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**Friends & Family Series: Fandango! –
Celebrating Life at the Adobe
at San Pedro Square Market
Sunday, August 24th – 12 PM to 4 PM**

San José, CA – August 4, 2014. On Sunday, August 24 from 12 PM to 4 PM, is the annual **Fandango!** at the Peralta Adobe Historic Site, in the heart of the San Pedro Square Market. This date commemorates the death of Luis Maria Peralta 162 years ago. Peralta was one of the first *Alcalde*, or Mayors, of *the Pueblo de San Jose de Guadalupe. A Californio*, he lived in the Adobe with his family.

“Fandango is a fun way to celebrate the heritage of what we know today as Silicon Valley,” said Alida Bray, President and CEO of History San José. “So much of our language, foods, and aspects of our daily lives have been influenced by Spanish and Mexican culture. Come see how it all started!”

Come and explore the history of the Valley’s first inhabitants, the Ohlone people. Use a *mataté* to crush acorns, the main food source of the Ohlone’s, learn how the early Spanish settlers used adobe “mud” for building materials and make an *Adobe Brick*, and be a *gaucho* and practice your roping skills. Make a corn husk doll, create your own cattle brand, and hand dip a candle. Enjoy music from Los Arribeños while feasting on the many foods available from the San Pedro Market.

Activity tickets are one dollar each or six for \$5. History San José members earn six free tickets when presenting membership card. Activities will cost between one to four tickets.

Adult Tours of the Peralta Adobe and the Fallon House across the street are available at 12:30 PM, 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM. Adult tours are not recommended for children under the age of 12.

Cost: HSJ members and Military with proper ID – FREE.

All others \$8.00, Seniors 65 or older \$6.00

Children’s Tours (ages 4 to 11) of the Peralta Adobe are available at 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, and 3:00 PM.

Cost: HSJ members and Military with proper ID - FREE

\$5.00 per child. Children ages 4-6 must be accompanied by an adult.

*Please be aware that the Fallon House is not wheelchair accessible.

For more information, or to make reservations for tours, please call 408-918-1047 or visit www.historysanjose.org

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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 Peralta Adobe is San José's oldest address. Built in 1797, the Peralta Adobe is the last remaining structure from El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe. See the Adobe's horno, an outside working oven or venture inside the home and see two rooms furnished as they might have been when they were occupied by the Gonzales and Peralta families. It is now surrounded by the new San Pedro Square Market.

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About History San José:

History San José (HSJ) 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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