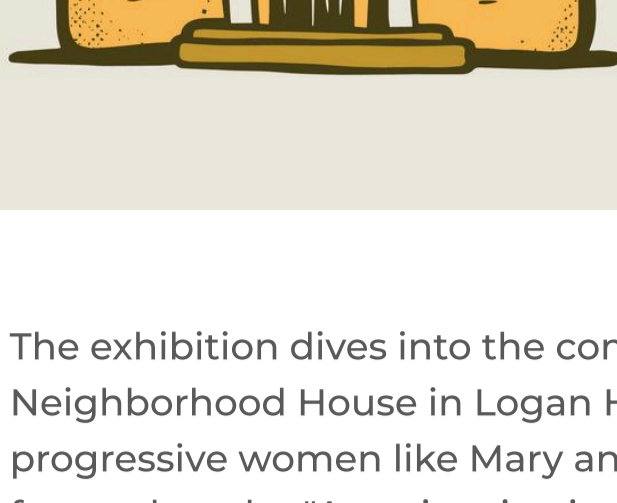


At the San Diego History Center, we connect the legends of our past with the vibrant culture of today.

Explore curated experiences that celebrate our diverse heritage and help you discover your connection to San Diego's story.



SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER, SAN DIEGO
LA NEIGHBOR

Don't miss your chance to experience "La Neighbor: A Settlement House 1914-1972" before it leaves our Balboa Park museum on May 3.

The exhibition dives into the complex 60-year history of the Neighborhood House in Logan Heights. Established in 1914 by socially progressive women like Mary and Helen Marston, the house initially focused on the "Americanization" of Mexican immigrants. By exploring this era, we see firsthand how community members and local government grappled with systemic challenges like poverty and gaps in education and healthcare.

This history is told through a compelling mix of original documents, historical images, and vintage garments. At the heart of the display are over 20 new oral histories that bring the authentic voices of the community to the forefront. A special thank you to Maria Garcia, Augie Bareño, and the many contributors who shared their personal memories and materials to preserve this legacy.

SEE THE LA NEIGHBOR COLLECTION ON THE ALL IN SAN DIEGO WEBSITE

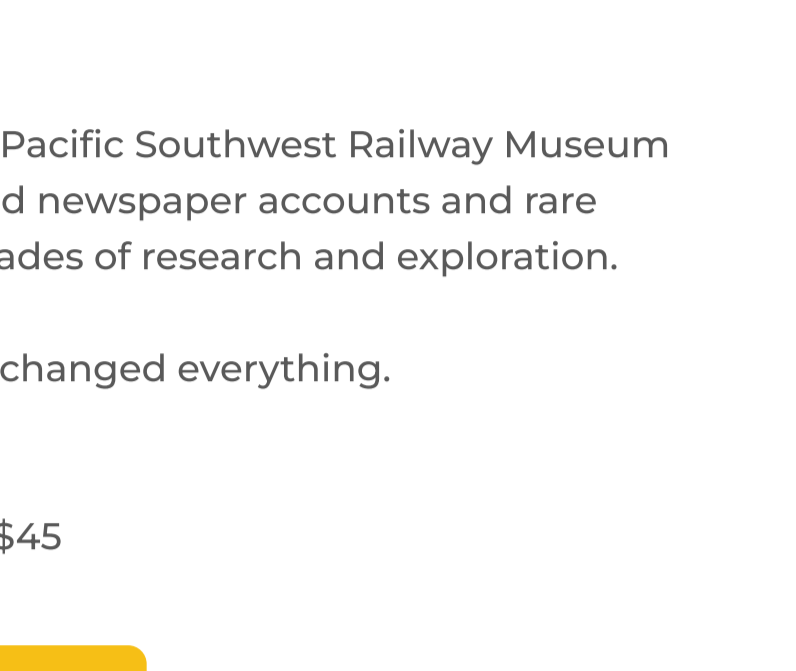
LUNCH & LEARN

CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN RAILROAD

The California Southern Railroad And The Great San Diego Land Boom Of The 1880s

MEMBER: \$35 | NON-MEMBER: \$45

MAY 12
11:30 AM - 1 PM



Step into the story of the railroad that reshaped San Diego.

