

Battle of San Pasqual.

December 4th (10:00 am - 4:00 pm).

Annual event at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park. The day includes a variety of demonstrations and entertainment commemorating the Mexican-American War.

Holiday in the Park.

December 11th.

Live action performances, caroling around the fire, music, dancing, and more. All of the State Park stores and restaurants, represented by Old Town Park Merchants Association, will be open and richly decorated. Enjoy special holiday treats, activities, and extended shopping hours.

Las Posadas.

Second Weekend in December.

Based on the biblical journey of Mary and Joseph, this event has been part of Old Town San Diego's celebration of Christmas for many years. Sponsored by the Park Merchants Association.

Holiday Season Performance Tours.

December 10th & 11th, 17th & 18th, & 26th-30th.

Tour Old Town's holiday traditions with a host of characters who actually lived here during the 1800s. (For ticket information and show times, please check out our website: www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego.)

Ongoing Living History Activities.

☞ **Every Wednesday & Saturday:** blacksmithing plus free activities and demonstrations that are fun and informative.

☞ **Second Saturday:** Californio Day, celebrating the early settlers in San Diego.

☞ **Third Saturday:** Fiber Arts (carding & spinning wool, weaving, knitting, crochet) and Quilting

☞ **Fourth Saturday:** Soap Makers (demonstrating historical techniques) and Mountain Men (music, tomahawk throwing, and other activities)

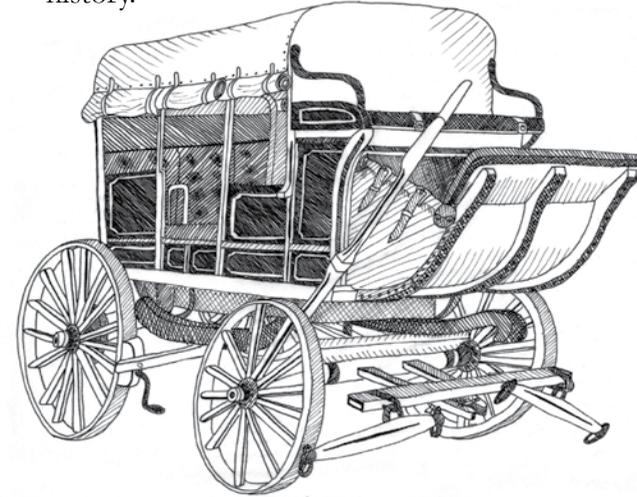
Monthly Meeting for Park Volunteers.

Third Saturday: includes special speakers and skill training. See website for details. Feel free to join us if you see something that is of interest to you!

Consider us for your next group activity!

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park offers our famous performance tours for group bookings. Tours are offered on days that do not have a previously scheduled performance. (For more information, please check our website: www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego.)

Thank you for your interest in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, part of the California State Parks system. Inquire at the Robinson-Rose Visitor Center or visit our website to find additional ways to experience California's history.



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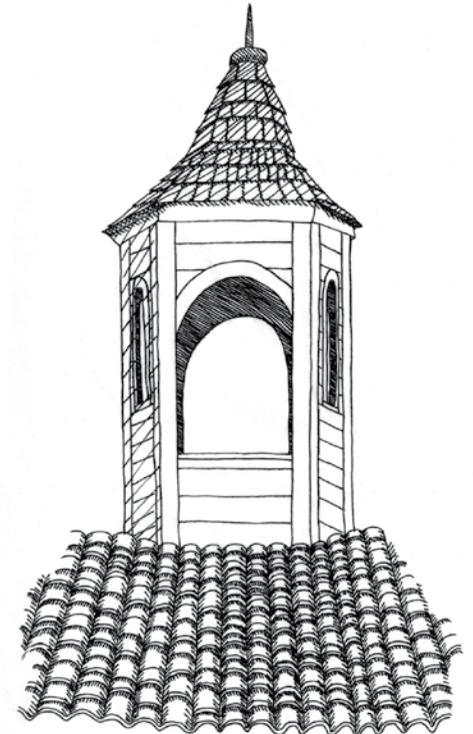


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OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE HISTORIC PARK.

