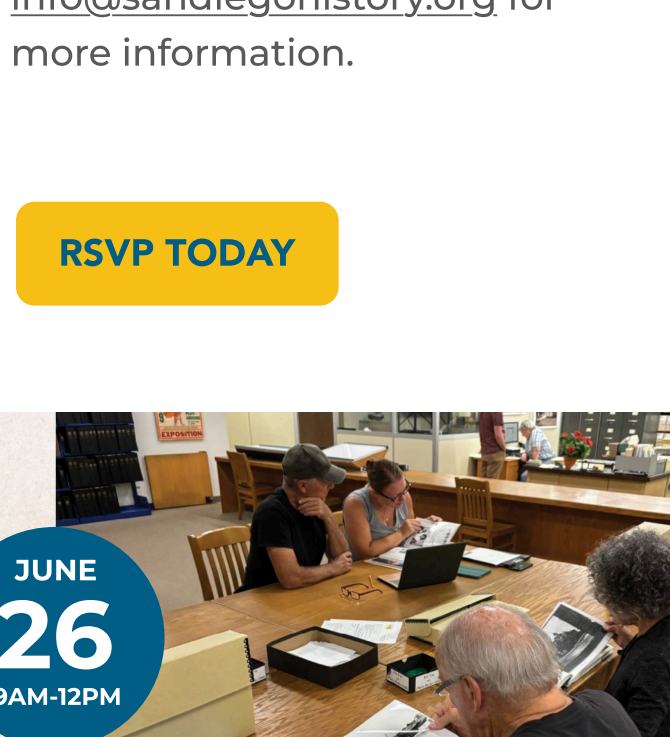
Call for Artists: Changing Terrain Submission Deadline: June 10, 2026

Artists from Southern California and Baja are invited to submit work for *Changing Terrain: Regional Artists Interpret Our Landscape*, a collaborative exhibition presented by the San Diego History Center and Oceanside Museum of Art.

This contemporary exhibition explores how artists are responding to a region shaped by environmental change, evolving communities, layered histories, and shifting perspectives on place.

Through diverse artistic interpretations, *"Changing Terrain"* will examine the landscapes that connect and define our shared border region. Selected works will be exhibited concurrently at both institutions.

[SUBMIT YOUR WORK TODAY](#)



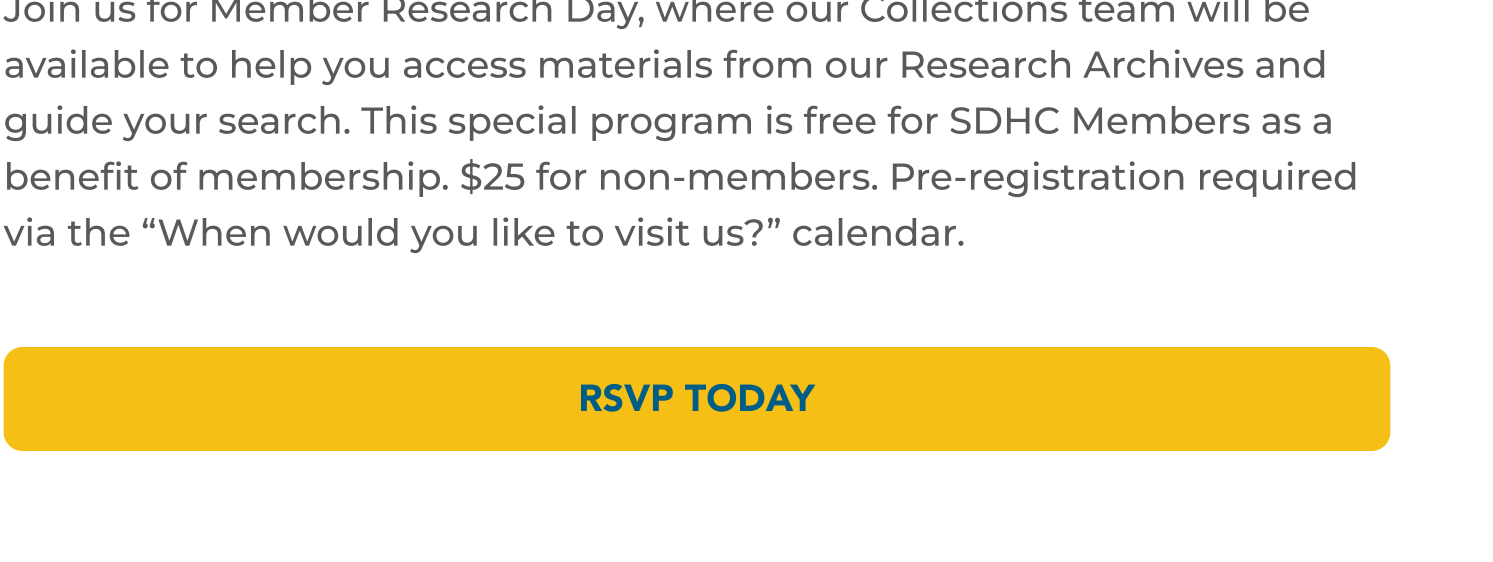
SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER
Center for Women's History

Balboa Park Women's History Tour
JUNE 20 at 10:30am

Discover the women whose vision, leadership, and creativity helped shape Balboa Park and San Diego's cultural landscape. Held on the third Saturday of each month, this guided walking tour begins at 10:30 a.m. at the San Diego History Center.

