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The 27th Annual Historical Cemetery Tour *Where Every Plot Has a Story*

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Long Beach Municipal & Sunnyside Cemeteries
1095 & 1151 E. Willow Street, Long Beach CA 90806

Long Beach, CA –The Historical Society of Long Beach holds its 27th Annual Historical Cemetery Tour in person on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Join in the fun as community-theater actors perform the stories of those buried at Municipal Cemetery and Sunnyside cemeteries 1095 and 1151 E. Willow St. The all-ages event features eight graveside presentations with actors portraying the life of the person lying at rest. Stories feature those who had extraordinary lives, extraordinary deaths, and ordinary folks who helped the community grow. Period-appropriate costuming is provided by the Long Beach Playhouse.

The Harnett family and their Pacific Squab and Poultry Farm will be featured this year. Claudine Burnett, has come out with a book about the early family and will be available to sign books. This year Sharon Diggs-Jackson will share the history of early African American families. June Miyamoto Donovan, Thomas Amiya, and Karen Harper will share the legacy of Japanese American Terminal Islanders through traditional dance and Judo. Councilwoman Megan Kerr will make an appearance. Councilman Daryl Supernaw has family buried at Sunnyside Cemetery and he will share his family's history. The event features a Dia de los Muertos installation, historical displays, and more. A merchandise booth with local history books, postcards, and reprints of historical photographs available on-site.

Bring lunch or your own refreshments and take advantage of our rest area under the trees. Long Beach Utilities is providing free water, please bring your bottle.

Performances last 10 minutes and are repeated every 20 minutes from 9 am until 2:40 pm. Arrive by noon for the full experience.

There is limited onsite parking for compact automobiles. Carpooling is recommended and bicycle parking is available.

Ticket Information

Presale Tickets \$25, Day of Tickets \$30, Youth ages 5-18 \$8

Purchase tickets online only <https://hslb.ticketbud.com/2023-historical-cemetery-tour>. Tickets are transferable, and non-refundable.

It's the most fun you will have in a cemetery.



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About the Historical Society of Long Beach

The Historical Society of Long Beach collects, preserves, and presents local history. Through historical collections, exhibitions, and programs we connect people to the past, and to the place they live. We present an inclusive community narrative and help create a greater understanding of our neighborhoods, the city and its place in the larger world. Since 1995, the Historical Society of Long Beach has organized tours of the Long Beach Municipal Cemetery and Sunnyside Cemetery.