

Signals from Telegraph Hill

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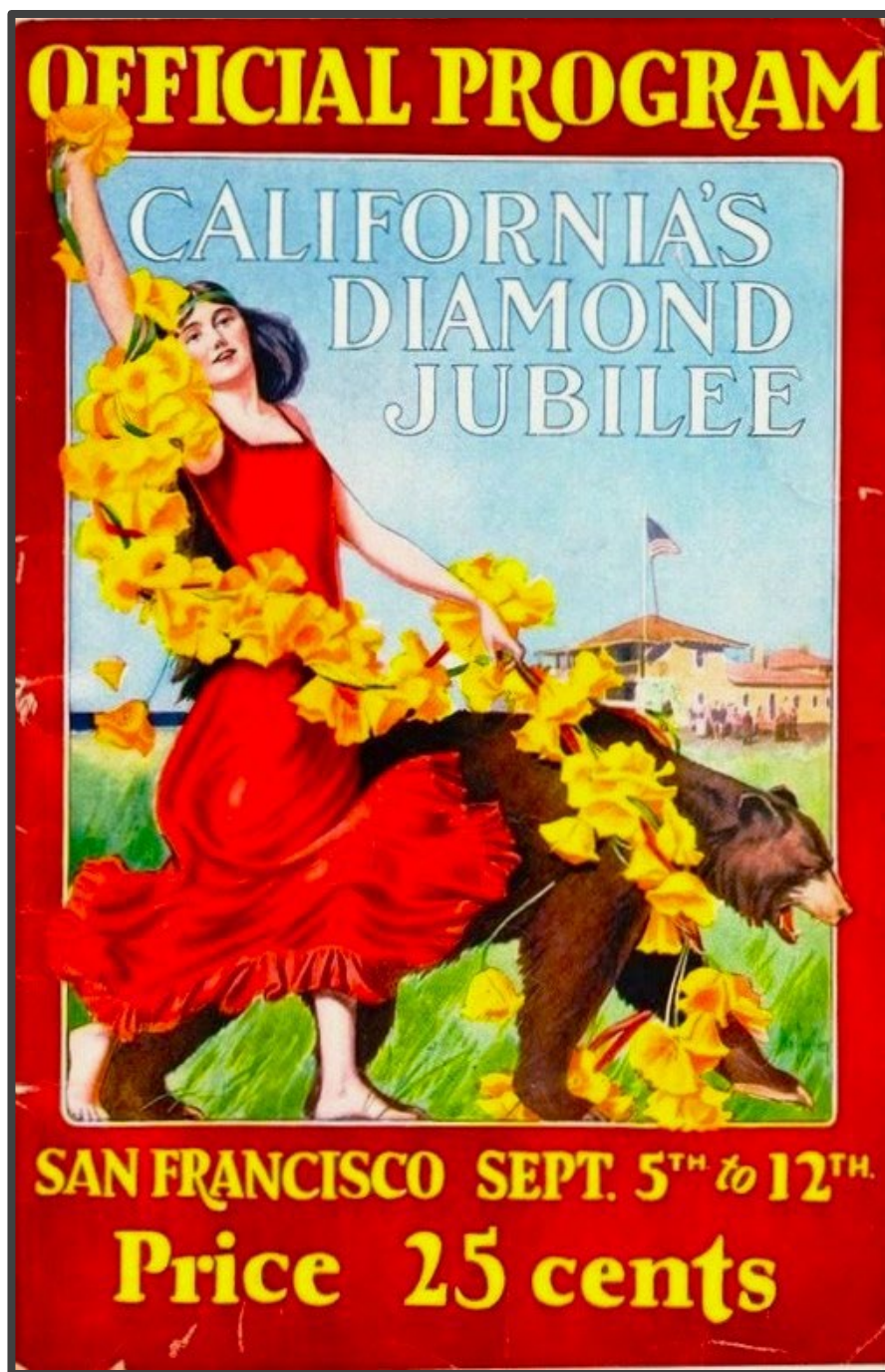
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Please join us on Tuesday, **October 28** at 5:30 p.m. for Kathryn Ayres
on California Admission Day Celebrations!



