

Fall Events

California History Center Foundation

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“NASA-Ames: A History of Looking Forward” will be on display at the history center through January.

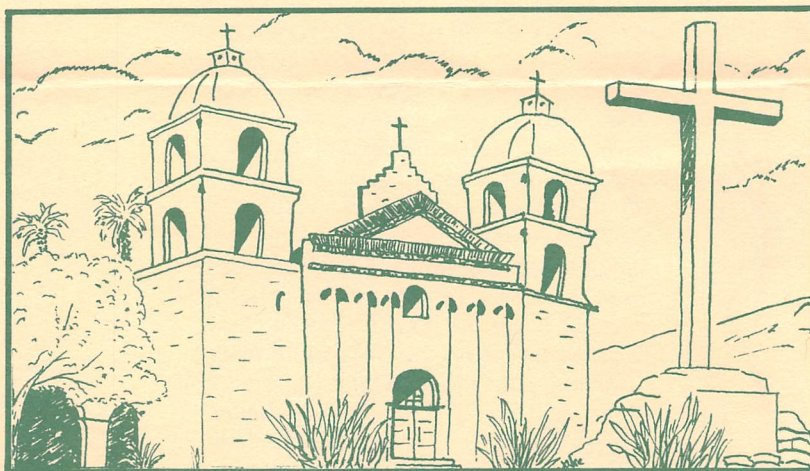
9/27 TRIANON OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a special open house at the history center from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available while you take this opportunity to view the NASA-Ames exhibit and meet the new director of the history center, Jim Williams.

10/4, 5, 6 SANTA BARBARA'S CHANNEL ISLANDS

Experience the incomparable beauty of the California coast as De Anza instructor and biologist Lee Van Fossen leads you on a tour of the Channel Islands. Now a national park, this chain of rugged islands off the coast near Santa Barbara remain much the same as they were when they were visited by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542, and are home to a variety of sea life. A 1½ hour boat ride will take you from Ventura Harbor to Anacapa Island. Following a narrated cruise near shore, you will hike up 153 steps to the island's plateau, then two miles of nature trails, with picnic lunch along the way. Returning to the mainland, you'll have time for dinner on your own. Sunday following breakfast, you'll get an early start for the city of Santa Barbara for visits to Mission Santa Barbara and the Museum of Natural History. Santa Barbara Mission, founded in 1786, is known as Queen of the California Missions because of its unique and beautifully regal architecture. This mission, the 10th in the mission chain, boasted the most complete water system of any of the missions . . . a water system so remarkable that parts of it are still used by the water company of the city of Santa Barbara. The trip ends with time for a no-host lunch and to explore the lovely town of Solvang, a Danish community founded in 1911. The return trip to De Anza includes a supper break. Plan to bring layered clothing; be prepared for cool or wet weather. Though hikes are moderate, you'll be doing quite a bit of walking so wear comfortable shoes. Departure from Flint Center lot is at 3 p.m. Friday; return to De Anza at approximately 8:30 p.m. Sunday. The group will have a no-host dinner Friday at the Apple Farm in San Luis Obispo. Orientation: 7-8 p.m. Friday, September 27 at the history center. Cost to members \$200 and non-members \$235 includes transportation, double-occupancy accommodations for two nights, lunch Saturday, one meal Sunday, boat fare, honorarium, and all fees. Reservations and payment due 9/25.