Explore the stories of trailblazing women whose influence continues today, then enjoy additional stories of San Diego women in the museum's galleries before and after the tour at no additional cost. Presented in partnership with Forever Balboa Park. Guided group tours for 10 or more are also available by appointment. Reservations are required. Contact info@sandiegohistory.org for more information.

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MEMBER RESEARCH DAY
JUNE 26 9AM-12PM

Have a research question to explore?

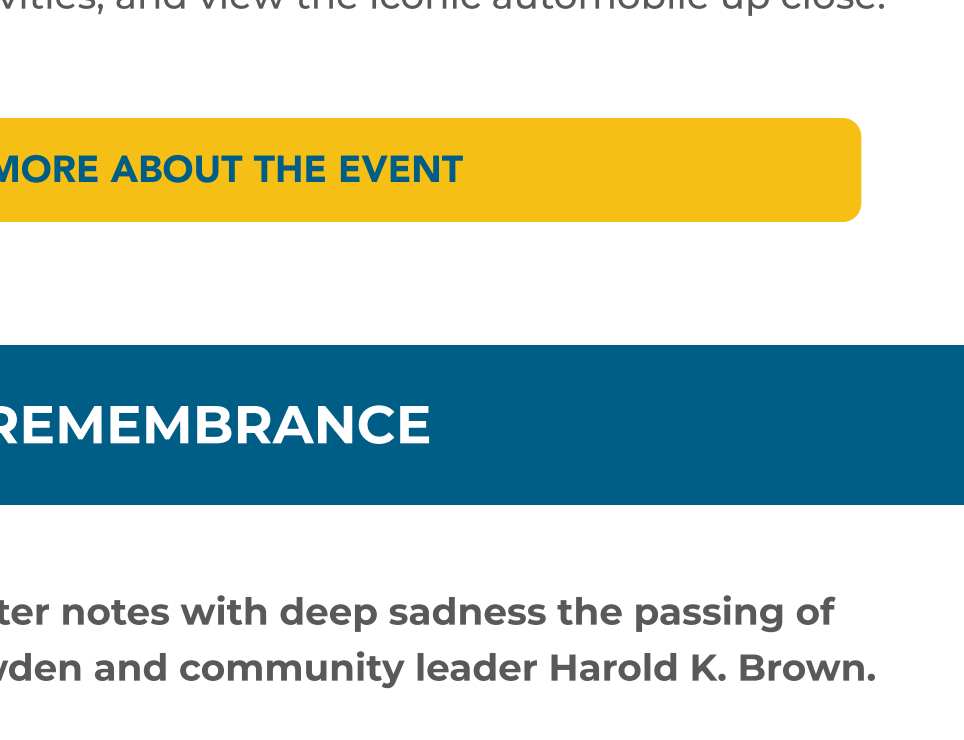
Join us for Member Research Day, where our Collections team will be available to help you access materials from our Research Archives and guide your search. This special program is free for SDHC Members as a benefit of membership. \$25 for non-members. Pre-registration required via the "When would you like to visit us?" calendar.

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CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY HOSTS A LEGEND

SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER
Center for Women's History

Former Congresswoman Susan Davis (at the steering wheel) joined community leaders, historians, and advocates in celebrating the return of The Golden Flyer to Balboa Park.



In 1916, suffragists Alice Burke and Nell Richardson crossed the United States in a bright yellow Saxon roadster known as The Golden Flyer to advocate for women's right to vote, making a historic stop in Balboa Park along the way. On May 2, The Golden Flyer returned to Balboa Park as part of a commemorative cross-country journey. Guests visited the San Diego History Center to explore California suffrage campaign artifacts, participate in hands-on activities, and view the iconic automobile up close.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE EVENT](#)

