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THE HISTORY OF THE PORT OF L.A. AND *Heritage Day and summer exhibition opening at Banning Museum*

WILMINGTON - Banning Residence Museum, a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility at 401 E. 'M' St. in Wilmington, will hold its Heritage Day celebration and the opening of its summer exhibition on Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a lecture entitled "From Shallow Bay to World Class Harbor," given by Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, PhD. Friends of Banning Museum members can attend for \$5; tickets are \$10 for non-members. Reservations can be requested by calling (310) 548-7777. After the lecture Dr. Knatz will sign "The Port of Los Angeles, An Illustrated History from 1850-1945," which will be available for purchase.

Starting at noon a four-part documentary series about the history of the Port of Los Angeles will be screened. The episodes are: From Mudflats to Modern Port, 1542-1920; The Birth of An International Port, 1921-1941; War, Peace, and Prosperity, 1941-1960; and The Past is Prologue, 1960-2008. Admission is free.

Heritage Day activities will include the opening of the summer exhibition "Dressing the Part: Changing Styles in Women's Fashion, 1850-1900," self-guided tours of the museum, entertainment by Yesteryears dancers, children's crafts and activities, and horse-drawn trolley rides to the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum.

The Norris Museum Shop will open and will offer 50% off on selected merchandise, and food will be available for purchase. Banning Heritage Day is sponsored by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

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