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 Saturdays July-December.

- 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).

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 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.

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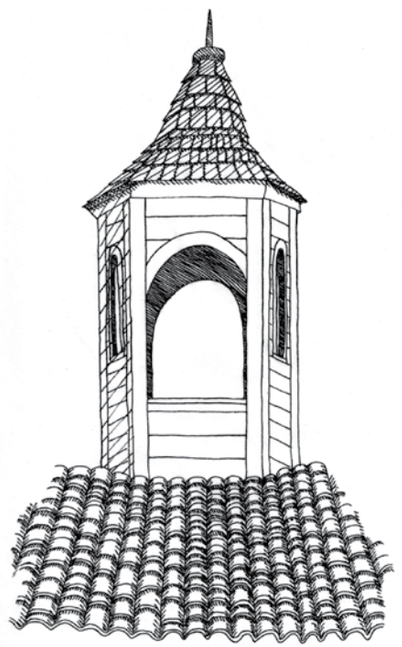
2014 Event Calendar.



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 19th (12:00 am–3:00 pm).

This annual Benediction of the Beasts celebrates St. Anthony of the Desert, the patron Saint of Animals. *(For more information, call 619-297-3100)*

MORMON BATTALION DAY.
January 25th (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 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 3rd & 4th.

A family-friendly extravaganza with live music, entertainment, and activities. *(For more information, contact Old Town Chamber at 619.291.4903 or visit www.oldtownsandiego.org)*

OLD TOWN 4TH OF JULY.
July 4th (11:30 am–4:00 pm).

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

STAGECOACH DAYS.
Saturdays in July & August (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 5th**
Try your hand at games & amusements of the 1800s—long before smart phones and tablets.

Trades That Shaped the West **July 12th**
See our blacksmiths, printers, woodworkers, and more to help you decide what job you would have chosen in the 1800s.

Women of the West **July 19th**
Celebrate little-told stories of settlers who made a frontier a home. This year Old Town San Diego State Historic Park has a special Quilt Walk, featuring quilts celebrating California State Parks 150th anniversary.

Soldiers & Citizens **July 26th**
San Diego's military history stretches back to its settlement in 1769. See hisoric uniforms, weapons, and hear their stories.

A Taste of the Past **August 2nd**
Learn about early San Diego through the foods they ate, both local and exotic.

Days of the Vaqueros **August 9th**
See *vaqueros*-the original cowboys-ride, rope, and talk of life on the *ranchos*.

TwainFest **August 16th**
Literature comes to life through games and activities in the park.

The West on the Move **August 23rd**
Take a wagon ride through the park and see our own historic coaches on display.

FIESTAS PATRIAS.
September 13th (12:00–4:00 pm).

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day with a festival to commemorate and experience the rich and diverse culture of Mexican California. Music, dancing, parade, games, and activities for the entire family.

OLD TOWN'S FALL FESTIVAL.
October 25th. (12:00–4:00 pm)

Join us for free fall crafts & activities. Check our website for a full list of activities.

HALLOWEEN.
October 31st (4:00–6:30 pm).

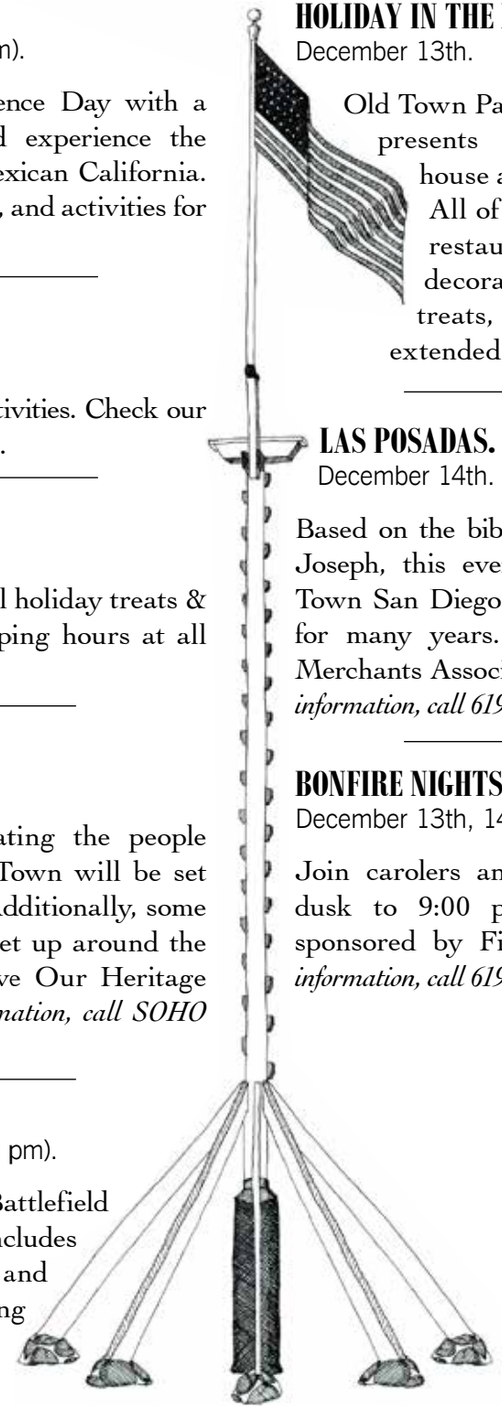
Enjoy trick-or-treating, special holiday treats & activities, and extended shopping hours at all the stores in the park.

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, some contemporary altars will be set up around the community, organized by Save Our Heritage Organization. *(For more information, call SOHO at 619.297.9327)*

BATTLE OF SAN PASQUAL.
December 7th (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 U.S.-Mexican War.



HOLIDAY IN THE PARK.
December 13th.

Old Town Park Merchants Association presents a unique holiday open house and shopping opportunity. All of the State Park stores and restaurants will be festively decorated. Enjoy special holiday treats, activities, caroling, and extended shopping hours.

LAS POSADAS.
December 14th.

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. *(For more information, call 619-297-3100)*

BONFIRE NIGHTS.
December 13th, 14th & 26th–30th.

Join carolers and other performers from dusk to 9:00 pm for fun and s'mores sponsored by Fiesta de Reyes. *(For more information, call 619-297-3100)*