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MADE IN AMERICA—Craft Icons of the 50 States
Oct 2014 – Dec 2015
This exhibition of traditional and contemporary craft icons highlights distinctive materials, excellence of workmanship, and their makers’ imaginations. Exploring regional and national craft traditions, while expressing each state’s unique contribution to the richness of the American experience, this exhibition celebrates the variety of craft traditions found in America. Part of the Mingei 2015 exhibition series American Icons: Celebrating Folk Art, Craft & Design from Coast to Coast, this exhibition will include the stories behind the objects on display, shared through accompanying text, photography, video, and interactive iPad applications.

SELF-TAUGHT GENIUS—Treasures from the American Folk Art Museum
April 18, 2015 – Aug 16, 2015
Organized by the American Folk Art Museum in New York, this exhibition of over 100 outstanding works of art from its collection will make the Mingei its first stop on a five-city tour. It will feature masterpieces in a variety of forms, including textiles, needlework, ceramics, sculptures, drawings, paintings, and furniture, dating from the 18th century to the present. Part of the Mingei 2015 exhibition series American Icons: Celebrating Folk Art, Craft & Design from Coast to Coast, this exhibition will include the stories behind the objects on display, shared through accompanying text, photography, video, and interactive iPad applications.

Museum of Photographic Arts
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7 Billion Others
Feb – Sept 2015
A ground breaking, multimedia exhibition, 7 Billion Others brings voices and compelling video portraits from over 6,000 individual interviews filmed in 84 countries by nearly 20 directors. The six-month presentation, the first one scheduled in the US, will allow visitors to identify what separates and unites us by giving direct access to individuals as diverse as a Brazilian fisherman, a Chinese shopkeeper, a German performer, and an Afghan farmer. These interviews touch on our most visceral emotions and pose many thought-provoking questions and answers that speak to the human condition.

Minor White: Cinema of Stills
Organized by the Museum of Photographic Arts, Minor White: Cinema of Stills marks the first major retrospective of White’s career in more than two decades. Focusing on White’s most seminal sequences, such as Song Without Words and Sound of One Hand, as well as lesser-known but equally important sequences, the exhibition highlights the pioneering vision of this photographer and poet. Instrumental in the transition of photography from an artistic and descriptive medium into a powerful tool for communicating complex visual ideas and emotion, White and his concepts of "visual literacy" continue to influence photographers today.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
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CIRCUS! Science Under the Big Top
Summer 2015
CIRCUS! Science Under the Big Top is coming to San Diego, and visitors of all ages are invited to run away and join the fun! Visitors will discover the science behind the spectacle while performing acrobatics in mid-air, learning about the art of contortion and sword swallowing, achieving spectacular feats of strength, and juggling various props. Anyone 44 inches or taller will be invited to walk the tightrope high above the ground. This family-friendly exhibition features 20 multi-station interactive exhibits that delve into everything from clown makeup to animal communication.

Imaginate
Winter/Spring 2015
Innovators are on the cutting edge, creating new products, developing solutions, and introducing ideas. The Fleet’s new exhibition, Imaginate, aims to inspire the spirit and practice of innovation. Visitors can use collaboration to create a musical masterpiece, employ perseverance to make a stop-motion animated video, observe the way their heartbeat affects the behavior of a sculpture, and bring their own imaginary invention to life in a combination tinkerer’s workshop/artist’s studio. Hands-on, interactive exhibits that use unique materials, sounds and light will captivate both kids and adults and inspire innovative thinking and creative actions.
The Art of Science Learning, Phase 2
Dates TBD
As part of The Art of Science Learning’s Phase 2, sponsored by the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, the Fleet will develop and host an interactive exhibit exploring innovation at the intersection of art, science, and learning. The exhibit will draw on the experiences of 30 cross-disciplinary teams who will spend the 2013-14 year working in Incubators for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Innovation. The incubators use arts-based creativity, ideation, visualization, prototyping, communication, and collaboration processes to develop responses to critical STEM challenges. The exhibit will take visitors inside the innovation process. Funded by the National Science Foundation.

Energy Exhibition
Dates TBD
Inspired by the Balboa Park Centennial Celebration’s themes of innovation and technology, this exhibition showcases energy and innovation in the San Diego region and focuses on increasing the public’s understanding of advances in energy production, distribution, and usage. Its presentation is supported by SDG&E.

San Diego Air & Space Museum sandiegoairandspace.org • 619 234-8291

2theXtreme—MathAlive! Presented by Raytheon
Jan 24 – Sept 13, 2015
Ride a snowboard, control a Mars rover, design and play your own video game—experience Balboa Park’s most exhilarating exhibition. Escape to an awesome world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Innovation. From sports and dancing, to music and nature, students and families exercise their minds and bodies in a jam-packed journey of hands-on, interactive experiences that explore the FUN (and the Xtreem) in the world of mathematics. 2theXtreme—MathAlive! shatters preconceived notions, opens minds and opens doors to the most critical skills needed for success and economic growth in 2015 and beyond. Don’t miss this groundbreaking exhibition. Math like you’ve never seen it before.

