



2026 Exhibition Schedule

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Museum hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM | * - ticketed event

Audi Lawson

January 14 – February 27

Selections from the Audi Lawson collection with archivist Michael Conlee, University of San Diego

Ric Todd Collection (History gallery)

Feb. 1 -27

Selections from Ric Todd (1942 - 2014), a local artist and collector, who wrote the first arts and culture plan for the City of Chula Vista.

Optimist Book Sale: March 6 & 7

The Way Roots Grow

March 13 - March 22

Reception: Fri. March 13

Bryttney-Mischele Salvant

Multidisciplinary exhibition and poetry book release celebrating a decade of creative evolution—blending painting, poetry, and storytelling. Together, they trace the interconnected themes of identity, growth, community, and transformation through the lens of Black surreal expressionism.

Student Exhibitions: Plein Air painting

March 25 – April 11

Reception: April 11, 12noon -2pm

Sweetwater Authority High School

Photo competition (History gallery)

Threads of Heritage: A Journey Through Filipino History Fashion Show with PNASD: Sat. April 18

Michael Leaf, South Bay Metalworking

May 1 – May 29, 2026

Signature Event: May 16, Sculpture Reveal*

Artist Michael Leaf represents four generations of artists working in metal through his new exhibit and public sculpture in the museum complex.

Bonita Valley Garden Plant sale

w/ ECC Continuing Ed. ceramics sale: May 9

250th U.S.A. History: Strength in Service, Women of the Armed Forces

June 13 – July 18

Celebrate the anniversary of our country with a history exhibit about Women in the Military, including oral histories and San Diego history. Curator: Heather Gallana

14-bis, Visual Poetry and the Evolution of Modernist Aesthetics

August 1 – 29

14-bis—drawn from Alberto Santos-Dumont’s experimental aircraft—symbolizes early modernism’s spirit of innovation and transcendence. Just as Santos-Dumont’s invention reimagined human flight, visual poets sought to liberate language from conventional form, propelling it into the visual and conceptual space of modern art. Catalog available (SDSU) curator: Vallo Riberto, past director of Southwestern College Gallery

From the Archives: The Story of Bonitafest

Sept. 5 – Sept. 26

Now in its 53rd year, Bonitafest has been bringing residents together to celebrate history and build community since 1973. Artifacts, papers and photos from our collection will chronicle this celebration through the decades. curator: Sarah Lewis, BHS archivist

Optimists Book Sale: Oct. 3 & 4

Dia de Los Muertos Land

October 10 – November 2

Reception: Sat. Oct. 17, 5:00 – 7:00pm

An interactive walk through Dia de Los Muertos land with South Bay artists.

curators: Maricruz Alvarado & Nanzi Muro

Blooming Art: Bonita Garden Club

Reception, Friday Oct. 23

The Making of, Kumeyaay exhibit

November 14 – November 28

Reception: Sat. Nov. 4, 4:30pm -6:30pm

Acknowledgement of the tribal members working on new Kumeyaay exhibit.

Bonita Train & Dr. Teller's Magi Collection

December 5 – January 4, 2027

Go back in time to when Bonita had a train with artist Mehl Lawson and explore Navy Dr. Teller's Magi collection from around the world.

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