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10/10, 12 BAY MEADOWS

“They’re off and running!” It’s a cry that’s been heard at the Bay Meadows racecourse for 50 years, and was heard throughout California before it was a state. There’s something irresistible about the thrill of horseracing and the challenge of choosing a winner. 7:30-9 Thursday evening, Art Lobato from Bay Meadows will visit the history center to deliver an illustrated presentation about thoroughbred racing, covering the 50-year history of Bay Meadows, racing’s economic impact, the care and breeding of the horses, and an explanation of racetrack betting. On Saturday, early birds will meet at the north end of Bay Meadows racetrack at 7:30; in the brisk early morning air we’ll be able to observe the pre-race warm-ups. Following the warm-ups, you’ll have free time before meeting the rest of the group at 11:30. Our group will be ushered to reserved tables in the Turf Club, overlooking the racecourse, where we’ll enjoy a splendid buffet luncheon with your choice of hot entrees, salads, dessert, and beverage; no-host cocktails will be available. We’ll have time before and after the races to wander the 200-acre park and place bets. Dress code will be enforced in the Turf Club: women may wear pants suits but not jeans, men are required to wear collared shirts and sports coats and slacks (not jeans). Transportation is by individual arrangement; there is a \$2 parking fee. (Bay Meadows is served by SamTrans and CalTrain.) Cost to members \$25 and non-members \$35 includes lunch, fees, and entrance to the Turf Club. Reservation and payment due 10/4.

10/17, 19 NEW PRIMATE DISCOVERY HALL

The spectacular new Thelma and Henry Doelger Primate Discovery Center opened this year at the San Francisco Zoological Garden. Five years in the making and built at a cost of \$7 million, this facility represents a unique and innovative approach in zoo technology which places an emphasis on conservation, research, and education as well as exhibiting wildlife for public appreciation. The five-story building stretches the length of a football field and offers 200,000 cubic feet of living space to 16 species of rare primates. We will visit this important new facility and learn about its development and significance to the preservation of the endangered species which reside there. 7:00 Thursday evening at the history center, the group will be given a very special introduction to some fascinating research in primate studies.



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Dr. Saul Kitchener, director of San Francisco Zoo, will discuss the history of the zoo and the development and significance of its new primate center. Following his discussion, Mitzi Phillips of the Gorilla Foundation of California based in Woodside will provide a slide presentation on the highly successful work in ape language study being done by Dr. Francine Patterson. For 12 years she has been teaching Koko, a 13-year-old female lowland gorilla, to communicate in American Sign Language. The Gorilla Foundation hopes that its research will lead to a better understanding of gorilla communication and behavior, and contribute to preserving the

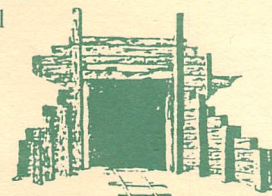
endangered species in the wild. Departing from the Flint Center lot at 9 a.m. Saturday, a bus will take us to the San Francisco Zoo for a guided tour of the new primate hall. You will have several hours to enjoy the zoo and your own picnic lunch before our return trip to De Anza at 4:00. Plan for the possibility of cool, wet weather; bring binoculars if you have them. Cost for members \$25 and non-members \$30 includes transportation, honoraria, and entrance fees; bring a sack lunch. Reservation and payment due 10/11.

10/25 VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

Last year volunteers of the California History Center gave over 2000 hours of service, providing invaluable support in all phases of the center's devotion to preserve and document regional history. Volunteers served as museum exhibit docents, receptionists and hosts, performed vital tasks in the Louis Stockmeir Regional History Library, prepared publicity, and video taped living and oral histories. In appreciation of their dedication, and to welcome those who might be interested in becoming volunteers with the history center, we are holding a special reception, 2:00-4:00 at the Trianon Building. Join us for refreshments, look at what the volunteers of the history center have accomplished, and meet some very fine people. Reservations requested by 10/18.

