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San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum
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Now open EVERY SATURDAY, 10 am to 4 pm

100 AT \$100 / END-OF-YEAR GIVING

We are seeking 100 generous fans of our Museum who are willing to give a tax-deductible donation of \$100 before the end of 2015. Would you like to help protect the stained-glass windows in La Cuesta? Would you like to see a brand new paint job on the #1886 Caboose? Perhaps you would like to help fund the installation of the new Pacific Coast Railway Exhibit coming soon to our Museum. Let us know what you are interested in and we promise to apply your funds to an appropriate project. For more info or to donate, contact Diane at media@slorm.com. Thank you for your interest and generosity!

CONSIDER BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER

As the end of 2015 approaches, SLORRM will begin the annual process of voting on next year's Board. Watch your mail for a letter requesting nominations. You may nominate yourself or someone else. They must have been a member for one year and be willing to serve. If you have questions, please contact Andrew Merriam, SLORRM Secretary at agmerriam@charter.net or at [805-544-8815](tel:8055448815).

PCRY EXHIBIT HELD OVER

The Pacific Coast Railway exhibit is spending an extra month at the SLO History Center. But, early in December the exhibit will be removed from its downtown location and brought to the Railroad Museum. Watch here for details about its Grand Opening and Reception in January.



Speaking of the PCRY, take a look at the #1200 boxcar above. In spite of its recent coat of paint, done by Brad LaRose, it needs major restoration.

We want to thank Robert and Deborah Hoefker for their generous donation towards this project as a result of our recently mailed request for end of year funding. This will allow us to get the roof replaced and return it to its original configuration. If you would like to contribute to this project and help us restore one of the last pieces of Pacific Coast Railway history, fill out the form and return it with your check OR contact Diane at media@slorm.com to participate. Thank you!



HOLIDAY DECORATORS - WE WANT YOU !!!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th and/or SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, join us to enjoy some treats and help decorate the Museum for the Holidays. Last year, decorating days turned out to be one of the most enjoyable member events, so come join in the fun this year. We'll be here 10am to 4pm and can use any donations you can share. [See you here!](#)

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

See the Museum's Train Float in the **GROVER BEACH HOLIDAY PARADE** on **Saturday, December 5th**. It starts at 10 am on Grand Avenue at 16th Street and travels west to 9th Street, finishing at the Ramona Garden Park Center at 993 Ramona Avenue. The theme is

"Hawaiian Holiday".

Join us any **Saturday** in **December** to see the Museum decorated in holiday style. There will be treats for the whole family and holiday model trains.

Get one **FREE** admission on **Saturday, December 5th**, 10am to 4pm, with every new, unwrapped toy. Toys will be donated to the **SEASON OF HOPE** toy drive. Let's help all Central Coast children feel the holiday love.

And - there will be a special treat on:

Saturday, December 12th

SANTA WILL BE ARRIVING ON THE 1 PM SURFLINER.

Forget the sleigh. Bring the kids to see Santa arrive BY TRAIN and make his way to the historic Lounge Car at the Museum, where he will be seeing children who want to share their holiday wishes with him, from 1 to 4pm. Bring your kids and your camera to remember this one!



**CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR AT THE MUSEUM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016**

PHIL TILLMAN, local history buff, will be giving a talk on how so many Chinese people came to be here, what they did while they lived in the Central Coast area, and why so many left. There is no group more connected with railroad construction in the West, and the story of Chinese in San Luis Obispo is deep and widespread. Join us on **Saturday, February 20th** at 10 am. Talk is included with \$3 Museum admission.

The talk will be followed outside by a traditional LION DANCE, with accompaniment, performed by the Cal Poly Lion Dance Troupe. This group is enthusiastic and professional and this will be a highlight of our Chinese New Year celebration. Kids - if you want good luck all year, remember to bring a Chinese coin (or a dollar bill) to stuff in the Lion's mouth while he roars at you!

MEMBERS: Please renew your membership before 2016 begins.

MEMBERS: If you are a friendly, outgoing person, we want you as a docent at the Museum. A few hours of your time once or twice a month can make a big difference. You don't have to be an expert on trains. More important is the desire to share our facility with the families, travelers, and railroad fans who come to our Museum. Thanks! Contact Diane at media@slorm.com