TBD
Sept 2015 – Feb 2016
Dynamic and interactive exhibition.

Paper Airplane Festival
Mar 3, 2015
As part of the park-wide family festival, this hands-on family-themed engineering event uses paper airplanes as its foundation. From 11am to 3pm. Free to 12 and under with paid adult.

Fly Your Ride
Apr 4, 2015
This engineering design competition, with an easy-to-grasp theme, allows students to showcase their creative skills. The current competition involves a car/airplane model hybrid designed to jump a gap using a ramp. The annual competition is free to enter, and weekend-day finals are held at the museum. Free to 17 and under with a paid adult.

Aerosummer Camps
Jul – Aug 2015
These half-day, week-long summer programs teach air and space history and science through hands-on activities, such as designing and building model airplanes, launching model rockets, and flying simulators.

Annual Golf Tournament
Aug 2015
Proceeds from this annual tournament benefit youth educational programs.

Halloween-themed Sleepover
Oct 10, 2015
An educational sleepover with a touch of Halloween.

Halloween Family Day
Oct 10, 2015
Part of a park-wide Halloween-themed family day, this event typically involves a “will it fly?” pumpkin drop from the museum roof. From 11am to 3pm. Free to 12 and under with a paid adult.
**International Air & Space Hall of Fame Induction Celebration**

Nov 2015

Aviation and space pioneers are inducted into the Museum’s International Air & Space Hall of Fame for their contributions.

**Wright Flyer Engine Demo**

Dec 12, 2015

On the anniversary of the Wright Brothers’ first flight, the museum’s replica engine is fired up for visitors to see and hear (it’s loud!) at selected times throughout the day. In addition to the Museum’s programming, historical and significant aviation and space artifacts will be featured and on display during 2015. These include the original goggles worn by Charles Lindbergh during his historic flight, the famed Red Baron’s medals, items from Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, Amelia Earhart and others.

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**San Diego Automotive Museum**

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**Cars, Innovation, and Society**

Throughout 2015

*Cars, Innovation, and Society* celebrates the innovation of the automobile from 1915 to the present. These changes in technology influenced how we live — and how we live influenced the technology. As this exhibition will demonstrate, our love affair with the car is enduring and powerful.

**Cars Symphony**

Throughout 2015

*Cars Symphony* will feature a commissioned piece of tuned percussive music that will be played by professional musicians on cars and assorted car parts. This traveling piece will be featured as a public performance in Balboa Park and other venues throughout the city during 2015.

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**San Diego History Center**

[sandiegohistory.org • 619 232-6203](sandiegohistory.org • 619 232-6203)

**San Diego Invites the World: The 1915 Expo**

Throughout 2015

The definitive commemorative exhibition of the 1915 Exposition is set in a framework of innovation as an event and as a showcase of innovations in commerce, industry, agriculture and arts/culture during that era. Both celebratory and educational, the exhibition will demonstrate the legacy of the 1915 Expo that put San Diego on the map, created the nation’s largest urban cultural park, promoted Southern California as a land of optimism and opportunity, and fostered internationalism. Visitors will “Make & Take” plaster casts of the Spanish colonial architectural façade and electronically record what they would place in a 2015 time capsule to be buried at the close of 2015.

**Ingenious! The World of Dr. Seuss**

Throughout 2015

The highly popular traveling Dr. Seuss exhibition will include signature elements for the Balboa Park Centennial, emphasizing San Diego as the renowned author’s home and Theodor Geisel as the world’s most celebrated children’s author and an innovator. The exhibition will be lively and whimsical, using state-of-the-art technology and engaging visitors in exploratory and immersive experiences. The exhibition will feature rare early works, ephemera, illustration, and editorial cartoons, as well as two newly released Geisel illustrations. The Seuss-land gallery will feature giant bronze Seuss character sculptures, anchoring interactive family activities that emphasize the important themes and innovative nature of Seuss books.

**Masterworks of the Exposition Era**

Throughout 2015

This major exhibition, created in collaboration with regional museums, galleries, and private collectors, will feature award-winning artwork by Southern California artists displayed at the influential 1915 Exposition Art Show, along with *plein air* mastenworks also displayed in 1915, all showcasing San Diego’s rich artistic and cultural heritage. This popular and informative exhibition includes a commemorative catalog, “Painting of the Month” changing displays, oral history kiosks, and other interactive interpretive elements.
San Diego Model Railroad Museum

Centennial Railway Garden
Jan 2015 – June 2016

Consisting of a model of Balboa Park in 1915, the Centennial Railway Garden exhibit will feature a spectacular use of new technology, sustainable-energy practices, and sculptural art. An innovative smart phone application will operate exhibit lighting, sounds, streetcars, and models of park structures. Exhibit Designer Robert Treat, whose experience includes 12 years as an animation director at Disney, and David Reed, the landscape architect responsible for many park projects, have created a “Miniature Balboa Park” that highlights the contributions of John D. Spreckels and the San Diego railways to the success of the Panama-California Exposition in 1915.