2011 Event Calendar.



All our annual events are FREE unless otherwise specified. Events are subject to change. Please check our website for current information on events & activities in the park. The Merchants Association hosts additional events; check www.facebook.com/fiestadereyes

Blessing of the Animals.

January 16th (10:00 am–4:00 pm).

This annual Benediction of the Beasts celebrates St. Anthony of the Desert, the patron Saint of Animals. *(For more information, call 619.220.5422)*

Mormon Battalion Day.

January 29th (10:00 am–3:00 pm).

Learn about the Mormon Battalion's unique contributions to early San Diego's history and enjoy historic children's crafts, a Dutch oven bake-off, cannon firing, and other activities. *(For more information, call 619.298.3317)*

Spring Nights in Old Town.

February & March (5:30–8:00 pm), Nightly

Performing arts of yesterday and today in Fiesta de Reyes. Free live performances, musical entertainment, hosted by the Park Merchants Association. *(For more information, call 619.297.3100)*

Poker Night.

March 27.

Historical games of chance, raffles, and entertainment at Barra Barra Saloon. Guests to come in 1870s or earlier attire. Funds support the Park Merchants Association. *(For more information, call 619.297.3100)*

Cancer Relay for Life Fundraiser.

April 3.

A free car & bicycle exhibition to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Sponsored by Chula Vista Chapter of Relay for Life. *(For more information, call 619.297.3100)*

Daring, Delightful, & Determined Women: A Day with the Ladies of Old Town.

April 9 (12:00 pm–5:00 pm).

Experience weaving, sewing, pottery-making, and cooking at the time California became a state. Garden tours, living history activities, people in period attire, and historic games.

Fiesta Cinco de Mayo.

April 30th, May 1st & 5th.

A three-day, family-friendly extravaganza to celebrate Fiesta Cinco de Mayo in Old Town with live music, entertainment, and activities. *(For more information, contact Old Town Chamber at 619.291.4903 or visit www.oldtownsandiego.org)*

Summer Evening Tours.

Fridays & Saturdays June-September.

Our summer tours are an hour filled with interactive entertainment led by knowledgeable interpreters who will show you all the ins and outs of life in early San Diego. Proceeds will help support living history programs in the park.

Old Town 4th of July.

July 4th (11:30 am–4:00 pm).

Parade, crafts, and activities of early San Diego recreate an Independence Day celebrated on the frontier. Proceeds from game tickets help support the interpretation and education programs in the park.

Stagecoach Days.

Saturdays in July & August.

Join us every weekend in July and August for children's games, living history activities, cannon and anvil firings, and much more!

TwainFest.

August 20th.

Literary games, sack races, marbles, ring toss, and other games of the period. Presented in conjunction with WriteOutLoud and Cygnet Theatre, this event is to promote literacy in a fun and family-friendly way.

Fiestas Patrias.

September 17th (12:00–4:00 pm).

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with a festival to commemorate the rich and diverse Mexican culture that was vital in the development of San Diego and California. Music, dancing, games, and activities for the entire family.

Old Town Art Festival.

Mid-Fall.

Featuring contemporary artists, fine crafts, fashion & home decor artisans, this event showcases some of Southern California's most talented artists. *(For more information, please contact Old Town Chamber at 619.291.4903 or visit www.oldtownsandiego.org)*

Southern California Folklórico Competition.

Three Weekends in October.

The third annual competition between local San Diego-area dance schools.

Ghost Tours.

October 8th & 9th, 15th & 16th, 22nd & 23rd, 29th-31st.

Our famous "Ghost Tours" will be offered on several nights. Learn about the people who lived & died here—and who refuse to move on to the afterlife. Tales around bonfires and other events are being planned.

Día de los Muertos.

November 1st & 2nd.

Historical altars commemorating the people who once lived here in Old Town will be set up in three of the museums. Additionally, some contemporary altars will be set up around the plaza by some of our merchants.

