Open Houses & Tours

Society of California Archivists
Annual General Meeting
San Francisco, 2006

Stanford Court Hotel
905 California Street (Corner of Powell and California Sts)
San Francisco, California 94108
Phone: (415) 989-3500

Repository Open Houses
Thursday, April 27 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Several archives in San Francisco will be open to conference attendees this afternoon. Plan to visit your colleagues, see the collections and special exhibits, and enjoy all the city has to offer. All directions by bus are based on leaving from the Stanford Court Hotel. Ask Muni drivers for assistance with correct stops.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area Park Archives and Records Center
Building 667 on the Presidio of San Francisco, (415) 561-4804

Directions By Bus: Walk one block north to Sacramento Street; wait at north side stop for #1 California bus heading west. Disembark at 25th and California and catch #29 Sunset heading north to Presidio. Bus meanders through Presidio for a scenic ride; disembark right outside Park Archives at McDowell stop. Return trip: walk down McDowell to Mason (at Chrissy Field) and catch #29 back to 25th and California to catch #1 eastbound. Disembark at or near Clay and Powell Street and walk two blocks south to hotel.

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area's Park Archives & Records Center (PARC) is the only facility of its kind in the National Park Service. It houses archives and special collections, including a very large volume of Army records pertaining to Bay Area military facilities, as well as the non-current records of park operations and the park library. PARC is located in an historic Army cavalry stable building in a very scenic area of the Presidio of San Francisco, and is open to the public for research by appointment. See examples of PARC's extensive and varied collections.

Nearby Points of Interest:

1906 Earthquake Refugee Cottages (behind the Old Post Hospital at Lincoln Boulevard and Funston Avenue in the Presidio). A public commemorative event will be held on the weekend of April 29-30.

Army Museum
Main Post, corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Funston Ave.
Free; open Wednesday through Sunday 10 am to 4 pm.
Part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, this museum was a major command center during the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

Golden Gate Promenade
For a bayside view you can walk or bike along the Golden Gate Promenade, which runs from the northeast corner near the St. Francis Yacht Club all the way to Fort Point under the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Fort Point National Historic Site
San Francisco MUNI buses 28 & 29 stop at the Golden Gate Toll Plaza area. There is a path that leads down to the fort.

Crissy Field is a stunning park within the Golden Gate National Parks. The Visitors Center is open Wednesday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm in Building 603.

Exploratorium
Palace of Fine Arts, Marina Boulevard and Lyon Street, Ph: (415) 561-0360
The Exploratorium is a hands-on museum of science, art, and human perception. The museum is housed in Bernard Maybeck's **Palace of Fine Arts**, erected for the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

Fort Mason Center, a former military base, houses many organizations including the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park's Library and Historic Documents Department, the Mexican Museum, and the Museo Italo Americano.

Presentation Archives
2340 Turk Boulevard, (415) 751-0406
www.presentationsisterssf.org/archives.htm

Directions by bus: Walk 3 blocks south to Sutter Street. Wait on north side of street for #2 Clement. Disembark at Presidio Avenue; wait on west side of street for #43 Masonic and ride approximately 6 blocks south to Turk Blvd. Turn right and walk one block to 2340 Turk. Return trip: catch #43 Masonic northbound on east side of Masonic and Turk; take #2 eastbound at Sutter and Presidio. Disembark at Sutter and Powell.

> Presentation Archives invites you to tour its recently renovated facility and view collections highlighting the works of the Sisters of the Presentation's San Francisco mission since 1854. Memorabilia related to the experiences of the Sisters of Presentation during the 1906 Earthquake and Fire will be featured.

{See also: University of San Francisco Archives – walk west on Turk to Chabot Terrace; walk south on Chabot and enter campus – library is the building to your right. Continue to your right around the glass-walled atrium and reflecting pool to the library entrance. See USF Archives for return bus trip.}

University of San Francisco Archives
Gleeson Library/Geschke Center
2130 Fulton Street, (415) 422-5932
Directions: www.usfca.edu/online/gen_info/directions.html
Map: http://www.usfca.edu/online/gen_info/map_c.html

Directions by bus: Walk 3 blocks south to Sutter Street. Wait on north side of street for #2 Clement. Disembark at Presidio Avenue; wait on west side of street for #43 Masonic and ride approximately 8 blocks south to Fulton Street. Walk up hill to campus entrance opposite Cole Street or catch #5 Fulton westbound on Fulton – stop is near Cole and Fulton. Library is across campus green – look for building with 3-storey glass-walled atrium and reflecting pool outside. Return trip: catch #43 Masonic northbound on east side of Masonic and Fulton; take #2 eastbound at Sutter and Presidio. Disembark at Sutter and Powell.