John D. Spreckels Exhibit
Jan 2015 – June 2016

In conjunction with the Centennial Railway Garden, this exhibit will highlight the contributions of John D. Spreckels to San Diego. Spreckels was instrumental in the development of San Diego as a metropolitan city and founded the San Diego Electric railway in 1892. To transport people to the 1915 Panama-California Exposition, he developed the San Diego Class 1 Streetcar, a unique streetcar designed specially to accommodate the crowds coming to Balboa Park. Spreckels went on to oversee the completion of the San Diego and Arizona railway, which connected San Diego to the Southern Pacific Railroad and subsequently the rest of the country.

San Diego Museum of Man

Border Crossing
Throughout 2015

What’s it like to be an undocumented immigrant, someone who feels there’s no choice but to cross the border illegally? Through an unconventional immersive experience, Border Crossing explores the complex and emotional issues.

BEE Rol ogy
Throughout 2015

Modern civilization is beer civilization! Agriculture, cities, writing, and religion all have ties to ancient craft brewing. Ancient Egyptians, Sumerians, Chinese, and others each perfected the brewing arts in interesting, and even strange, ways. Beer-loving headhunters from the Amazon, for example, did the amazing trick of chewing poisonous cassava root so it could become a drinkable beer. Learn fascinating stories and see phenomenal artifacts that reveal the links between beer and culture, such as the solid gold beer cup of an Inca king.

Race: Are We So Different?
Throughout 2015

Called “one of the most important and successful exhibitions in the history of the museum field,” Race: Are We So Different? examines race and racism in a surprising new light. It explores living with race and its history as a cultural and scientific construct, and debunks the myth that race is biologically and genetically determined. The exhibit places the outdated exhibit pieces from a century ago alongside exciting modern interactive displays to demonstrate how scientific and social views of race have drastically changed over the past 100 years. In the end, you may find we are not so different after all.

San Diego Natural History Museum

The Discovery of King Tut: His Tomb, His Treasures, The Breathtaking Recreation
Oct 11, 2014 – Apr 26, 2015

The discovery of King Tutankhamun’s tomb in 1922 is considered the most famous discovery in the history of archaeology, and in modern times, the context of its discovery has been lost. The Discovery of King Tut allows visitors to experience the background of this historic discovery and get to know the most important artifacts through stunning and scientifically produced replicas. In a coordinated use of new media and objects, the exhibition presents the burial of King Tutankhamun’s treasure in the context of ancient Egyptian afterlife beliefs – an immersive experience that sets new standards in museology.

Coast to Cactus in Southern California
Jan 17, 2015

Coast to Cactus in Southern California is an innovative permanent exhibition that will invite visitors to explore the unique habitats of Southern California, from the coastal wetlands and urban canyons to the high mountains and the desert. Using specimens from the Museum’s scientific collections alongside immersive environments, hands-on interactives, live animals, and innovative media, Coast to Cactus will help visitors discover what it means to be a biodiversity hotspot: the story of why one region is home to so very many species, why these species are so critically threatened at this moment in history, and why it matters.
Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed
Discover what archaeologists know about the ancient Maya as well as the unresolved questions they continue to investigate. Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed explores the fascinating social, natural, and spiritual realms of the ancient Maya through the eyes of powerful kings and queens and the lesser-known people who were the backbone of Maya society. Explore the richness of Maya culture by examining centuries-old authentic artifacts, traditions, and the Mayan worldview. Experience immersive life-size recreations of classic Maya architecture and uncover the hidden worlds of the Maya past and present.

The San Diego Museum of Art
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Out of Egypt: Ramesses II in Context
In celebration of the return of the sculpture Ramesses II after an absence of more than two decades, Out of Egypt will spotlight this important portrait of Egypt’s most powerful pharaoh by placing it within its broader historic and artistic contexts. This finely carved quartzite sculpture was purchased by the Museum in 1949, and its return offers an opportunity to illustrate the canonic properties of Egyptian royal portraiture and to demonstrate the seminal influence of ancient Egyptian sculpture.

Gauguin to Warhol
From Gauguin to Giacometti, Pissarro to Pollock, De Chirico to De Kooning, this exhibition presents highlights from the Albright-Knox Art Gallery’s extraordinary collection of late 19th-century to contemporary art. Featuring 76 paintings and sculptures by a host of modern and contemporary masters, this traveling exhibition is organized by, and tells the story of, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, New York, known to have one of the country’s finest modern art collections.

Enfant Terrible: The Art of Ron Nagle
Oct 26, 2014 – Mar 8, 2015
Spanning the 1960s to the present, Enfant Terrible: The Art of Ron Nagle is contemporary ceramicist Ron Nagle’s first museum retrospective. Featuring never-before-seen work as well as preparatory drawings from the artist’s studio, the exhibition is accompanied by a beautifully illustrated catalogue.