10/26 BLACK DIAMOND MINE

A century ago hard-working men toiled beneath the green hills east of Oakland in the nearly-forgotten Mount Diablo Coal Mines. Boomtowns sprung up where predominantly Welsh miners built their houses, saloons, and churches, and where the work was dirty and hard, the pay was poor, and people died too young. Now, not even ghost towns remain; before the formation of the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, only the slag heaps and cemeteries served as reminders of a by-gone industry. The Black Diamond Preserve provides a fascinating look at California's coal and silica sand mining industries which yielded 4 million tons of coal in the last half of the 19th century and a million tons of sand between 1922 and 1949. Instructor Betty Hirsch will lead an exploration of the preserve. You'll be guided down the tunnels into an underground museum to have a first-hand look at what working conditions were like for the muckers and trammers who worked the mines. You'll also have the opportunity to explore some of the 3,800 acres of the preserve, rich in wildlife and native plants, and to take a stroll to the old Rose Hill Cemetery. After your own picnic lunch, we'll visit the Rio Vista railroad museum, then return to De Anza at 6:00. Please bring coats or sweaters (subterranean temperatures are chilly), and plan for rain. We'll be doing lots of walking (nothing strenuous) so wear comfortable shoes. Also, bring a bag lunch. Cost to members \$28 and non-members \$35 includes transportation, honorarium, and all fees. Reservation and payment due 10/18.



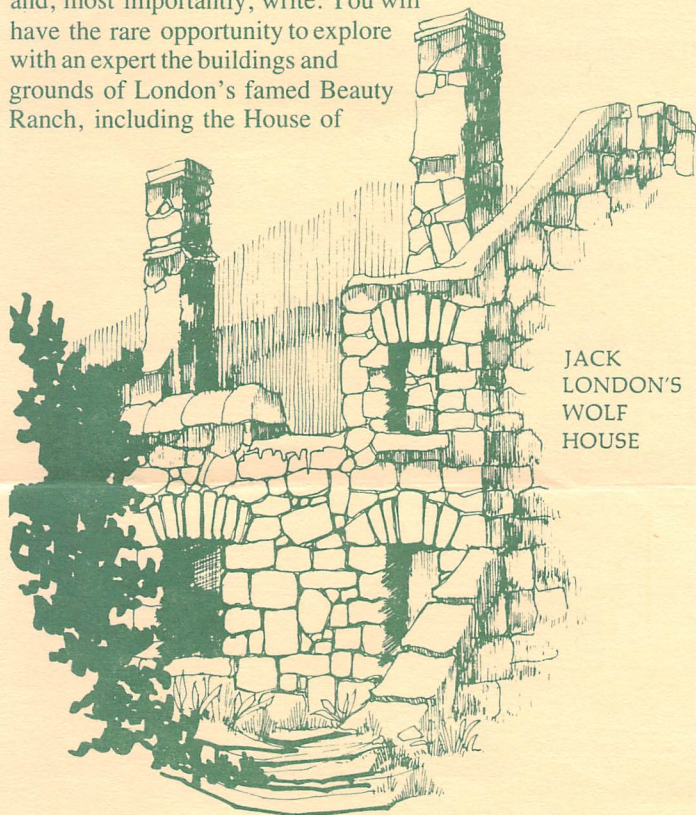
10/27 NATURAL HISTORY OF MONTEREY BAY

Perhaps nowhere in California is the richness of the state's natural history more evident than along the coast of Monterey Bay. Biologist Lee Van Fossen will lead an exploration of the area, beginning with a trip to the endlessly fascinating Monterey Bay Aquarium. Here you'll see an extensive collection of native sealife; fish, seals, birds, shellfish, sea otters, and octopuses are maintained in natural environments. The \$40 million facility includes an aviary and over a hundred tanks fed by sea water, including a hands-on tank and one offering a unique diver's-eye view of a kelpbed. Following a no-host lunch in one of Monterey's fine restaurants, the group will proceed down the coast to Pacific Grove, the lovely Victorian town known as "Butterfly Town" for the annual autumn migration of thousands of orange and black monarch butterflies to the area. Pacific Grove will be host to narrated visits to its highly regarded Museum of Natural History and to Point Pinos Lighthouse, built in 1855 and one of the earliest stone lighthouses on the west coast. There will be time for a walk along the shore to appreciate some of the natural wonders

the Monterey coast has to offer. The return trip up highway 1 allows a breathtaking view of the sunset, and puts us back at De Anza at about 7 p.m. Wear layered clothing, comfortable shoes, and plan for the possibility of rain. Bus departs De Anza Flint Center lot at 8 a.m. Cost to members \$30 and non-members \$35 includes transportation, honorarium, and all fees. Reservation and payment due 10/16.

