

History San José Hosts *Heritage Holiday Tea & Tour at the Fallon House*

**High Tea on the Lower Level of the Fallon House at San Pedro Square Market
Former Manny's Cellar to Serve Up Holiday Festivities-Sat. Dec. 1**

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The tradition of History San José's annual *Heritage Holiday Tea and Tour* will be held this year in the area of the new San Pedro Square Market at the Victorian-era Fallon House. The lower level, formerly Manny's Cellar, and will again be transformed into a holiday tea room for the Saturday, December 1 event.

The Heritage Holiday Tea continues the annual tradition of tea and this year includes champagne, tours of the Fallon House, built in 1855. Located just a stroll across the street from San Pedro Square Market, there will be two seatings of tea, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Satori Tea Company will present special blends of tea especially for the Heritage Holiday event: Candy Cane Dream, Marzipan Melody and English Breakfast. The teas will accompany a gourmet catered light luncheon, also by Satori. Guglielmo Wines will provide the champagne served by Shady Shakespeare in the garden, and guests will be greeted by The Lyric Theatre Carollers, who will also provide entertainment.

The \$45 ticket price, (HSJ members \$40) will include tours of the Fallon House, and validated parking will be provided. Guests will be eligible to win 'Tea for Two' at Satori Tea, or four tickets to *Brigadoon*, presented by Lyric Theatre.

The Fallon House was built in 1855 by one of San José's earliest mayors. The Victorian mansion showcases 15 fully-furnished rooms typical of the Victorian period. Thomas Fallon was a frontiersman in the John C. Fremont expedition, and Carmel Fallon was the daughter of one of the most prominent Mexican landowners in California. The Fallon House Historic Site is located at 175 West St. John Street in downtown San José.

Tea times are at 11 a.m. and at 2 p.m. Ticket price includes tours of the Fallon House and the Peralta Adobe. Make checks payable to History San José and mail to 1650 Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95113 or call Juanita at 408 918 1045 or email her at jlara@historysanjose.org.

The holidays at History Park will continue as usual, and a **Children's Heritage Holidays at History Park will be Saturday, December 8** from noon to 4 p.m. Santa will be on-hand for photo opportunities. Children can ride the trolley with Santa Claus, and operate the hand car. There will be live music and entertainment of the winter season, holiday crafts for kids, and story time with the Snow Queen. History Park partners will host culturally diverse crafts. Admission is \$8 per family of up to a total of four, \$2 per additional person; HSJ members are free with a membership card.

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About History San José:

History San José is a non-profit organization that collects, preserves and celebrates the stories of diversity and innovation in San José and the Santa Clara Valley. HSJ manages one of the largest

and most comprehensive regional history collections in the State of California, from 1784 Spanish governmental records to twenty-first century Silicon Valley technology.

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