{See also: Presentation Archives – walk left outside and around the library to entranceway leading to Golden Gate Avenue and Chabot Terrace; walk north on Chabot and cross Turk. Walk east on Turk, down hill to 2340. See Presentation Archives directions for return bus trip.}

> The University of San Francisco Archives includes photographs, faculty and student publications, athletic programs, ephemera of the presidents and university life, administrative records, records of the university/campus ministry office, yearbooks, and catalog publications as well as some records from the defunct San Francisco College for Women/Lone Mountain College. See the university's sesquicentennial exhibit (1855-2005) of historical materials and photographs from the archives in the Thatcher Gallery of the library. Special instructions: Check in at the library circulation desk for entrance to the archives. At the gate, knock twice and ask to see the archivist.

California Historical Society, North Baker Research Library
678 Mission Street (@ 3rd), (415) 357-1848 x20
Directions: www.californiahistoricalsociety.org/about/directions.html

By bus: Walk east 2 blocks to Stockton. Catch southbound #30 Stockton or #45 Union-Stockton on west side of street. Disembark at 4th and Mission and walk east towards 3rd – look for address of CHS.

Meet with archivists and see highlights from the research collections documenting California's social, cultural, economic, and political history and development. The current gallery exhibit, "Jack London and the Great Earthquake and Firestorms of 1906," includes recently printed photographs (from the California State Parks collection) taken by London and his wife, Charmian, as they toured the destruction through northern California.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society
657 Mission Street (between 3rd and New Montgomery), Suite 300, (415) 777-5455
Directions: www.glbthistory.org/archives/info.lasso

By bus: Walk east 2 blocks to Stockton. Catch southbound #30 Stockton or #45 Union-Stockton on west side of street. Disembark at 4th and Mission and walk east towards 3rd – look for address of GLBT Historical Society.

Founded in 1985, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society maintains extensive archives documenting the history and culture of GLBT people and the communities that sustain them. Holdings include personal and organizational records, periodicals, photographs, graphic arts, textiles, and artifacts.
For more information: http://www.glbthistory.org/

Society of California Pioneers
300 Fourth Street, (415) 957-1849
Directions: http://californiapioneers.org/visitor_info.html

By bus: Walk east 2 blocks to Stockton. Catch southbound #30 Stockton or #45 Union-Stockton on west side of street. Disembark at 4th and Folsom and look for 300 Fourth Street.

Established in 1850, the Society of California Pioneers is a museum, library, and leading repository of paintings, photographs, books, manuscripts, and decorative arts and artifacts that evoke California's early years of exploration and statehood. "Shake, Bake & Spin! San Francisco and the Media in the Aftermath of the 1906 Earthquake and Fire" uses historic documents, retrieved relics, photographs, newspapers, and film to trace how city officials and business leaders worked with the media to contain the impact of the disaster, protect property, sustain morale, and refocus attention on the rebuilding of the city.

Nearby Points of Interest:

California Academy of Sciences
875 Howard Street, (415) 321-8000
Directions: http://www.calacademy.org/geninfo/directions.php
Founded in 1853 to survey and study the vast resources of California and beyond, the California Academy of Sciences is the oldest scientific institution in the West. Explore the natural world here.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
151 Third Street (near Mission), (415) 357-4000. Located within 1 block of California Historical Society.
Visit: www.sfmoma.org/visit/visitinfo_hours.asp
SFMOMA is one of the world's most innovative museums of modern and contemporary art. "1906 Earthquake: A Disaster in Pictures" includes professional views and amateur snapshots. The exhibition includes George R. Lawrence's sweeping view of the city, looking scorched and flattened. Lawrence used a network of kites to capture the image. For more on Lawrence's kite photography:
http://www.rtpnet.org/robroy/lawrence/landscape.html.

Dolby Laboratories
100 Potrero Avenue, (415) 558-0200
Directions: www.dolby.com/about/contact_us/directions_sf.html

By bus: Walk 5 blocks west on California to Hyde Street. Find Muni stop on west side of Hyde and catch a #27 Bryant bus heading south. Disembark at Bryant and Alameda Streets and walk approximately 3 blocks east to Potrero. Look for brick building on corner at 100 Potrero Avenue.

Dolby Laboratories is world-renowned as the pioneer and gold standard of high quality audio and surround sound. Get a rare tour of Dolby's museum and archives vault. See forty years of Dolby history in the current exhibit.