Divine Desire: Printmaking, Mythology and the Birth of the Baroque
Mar 21 – June 30, 2015
Showcasing The San Diego Museum of Art’s collection of Old Master prints, Divine Desire explores the loves of the Gods and how such imagery relates to society and morality in Reformation/Counter-Reformation Europe. From the Pantheon to Hercules, Venus, and Mars, these prints highlight the golden age of printmaking.

Lalla Essaydi: Photographs, 2005-13
Mar 28 – Aug 1, 2015
Moroccan-born, New York-based photographer Lalla Essaydi (b. 1956) explores issues surrounding the role of women in Arab culture and their representation in the western European artistic tradition. Her large-scale photographs, featuring women adorned with henna calligraphy in settings covered with the same script, are based on 19th-century Orientalist paintings but work to subvert those stereotyped and sexualized representations.

Young Art 2015
April – May 2015
A museum tradition for more than 80 years, Young Art 2015 is a biennial exhibition of art by students K-12 from throughout San Diego County.

Art Alive 2015
April 23 – 26, 2015
See the galleries in full bloom during the Museum’s annual signature fundraiser. In its 34th year, Art Alive 2015 features floral interpretations of artworks by more than 120 designers, a weekend full of events, and a rotunda display designed by the renowned René Van Rems.

Coney Island: Visions of an American Dreamland
Coney Island: Visions of an American Dreamland is the first exhibition to investigate America’s playground as a place and as an idea over a 150-year period. This multimedia exhibition will focus on the artistic representations of Coney Island and interpret them within the rich variety of American cultural expression in a dynamic society. Coney Island will delve deep into the rise, decline and struggle of this seaside resort to be reborn, and the lure it exerted on an extraordinary array of artists who viewed it as a microcosm of the American experience.
The Art of Music
Fall 2015
Curated by The San Diego Museum of Art, The Art of Music is a unique thematic exploration of the representation of music in the visual arts throughout history and world cultures, to the present day. Combining works from the Museum’s permanent collection with loans from major museum collections, The Art of Music will present paintings and sculptures alongside video, installation, and sound art. A program of live performances will form an integral part of the exhibition, highlighting the affinities between the arts.
Cultural Attractions and Events

Girl Scouts San Diego

Girl Scouts in Balboa Park Exhibit
Throughout 2015
Photos, artifacts, and memorabilia, dating as far back as 1917, illustrate Girl Scouts’ long-standing connection with the Park.

Finish Chelsea’s Run in Partnership with Girl Scouts San Diego
Mar 7, 2015; 7:30am
Girl Scouts team up with Chelsea’s Light Foundation and others who share a commitment to creating positive change for children. Proceeds from the fifth annual event fund college scholarships.

Girl Scout Day
Mar 12, 2015
San Diego’s 44,000 girl and adult members celebrate Girl Scouts of the USA’s 103rd birthday today. Juliette Gordon Low founded the first Girl Scout troop in Savannah, Georgia, launching what has evolved into the nation’s premier leadership development program for girls. This day is a highlight of Girl Scout Week (March 8-14, 2015).

Bridging Ceremony
May 16, 2015; 9–11am
Several thousand Girl Scouts will cross the historic Cabrillo Bridge together to symbolize their transition to the next level of Girl Scouting. The event will begin in the Organ Pavilion and conclude with activities on the Sixth Avenue lawn.

Urban Campout
Sept 11, 2015; 6–10:30pm
Guests will gather under the stars in Balboa Park for San Diego’s 18th annual fun fundraiser for grownups to keep Girl Scouting available and affordable for 30,000 girls.

House of Pacific Relations International Cottages

35th-Annual Ethnic Food Fair
May 24, 2015; 10am–5pm
The annual cultural extravaganza is celebrating its 35th year! Over 30 different cultures will present popular dishes, desserts, and beverages; dress in traditional costumes; display arts and crafts; and provide music, dance, and other performances throughout the day on the central lawn stage.

Lawn Programs
Sundays, Mar – Nov 2015; 2–3pm
From spring through fall 2015, the national member houses of the House of Pacific Relations will take turns hosting a weekly Sunday lawn program featuring music, dance, traditional costumes, arts, crafts, and ethnic foods.

International Christmas Festival
Dec 4 – 5, 2015
As part of Balboa Park December Nights, the House of Pacific Relations will host its annual International Christmas Festival, providing ethnic food and spirits and entertainment from around the world on the main stage.

Open Houses—A Journey Around the World
Sundays, Noon – 4pm; Tuesdays, 1–3pm, select cottages
Visit the International Cottages and the Hall of Nations to experience the cultural traditions of various nationalities from around the world in one place. Free to public.
Japanese Friendship Garden

Masters of Japanese Culture
Throughout 2015
The Japanese Friendship Garden is presenting a number of masters of Japanese arts and culture, including in Tea Ceremony, ikebana, and garden design, in a yearlong series of demonstrations and lectures. This will be an unprecedented opportunity for visitors to learn about multiple aspects of Japanese arts and culture from the masters.