11/2 JACK LONDON'S RANCH

A sometime tramp, oyster pirate, seaman, and rancher, and fulltime author of such classics as "The Call of the Wild" and "The Sea-Wolf", Jack London is as famous for the life he lived and the myths he wove around it as he is for the many short stories and novels he wrote. We are fortunate to have Mike Hamilton, former curator of the Jack London Archive at the Henry E. Huntington Library, lead a tour of Jack London's Glen Ellen ranch. During this tour, we will explore the place London called home for much of his forty-year lifetime. Although he grew up in Oakland, Jack London moved at the peak of his success to Glen Ellen, in the heart of the grape-growing region of the Sonoma Valley to farm and ranch and, most importantly, write. You will have the rare opportunity to explore with an expert the buildings and grounds of London's famed Beauty Ranch, including the House of



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Happy Walls (where London's memorabilia is now housed), the burnt-out shell of London's Wolf House Home, the Shropshire horse barn, and the lake he built), and the cottage where he wrote much of his work, and finally, where he died. Following lunch at London's Lodge, Mr. Hamilton will present a lecture about London's life, illustrated with historic

photographs taken during London's lifetime. The bus will depart from Flint Center parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Please be prepared to do plenty of walking, and plan for chilly, wet weather. Cost to members \$40 and non-members \$45 includes transportation, honorarium, lunch, and fees. Reservation and payment due 10/16.

11/6 JAPANESE LEGACY

A reception will be held in celebration of the release of the California History Center's most recent publication, "Japanese Legacy: Farming and Community Life in California's Santa Clara Valley". Authors Timothy Lukes and Gary Okihiro, and Congressman Norman Mineta, who wrote the preface of the book, will be in attendance. Join us at the history center from 10:00-11:30 for a sampling of Japanese delicacies and to herald the release of this special tribute to the Japanese-Americans of our valley. Members free, guests \$3. Please make reservations by November 8.

11/15 NASA-AMES: VISITING A RESEARCH GIANT

A special afternoon tour of NASA-Ames research facility will be conducted by former director C. A. Syvertson in conjunction with the history center's exhibit documenting Ames' history. Following a general orientation, the group will take a 1½ hour walking tour of the NASA-Ames grounds to view experimental aircraft such as the QSRA, the tilt rotor, the C141 with its 36" telescope, and the U2. Also on view will be the research flight simulators and wind tunnels, where virtually every major aircraft constructed has been tested and observed for performance characteristics. Transportation by individual arrangement. 1:00-4 p.m. Cost to members \$10 and non-members \$20. Reservation and payment due 11/8.

12/7 CHRISTMAS AT DUNSMUIR

'Tis "The Night Before Christmas" at Oakland's Dunsmuir House this year. All through the house the magic of Moore's 1823 Christmas poem comes alive with music, 35 ornamented trees, and handmade Victorian decorations and wreaths adorning the 20 rooms of the historic mansion that are open to tour. We'll celebrate the holiday season at this lovely estate, tour the house and spacious gardens, partake of traditional holiday refreshments, and shop boutiques filled with hand-made arts and crafts. Dunsmuir, a restored 1889 mansion surrounded by 48 acres of gardens, has become a yuletide tradition. Our bus will depart from the Flint Center parking lot at 2:30 and return to De Anza at 7:30. Cost to members \$20 and non-members \$30 includes transportation and entrance fee. Reservation and payment due 11/15.

Reservations

Reservations are limited and are taken on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations cannot be made after the due dates listed below. Please, no phone reservations. Payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope must accompany all ticket requests. Make checks payable to CHCF, De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Sorry, we cannot issue refunds. Program inquiries: (408) 996-4712.

You are entitled to membership rates by enclosing \$25 for an individual membership or \$35 for a family membership. The California History Center Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports documentation and preservation of California history with a focus on the Bay region.

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_____ Members free, _____ \$3 guests. **Due 11/8.**

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