History Center
San Luis Obispo County

Clementina Muzio
And Now for Something Completely Different

Cataloguing our collection is a constant process. We have a dedicated team of volunteers working with our Collections Manager, Kaylee Scoggins Herring, to scan and write descriptions of every item we own - and given that we own something in the neighborhood of 60,000 objects, you can imagine how large a job this is.

Sometimes we find something so beautiful, shocking, or funny, that we have to share it around the office. This month, we are sharing with all of you the "Last Will and Testament" of Clementina Muzio. Dating to 1910, she would have been about 17 years old, and her wit shines through the years. The Muzio family is perhaps best known for Muzio's Grocery, which continued to serve fine sandwiches and deli fare up to the early 2010s.

If you are interested in helping us unearth gems like this, please click here to volunteer. We'd love to have you join us.

Clementina Muzio

As I am now very old, having passed my twenty-fifth year, I consider it my duty to make my will in order that there will be no difficulty in distributing my valuable property after my death.

This morning as I sat admiring myself, the sudden cry of the banshee startled me and I dropped the looking glass, breaking it into a thousand pieces. As both of these signs predict a sudden death in the family and as I am the sole surviving branch of our famed family tree, I take the precaution of making this will, leaving my possessions to my classmates.

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March Carnegie Lecturer Zachary McKiernan (far right).

The Carnegie Lecture Series

Our next Carnegie Lecture will take place on Friday, March 6th, with Professor Zachary McKiernan discussing the universality of public history with very local "case studies," memorializing a concentration camp in Chile, recovering the memory of the once segregated Woolworth's lunch counter in Hampton, VA, and the Central Coast Queer Archives Project here in San Luis Obispo County.

Friday, March 6th, 5:30 pm
History Center Museum, 696 Monterey Street
Dallidet Grand Opening

Mark your calendars! The Dallidet Adobe and Gardens will be reopening on April 5th. Join us for our annual Spring Fling. Help us open the season in style and enjoy an exotic radish tasting.

Historic Walk: SLO's Secret Past

A guided exploratory stroll to discover the original site of the Mission, the 1860s stagecoach stop, home of SLO's first millionaire, the last remaining gaslight, and other hidden landmarks in downtown SLO. Duration about 1 1/2 hrs. No charge or reservations needed. Co-sponsored with Sierra Club.

Leader: Joe Morris, 805-549-0355.

Sunday, February 16th, 2pm
Meet at corner of Nipomo and Dana Sts.
100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters

100 years ago the 19th Amendment was on its way to being ratified, and the women who led the victorious suffrage movement realized they needed an organization to help women exercise their new power effectively. Under the leadership of Carrie Chapman Catt, the League of Women Voters was chartered on February 14, 1920. Today the LWV continues the fight for voting rights for all, to make Democracy work.

Tickets and more information are available here.

What: Celebration of the League's 100th Anniversary

When: February 22, 2020, doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Embassy Suites, San Luis Obispo

Become a Mission San Luis Obispo Docent!

Come join our spring training on three Saturdays, March 14, 21 and 28, 9:30-11:30 AM at the Mission. Learn the fascinating story of our local landmark from history expert Daniel Krieger, Ph.D. There will be guided walking field trips included in each training.

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