

## ONGOING LIVING HISTORY ACTIVITIES.

**Every Wednesday & Saturday:** A variety of free activities and demonstrations that are fun and informative.

**Blacksmithing:** Every Tuesday-Thursday & Saturday



### First Saturday.

- Historic Contra Dance Society social, open to both dancers & spectators.

### Second Saturdays.

- Print Guild, using period technology to produce newspapers, cards, etc.
- Woodworking Guild (demonstrations using period woodworking tools)

### 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).

### Fourth Wednesday

- 1800s Tintype Photographers.

### Fifth Saturday.

- 1800s Penmanship Guild.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND INFORMATION.

Volunteers at Old Town San Diego State Historic Park are an integral part of Museum and Park operations. Dress up in Period Attire (1821-1872) and help bring history to life by sharing your enthusiasm, creativity, and passion with others! If you have experience and/or are interested in participating in any part of the park experience, we welcome you to be a part of the park! Meet new people, be a part of the history, and help others!

## 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:

- Educational Tours
- Scavenger Hunts
- Special Interest Tours
- Behind-the-Scenes Tours
- Lectures & presentations
- Hands-On History Tours
- Scout Troop Badge Activities

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](http://www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego) or call the Visitor Center at (619) 220-5422.)*

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. Feel free to share your State Park adventures with us on our Facebook and Twitter. #inventyouradventure



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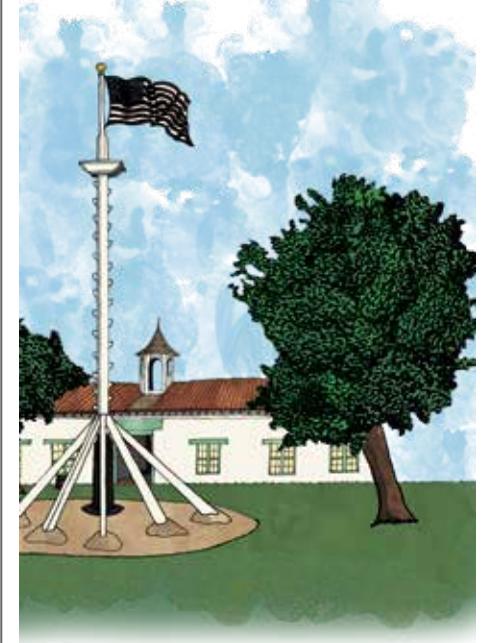


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# OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE HISTORIC PARK.

## 2016 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 17th (12:00 pm–3:00 pm).

This annual Benediction of the Beasts celebrates St. Anthony of the Desert, the patron Saint of Animals. *(For more information, call 619-297-5100)*



## MORMON BATTALION DAY.

January 30th (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)*

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOLKLORICO CELEBRATION.

Dates TBD

As part of the Old Town community Fiesta Cinco de Mayo, Fiesta de Reyes is sponsoring a celebration of Folklorico dance, in the park. Both traditional and theatrical forms of the dances will be presented at this family friendly event. *(For more information, call 619-297-5100)*

## OLD TOWN 4TH OF JULY.

July 4th (11:00 am–4:00 pm).

Parade, crafts, & activities of early San Diego recreate an Independence Day celebrated on the frontier.

## STAGECOACH DAYS.

Saturdays, July 9–Aug 27 (12:00–4:00 pm).

Saturdays in July and August will have special events centered around different aspects of San Diego's culture and history.

### Games & Amusements July 9th

Try your hand at games & amusements of the 1800s—long before smart phones and tablets.

### Women of the West July 16th

Celebrate little-told stories of settlers who made the frontier a home. Come to see the role women played in Old Town San Diego and experience our annual Quilt Walk.

### Soldiers & Citizens July 23rd

San Diego's military history stretches back to its settlement in 1769. See historic uniforms, weapons, and hear their stories.

### A Taste of the Past July 30th

Learn about early San Diego through the foods they ate, both local and exotic.

### Trades That Shaped the West Aug 6th

See our blacksmiths, printers, woodworkers, and more to help you decide what job you would have chosen in the 1800s.

### Days of the Vaqueros Aug 13th

See *vaqueros*—the original cowboys—ride, rope, and talk of life on the *ranchos*.

### TwainFest Aug 20th

Literature comes to life through games and activities in the park.

### The West on the Move Aug 27th

Take a wagon ride through the park and see our own historic coaches on display.

## FIESTAS PATRIAS.

September 17th (12:00–4:00 pm).

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with Old Town San Diego while commemorating and experiencing the rich and diverse culture of Mexican California.

## OLD TOWN'S FALL FESTIVAL.

October 8th. (12:00–4:00 pm)

Join us for free fall crafts & activities. Check our website for a full list of activities. *(For more information, call 619-297-5100)*

## HALLOWEEN.

October 31st (4:00–6:30 pm)

Enjoy trick-or-treating and extended shopping hours at all the stores in the park.

## 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, traditional and contemporary altars will be set up throughout the park and greater Old Town community, organized by Save Our Heritage Organization.

## BATTLE OF SAN PASQUAL.

December 4th (10:00 am–4:00 pm).

An Annual event at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park. The event includes a variety of demonstrations and entertainment commemorating the U.S.–Mexican War.

## HOLIDAY IN THE PARK.

Saturdays Nov 26th–Dec 17th.

All of the State Park stores, restaurants, and museums will be festively decorated for the holidays. There will be a tree lighting ceremony and bonfire each night from dusk to 9:00 p.m. sponsored by Fiesta de Reyes. On Saturday, December 10 enjoy the Park Merchants' Open House featuring special holiday treats, activities, caroling, and extended shopping hours. The shops will be open until 9:00 p.m. so you can find that unique holiday gift for everyone on your list! *(For more information, call 619-297-5100)*

## LAS POSADAS.

December 11th.

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. Procession begins at 5:00 pm. *(For more information, call 619-297-5100)*

