

MEDIA ALERT:

Celebrate the founding of San José and San Francisco with Los Californianos

The Founding of El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe in 1777 and the Presidio of San Francisco in 1776.



San José and San Francisco, California --- The Peralta Adobe in downtown San José is the perfect place to throw a birthday party. So is the Presidio of San Francisco near the Golden Gate. The public is invited to these two sites to join these free family-oriented events. They take place each July and November (29th) in San José, and each June (27th) at the Presidio of San Francisco.

For more information visit: www.solideas.com/SanJoseBirthday/ and the web sites below.

Background

San José was the first city (*pueblo*) in California. It was the first civil settlement completely separate from any mission or Spanish *presidio* (military site) and a significant part of the history of the Bay Area. San José was attractive to its original settlers because of the fertility of the Santa Clara valley and the availability of water in the Guadalupe River. It was a prime location to grow crops providing needed support to the *presidios* of San Francisco and Monterey. The Peralta Adobe was built in 1797, twenty years after the first settlers arrive. More about the Bay Area's history is found at:

[www.solideas.com/DeAnza/TrailGuide/Santa Clara](http://www.solideas.com/DeAnza/TrailGuide/Santa_Clara)

About History San José:

History San José is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the continuing history of the Santa Clara Valley.

Peralta Adobe is located at 175 West St. John Street, near San Pedro Square, in downtown San José; 408.287.2290.

www.historysanjose.org

About Los Californianos:

Los Californianos is a non-profit organization created for the purpose of preserving the heritage of the early Hispanic Californians in Alta California by conducting research on genealogy and civil, religious, military, social and cultural activities in California.

www.loscalifornianos.org/calendar.html

About The Presidio Trust:

The Presidio Trust's mission is to preserve and enhance the Presidio as an enduring resource for the American public. The Trust's work encompasses the natural areas, wildlife, and native habitats of the park, as well as the historic structures and designed landscapes that make the park a National Historic Landmark District.

www.presidio.gov/calendar/