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History San José Spring Cleaning and Auction

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Preview Begins at 8:30am, Live Auction Begins at 10:30am

History San José North Warehouse (Adjacent to the Electric Light Tower)
at History Park in Kelley Park

San Jose, CA – April 19, 2016 – Come out to History Park on Saturday, May 14 starting at 8:30am for History San José's *Spring Cleaning and Auction*, where "deaccessioned" items from the History San José Collection will be available for purchase by the public. Proceeds from the sale will directly benefit the History San José Collection. Items for sale span over 100 years of San Jose history and include: furniture, hand tools, vintage advertising, art, arms memorabilia, pianos, rare books from the 19th and early 20th centuries, and much more!

Deaccession is a necessary museum practice that eliminates items in poor condition; already exist in great number; have no relevance to the Mission; or are hazardous. Recently, our curators have been moving objects from our former collections warehouse to make room for the new Bay Area Glass Institute studio. As part of this process, they have inventoried and moved artifacts to HSJ's state-of-the-art Collection Center and done extensive research on each item, making certain it was relevant to the History San José's Mission. More than 32,000 artifacts were kept and 1,400 were marked for deaccession. "Deaccessioning these items allows History San José to make better use of our resources and strengthen our existing collection," says Alida Bray, President & CEO of History San José.

These deaccessioned items will be sold at the History San José *Spring Cleaning and Auction*. The auction will take place in the warehouse adjacent to the Electric Light Tower at History Park, with a preview at 8:30am and the live auction beginning at 10:30am. O'Brien's Ice Cream Parlor will be also be open throughout the day. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind auction event!

Visit www.historysanjose.org for more details or call [408.521.5034](tel:408.521.5034).

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About History San José:

History San José is a non-profit organization that preserves and enriches the cultural heritage of San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley through research, collections, partnerships, educational programs and events. HSJ manages one of the largest and most comprehensive regional history collections in the State of California, from 18th century Spanish municipal records to 21st century Silicon Valley technology.

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