Garden of Unity: San Diego’s Japanese Legacy Documentary
Date TBD
The Japanese Friendship Garden will debut its first documentary examining the historical events that have shaped the Japanese American community in Balboa Park and San Diego. This documentary will include interviews and oral histories of local civic leaders and community members to preserve history and raise awareness of the Japanese American community. Planned related events include a film premiere, screenings, and reception for the 1915–2015 History of the Japanese Friendship Garden Exhibit. A website with the archived interviews will also be available for the public to view after the documentary is complete.

1915 – 2015 History of the Japanese Friendship Garden Exhibit
Throughout 2015
This yearlong exhibit will educate visitors about the history of the Japanese Friendship Garden, from the original tea house run by the Asakawa family to the completed 11.5-acre garden expansion that makes the Japanese Friendship Garden Society of San Diego one of the largest Japanese gardens in the United States.

Marston House Museum & Gardens

Balboa Park Exposition Designers 1915–1935
Feb – Nov 2015
In partnership with the San Diego AIA Preservation Committee, the work of over 20 of the most significant architects, designers, and landscape architects of the two expositions will be showcased, from the well-known Bertram G. Goodhue, Carlton Monroe Winslow, Frank P. Allen, Jr., and Richard Requa to the lesser-known (but as integral to each Exposition’s design) Paul Thiene, Juan Larrinaga, and A. K. Tamai. This exhibition of drawings and photographs will be accompanied by publications, lectures, and architectural tours.

Souvenirs & Keepsakes: Memorabilia of the 1915 & 1935 Expositions
Feb – Nov 2015
The tourism movement of the turn of the 20th century as experienced by San Diego’s Exposition visitors will be explored through the personal objects that were eagerly sought after and collected, such as buttons, pennants, postcards, coins, and jewelry. These keepsakes have been handed down through the generations as tangible historical mementos of the two Expositions and continue to be cherished to this day.

Art of the Park, 100 Years of Art in Balboa Park (1915–2015)
Apr – Sept 2015
“The Park as Muse” is the theme of this exhibition featuring one of the nation’s most beautiful and most painted parks. Artists have recognized Balboa Park as a monumental work of art in itself, for both its natural beauty and landscaped vistas, and for its stunning built environment stemming from the two major Expositions. Depictions of Balboa Park by period artists will be exhibited alongside those from today’s foremost San Diego artists. Monthly art shows in the garden showcasing San Diego artists will accompany the exhibition.

Exposition Memories — The Music, Literature, and Decorative Arts of the 1915 San Diego Exposition
Apr – Nov 2015
The 1915 Exposition highlighted the literary and artistic heritage of California and the greater Southwest, creating widespread interest in the region at a time when writers, artists, and intellectuals were prominent in daily life. Exhibits showcasing the rich artistic and cultural heritage of the Exposition through a varied collection of music, literature, and decorative arts will be located throughout the museum.
Balboa Park at 100
Jan 23 – Mar 1, 2015
This exhibition will explore the past, present, and imagined future of Balboa Park and San Diego through art, science, and urban geography. Participating artists from Southern California will create work that directly responds to their memories of Balboa Park over time in the form of site-specific installation, photography, painting, sound, and video.

Regional Juried Exhibition
Mar 6 – Apr 12, 2015
This juried show will feature works created by living artists from the Southern California/Baja Norte region, selected by SDAI’s Curator-in-Residence. Also on view will be an exhibition in our Youth Art Gallery featuring student artwork, as well as solo exhibitions by Bhavna Mehta and Larissa Gorikh.

53rd International Exhibition
Apr 18 – May 24, 2015
Since 1955, the San Diego Art Institute has produced the International Exhibition, a juried show drawing interest from artists all over the world. Work in all media is invited, and the exhibition is celebrated with a gala reception during which more than $7,500 in awards are presented to selected artists.

Summer C-Note
May 29 – June 14, 2015
This semiannual, affordable art exhibition and sale highlights SDAI’s member artists and introduces collectors to quality art ranging from $100 to $300, drawing huge crowds in a frenzy to buy original artwork by area artists. For this one-of-a-kind event, buyers take the works right off the wall and bring them home that day.

What Remains: Debris and Detritus in Fine Art
June 19 – July 19, 2015
This exhibition invites artists to create work incorporating found materials. Partnering with San Diego County Environmental Services and the San Diego County Office of Education, SDAI will also exhibit “Dare to Reuse,” student artwork on display in the Youth Art Gallery.

(Con)Text: Rethinking Language in Art
July 24 – Aug 23, 2015
This exhibition invites artists to create work incorporating text or language. It will be held simultaneously with the exhibition of work created in SDAI’s “Page to Canvas to Stage” youth program.

