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**Center for Sacramento History Opens Prized  
Collections Vault for “Inside the Vault Textile Tours:  
Hats & Headwear” April 18 - 21**

*Event Includes Behind-the-Scenes Public Tours & Special Guest Speaker*

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (March 19, 2013)** – For the first time on public display, the Center for Sacramento History will showcase nearly 75 historic hats and pieces of headwear dating from the 1860s to the 1970s as part of an upcoming “Inside the Vault Textile Tours: Hats and Headwear” four-day event scheduled for Thursday, April 18, through Sunday, April 21, 2013. Led by expert guides who will provide information and interpretation, three public tours will be available each day. Then on Sunday at 3 p.m., Dr. Susan Kaiser, Professor of Women and Gender Studies at U.C. Davis, will deliver a special presentation about the history of fashion as well as sign copies of her new book titled “Fashion and Cultural Studies.” Dr. Kaiser is a recognized authority on culture, fashion, and textiles. A special tour will follow the presentation.

Above and beyond fashion, hats and headwear can also be symbolic of status, provide protection, signify membership or provide clues to historical periods. A sampling of some of the historically significant pieces on special display include Titanic-era cartwheel hats, flapper cloches, Jackie Kennedy pillbox hats, men’s top hats and fedoras, vintage firefighter helmets, military headwear, a 1920s fencing mask and vest, and a pageant queen’s regal crown. In addition to this rare viewing opportunity, guests will learn the histories of the unique hats, many of which have a regional historical connection.

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While nearly 75 pieces of headwear will be on display for this special event, triple that number are stored in the on-site Collections Vault, many of which need specialized conservation (some as minor as stain removal, stitching repairs, etc.). As an extension of the special event, interested guests will have the opportunity to “Adopt-An-Artifact” to help raise needed resources to repair and or/restore the hats for safe keeping and/or future public display. Donors will be identified with recognition on the Center for Sacramento History’s website, on catalog records and in the label copy any time the artifact is exhibited. Donors will also be updated on the progress of the conservation efforts of the artifact and when it will go on display in the future.

The “Hats and Headwear” tour times are as follows: Thursday through Sunday-at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and will last approximately one hour in length. Tour prices are \$15 per person. Tickets for the special presentation and tour on Sunday are \$25 per person. Space is limited for the tours and special presentation so advance tickets are recommended.

The newly launched “Textile Tours” program offers behind-the-scenes opportunities for guests to view rare and never-before-exhibited historical artifacts. The theme will vary each year, focusing on a special portion of the Center for Sacramento History’s extensive textile collection. All proceeds from the “Textile Tours” program go directly to help preserve the textile collection for future generations.

The Center for Sacramento History is located at 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd. (just off I-5 and Richards Blvd.) in Sacramento. To purchase advance tickets and/or find our more information about the first-ever “Textile Tours: Hats & Headwear” event, please call 916-808-7072 or visit [www.centerforsacramentoohistory.org](http://www.centerforsacramentoohistory.org).

### **About the Center For Sacramento History**

Founded in 1953, the Center for Sacramento History (CSH) is funded by the City and the County of Sacramento and is the repository and research center for City and County historic collections. These collections are held in the public trust and reflect the many aspects of the social, economic, political, geographic, and cultural history of the Sacramento region.