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The Sofia Hotel and the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation Present ***“An Evening of San Diego History & Storytelling”*** at The Sofia Hotel

Historian Sandee Wilhoit leads an intimate evening celebrating the people, places, and stories that shaped downtown San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, CA — September 2026 — The Sofia Hotel and the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation are proud to present ***An Evening of San Diego History & Storytelling*** on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at The Sofia Hotel in downtown San Diego. The intimate community event celebrates the people, places, and stories that have shaped downtown San Diego while bringing together community members and visitors for an evening of storytelling and conversation.

Historian and lead tour guide Sandee Wilhoit of the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation will bring San Diego's past to life through captivating stories shared inside one of San Diego's best-known historic boutique hotels.

The evening begins with a complimentary welcome beverage before guests gather for an approximately 45-minute storytelling program followed by audience discussion. Designed to encourage conversation and personal interaction with the speaker, attendance is limited to 30 guests.

Whether you're a history enthusiast, architecture admirer, a longtime San Diegan, or a visitor interested in discovering the city's rich heritage, ***An Evening of San Diego History & Storytelling*** offers a unique opportunity to experience San Diego's history in an intimate setting while connecting with others who share an appreciation for San Diego's past.

Guests will also receive a complimentary San Diego Heritage Pass that offers 10% off any tour or event at the Gaslamp Museum at the Davis-Horton House, encouraging attendees to continue exploring San Diego's history beyond the evening's presentation.

As part of The Sofia Hotel's year-long centennial celebration, the hotel launched The Sofia Archives on September 1, a historical storytelling initiative featuring an 18-part Instagram series exploring the stories, people, and places that shaped The Sofia Hotel and downtown San Diego.

“Historic hotels have a unique opportunity to connect people not only with a place, but with the stories that give that place meaning,” said John Maclean, General Manager of The Sofia Hotel. “We’re proud to partner with the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation to share those stories and invite both visitors and our local community to experience the rich history of The Sofia Hotel and downtown San Diego throughout our centennial celebration.”

Advance registration is now open at www.thesofiahotel.com.

EVENT INFORMATION

An Evening of San Diego History & Storytelling

Thursday, October 15, 2026

The Sofia Hotel
150 W. Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

5:00–6:30 p.m.

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- Approximately 45-minute storytelling program followed by audience discussion
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About The Sofia Hotel

The Sofia Hotel is a historic boutique hotel located at 150 W. Broadway in downtown San Diego, steps from the Gaslamp Quarter. The 211-room property offers a 24-hour fitness and yoga studio, spa services, bike rentals, and convenient access to the San Diego Convention Center, USS Midway Museum, and downtown attractions.

About the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation

The Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation is dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and sharing the rich history of San Diego's historic Gaslamp Quarter. Through educational programs, exhibitions, preservation efforts, and community partnerships, the Foundation connects residents and visitors with the people, places, and stories that shaped one of San Diego's most iconic neighborhoods.

About The Sofia Archives

The Sofia Archives is The Sofia Hotel's historical storytelling initiative launched as part of the hotel's year-long centennial celebration. The initiative includes an 18-part Instagram series highlighting the fascinating history of The Sofia Hotel and downtown San Diego.

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