Join the San Diego History Center for a dynamic lunchtime talk exploring how the arrival of the California Southern Railway—connecting to the Santa Fe system in 1885—sparked a dramatic population boom and forever altered the region's future. From bold ambitions to a whirlwind era of growth, discover how this pivotal moment transformed San Diego into the city we know today.

Archivist Bruce Semelsberger of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum brings this history to life through vivid newspaper accounts and rare photographs gathered over four decades of research and exploration.

A fascinating look at the tracks that changed everything.

Ticket price includes lunch.

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ALSO HAPPENING IN MAY



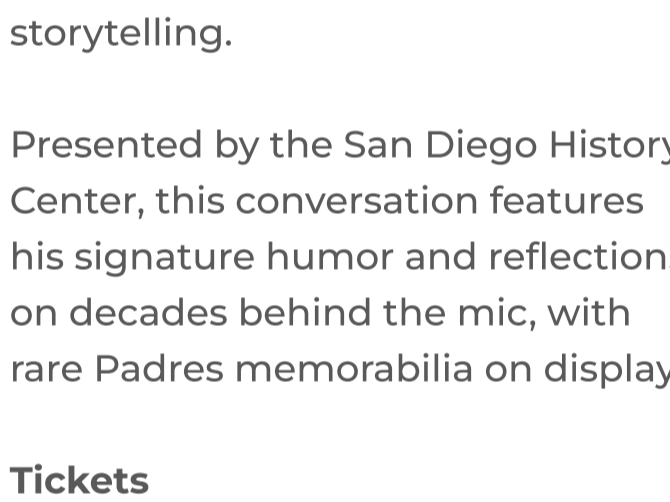
Now is the time to become a member or make the most of your San Diego History Center membership. During The Big Exchange, now through May 18, 2026, members enjoy free admission to 60+ museums, historic sites, gardens, and more across San Diego County.

GET MORE INFORMATION

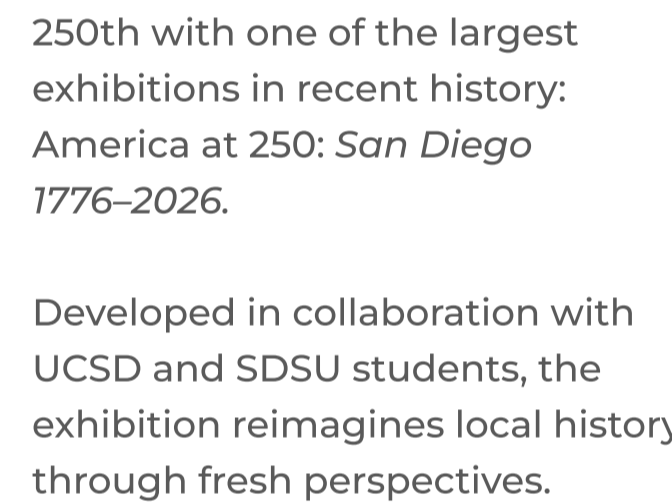


Member Research Day offers a unique opportunity to explore the History Center's Research Archives with guidance from our team. This special program is free for SDHC Members as a benefit of membership. \$25 for non-members. Pre-registration required via the "When would you like to visit us?" calendar.

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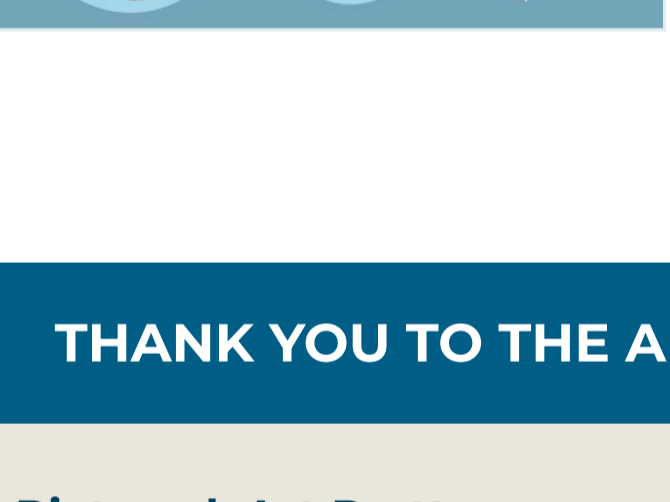