Nearby point of interest:

Anchor Brewing
1705 Mariposa Street
Four tour and tasting information: http://www.anchorbrewing.com/about_us/tourinfo.htm

Anchor Brewing is within walking distance, approximately ¾ mile (10-12 long blocks) away from Dolby Labs. Walk east on Alameda to Henry Adams; turn right (south) and continue approximately 4 long blocks to Kansas and Mariposa (Henry Adams turns into Kansas). Walk 2 blocks east on Mariposa to DeHaro and look for 1705 Mariposa.

Tours
Thursday, April 27 1:00 p.m.

The special tours below have been pre-arranged. Guests must pre-register for any of these activities.

Museum of the African Diaspora
658 Mission Street, (415) 358-7200
Directions: www.moadsf.org/visit/directions.html

By bus: Walk east 2 blocks to Stockton. Catch southbound #30 Stockton or #45 Union-Stockton on west side of street. Disembark at 4th and Mission and walk east towards 3rd – look for 658 Mission.

San Francisco's newest museum, the Museum of the African Diaspora, reminds guests of the birthplace of humankind and explores the contributions of people of African descent. Paloma Anoveros, Collections Manager, will lead the group.

The tour will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.

de Young Museum
50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive
Golden Gate Park, (415) 750-3600

Driving and Parking: www.thinker.org/deyoung/visiting/subpage.asp?subpagekey=575
Public Transportation: www.thinker.org/deyoung/visiting/subpage.asp?subpagekey=805
{To get to Muni Metro station for N-Judah: walk or take cable car down Powell to Market Street. Metro Station is underground.}

Visit the new de Young Museum in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Enjoy a unique view of San Francisco from the museum's tower. Experience 3,000 years of art in galleries holding diverse collections from around the world. Learn about the architecture and construction of this great new addition to the San Francisco landscape. Bob Futernick, Associate Director of the Museums, will conduct the tour.

The tour will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Nearby points of interest:

Conservatory of Flowers
John F. Kennedy Drive
Golden Gate Park
(415) 666-7001

The Conservatory of Flowers is a spectacular living museum of rare and beautiful tropical plants. This gem of Victorian architecture opened in 1879 and is North America's oldest existing public conservatory. Visit the Conservatory: Visit the Conservatory: http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org/visitus/index.htm.

San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum
9th Avenue at Lincoln Way
Golden Gate Park
(415) 661-1316

Escape to a unique urban oasis of extraordinary beauty. Enjoy the world of gardens, excellent horticulture library, and bookstore. Free and open 365 days a year. Visit the Garden: www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/visiting/index.htm.

City Walks
Thursday, April 27

1906–Phoenix Rising Walk
1:00 p.m.

Find out how a mother cooked breakfast for her family and burned down the neighborhood, how City Hall was destroyed (both literally and figuratively), and how the city rushed to rise from the ashes and rebuild better than ever.
Meet at Memorial Court, the small park at Fulton and Franklin, at 1:00 pm. (See attached map).
Walk takes 1-1/2 to 2 hours. There is a $5.00 fee for this tour.
For other City Guides tours, go to www.sfcityguides.org/schedules_nov-apr.html.

Nearby points of interest:

"Snapshot Chronicles: Inventing the American Photo Album" exhibition at the San Francisco Public Library depicts albums as narratives in pictures. The albums reveal the creativity, whimsy, and curiosity of early amateur photographers. Featured are personal, visual chronicles of the 1906 earthquake and fire ruins and devastation.
San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin Street
Directions: www.sfpl.org/librarylocations/main/maindirections.htm

"Harlem of the West, the San Francisco Fillmore Jazz Era" exhibit rediscovers the history of jazz in San Francisco's Fillmore District in the 40s and 50s through rare archival photographs, oral accounts from residents and musicians, original memorability from the local clubs, video, and music. Free admission. Tues-Fri, 11 am to 5 pm; Sat, 1-5pm. San Francisco Performing Arts Library & Museum, Veterans Building, 4th Floor, 401 Van Ness Ave.
For more information,
www.sfpalm.org/exhibits/Harlem/Harlem.htm

Asian Art Museum
200 Larkin Street
(415) 581-3500
Directions: www.asianart.org/gettingthere.htm#directions

The Asian Art Museum of San Francisco is one of the largest museums in the Western world devoted exclusively to Asian art. The former Main Library, redesigned by Gae Aulenti, is one of the buildings in the historic Civic Center district. The Civic Center complex is one of the nation's most complete collections of Beaux Arts buildings set in a formal plan.

Barbary Coast Self-Guided Walk

The Barbary Coast Trail connects 20 historic sites, including the birthplace of the Gold Rush, the oldest Asian temple in North America, a Silver King mansion, the western terminus of the Pony Express, and the largest collection of historic ships in the United States. The 3.8 mile Trail and 20-minute cable car ride is marked with a series of bronze medallions set in the sidewalks to point the way. Two trail guides written by the trail founder, Daniel Bacon, are available at local bookstores and visitors information centers.
A printable map can be found online at www.sfhistory.org/bct/printable_map.pdf.