Regional Juried Exhibition
Aug 28 – Sept 27, 2015
This juried show will feature works created by living artists from the Southern California/Baja Norte region, selected by SDAI’s Curator-in-Residence. Also on view will be an exhibition in our Youth Art Gallery featuring student artwork, as well as solo exhibitions by John Brodie and Igor Koutsenko.

Masculinity and Gender in Contemporary Fiber Arts
Oct 3 – Nov 15, 2015
This international exhibition, curated by Ginger Shulick, will present artists who defy traditional gender stereotypes in their work, including codes of masculinity, and explore punk rock culture and queer identity. Featuring artists such as Jacob Rhodes, Rose Eken, Don Porcella, La Machina, Kris Grey, and Nathan Vincent, this multimedia presentation will include performances and screenings throughout the duration of the exhibition.

Winter C-Note
Nov 20 – Dec 6, 2015
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Creative Edge
Third weekend of each month in 2015
Spanish Village Art Center invites you to watch, learn, and play on the Creative Edge. Creative Edge is a series of monthly events in Spanish Village where you can watch plein-air painters in action, learn to throw pots on a potter’s wheel, team up with artists to build 15-foot sculptures with newspapers, and much more. Join over 200 artists as they explore the creative edge on the third weekend of the month throughout 2015.

Spanish Village Art Center History and Retrospective Art Show
Jan 2015
Visitors are invited to explore the 80-year history of Spanish Village Art Center through a walking tour that allows them to peer into interesting nooks and crannies of this unique place and joining a scavenger hunt to discover the Center’s rich art and architecture.

40th-Annual Small Image Show
Feb 2015
Spanish Village Art Center encourages artists in San Diego County to embrace the small! Gallery 21 in Spanish Village will host the juried Small Image Show, which is open to submission in all media.

Elements—All Members Show in Gallery 21
March 2015

Sculpture on the Patio
April 2015
The Sculpture Guild presents new works on the patio in the Spanish Village Arts Center

Painting Extravaganza
June 20 – 21, 2015
As a part of “Mural Madness,” 10 artists will paint before visitors’ eyes a 7 x 20 foot mural depicting 1915. Also, visitors are invited to watch “Dancers in Art,” as artists create paintings of flamenco dancers in motion.

Art in Bloom
July 2015
Award-winning floral designers and members of the San Diego Floral Association will create floral interpretations of artwork in Spanish Village. Visitors can stroll through Spanish Village amidst art and flowers and re-imagine art in bloom.

In Clay
Aug 2015

Plein-Air Juried Invitational
Sept 2015
Top plein-air artists of San Diego County will paint images of Balboa Park over a two-week period, culminating in a show in Gallery 21. On the third weekend of the month, quick-draw painting unfolds before visitors’ eyes, accompanied by speakers and artist demonstrations.

Balboa Park in Color
Oct 2015
The SD Colored Pencil Society draws scenes of Balboa Park past, present, and future, culminating in a show in Gallery 21. On the third weekend, pastel artists will be “Painting the Park in Pastels,” demonstrating their art form in various park locations and answering questions.

The Creative Spirit
Nov 15 – 16, 2015
Visitors can watch as mixed-media artists create a sculpture dedicated to the creative spirit that fills Spanish Village.

December Nights
Dec 4 – 5, 2015
**SDFA Botanical Building Tours**
Throughout 2015
Throughout the centennial celebration year, 45-minute docent-led tours will showcase the horticulture, origins, and design of Balboa Park’s historic Botanical Building—a building so special that it became an immediate and enduring icon of Balboa Park. Visitors will also learn the fascinating story of English immigrant Alfred D. Robinson, the man who envisioned and proposed the construction of a botanical building for the 1915 Exposition. Free and open to the public.

**SDFA Flower Show**
April 2015
Over one weekend of the centennial year, San Diego Floral Association will stage a major flower show in the spirit of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition, spotlighting some of the finest floral artists in the county. This family-friendly show will celebrate San Diego’s historic floriculture industry and highlight changes in floral design from the 1910s to the present. Gardening techniques and demonstrations for visitors of all ages will be offered, and an exhibit of historic Balboa Park landscape photography from the collections of park institutions will be on display. Free and open to the public.

**SDFA Historic Garden Tour**
May 16, 2015
San Diego Floral Association’s 10th-annual Historic Garden Tour will feature beautiful gardens of historic significance in the neighborhoods surrounding Balboa Park. Photographs tracing the development of homes and gardens will be displayed, and a colorful tour guidebook will provide the descriptions and historical context. Our self-guided “garden tour with a difference” is one of the most popular educational events San Diego Floral Association offers. Ticketed event.

**SDFA Lecture Series: The Panama-California Exposition and Cultural Landscape**
Oct 2015
This three-day celebration and lecture forum will explore the evolution of Balboa Park’s landscape from 1915 to the present. Participants will learn about the changing cultural landscape of the area and how it reflects and is influenced by a changing society. The series features an evening reception at the Marston House Garden, a stimulating program by renowned writers and thinkers on cultural landscapes, keynoted by a national expert, and a guided tour of the historic Botanical Building.

