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# San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum 1940 Santa Barbara Avenue, SLO, CA.

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Now open EVERY SATURDAY, 10 am to 4 pm





Pierre Rademaker and Rob Himoto received Distinguished Service Awards at the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting. Bill Pyper, now living in Oregon, was also a recipient of this award, given for long-term outstanding service to the Museum. We thank all three of these members for their generous, thoughtful service to our organization over many years.





### PCRY EXHIBIT NOW OPEN

After a sparkling Grand Opening and Reception, the new Pacific Coast Railway Exhibit is on view to the public. Thanks to Andrew Merriam, who developed this beautiful and comprehensive exhibit. If you couldn't join us for the unveiling, come in soon to see this wonderful addition to our Museum.



SWEETHEART SPECIAL PRIVATE CAR EXCURSION SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016

The morning trip will leave the SLO Amtrak station at 6:50 am on

the Surfliner. After about an hour's stop in Santa Barbara, riders will board the luxurious Overland Trail Lounge Car and have a buffet lunch on the return trip to SLO, where they will arrive about 1 pm. Cost is \$119 per person (includes lunch). WAITING LIST ONLY.

On the afternoon trip, riders will board the Pacific Trail private passenger car (see above), leaving SLO at 1:55 pm, where they will enjoy the beautiful scenery while they participate in Valentine-themed activities and enjoy the candy treats. Return from Santa Barbara on the evening Surfliner, arriving in SLO at 8:30 pm. Cost is \$99 per person. ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT - RESERVE NOW!

Contact Diane at media@slorrm.com

TREAT YOUR SWEETHEART TO A ONE-OF-A-KIND VALENTINE'S EXPERIENCE.





# 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. (Free to members)

The talk will be followed 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!

## 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. Followed by Q&A and a book signing. Included with \$3 admission to Museum (FREE to Members).

### BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

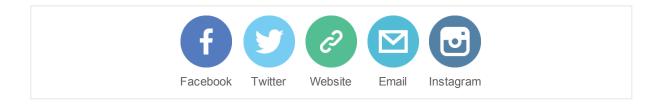
April 24th, 2016, will be our first Merit Badge Sign-Off Day. Boys will bring their pre-requisite merit badge work, hear presentations from Amtrak and Operation Lifesaver, and complete the requirements to receive their Boy Scout Railroading Badge. Thanks to Amtrak employees who are helping to implement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

Watch here for information on the May 7, 2016, SLO Train Day. Contact Diane at media@slorrm.com if you are interested in having a table on the platform.

MEMBERS: Please renew your membership if you haven't already. All memberships now run from January to December.

MEMBERS: Please consider joining our distinguished group of docents in

the Museum, or as a modeler or in artifact restoration. All talents are welcome in our all-volunteer organization. Thanks! Contact Diane at media@slorrm.com.



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