

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.
- 1800s Tintype Photographers.
- Historic Contra Dance Society social, open to both dancers & spectators.

Second Saturday.

- Californio Day, celebrating the early settlers in San Diego.

Third Saturday.

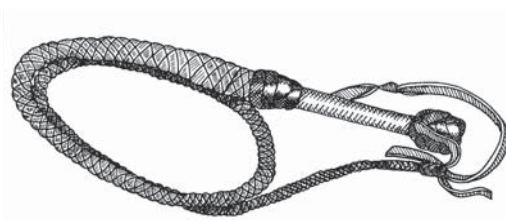
- Fiber Arts (carding & spinning wool, weaving, knitting, crochet).
- Historic Quilt Guild.
- Mormon Battalion Museum (games, crafts, & other activities).

Fourth Saturday.

- Soap Makers (demonstrating historical techniques).
- Mountain Men (music & 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!



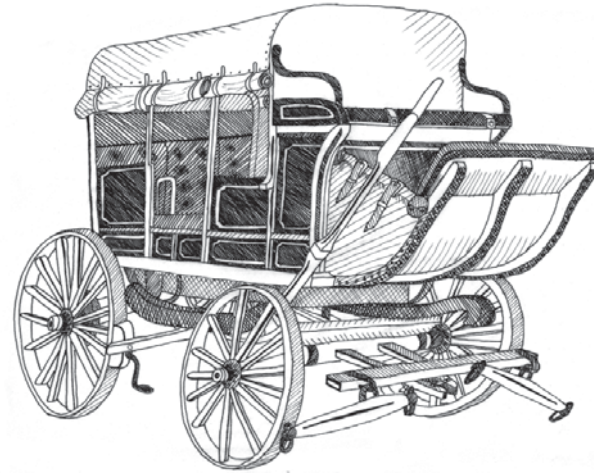
CONSIDER US FOR YOUR NEXT GROUP ACTIVITY!

California State Parks offers a number of programs in history and culture staffed by experienced historians, interpreters, and crafts people. Our staff can create a memorable program for your organization or occasion. A sampling of our programs includes:

- Scavenger Hunts
- Special Interest Tours
- Behind-the-Scenes Tours
- Lectures & presentations
- Hands-On History Tours
- Scout Troop Badge Activities
- 1860s Political Rally

The only limitation is your imagination. Let us make an impression on you as you travel through time. *(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, 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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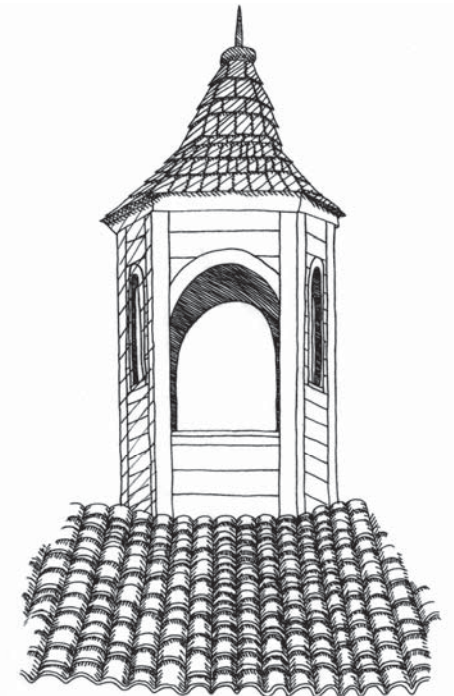


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OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE HISTORIC PARK.

2013 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 20th (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 26th (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 619.298.3517)*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOLKLORICO COMPETITION.

April 26th & 27th.

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

FIESTA CINCO DE MAYO.

May 4th & 5th.

A three-day, family-friendly extravaganza with live music, entertainment, and activities. *(For more information, contact Old Town Chamber at 619.291.4905 or visit www.oldtownsandiego.org)*

MISA AZTECA CONCERT.

May 4th.

Misa Azteca (Aztec Mass) blends the traditions of a Roman Catholic mass with Aztec songs and poems that date back to the 16th century.

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).

Each Saturday will focus on a different aspect of early San Diego history with children's activities, historic craft & trade demonstrations, cannon and anvil firings, living history activities, and more.

- July 6th Games & Amusements
- July 13th Californio Day
- July 20th Women of the West
- July 27th Soldiers & Citizens
- August 3rd Trades that Shaped the West
- August 10th Days of the Vaqueros
- August 17th TwainFest
- August 24th The West on the Move
- August 30th A Taste of the Past

SPIRITS OF MEXICO FESTIVAL.

September 21st.

The 2013 Festival celebrates the spirit of Mexico and honors the generations of Master Distillers & Blenders.

FIESTAS PATRIAS.

September 15th (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'S FALL FESTIVAL.

October 26. (12:00–4:00 pm)

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

HALLOWEEN.

October 31st (4:00–6:30 pm).

Enjoy a special presentation of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, free goodies, special holiday treats & 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 9th.

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

BATTLE OF SAN PASQUAL.

December 1st (10:00 am - 4:00 pm).

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

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK.

December 14th.

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 15th.

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.

BONFIRE NIGHTS.

December 15th & 26th–30th.

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

