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**Hands-On History Days:
Digging Up San Jose's Past
at History Park
Sunday, May 17 – 12 PM to 4 PM**

San José, CA – April 17, 2015. Calling all Indiana Jones wannabes! On Sunday, May 17 from 12 PM to 4 PM, Digging Up San Jose's Past at History Park will offer children an opportunity to become junior archaeologists. In partnership with the Chinese Historical & Cultural Project, Stanford Archaeology Center students will be at History Park conducting a mock excavation, screening, artifact identification and artifact reconstruction.

“This program is a wonderful opportunity for kids to learn about the incredible world of archaeology, while simultaneously developing an interest in our local history,” said Wendy Abelmann, Director of Education at History San José. “We are so excited that this partnership between the Stanford Archaeology Center and the Chinese Historical & Cultural Project gives us the opportunity to share the stories of San Jose's 19th century Chinese pioneers.”

This family educational program will allow individuals to collect stickers for each activity to place in Archaeology Passports and become ‘certified’ as a Junior Archaeologist.

At 11:45 AM, there will be a celebration and dedication of the Lillian Gong-Guy Plaza at History Park. Lillian Gong-Guy was the co-founder of the Chinese Historical & Cultural Project, and a dedicated philanthropic leader and volunteer in the Santa Clara Valley. The Lillian Gong-Guy Memorial Scholarship will be presented to local students, based on their exemplary academic achievement and community service.

Cost: HSJ members and kids two and under – FREE. All others \$5.00.

For more information, call 408 9181047 or visit www.historysanjose.org

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About History San José:

History San José (HSJ) is a non-profit organization that collects, preserves and celebrates the stories of diversity and innovation in San José and the Santa Clara Valley. HSJ manages one of

the largest and most comprehensive regional history collections in the State of California, from 18th-century Spanish governmental records to 21st-century Silicon Valley technology.

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