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Railtown 1897 Presents 2nd Annual “Working on the Railroad” Celebration on September 19

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – California State Parks and Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) are proud to present the 2nd Annual “Working on the Railroad – A Celebration of Sierra Railway Workers” on Saturday, September 19, 2015, to recognize and honor the hundreds of current and former Sierra Railway, Sierra Railroad and Railtown 1897 SHP workers, their descendants and family members. The celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include special behind-the-scenes tour of the Historic Shops and Roundhouse; special “stations” where visitors can learn more various jobs on the railroad; a “Memory Wall” with photographs and stories about former workers posted by descendants or the workers themselves; temporary exhibits throughout the Park; a special presentation by Park Curator Lisa DeLacy; entertaining live music by Patrick Karnahan and Jim Nelson of the Black Irish Band; and much more.

Designed to celebrate all the workers who built, maintained and operated the railroad, the interpretive event is focused on sharing information about the workers who practiced their trades, their job duties and who they were as individuals and community members. Some of the occupations highlighted will include Maintenance of Way, Machinist, Blacksmith, Engineer and Conductor. In addition, visitors with a past connection to Railtown 1897 SHP are encouraged to bring photos and documents to the Park so copies can be made and added to the collection.

Tickets to “Working on the Railroad: A Celebration of Sierra Railway Workers” event are free with regular Park admission: \$5 for adults; \$3 for youths ages 6-17; and free for children ages 5 and under. In addition, steam train rides behind the “Movie Star Locomotive” Sierra No. 3 are available at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. and cost \$15 for adults; \$10 for youths ages 6-17; and are free for children ages 5 and under (train ride tickets include Park admission).

For more information about the “Working on the Railroad” reunion event or Railtown 1897 SHP in general, please call 209-984-3953 or visit www.railtown1897.org.

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