

UU Seniors
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Free or Cheap
Fun Things to Do
In San Diego

Balboa Park:

Free Tuesdays: Each museum is free one of the Tuesdays.

<https://balboapark.org/resident-free-days/>

Discover and Go: Free tix to many museums, not just in Balboa Park, based on a SD library card. Best to book a week ahead.

<https://sandiego.discoverandgo.net/>

Forever Balboa Park offers free tours of the Park twice a week (T & F at 11 AM), and now a special botanical tour on the second Saturday at 10 AM. See <https://foreverbalboapark.org/events-2/guided-park-tour/>

NTC/Liberty Station,

1st Friday of the month:

There used to be a lot of events every. Post-covid, not as much, but still these highlights:

Watercolor Society

<https://www.sdws.org/> Usually an opening on First Friday.

Visions Museum of Textile Art

<https://vmota.org/> Fascinating quilting, etc.

Across the street, check out the many artists and even writers who inhabit Barracks 16 and 19, including...

Maureen Fischbeck Studio: As a Community Art project, she provides paint and brushes, and visitors get to add to the painting.

<https://libertystation.com/do/m-fischbeck-studio-community-art>

Sea Hive Station: Across the street: <https://www.seahivestation.com/> Various art and crafts and antiques

Dorothea Laub Dance Place is the home of a number of excellent dance companies who often preview their shows on First Friday.

<https://libertystation.com/go/dorothea-laub-dance-place>

Liberty Public Market: Bustling Food Market for every imaginable food type. A must visit if you have not done so. <https://libertypublicmarketsd.com/>

La Jolla:

La Jolla First Friday Art Walk:

<https://lajollabythesea.com/event/first-friday-la-jolla-art-walk/>

La Jolla Murals: Free walking tour of select murals

<https://www.ljathenaeum.org/murals>

La Jolla Athenaeum: Free Noon Concerts most Mondays

<https://www.ljathenaeum.org/events?category=Mini-Concert>

Free Concerts (not Summer-in-the Parks ones):

SD Central Library: Classical
<https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/concertseries>

Scripps Ranch Library: Usually one excellent concert each month on a Sunday at 2:30
<https://www.srfol.org/music.htm>

La Jolla Presbyterian: Four excellent concerts each year, followed by a reception to meet the performers.
<https://ljpres.org/concert-series>

First Presbyterian (downtown):
<https://www.fpcsd.org/events>

Front Street Productions:
<https://www.firstuusandiego.org/front-street-productions.html>

Rady Shell Rehearsals: Many of the top stars performing at the Shell have full rehearsals the afternoon before.

Rady Shell Performances: There is limited seating and standing on the periphery of the Shell in public spaces.

Summerfest Rehearsals: Every August, you can sit in as top-tier performers rehearse for LJ Summerfest at the Conrad in La Jolla.

La Jolla Community Center: Friday concerts in their lovely courtyard.
<https://www.ljcommunitycenter.org/calendar>

Low Cost Theatre Groups:

Half the cost of the Globe and LJP. More intimate venues, usually great acting, friendly management & patrons.

Backyard Renaissance: Our favorite
<https://backyardrenaissance.com/>

OnStage Playhouse: Chula Vista
<https://onstageplayhouse.org/>

Scripps Ranch Theatre:
<https://scrippsranchtheatre.org>

Back at the LJP, you can pick up cheap “rush tickets” just before a performance.

Amateur:

Point Loma Playhouse:
<https://www.pointlomaplayhouse.com/>

Coronado Playhouse:
<https://www.coronadoplayhouse.org/>

UCSD, USD, SDSU, Grossmont College, San Diego City College, and Southwestern College all put on good productions. Sign up for email info.

Play Readings: Both La Jolla Playhouse and Cygnet put on readings by professional actors of plays in development. LJP's DNA series is now...11-30 to 12-10

Also, see shows for free by being an **usher**. Several UUs are, e.g., Ann McDonald, Arvid and Sonja.

Other Performances:

So Say We All: Has monthly true-story events. Often pretty amazing stories. <https://www.sosayweallonline.com/>

Storytellers of San Diego: Monthly folk story telling in OB. <https://www.storytellersofsandiego.org/>

Bluegrass and Folk: 1st Tuesday monthly at Roundtable Pizza, Escondido <http://www.northcountybluegrass.org/>

MISCELLANEOUS

Branch Library events: Concerts, Films, Lectures, Vegan Classes, Craft Classes, Fitness. GO TO: <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/> and choose what library you want

Example: At the Central Library, every other Tuesday, there is a special craft class, called the Craft Collective, with free materials and an instructor.

Coronado events:

<https://coronadoarts.com/calendar.aspx>

La Jolla Community Center: Near Bird Rock, offers a lot of classes and events. Some require membership.

<https://www.ljcommunitycenter.org/calendar>

Art Openings: For the most comprehensive listing of art openings, go to San Diego Visual Arts Network at <https://www.sdvisualarts.net/>

Friends of San Diego Architecture:

<https://friendsofsdarch.com/> Third Saturday of month at 9:30. Headed by Julie McKane currently.

Culinary Historians of San Diego: Also 3rd Saturday, 10:30 at the Central Library. <https://chsandiego.org/>

Open House with San Diego Architecture Foundation: "Open house" at all sorts of interesting buildings. Annually in March. <https://sdarchitecture.org/programs/open-house/>

San Diego World Affairs Council: Mostly talks by Ambassadors, current or retired. <https://sdwac.org/>

Many public lectures offered by various departments at UCSD, SDSU, and USD. Especially the Stein Institute on Aging, <https://healthyaging.ucsd.edu/events/public-lectures.html>

OSHER courses at UCSD and SDSU

Oasis Classes: <https://san-diego.oasisnet.org/> and they offer good free iPhone help.

Outings:

Walks in Special Neighborhoods:

Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Point Loma, La Jolla, Old National City, Old La Mesa

Sierra Club Hikes:

<https://sandiegosierraclub.org/get-outdoors/hike/outings-calendar/>

A day trip to the mountains or the desert.

A surprise trip on the cheap: Go to **Skyscanner.com** and specify Everywhere and choose a month and see where you can head off to on a cheap fare.