



It is historically and economically important that we preserve the **Glory, Inspiration and Achievements** of the early history of **California** and particularly the **Rialto** area.

Museum Hours

Saturday

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tours available by appointment

Open House/Membership Meetings

The first Saturday of each month at 11:00 AM (except holidays)

**Located at 201 N. Riverside Ave.
the basement of the Church
(2nd St. and Riverside Ave.)**

Programs are included each month.

The Kristina Dana Hendrickson Cultural Center is available for weddings

Contact Us For More Info

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Rialto Adobe

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RIALTO HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Indians lived in the area between 1500 and 1800 AD.
- In 1769 the King of Spain awarded portions of this area to selected Spanish Dons.
- The Mormons settled in 1851 purchasing the Lugo Ranch (now San Bernardino) and claiming portions of the bench which later became Rialto.
- Families began moving into Rialto by 1854, establishing vineyards, citrus groves, ranches and agriculture. About this time, the oldest house in Rialto, an abobe now restored and relocated to



Bud Bender Park (formerly Lilac Park), was built.

- In 1887 a railroad connector line was built between San Bernardino and Pasadena by the Santa Fe Railroad.
- Also, in 1887, the Semitropical Land and Water Company was formed to organize the purchase, improving and selling real estate, water rights and privileges.
- In the same year, Methodists arrived seeking a new college site. Although the college was never built, the Methodists stayed and started the town of Rialto.
- In 1888 the Brooke School District was formed. The district was in continuous operation until 1920.

- The Rialto School District was formed in 1891. The staff consisted of two teachers, and a principal. The school areas for boys and girls.
- By 1893 Rialto consisted of a half dozen businesses and 35 homes.
- The Chamber of Commerce was established in 1907.
- By 1911, the year the City of Rialto was incorporated, the population had grown to 1,500 with 40 businesses and a local newspaper.
- Foothill Boulevard was repaired in 1913 and became Route 66, a section of the Transcontinental Highway System.
- The following year the Pacific Electric completed its line through the City of Rialto.
- In the 1920's a fire destroyed many of the buildings in the downtown area.
- Rialto's population has grown from 3,156 in 1950 to over 104,000 in 2020



OUR MISSION AND VISION

The Mission of the Rialto Historical Society is to preserve the history of Rialto and surrounding environs by collecting, historical records, data and artifacts. Preservation of the museum (est. 1971), 1906 Christian Church, 1853 Adobe (at Bud Bender Park) and other historic sites.

The Vision of the Rialto Historical Society is to be the best it can be in garnering new members, touring visitors and school students. Maintaining our RHS Board and keeping our museums open.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Type Annual Dues

Annual Membership:	\$40.00
Student:	\$25.00
Sustaining:	\$100.00
Benefactor:	\$500.00
Life (One Time):	\$750.00



“Contact us about other donation opportunities”

We are a 501c3 tax deductible organization. Donations accepted through “Zelle”

Opportunities with membership:

- Help docent the museum or 1853 Adobe.
- Board membership
- Guide Student tours
- Attend Monthly meetings with programs.
- Preservation of historical landmarks.