Precita Eyes Mural Walks

Learn about the unique and beautiful murals of San Francisco's Mission District (Saturdays and Sundays). For details: www.precitaeyes.org/tours.html.

1906 Earthquake and Fire Centennial Exhibits

Below are just a few of the many efforts and activities coordinated by the 1906 Earthquake Centennial Alliance; see the Centennial Alliance brochure "Earthquake 1906" for a full calendar of events

"Earthquake: The Chinatown Story"
Chinese Historical Society of America, 965 Clay Street (at Powell)
Hours and directions: http://www.chsa.org/about/hours.php

This exhibit uses anecdotes collected from survivors and their descendants, newspaper accounts, photographs, and other artifacts. These stories explore the impact of the earthquake and fire on the Chinese American community. The exhibit is steps away from the hotel at the Chinese Historical Society of America. CHSA is located in the landmark Chinatown YWCA building, a Julia Morgan design.

1906 Earthquake: A Disaster in Pictures
SFMOMA, 151 Third Street (between Mission and Howard Streets)
Hours and directions: http://www.sfmoma.org/visit/visitinfo_hours.asp

In commemoration of the centennial of the great earthquake that struck the San Francisco area on April 18, 1906, this exhibition brings together approximately 100 photographs drawn from the Museum's collection and other local holdings. The earthquake and the subsequent fires it caused reduced much of the city's architecture to rubble and took the lives of thousands of people. In the aftermath of the disaster, many photographers took to the streets with their cameras, documenting the unfathomable damage as well as the valiant relief efforts. 1906 Earthquake explores a variety of photographic responses to the disaster, with professional views of the destroyed city, such as spectacular panoramas by Pillsbury Picture Company and glass lantern slides by Arnold Genthe, alongside amateur snapshots, albums, and cyanotypes on fabric.

"Rephotographing the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire"
Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Avenue and Clement Street
Visiting the museum: http://www.thinker.org/legion/visiting/index.asp

Photographer Mark Klett paired 1906 earthquake photos from the Legion's Arnold Genthe archive, the Bancroft Library, and various Web-based archives with recreated historic shots.

"Jack London and the Great Earthquake and Firestorms of 1906"
California Historical Society, 678 Mission Street (at 3rd)

An exhibition of photographs of San Francisco and Northern California by Jack London in the days and weeks immediately after the earthquake, accompanied by his writings and descriptions published in 1906.

Snapshot Chronicles: Inventing the American Photo Album — Featuring Personal Albums Documenting the 1906 Earthquake and Fire
San Francisco Public Library, Main Library, Lower Level, Jewett Gallery
100 Larkin Street (at Grove)

Snapshot Chronicles celebrates the under-recognized visual creativity, storytelling, and social history of early snapshot photograph albums from 1889-1935. The centerpiece of the exhibition features 1906 photo albums made by San Francisco residents and tourists to the City who witnessed and took photos of the earthquake devastation and fire and chronicled their experiences in their personal photo albums.

The Great Quake: The Legacy of a Disaster
The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley
Bernice Layne Brown Gallery in Doe Library
Directions: Campus Map: http://www.berkeley.edu/map/maps/CD34.html
Public Transportation: **http://www.berkeley.edu/visitors/public_transit.html**

Exhibit exploring the UC Berkeley campus response to the devastating earthquake, through manuscripts, photographs, prints, books and ephemera from multiple campus collections. Focus is on founding of seismology department, emergency preparedness, and science of seismic retrofit.

Only in San Francisco

Beach Blanket Babylon: a musical revue, now in its 30th year, recently enjoyed by Prince Charles and Lady Camilla. Catch the Powell Street Cable Car to 678 Beach Blanket Babylon (Green Street) in North Beach. For tickets: www.beachblanketbabylon.com/BookTicket.cfm.

Ferry Plaza Farmers Market: A California Certified Farmers Market located at the remodeled Ferry Building on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and some Sundays and Thursday evenings. Find farm-fresh produce and flowers, baked goods, cheese and wine. Enjoy fine restaurants, also. To get there, take the California St. cable car to the end of the line, and walk along Market St. to the end – you can't miss it.

> **Civic Center Farmers Market:** Steps from City Hall, the San Francisco Public Library, and the Asian Art Museum, the bustling Civic Center Farmers Market is a no-frills, people's market. Along with great produce and flowers, there are fresh tamales, samosas, and just-popped kettle-corn. Located in United Nation Plaza, Hyde and Market Streets, on Wednesdays and Sundays.