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## From the Freighthouse SLORRM eNews



### **LION DANCERS BRING GOOD LUCK FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Following a talk on the Chinese contribution to life in California, and especially to building railroads, visitors moved outside into the beautiful sunshine to enjoy the Cal Poly Lion Dance Troupe. The group delighted everyone with their performance and visited up-close and personal with

all the children in the audience. And, tradition has it that we can expect good luck for the next year!

### World War II, Arroyo Grande Saturday, March 19, 11 am

The Museum welcomes Jim Gregory, long-time local history teacher and Lucia Mar's 2010 Teacher of the Year. Jim will share information from his new book about Arroyo Grande during the Second World War. Hear the touching story of how the book started and see some rare photos of "our boys" at Camp SLO. Jim has chosen nostalgic period music to accompany his talk. Q&A and a book signing will follow. Bring your own copy or buy one in the Gift Shop. Talk is included with \$3 admission to Museum (FREE to Members).

### BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

April 24th, 2016, will be our first Merit Badge Sign-Off Day. Boys will bring their pre-requisite merit badge work, hear presentations from Amtrak and Operation Lifesaver, and complete the requirements to receive their Boy Scout Railroading Badge. Thanks to Amtrak employees who are helping to implement this program.

### POMAR JUNCTION WINE EXCURSION FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016

Leave the SLO Amtrak Station at 3:35 pm on Friday afternoon, May 6th, and travel on the Coast Starlight over the beautiful Cuesta Grade to Paso Robles. Then get transported to Pomar Junction Winery for their Train Wreck Friday party. Listen to the Mighty Croon Dogs, enjoy the wine-tasting included in your fare, buy dinner or bring your own picnic, and then get transported back to the SLO Amtrak Station. Cost is \$75 per person for the entire excursion. Contact [media@slorrm.com](mailto:media@slorrm.com) for tickets.

### SLO TRAIN DAY - SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

Join us as we celebrate the 122nd anniversary of the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad to San Luis Obispo in 1894. We will have activities on the platform, including railroad art work for sale, a railroad swap meet, food, wine tasting and music. Admission to the Museum is only \$3 for adults, \$2 for kids (3 years or under and members are FREE). Come in and see the new Pacific Coast Railway exhibit and look at the wonderful progress that's been made on the large model train layouts. Contact Diane at [media@slorrm.com](mailto:media@slorrm.com) to rent a table on the platform.

### CENTRAL COAST RAILROAD FESTIVAL OCTOBER 7th THROUGH 9th, 2016

Watch here for information about the Railroad Festival coming up in the fall. Contact Diane at [media@slorrm.com](mailto:media@slorrm.com) if you want to participate in the platform activities.

**MEMBERS:** Would you like to become a hands-on member of the fastest growing Museum in the area? Do you like local railroad history and like talking to people? Or learning how to restore a historic artifact or railroad equipment? There are lots of fun opportunities for volunteers here at the Museum.

Docents educate the public on our rich local history of railroads. Restoration volunteers are currently restoring our 1926 Observation Car (La Cuesta) and our SP Bay Window Caboose. Collection volunteers catalog and sort various paper documents, photographs, books, and manuals. Model volunteers are working on models depicting the history of railroads on the Central Coast. Display volunteers develop and build interpretive displays. Event volunteers develop Museum events, large and small. If you have a particular interest or talent, we have a volunteer opportunity for you.

Members find volunteering for the Museum an enjoyable experience, with the camaraderie, opportunity to share railroad history of the Central Coast to the public, and helping the Museum grow. Join us today! Contact Diane at [media@slorm.com](mailto:media@slorm.com).



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