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History San José Presents
2nd Annual San José Mini Maker Faire
Sunday, September 4, 2016; 10:00am – 6:00pm
at History Park in Kelley Park

San José, CA – August 24, 2015 --- On Sunday, September 4 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, some of the coolest inventions, innovators, exhibits, creators, tinkerers, robots, hobbyists, crafters, artists and young Makers in Santa Clara Valley will gather at History Park for the Second Annual San José Mini Maker Faire!

What is a Maker Faire? Part of the global Maker Faire network created by MAKE magazine, Maker Faires are called “the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth”. These family-friendly events showcase invention, creativity, and resourcefulness, and celebrate the Maker Movement. It's a place where people of all ages and backgrounds gather together to show what they are making and share what they are learning.

“We are so excited to highlight more than 75 talented local artists and Makers,” says Alida Bray, President & CEO of History San José. “Makers have played such an important role in the history of San Jose and Santa Clara Valley. We are thrilled to celebrate this long tradition of making and highlight the amazing Makers in our community today.”

History San José is proud to announce the lineup for the Second Annual San José Mini Maker Faire! The complete list of exhibitors can be found at: <http://makerfaresanjose.com/makers-2016/>

Highlights from the exhibitor lineup include:

- [TechShop San Jose](#): Part fabrication and prototyping studio, part hacker-space and part learning center, TechShop is a playground for creativity and provides access to over \$1 million worth of professional equipment and software. The San José Tech Shop will be hosting several booths with interactive demonstrations and hands on activities!
- [Bay Area Glass Institute \(BAGI\)](#): A recent addition to History Park, BAGI provides accessible, hands-on glass experiences that educate and inspire current and future generations of patrons, students and artists. BAGI is the only public access glass-working facility in Santa Clara County that has fully functional glassblowing, fusing and torch working studios. Visitors will be able to visit the BAGI studios see flame-working demonstrations performed live!
- [Air Rocket Works](#): Give rocket science a try at Air Rocket Works' booth. Make and launch a compressed air rocket. These rockets go nearly 250' in the air with just compressed air. After making and launching, you can take your rocket home with you!
- [The Paper Air Plane Guy](#): Learn to make the world record paper airplane for distance with John Collins, 'The Paper Airplane Guy'. John will demonstrate his crazy cool paper airplanes and teach you how to fold the best plane in the world for distance.
- [Academic Antics](#): Academic Antics is a non-profit educational group in the San Jose area that provides classes in a broad range of subject areas for a variety of ages. Students and their families from Academic Antics have been busy this summer creating a light up ocean installation. This colorful exhibit features items such as quilted panels, soft sculptures anemones with light up

fiber optics, felted starfish with soft circuit to light LEDs, and more. Visitor to this booth will be able to make their very own anglerfish LED headbands.

- [Denise Soden](#): Denise Soden is a local artist and educator. Whether working with watercolors, polymer clay, or photography, her passion for animals and environmental education is what ties everything together. Children and adults alike can visit her booth and explore the fluidity of watercolors, learn a bit about animals, and view Denise's art work.

The 2nd Annual San José Mini Maker Faire will run on Sunday, September 4, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit: www.makerfaresanjose.com.

Sponsors for the 2nd Annual San Jose Mini Maker Faire include: MAKE Magazine, Google, TechShop, Santa Clara Valley Brewing, Bike Valet, and Council Member Ash Kalra - City of San Jose District 2.

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About History San José:

History San José is a non-profit organization that preserves and enriches the cultural heritage of San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley through research, collections, partnerships, educational programs and events. 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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