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Center for Sacramento History Opens Prized Collections Vault for “Inside the Vault Textile Tours: Fabulous Footwear” April 24-27

Event Includes Special Vintage Fashion Fair on Friday & Saturday, April 25-26

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (February XX, 2014) – Ranging from early gold miner’s boots to bombshell stilettos, the Center for Sacramento History will showcase nearly 75 pairs of shoes, boots and other historic or fancy footwear dating from the 1860s to the 1980s as part of an “Inside the Vault Textile Tours: Fabulous Footwear” four-day event scheduled for Thursday, April 24, through Sunday, April 27, 2014. Led by expert guides who will provide information, insight and interpretation, public tours of the prized collection vault will be available on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday (note that tour times vary depending on the day). And, as an event highlight, the community is invited to a special Vintage Fashion Fair that will be set-up on site at the Center for Sacramento History on Friday evening from 7 to 11 p.m. (that will also continue on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Guests who attend the Vintage Fashion Fair Early Buyer’s Party on Friday evening can enjoy shopping for vintage clothing from local vendors, taking self-guided tours of the prized collections vault, listening to lively music, and participating in “Best Shoes” and “Best Vintage Outfit” contests. For those interested on Friday night, beer and wine vendors will also be on-site along with popular food truck vendors.

Above and beyond fashion and function, footwear often provides helpful clues to historical periods. A sampling of some of the historically significant pieces on special display include embroidered satin pumps worn to the 1883 inauguration of California Governor George Stoneman; track and field spikes worn by Sacramento native Jack Mauger when he set the world’s record for left-handed pole vaulting in 1935; early hob-nail gold miner’s boots; groovy 1960s Mondrian inspired go-go boots, and even historic footwear tools from a shop making and repair shop that was located in Walnut Grove for many years. In addition to this rare viewing opportunity, guests will learn the histories of the footwear offerings, many of which have an interesting regional historical connection.

Space is limited for the expert-led public tours so advance tickets are highly recommended. These “Fabulous Footwear” tours last approximately one hour in length and are offered at the following times: Thursday and Sunday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., and hourly on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (while the Vintage Fashion Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day). On Friday night, self-guided tours are available during the Vintage Fashion Fair Early Buyer’s Party from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Expert-led tour prices on Thursday and Sunday are \$15 when purchased in advance or \$17 at the door; tickets for the special Vintage Fashion Fair Early Buyer’s Party on Friday night (which includes self-guided tours and other special activities) are \$20 when purchased in advance or \$22 at the door; tickets for the Vintage Fashion Fair and expert-led tour on Saturday are \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Launched in 2013, the “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 “Textile Tours: Fabulous Footwear” event, please call 916-808-7072 or visit www.centerforsacramentohistory.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.