September 9 of this year marked the 175th anniversary of California's statehood, and yet there was little fanfare. One hundred years ago, for California's Diamond Jubilee, an eight-day celebration took place in San Francisco. The Diamond Jubilee parade on the final day lasted nearly six hours and consisted of 55,000 marchers over a 15-mile stretch. An estimated 650,000 people were in attendance, and there was a display of fireworks over the Civic Center!

There was also a huge celebration for the sixtieth anniversary of statehood in 1910, to showcase the rebuilding of San Francisco and surrounding cities that suffered damage from the 1906 earthquake and fire.

Kathryn Ayres, vice president of the San Francisco Bay Area Post Card Club, will show postcards and other ephemera from past Admission Day celebrations, back when Californians knew how to party!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Meeting Location: Fior d'Italia,
2237 Mason Street, San Francisco

We gather at 5:30 and dinner seating begins at 6:15 p.m. A three-course selection is available and costs \$45.00.

RSVP: Send checks and dinner reservations by **October 24** to Judy Van Austen, Keeper of the Chips, 1789 Northwood Court, Oakland, CA 94611; or contact Judy to make reservations beforehand. **Judy's contact information is on the final page.**



Noteworthy Events and Exhibits

The San Francisco Historical Society: Rebecca Ellefsen on the *Brooklyn*'s Lasting Legacy in Early San Francisco. In February 1846, pioneers boarded the *Brooklyn* in New York City, bound for the rugged outpost of Yerba Buena. Over 200 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

Saints, led by Samuel Brannan, made the arduous journey around Cape Horn. Six months later, they arrived in San Francisco Bay, thereby nearly doubling the population of the scrappy little town. **Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m., 608 Commercial Street, San Francisco. FREE. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** to attend either in-person or via Livestream. See <https://www.sfhhistory.org/sfhsevents> for more information.

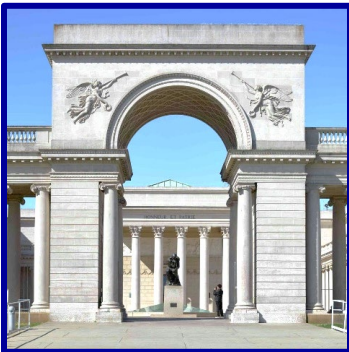


**San Francisco
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San Francisco History Association: Al Barna and Randall Ann Homan on Cinematic Neon. San Francisco's significant cinematic history meets neon's luminous past in this program of excerpts from films set in San Francisco, such as the classic noir films *Dark Passage* and *Lady from Shanghai*, as well as Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo*. **Tuesday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m., Congregation Sherith Israel, 2266 California Street, San Francisco. SFHA members may attend free in-person or via Zoom. There is a \$10.00 fee for non-members, which may be used toward membership.**

More information at www.sanfranciscohistory.org.



The Legion of Honor at 100. The Legion of Honor is celebrating its centennial, having opened on November 11, 1924. A special exhibition features some of the first additions to the museum's collection, including sculptures by Auguste Rodin donated by museum co-founder Alma de Bretteville Spreckels, and highlights the museum's early exhibitions. **Through November 2, 2025. Tuesday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. through 5:15 p.m., Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Avenue (at Clement Street), San Francisco. More info at <https://www.famsf.org/visit/legion-of-honor>.**



53rd Annual Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival, October 18-19. Celebrate the great & almighty gourd! Join in the fabulously festive fun as the World Pumpkin Capital will be bursting out in orange to celebrate its bountiful harvest and autumn splendor. Pumpkin carving, live music, arts and crafts, food and drink and a costume contest! **October 18-19, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. FREE. Main Street between Mill and Spruce Streets, Half Moon Bay.**

See <https://hmbpumpkinfest.com> for more information.

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Fellow Westerners,

The year is nearly over, and the San Francisco Corral will be presenting two meetings between now and the end of 2025.

However, to do this, and to provide you with programs and the meeting space at the restaurant, we will need your commitment that you will join us at these presentations.

Fior d'Italia has committed to us for the dates of October 21 and December 9. The restaurant has promised to hold their current price of \$45.00 if we can guarantee twenty attendees per meeting.

The posse also requests your ideas and input on the speakers and the subjects of our programs. So, if you have an idea for a speaker, please let me know. If the speaker needs help in putting together a program, we can provide assistance.

So please take a few minutes and respond to me at westernerssf@gmail.com with any suggestions that you may have. And bring a guest to our October meeting!

Sheriff Bob Lawhon

