SPECIAL EVENT—Go with PAHA to the
Opening Celebration of the Juana Briones Exhibit
Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 PM
at the
California Historical Society
678 Mission St., San Francisco 94105*

In this bilingual exhibition about the life and times of Juana Briones (1802–1889)—pioneer, founder, healer—we experience the transformation of California under three flags: Spain, Mexico, and the United States. Through paintings, maps, portraits, legal documents, and artifacts, we realize a vision of Juana Briones as a woman adaptable yet undaunted in her pursuits, and we glimpse how some women, including those of Mexican and Spanish descent, influenced our history on a distinctively human scale.

In her time, this remarkable Californian managed a farm and a dairy in Yerba Buena (later San Francisco). She purchased and operated a 4,439-acre ranch in present-day Palo Alto. She adopted Native American orphans and used her skills as a curandera (healer) in the community. She successfully defended her land claims in U.S. courts, becoming one of the state’s first women to own property in her own right. From the objects in this exhibition an image begins to form of this potent, resourceful, and creative woman who convincingly represents the spirit and promise of our state (text adapted from CHS website).

PAHA invites you to join us for the opening celebration of this special exhibit in place of our regular monthly meeting. Reservations are recommended. (See the green box for reservation and transportation details.)

*For more information about the opening celebration of the exhibit as well as directions and parking for the California Historical Society, please visit: www.californiahistoricalsociety.org.
History Jaunts


Charles Parsons’ Ships of the World Gallery reopens with a special family day, free to the public at the San Mateo County History Museum, Sunday, March 16, 2014 at noon. The exhibit features 24 expertly crafted model ships created by Charles Parsons with newly painted murals by Fred Sinclair. The exhibit includes interactive stations for children, and photos and videos of Peninsula shipbuilding and shipwrecks. At 2 PM sea chantey singers will entertain the Museum visitors.

The San Mateo County History Museum is located at 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Admission: $5 for adults, $3 for students and seniors. See www.historiesmc.org or call Mitch Postell 650-299-0104 for information.

Juana Briones y su California—Pionera, Fundadora, Curandera, January 26, 2014—June 8, 2014 at the California Historical Society presents. In this bilingual exhibition about the life and times of Juana Briones (1802–1889)—pioneer, founder, healer—visitors experience the transformation of California under three flags: Spain, Mexico, and the United States and navigate alongside Juana through the social, economic, political, and legal upheavals of nineteenth-century California. Paintings, maps, portraits, legal documents, and artifacts present Juana Briones as mother, landowner, business woman, and humanitarian.

The California Historical Society, located at 678 Mission, San Francisco, is open Tuesday through Sunday, 12:00–5:00 PM. For information, see www.californiahistoricalsociety.org/exhibitions/upcoming_exhibitions.html or call 415-357-1848.

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