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History San José Presents
Tattooed & Tenacious: Inked Women in California History
Opens to the Public Sunday, March 20, 2016; 12:00pm – 4:30pm
at the Leonard & David McKay Gallery in the Pasetta House
at History Park in Kelley Park

San José, CA – February 10, 2016 -- Explore the rich and surprising history of women and tattoos in California at History San José's newest exhibit, *Tattooed & Tenacious: Inked Women in California History*. The exhibit will open to the public Sunday, March 20, 2016; 12:00pm – 4:30pm at the Leonard & David McKay Gallery in the Pasetta House at History Park.

While many may think of tattoos as a recent trend, inked women have a long history in California. From the working-class Tattooed Ladies who performed in circus sideshows to the upper-class inked women who helped popularize the tattoo craze; visitors will discover the largely unknown history of women and tattoos through photographs, personal histories, and artifacts.

The exhibit will also feature artworks from contemporary women tattoo artists from San Jose and Santa Clara Valley, juxtaposing tattooing of the past with the inked women of today. "We are so excited to share the remarkable stories of these women and connect them with tattooing today", said Alida Bray, President & CEO of History San José.

Tattooed & Tenacious: Inked Women in California History will be open until December 31, 2016 on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00am – 4:30pm.

Visit www.historysanjose.org for more details or call 408.521.5034.

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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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