**SDFA Kate Sessions Birthday Celebration**
Nov 7, 2015
Known as the “Mother of Balboa Park,” Kate Sessions is recognized as an influential figure in Southern California landscape history. The family-friendly gala celebration of Kate’s 158th birthday will include talks about her remarkable life and work and a guided walking tour through Kate-influenced areas of Balboa Park. The event features birthday cake, song, prizes, and fun for all ages! Free and open to the public.

**SDFA Festival of Trees**
Dec 4 – 5, 2015
A December Nights tradition since 1979, the San Diego Floral Association’s Festival of Trees will display 30 fresh Noble fir trees, each decorated to the theme of “Holiday Trees of 1915 and Beyond.” The trees will be decorated by San Diego schools, garden clubs, plant societies, and other groups. Thousands of visitors enjoy this family-oriented community event each year, some returning for the popular gingerbread cookies and exotic Protea flowers sold for holiday giving. Free and open to the public.
Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater

A Dog Called Bum
Throughout 2015

Marie Hitchcock, whom the puppet theater is named for, wrote a book titled *A Dog Called Bum*. Bum, a true-life dog, lived in the late 1800s and was considered a hero when he lost his rear leg saving a puppy from some train tracks. He became so well known, he was even voted an honorary mayor of San Diego. This puppet show, presented at various times throughout the year, will tell the story of Bum and how much he was loved by the people of San Diego.

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A Century of Dance
Jan 30 – Feb 15, 2015

This variety dance show will feature the talents of San Diego’s elite dance troupes, performing in various styles, including tap, jazz, lyrical, modern, musical theater, and hip hop. The show promises to be imaginative, surprising, and a visual treat for the whole family! Presented by the San Diego Civic Dance Arts program in conjunction with the San Diego Civic Dance Association, these shows have been wowing audiences in the historic Casa del Prado Theater for years!

Harmony and Motion International Music and Dance Festival
Sept 25 – 26, 2015

Launched in 2011, the annual Harmony and Motion Festival celebrates the incredible diversity of music and dance San Diego has to offer. Blending professional and highly skilled amateur live music with some of San Diego’s best dance talent, the festival takes its audiences on a world tour, ranging from Indonesian Gamelan to Spanish Flamenco to Japanese Taiko, and much more. The festival is a co-production of The Worldview Project, whose mission is to promote greater awareness and understanding of world cultures, and San Diego Civic Dance Arts. For more information, visit www.worldviewproject.org.

Dance Fair
Oct 3, 2015

San Diego Civic Dance Arts, in conjunction with the San Diego Civic Dance Association, is presenting a one-day free community event in the Casa del Prado Theater. The public is invited to participate in free dance classes onstage for all ages and abilities, including tap, jazz, Zumba, hip hop, and musical theater. There will also be free dance shows featuring the talented elite dance groups of San Diego. Inexpensive/gently used dance shoes and costumes will be for sale at the event as well.

December Nights Program
Dec 4 – 5, 2015

Continuing a December Nights tradition, the Civic Dance Company dancers will perform the classic “We Need a Little Christmas” Rockette-style number along with other favorites in the patio of the Casa del Prado. As in past years, the patio will come alive with tomato basil pasta, cookie-decorating, and photos with Santa and his elves.

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The Alumni Project: Celebrating Seven Decades of Dance
Throughout 2015

San Diego Civic Youth Ballet is reaching out to 70 years of participants to create an alumni program and to restore the history of the organization. In 2015, these efforts will culminate in the collaborative Alumni Performance in the Casa del Prado Theater. The collaborative performance will invite and engage SDCYB alumni dating back to 1945 to attend and participate. The program will be supplemented by a material history of the organization that will be on display for visitors beginning in 2015.

Sleeping Beauty
Mar 27 – Apr 4, 2015

This monumental production of a classic ballet will feature current San Diego Civic Youth Ballet students, professional guest artists, and a selection of San Diego Civic Youth Ballet’s thriving alumni. Professional sets, costumes, lighting, and staging will bring the Casa del Prado stage to life in a family-friendly environment. The merging of a classic score, time-honored choreography, and a beloved tale will showcase the art of ballet as the perfect medium for storytelling, making it both accessible and engaging to audiences of all ages and backgrounds.
Spring Showcase  
May 16, 2015  
This annual, school-wide performance features a piece by each San Diego Civic Youth Ballet class, as well as classical variations and contemporary works by intermediate and advanced dancers. Nearly 400 dancers participate in this diverse concert, showcasing the individual and collective accomplishments of the past year.