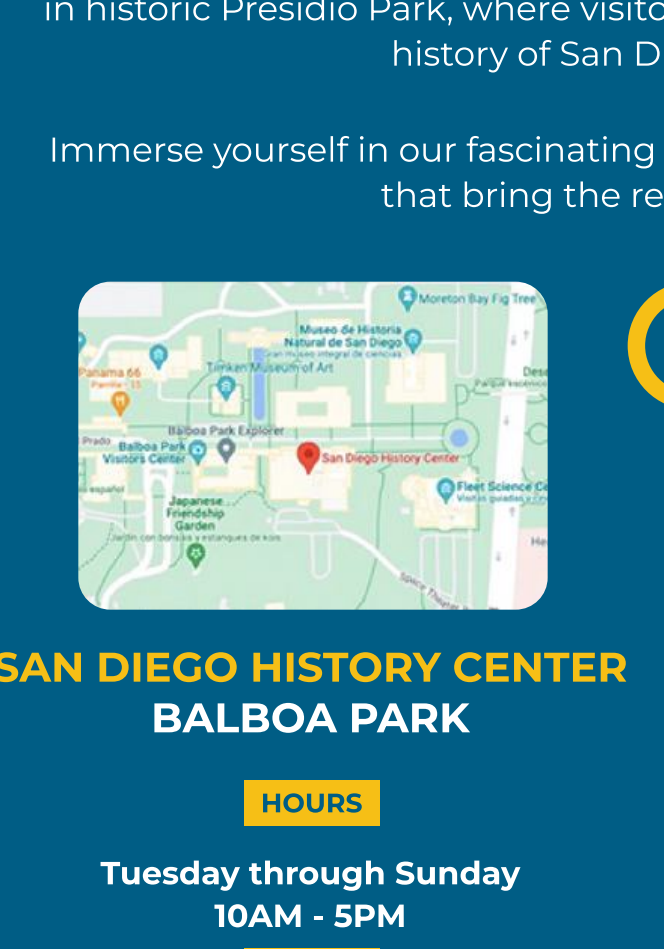
IN REMEMBRANCE

The San Diego History Center notes with deep sadness the passing of former Trustee Robert Bowden and community leader Harold K. Brown.

Robert Bowden, alongside his wife, Karen, played a pivotal role in supporting the History Center's early digitization efforts during the pandemic, helping expand online access to our collections for students, researchers, and the broader community. His commitment to preserving and sharing San Diego's history leaves a lasting legacy.

Harold K. Brown, pioneering educator, activist, Army veteran, and community leader, dedicated his life to advancing civil rights and economic opportunity in San Diego. As San Diego State University's first Black administrator and founder of its Afro-American Studies program, Brown's legacy of advocacy, education, and empowerment continues to inspire generations. The San Diego History Center honored him through the *Celebrate San Diego: Black History and Heritage* initiative and preserved his [oral history](#) as part of our collection.

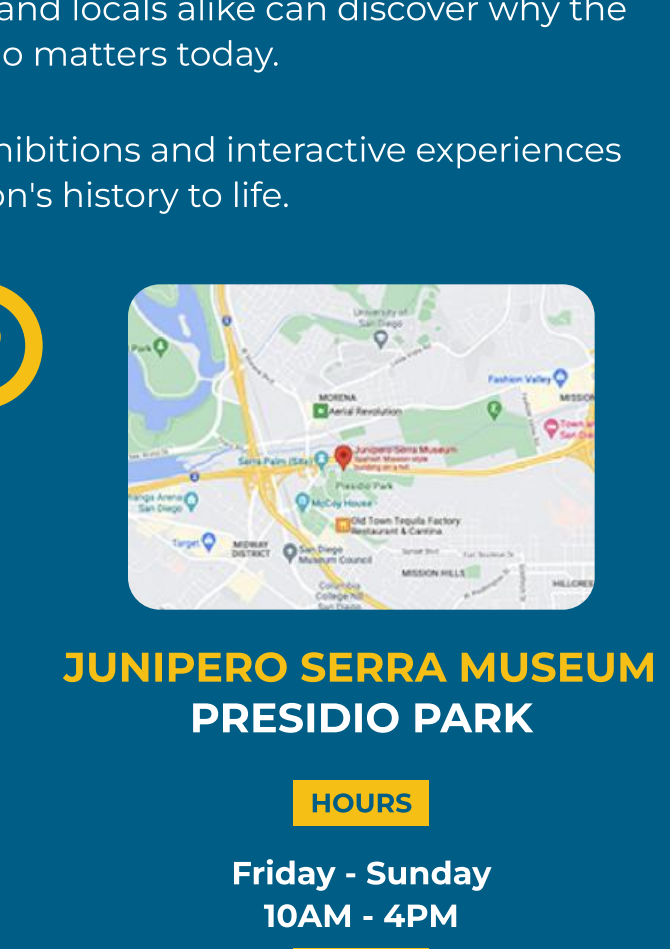
ANNOUNCING SUMMER HOURS:



SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER
BALBOA PARK

HOURS
Tuesday through Sunday
10AM - 5PM

PARKING TIPS
[Research Archive](#)



JUNIPERO SERRA MUSEUM
PRESIDIO PARK

HOURS
Friday - Sunday
10AM - 4PM

PARKING TIPS
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