

## BATTLE OF SAN PASQUAL.

December 2nd (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 15th.

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.

December 16th.

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 and others.

## HOLIDAY SEASON PERFORMANCE TOURS.

December 15th, 22nd, 27th-29th (5:00 pm).  
December 14th & 21st (6:00 pm).

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](http://www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego).)*

## BONFIRE NIGHTS.

December 15th-16th & 26th-30th.

Join carolers and other performers from dusk to 9:00 pm for fun and free s'mores courtesy of Fiesta de Reyes.

## ONGOING LIVING HISTORY ACTIVITIES.

### Every Wednesday & Saturday:

Blacksmithing plus free activities and demonstrations that are fun and informative.

First Saturday: Print Guild, using period technology to produce newspapers, cards, etc.

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)

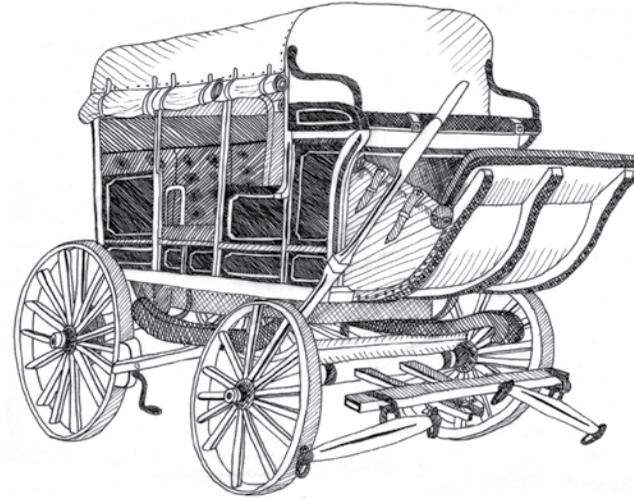
## OPEN MONTHLY MEETING FOR PARK VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF.

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](http://www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego).)*

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



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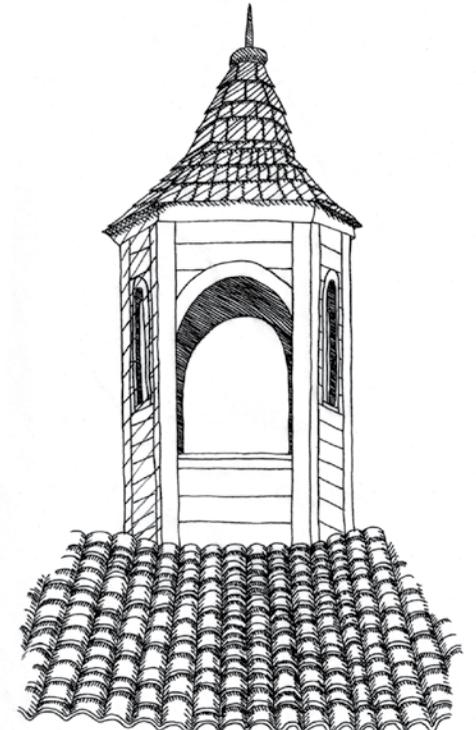


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# OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE HISTORIC PARK.

## 2012 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](http://www.facebook.com/fiestadereyes)*

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.

January 15th (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 28th (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)*

## SHADES OF POE.

April 28th.

Sponsored by Write Out Loud, the event will educate and entertain attendees about the works of Edgar Allen Poe and similar authors.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOLKLORICO COMPETITION.

April 28th–29th & May 6th.

A local San Diego-area competition between Southern California dance schools sponsored by Fiesta de Reyes.

## FIESTA CINCO DE MAYO.

May 4th–6th.

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 619.291.4905 or visit [www.oldtownsandiego.org](http://www.oldtownsandiego.org))*

## DARING, DELIGHTFUL, & DETERMINED WOMEN: A DAY WITH THE LADIES OF OLD TOWN.

June 2nd.

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.

## SUMMER EVENING TOURS.

Fridays & Saturdays, June 1st–August 25th.  
(Fridays 6:00 pm & Saturdays 5:00 pm).

Our summer tours are an hour of interactive entertainment led by knowledgeable interpreters who will show you 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, & activities of early San Diego recreate an Independence Day celebrated on the frontier.

## STAGECOACH DAYS.

Saturdays in July & August (12:00–4:00 pm).

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

## CALIFORNIO VAQUERO DAYS.

August 11th (12:00–4:00 pm).

Vaquero Days showcases horsemanship demonstrations and ranch roping & branding. Other free attractions include music, dancing, traditional Mexican cooking, crafts, games, children's activities and much more!

## TWAINFEST.

August 18th.

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.

## TEQUILA TRAIL.

September 9th.

Sample traditional Mexican dishes from Old Town's best restaurants paired with selections of Tequila and Mezcal.

## SPIRITS OF MEXICO FESTIVAL.

September 14th & 15th.

The 2012 Festival celebrates the spirit of Mexico and honors the generations of Master Distillers & Blenders.

## FIESTAS PATRIAS.

September 16th (12:00–4:00 pm).

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with a festival to commemorate the rich and diverse culture that was vital in the development of San Diego & 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 619.291.4905 or visit [www.oldtownsandiego.org](http://www.oldtownsandiego.org))*

## GHOST TOURS.

October 12th–13th, 19th–20th, & 26th–27th (6:00 pm).  
October 19th–20th & 26th–27th (7:30 pm).

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

## OLD TOWN'S FALL FESTIVAL.

October 27. (12:00–4:00 pm)

Visit the plaza for free fall crafts & children's activities.

## TRICK-OR-TREAT.

October 31st (4:00–6:30 pm).

Enjoy free goodies, special holiday treats, holiday activities, and extended shopping hours at all the stores in the park.

## DIA 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 community, organized by Save Our Heritage Organization. *(For more information, call SOHO at 619.297.9527)*

## IRISH-MEXICAN DAY.

November 10th.

A celebration honoring the Saint Patrick's Brigade with a parade of bagpipers around the plaza and festivities in the Fiesta de Reyes courtyard.