Forever Balboa Park and the San Diego History Center's Center for Women's History present a free tour celebrating the women who shaped the Park. Begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Bea Evenson Fountain—discover stories that continue to inspire.



Explore "San Diego Women in STEM" and spark creativity with hands-on RoboBattle workshops by the Grant Imahara STEAM Foundation. Kids build LEGO® robots and compete—developing teamwork, problem-solving, and imagination in a fun, free family experience.

COMING SOON



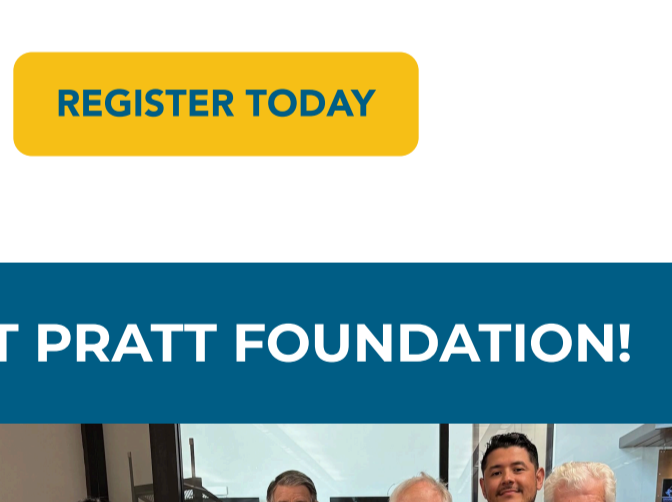
Step into San Diego baseball history with Ted Leitner for an evening of storytelling.

Presented by the San Diego History Center, this conversation features his signature humor and reflections on decades behind the mic, with rare Padres memorabilia on display.

Tickets
SDHC Member \$25
Non-Member \$35

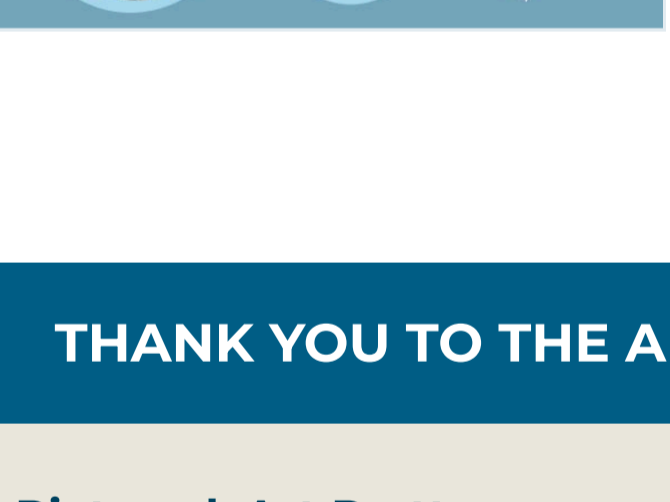
Space is limited.
Reservations are required.

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Opening June 18
We're commemorating America's 250th with one of the largest exhibitions in recent history: America at 250: San Diego 1776-2026.

Developed in collaboration with UCSD and SDSU students, the exhibition reimagines local history through fresh perspectives. Featuring 100 objects from our collections, it offers a uniquely local lens on the people, places, and moments that have shaped San Diego's story.



Every Day Is an Adventure at our July Summer Camps in the heart of Balboa Park
From hands-on activities to creative exploration, children ages 7 - 11 will turn curiosity into discovery.

REGISTER TODAY

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We are honored to have received a grant from the Art Pratt Foundation to purchase iPads for our Education Programs, serving 5,000 students annually, many from Title I schools who participate at no cost.

