



In the Mission Grove

# SAN GABRIEL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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## GENERAL MEETING & DINNER

Joint Meeting and Dinner with the West San Gabriel Valley Heritage Alliance.



Residence of Judge Clinton Gibbs  
San Gabriel, CA - 1885

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**Program:** *Preserving your Old Photographs*

**Speaker:** David Oswald - Alhambra Camera

**When:** Wednesday, March 24, 2010 ~ 6:00PM  
(Dinner Starts at 6:00PM – Program Starts at 7:00PM)

**Where:** Alhambra Masonic Lodge Hall  
9 W. Woodward Ave, Alhambra, CA 91802  
(Northwest Corner of Garfield and Wood-

David Oswald will speak on preserving your old photographs.

This will be our joint meeting with the Historical associations from our neighboring cities: Alhambra, Temple City, Rosemead, Monterey Park as well as the Ramona Parlor #109 of The Native Sons of the Golden West. The event has become so popular it has outgrown its previous location in the San Gabriel Adult Recreation Center.

Do join us for an informative and fun evening!



**Open to the Public**  
For transportation, call  
(626) 282-0749

**Full-Course Dinner & Beverage**  
(Catered by Claro's Italian Market)

Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Lasagna with Meatballs & Sauce -  
Tossed Green Salad - Drinks - Dessert

PLEASE R.S.V.P. by mailing your check,  
made out to the San Gabriel Historical  
Association (SGHA) to:

**SGHA - Dinner Meeting**  
**546 W. Broadway**  
**San Gabriel, CA 91776**

By Monday, March 22nd.

## SGHA BOARD ACTIVITIES

### LOWERING THE RAILROAD TRACKS - SAN GABRIEL TRENCH PROJECT

On February 9th the SGHA participated in a meeting at San Gabriel City Hall to discuss the construction schedule for the San Gabriel trench project and coordinate opportunities for history education. Attendees included City Manager Steve Preston, Councilman David Gutierrez and representatives from the Alameda Corridor - East (ACE) Construction Authority, SWCA Cultural Consultants, San Gabriel Unified School District and Washington Elementary School.

Highlights of the discussion:

- ACE expects to finish project engineering this year.
- 70% of the project funding is in place.
- Archaeological dig in front of the Mission, just south of the RR tracks will be tentatively set for Winter 2011.
- Project construction tentatively set to begin in the Spring of 2011 - Lasting three (3) years.
- Student historical education opportunities.

### PLANNING FOR THE CITY CENTENNIAL

On April 24th the City of San Gabriel will be celebrating its 97th Birthday. In three short years the City will be celebrating its Centennial. The San Gabriel Historical Association and the City of San Gabriel have started planning the celebration of the City's Centennial. We hope to involve everyone in this once-in-a-lifetime event so we look forward to your ideas and participation!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER HISTORICAL MATTERS.

### MUSEUM NEWS

Bill Williams, Karen Cranston and Camila Lopez are putting their heads together to make a display of the Mission Play artifacts. Look for dates in the future for public viewing.

Tours can be scheduled by calling Camila Lopez at 626-287-8482.

Come and visit on the 1st Saturday of each month from 1-4 PM. There is so much San Gabriel history on display and numerous books which can be read for research projects. Are you working on your family history? You may find wonderful information about your family members in our archives.

We are always in need of volunteer workers. It's an interesting and fun place to spend a few hours in the month. Hope to see you soon.

Camila Lopez  
Docent & Museum Chairman

### Join us for our Third Annual Family Night Out at the Museum!

In honor of National Turn Off T.V. Week, the Historical Association is again hosting a Family Night Out at the three Mission District Museums. On April 21 from 5 - 8:00pm, come down to the Mission District and spend some time visiting the wonderful collections at the Historical Association Museum, the Ramona Parlor, and the Mission Museum. There is a treasure hunt for children and opportunities to purchase dinner from one of the district restaurants. Please watch for announcements on our webpage. We hope to see you there!

Senya Lubisich, Ph.D.  
SGHA Trustee

### You Are Invited To San Gabriel Mission's History Forum!

The next Mission History Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Visit and learn more about mission history: people, cultures, events, buildings, artwork, artifacts, plant life and more. For the month of March, we are pleased to present the following:

Dr. Jennifer Perry, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Pomona College  
Moderated by SGHA's John Macias, San Gabriel Mission parishioner and historian.

This event will feature noted anthropologist Dr. Perry, who has researched extensively on the Chumash people of the Channel Islands. Her presentation will feature indigenous life on the Channel Islands before the establishment of the Spanish Missions. It is an opportunity for the public to interact with historians in an informal setting so that everyone will be able to share information and learn more about history in Southern California!

John Macias  
SGHA Trustee

### IN MEMORIUM

#### ***Sarah Mulock Duncan***

Sarah Duncan was born on the 60-acre Mulock Ranch in North San Gabriel on May 17, 1919. Her grandparents settled in San Gabriel in December, 1865, purchasing 30 acres of land with a stream flowing from the canyon west of what is now the Huntington Library that supplied the San Gabriel Mission. Sarah was Curator of the San Gabriel Historical Museum from 1979 to 2002. This was a position she dearly loved and worked wholeheartedly at keeping our museum a treasury of historic information. The Board and members of the SGHA greatly appreciate her dedication to this work. She passed away in San Gabriel on January 7, 2010 at the age of 90.

*Rest in Peace Sarah*

#### ***Lonjina (Jina) Zuniga Gonzalez***

She was born in Colton, California on March 15, 1905 and lived in the City of San Gabriel since the age of 6 months. She attended the newly built Lincoln School in San Gabriel. Lonjina married a San Gabriel resident, Lorenzo Gonzalez at the Presbyterian Church located on Mission Drive and Euclid Avenue. She reared 7 children and was blessed to leave grandchildren, great grand children and great-great-grandchildren numbering in the 100's. Jina was honored for her longevity at the age of 101 years by the City Council of San Gabriel. She was Grand Marshall of the 4 of July Parade in 2008. She was a delightful lady who did not drive, but walked everywhere. She was fluent in English and Spanish. Her mental skills were fully intact to the end. She passed away in Arcadia, California on January 25, 2010 at the age of 104. She is missed by many family members and friends.