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The City Clerk Presents the "1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition" During American Archives Month

**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK TO HOST OCT. 2 KICKOFF
EVENT, ONLINE LECTURES, AN EXHIBIT AND A VIEW INTO
LIFE IN SAN DIEGO DURING THE 1935-36 California Pacific
International Exposition**

SAN DIEGO – October is American Archives Month and the City of San Diego's Office of the City Clerk is providing an variety of programming throughout the month to help raise public awareness about the importance of preserving historical records. The City will be hosting its **fifth** annual "Archives Month" with on-line lectures, an exhibit, and a tour of the archives with a focus on this era highlighting how our city officials stimulated economic recovery in the West.

"We are excited to bring another great month of events to the public in celebration of Archives Month in San Diego," said Diana Fuentes, San Diego City Clerk.

"Preserving history for future generations has never been more important, and we look forward to giving our residents programming that offers vivid examples of life in in our city during the '1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition.'"

Archives Month officially begins on Monday, Oct. 2 at 12:00 PM in the City Administration Building, located at 202 C St. San Diego, CA 92101 with a kick-off event that will unveil a

public exhibit spotlighting San Diego during the “1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition.”

Additionally, an online lecture series will be featured on the City Clerk Digital Archives at www.sandiego.gov/digitalarchives, a first for the City. Featured lectures include:

- The California Pacific International Exposition: Planning, Presenting and Posterity, this lecture *will track the 1935 Expo from idea to reality to present-day results* and will be presented by **Sandee Wilhoit**, with the **Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation** and a former high school and college teacher with a background in U.S. history, psychology and educational policy.
- “Where are the Great Cat Burglars,” will *provide examples of some of the funniest crimes in the little town with the Big Lemon and will be presented by Helen M. Ofield*, with the **Lemon Grove Historical Society** and the former 19-year president of the Lemon Grove Historical Society.
- “The Matoon Act,” by **Helen M. Ofield**, with the **Lemon Grove Historical Society** and the former 19-year president of the Lemon Grove Historical Society. *Helen now serves on the board as a historian. “The Matoon Act” is an interesting story pertaining to Everett Matoon, and his intention to facilitate community development by allowing local authorities to create improvements. The act was repealed in 1933.*

The City Clerk will also be offering a tour of the archives on Monday, October 9th at 2:00 PM. San Diegans will be able to view historical City documents, official artifacts, books and photographs dating as far back as 1817. Tours are limited to the first 25 visitors, registration is required.

For a complete listing of all of the lectures and to register for the tour, please visit the City Clerk Digital Archives homepage at <https://tinyurl.com/ay475ddy> and look for the Tour of the Archives (TOTA) to register.

The City Clerk’s Archives, Access, and Preservation Program identifies, secures, preserves and maintains records of permanent and enduring value that captures the City’s history.

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