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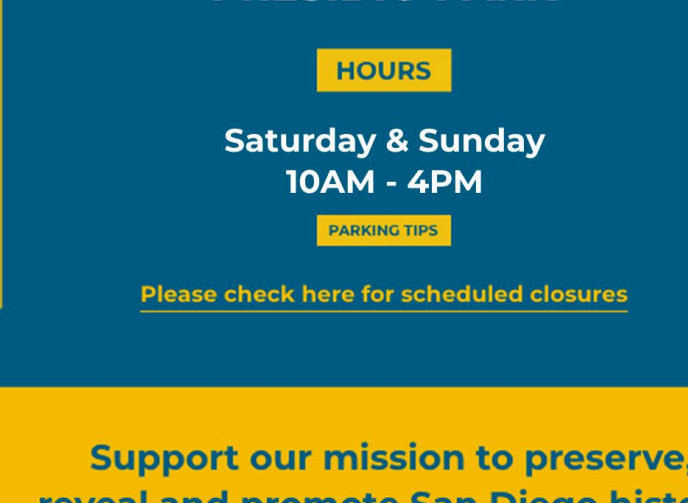
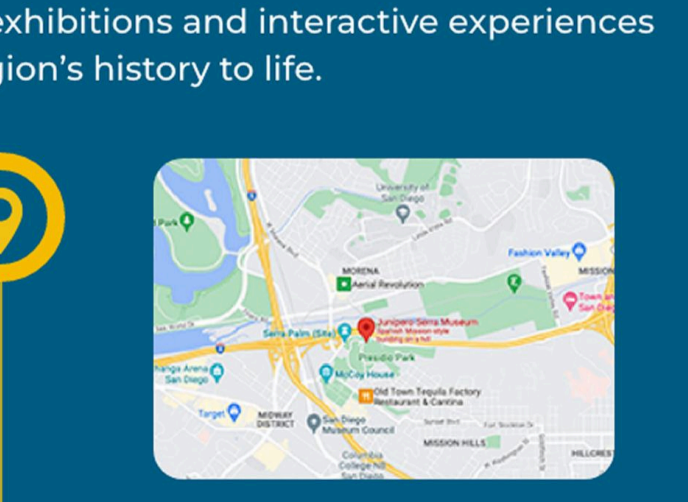
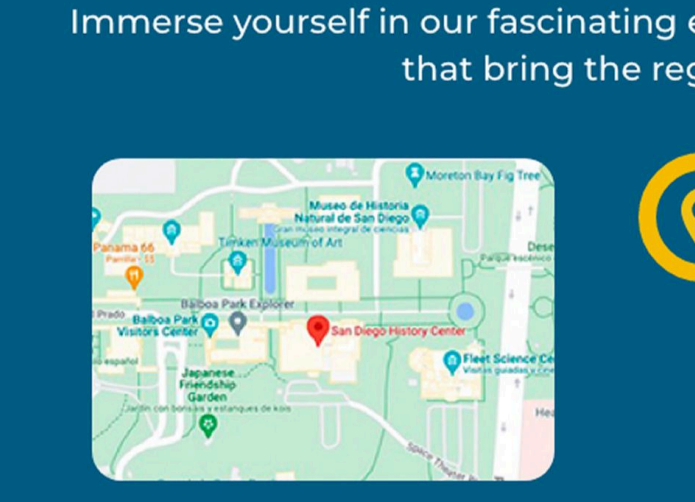


We're proud to share new oral histories from the ALL-IN Community Archive and *Voices of City Heights: A Sense of Place, A Sense of Home*. These firsthand stories reflect identity, resilience, and community across San Diego.

Listen, learn, and connect—preserved for today and future generations.

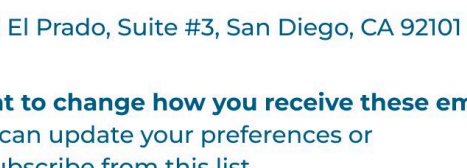
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CURRENT EXHIBITIONS IN BALBOA PARK



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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