

La Playa Trail Association presents its next history lecture, and you are invited.

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

Point Loma Assembly 3035 Talbot Street, Point Loma

Doors open 5:30 pm. Lecture from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

\$10 suggested donation

***The Restoration of San Diego's Operational Lighthouse***

By authors-historians Kim Fahlen and Karen Scanlon

Also, Contractor Neil Gardis, if his travel schedule permits.



The leggy iron tower that has stood beckoning ships at the lower tip of Point Loma since 1891 underwent an extensive restoration completed early 2020. Now the old rust bucket is in good standing for another century. And just in time. Independent contractor Neil Gardis noted, "Straightening a three-degree tilt of the upper two sections and rooting out layers of lead paint and desecration from rust-jacking was no easy feat, and critical to the survival of the historic and operational structure." Identical twin sisters Kim and Karen were on board documenting and photographing the restoration process. Don't miss the fascinating images and narrative of our familiar lighthouse tower—its lantern, watchroom, and ventilator ball removed—and the 'sad-to-glad' situation until the first flash of a modern VLB-44 array was sent to sea.