



SACRAMENTO AREA MUSEUMS

From Gift Making to a Winter Wonderland, Local Museums Offer Family-Friendly Activations in December

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (December 8, 2022) – In addition to its fascinating Gold Rush past, the Sacramento area is rich with an amazing array of state-of-the-art museums and historic sites that offer visitors the chance to explore California's fine art, history, science, and wildlife treasures all year long. In December, many Sacramento Area Museums are offering special activations and new exhibits, a sampling of which includes the following:

- **Aerospace Museum of California** is presenting a variety of holiday-related activations for families, including:
 - Now through December 16 – In partnership with Ticket To Dream Foundation, the Museum is supporting a toy drive to benefit local foster kids. The community is encouraged to donate or drop-off new, unwrapped gifts in the lobby.
 - December 17 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) – The museum is offering a STEM workshop with Edible Gingerbread Rovers. Attendees will learn about the Mars Rover Curiosity and then have the chance to make their own version using Gingerbread (that they can eat it after).
 - December 31 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) – The museum is presenting a New Year's Eve at Noon A Frozen Celebration. In addition, the museum will offer fun winter-themed activities throughout the Air Park.

For more, please visit www.aerospaceca.org.

- **California State Capitol Museum** is excited to announce the fun, free and festive Capitol Holiday Music Program is BACK on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. now through December 22 in the State Capitol Rotunda (1315 10th Street). For a complete schedule of entertaining live musical performances, please visit www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov
- **California State Railroad Museum** offers a weekly *All Aboard for Story Time!* program every Monday at 11 a.m. year-round that is designed for toddlers and preschoolers. After each reading, a related hands-on activity for the children is available. Upcoming *Story Time* books and activities include the following:
 - December 12 – Christmas and Hanukkah train-themed books with coloring.
 - December 19 – *The Polar Express* with letter writing to Santa (Plus: Santa's sleigh bells will given to children in attendance).
 - December 26 – *The Pancake Express* then learning parts of a steam locomotive,

For more, please visit www.californiarailroad.museum.

- **Fairytale Town** is presenting a Winter Wonderland on December 10, 11, 16 & 17 from 1 to 7 p.m. Attendees can celebrate the holiday season with holiday lights, festive décor and vendors, Santa Claus, arts & crafts and more. For more information and/or tickets, please visit www.fairytaletown.org/calendar/winter-wonderland/2022.

- **Sacramento History Museum and Sacramento Living History** are proud to present a Holiday Cheer event on December 10 & 17 (3 to 6 p.m. at the Hastings Annex located at 1002 2nd Street). Guests will learn about holiday pastimes of early Sacramentans with activities that showcase Victorian-era American traditions with warm beverages, historic games and crafts, music, caroling and demonstrations. For more, visit www.sachistorymuseum.org.

For more information about Sacramento area museums, “like” them on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums, follow them on Instagram and Twitter @SacMuseums or visit the user-friendly website at www.SacMuseums.org.

About Sacramento Area Museums

Comprised of approximately 25 greater Sacramento area museums, SAM's mission is to raise awareness of local museums by giving the community the opportunity to discover the region's fine art, history, science, and wildlife treasures achieves its mission through implementing cooperative promotions and developing strategic marketing alliances, by encouraging sharing of knowledge and resources among its partner institutions. For more information, visit www.SacMuseums.org.

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