

BERKELEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRING 2019 WALKING TOURS

Saturday, April 6: *The Rise, Fall and Rise of West Berkeley.* Led by Stephanie Manning and Chris Walker.

The walk will cover the early beginnings of Ocean View/West Berkeley from its natural history, Strawberry Creek, and the formation of the Bay 10,000 years ago to the coming of native people 5,700 years ago, their habitation here for 45 centuries, and the shellmound. The walk will encompass the rise and fall and rise again of West Berkeley as it grew through WWII, fell into disrepute after the war with the loss of industry and red-lining, and its revitalization in the past 30 years thanks to a growing understanding about its important place in the history of Berkeley. Most of the walk will be about the coming of Euro-Americans, the early industries (including Spenger's Fish Market), alterations of the natural landscape, the necessity for worker housing, and the growth of the neighborhood through the decades.

Saturday, April 13: *Hopkins Street and Peralta Park.* Led by Robert Johnson

While exploring a residential area and the Hopkins Street commercial area, we will learn about the early Peralta Park development and how the streetcar lines shaped the district that is still thriving today as a foodie haven. We will also see the first edible schoolyard, the North Branch Library, Victorian and Craftsman architecture, a mural, and an amazing sculpture collection. The walk is a little under 2 miles and is fairly flat.

Saturday, May 4: *Strawberry Creek on the UC Campus.* Led by Robert Charbonneau

In 1960, the College of California (predecessor to Cal) moved from Oakland to its present site in Berkeley in part because of Strawberry Creek. Its notable start was not always honored during the next century when pollution, concrete channeling, underground piping, and elimination of the middle fork occurred. Much of that has changed since the mid-1980s. Learn about Strawberry Creek's history, its hideaways, and the restoration efforts from Bob Charbonneau, the expert who made Strawberry Creek and its restoration his master's thesis.

Saturday, May 11: *Tour of Old and New in Downtown Berkeley.* Led by John Caner

Start your tour of Downtown Berkeley in our new BART Plaza and hear about the development of the new plaza, as well as other development projects in the Downtown, including the new hotel and parking garage. Then explore the Arts District including new BAMPFA, Berkeley Rep, and other arts venues; and then other new and historic buildings in the Downtown. Also, hear about old and new shops and restaurants that serve the Downtown community.

Saturday, May 18: *The Northbrae Neighborhood.* Led by Mike Gray

Join the Friends of the Fountain for a walking tour of the Northbrae neighborhood that is home to Berkeley's beloved Fountain at The Circle and adjacent Fountain Walk. Learn about the history of the fountain and its whimsical grizzly bear cubs, Berkeley's first public work of art in 1911, about these landmarks' role in an ill-fated plan to crown Berkeley the capital of California, and about the neighbor-led effort to restore the fountain and walk in the 1990s. The walk will also take note of other neighborhood landmarks, both natural and architectural.

BERKELEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WALKING TOURS SPRING 2019 ORDER FORM

PO BOX 1190, BERKELEY, CA 94701 510-848-0181

CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD

I am paying \$ _____ for ___ Walking Tours and/or \$ _____ for BHS Membership

Individual Tickets: Members \$8 Non-Members \$10 BHS Member Season Tickets \$35

BHS membership: Individual \$25 Family \$30 Sponsor \$50

Special offer: \$50 Season Ticket & BHS membership (new members only)

West Berkeley Hopkins Street Strawberry Creek

Downtown Northbrae

Name(s) _____ Mailing address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

(We use your email to notify you of special events, confirm event reservations, or send receipt for credit card charge)

I agree to the one time only charge of \$ _____ to my credit card payable to the Berkeley Historical Society. A receipt will be emailed. Credit card information will be destroyed once payment is validated. More information on the BHS credit card authorization policy and privacy policy is at www.berkeleyhistoricalsociety.org.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Mastercard					
Visa					
Discover					
Amex					
Name on card	Card number	Expiration date	Security code	Cardholder zipcode	