7th Annual Fairy Tales in the Park  
Aug 15, 2015  
Enter a magical land of enchantment where fairy tales come to life! An outdoor “Fairy Tale Village” activity center and interactive “Enchanted Forest” lead visitors to a magical theatre where storybook characters dance before your eyes. Narrated by a professional storyteller and interpreted onstage by student dancers and guest artists, this performance for children of all ages merges the beauty of ballet with the excitement of unforgettable stories.

December Nights: Excerpts from The Nutcracker  
Dec 4 – 5, 2015  
As part of its ongoing efforts in community outreach, San Diego Civic Youth Ballet will present free excerpts of The Nutcracker during December Nights. This annual tradition reaches nearly 4,000 patrons each year and provides the community with an opportunity to experience the wonder of live ballet in a family-friendly environment.

The Nutcracker  
Dec 9 – 20, 2015  
Take an extraordinary journey to the magical Land of Sweets with Clara and her Nutcracker Prince. Witness the epic battle between toy soldiers and mice before being whisked away to an enchanted land of falling snow, waltzing flowers, and the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy. Set to the timeless music of Tchaikovsky, this classic holiday production is a cherished San Diego family tradition and the cornerstone of the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet performance season.

San Diego Junior Theatre  
juniortheatre.com  •  619 239-1311  
Throughout 2015  
San Diego Junior Theatre will offer enhanced programming during the Balboa Park 2015 Celebration.

San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory  
sdys.org  •  619 233-3232  
Season Concerts  
A number of enchanting musical performances will be held at various Balboa Park theaters and museums during our regular concert season in 2015. These concerts will feature our most advanced musicians in intimate chamber concerts, concerto competitions, and SDYS’s 11th International Youth Symphony, which brings together exceptional young musicians from around the world.

ENCORE! 2015 Annual Season Fundraiser  
May 2015  
The beautiful Casa del Prado courtyard will provide the backdrop for our annual scholarship fundraising event. This unique event is an inspiring evening of music, cuisine, and camaraderie that showcases the wonderful talents of our young musicians. It celebrates the achievements of our community’s talented musical youth and recognizes SDYS’s dedication to making music education truly affordable and accessible for all students.
Special Commemoration Concerts
Dec 31, 2014, 7–9pm; Dec 31, 2015, Jan 1, 2016
Marking the 100th birthday of the Spreckels Organ, Civic Organist Dr. Carol Williams will hold a special concert featuring organ and choral participation on Wednesday, December 31, 2014, from approximately 7pm to 9pm. Similar commemorative concerts will be held on Thursday, January 1, 2015, and Friday, January 1, 2016, to mark the Centennial closure.

International Summer Organ Festival
June 22 – Aug 31, 2015
On Mondays at 7:30pm during the summer, the International Summer Organ Festival will present 11 free concerts featuring the best organist talent from around the world.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts
Throughout 2015
Every Sunday in 2015, the Spreckels Organ will present a free one-hour concert beginning at 2pm. These concerts will be augmented with guest artists and other performance elements and will be webcast live. Among the highlights will be a commissioned work for the organ from a leading composer and the coordinated playing of the Spreckels Organ with the Ona May Lowe Carillon in the California Tower on select occasions.
Additional Opportunities

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Panama-California Exposition Digital Archive
Throughout 2015
This online digital archive will preserve the important details of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition—the people and the places, the events and the stories, the souvenirs and ephemera. It will include books, booklets, periodicals, passes and tickets, photos and albums, correspondence, paintings, drawings, and video. Members of the public can contribute to this online digital archive by sending us photos or allowing us to photograph or scan their items. Examples from the collection are now on view in the Casa de Balboa on a video monitor by the stairwell. Visit c100.org to contact us and to follow our progress.

Panama-California Sculpture Court
Throughout 2015
Casa del Prado was the first building from the 1915 Exposition to be reconstructed. Ornamentation from the original 1915 building has been on display just off the courtyard of the restored building since 1975, along with models for three Spanish painters from the San Diego Museum of Art’s façade. After years of neglect and some abuse, the sculptures have been professionally restored and given new stands. Interpretive signage has been added in English and Spanish, re-making the Panama-California Sculpture Court into a museum-like exhibit. Admission is free whenever the building is open.

Balboa Park Sustainability Program

LEED Certified Building Tours and Workshops
Dates TBD
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification provides third-party verification of buildings that excel in environmental sustainability measures. With three Park buildings already LEED Certified, the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership’s Sustainability Program is aiming for a total of 10 certified buildings by 2015. The Sustainability Program will offer behind-the-scenes tours and training workshops so visitors, developers, and other professionals can see how Balboa Park is emerging as a must-see sustainable education and tourism destination.

With every cultural attraction in Balboa Park scheduling exciting exhibitions, programs and activities throughout 2015, you’ll want to have easy access to all museums in the Park. By purchasing the Balboa Park Explorer, you’ll receive unlimited general admission* to 17 cultural institutions in the Park for one year. Balboa Park Explorer is on sale now at balboapark.org/Explorer.

*General admission does not include certain specially ticketed exhibits, films and events.