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A Reminder to Join Us on Sunday New Exhibit: The History of Firefighting in St. Helena

1:00pm. Wine & Bites

Annual membership meeting and open house

We're looking forward to updating our members on what we've accomplished over the last year. We've moved into our new space and created a small museum that documents the settlement of St. Helena. We welcome your feedback on our programs, our communications and the Heritage Center, now open every Saturday from noon to 4:00pm.



Help us kick off our new exhibit

Sunday's program will feature Art Carr sharing history and highlights of firefighting in St. Helena. Art was a St. Helena volunteer fireman for more than 20 years. He's accumulated a formidable collection of fire artifacts--this is the foundation of our new exhibit.

1:00: Welcome, wine, food and gathering

1:15: Opening remarks, financial summary and discussion

2:00: Art Carr talks about firefighting in St. Helena

Then visit the displays and see how the Historical Society is developing the museum



could carry 1500 gallons of water

During the mid 1950s the used rescue truck was purchased and refurbished. It carried equipment such as saws, salvage covers, a generator, blankets, resuscitator and more. Besides the Chevy tanker, new in 1965 was the 1964 model International open cab truck, which could pump 500 gallons per minute and carry 400 gallons. It was called “the ghost” due to its white paint.



May 18: The Braceros in Napa Valley

An in-person event at the Heritage Center

We're delighted to be presenting another May lecture--this time on the Braceros--the Mexican workforce that the US government

in WWII. They arrived in Sacramento by train, then were bussed to Napa Valley. Few spoke or understood any English, but many were used to working the land and brought their skills and knowledge to their new home. The Braceros played a major role in the development of California's wine culture.

Our speaker is Ms. Rosaura Segura, a descendant of a Bracero

Ms. Segura has been involved with many local organizations serving the Latinx community. She is the recipient of the Napa County Hispanic Network Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. Segura has worked tirelessly to improve the conditions of low-income housing and public education for migrant farmworkers.



As a child, Ms. Segura vividly remembers how tired her father, a farmworker, was when he arrived home in the evenings. This prompted her to become involved with the Migrant Farmworker Committee, serving as its Chairperson. She also has served on the Napa County Housing Committee and has served as Vice-Chair of the Napa County Farmworker Housing Oversight Committee.



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We're looking for volunteers to help staff the [Heritage Center](#) on Saturdays from noon-4pm. We also need help with special events, coordinating/scheduling volunteers and helping build new rotating exhibits. Respond to shstory@shstory.org

The Heritage Center Is Now Open Every Saturday!

Join us from noon-4:00pm

Explore St. Helena's fascinating past at the Heritage Center
1255 Oak Avenue, St. Helena, CA 94574



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