

# STORIES ON THE SIDEWALK



## February 8-9, 2020

Downtown Bakersfield 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

EDUCATION

WRITING

Straight from the mouths of those who were there, Stories on the Sidewalk is a fun, educational walk through history, where colorful and amazing characters from Kern County's past come alive on the streets of Bakersfield. Eleven stops in downtown Bakersfield will feature actors portraying some of Kern's most famous and infamous residents, such as Colonel Thomas Baker, General Edward Beale, Dr. Rose Bercham, Chops Lawrence and Aurelio Hererra. These exciting stories of Kern's rich history, told in riveting, locally written dramatic presentations and performed by local actors, will be right on the streets of Bakersfield.

The journey down Kern's past will start at the Arts Council of Kern. Then visitors will walk to some of downtown's most historic (and some notorious!) locations.

### Tickets \$10

Free to Arts Council members

Tours depart every ten minutes and last approximately two hours. You will be walking and standing for the entire tour. Sign up for a tour time when purchasing tickets.

For tickets visit:  
[www.kernarts.org](http://www.kernarts.org)

or call 661-324-9000

(May contain some adult language. Not recommended for children under 8.)

DRAMA

HISTORY



Keith and Jennifer Gardiner  
Chelsea McClintock Foundation  
Melissa Fortune  
Sheila and George Fry  
Don and Sue Deininger



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Col. Thomas Baker — Founder of Bakersfield  
Sponsored by Keith and Jennifer Gardiner

Chops Lawrence — Served in the Army, played football and started a drug store in an impoverished Bakersfield neighborhood, became a deputy sheriff and a private investigator.  
Sponsored by Melissa Fortune

Leon Yen Ming — A farmer on land that is now Valley Plaza, Ming Avenue is named for him.  
Sponsored by Don and Sue Deininger

W.B. Camp — A Southern cotton scientist who introduced wide scale cotton production to the San Joaquin Valley.  
Sponsored by Kern Machinery

General Edward Fitzgerald Beale — An attorney and owner of Tejon Ranch.  
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Aurelion Herrera — A hard punching, lightweight Latino prize fighter.  
Sponsored by ASP Farm Services

Clarence Berry — Founder of Berry Petroleum, an independent oil company.  
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Jesus and Louisa Jimenez — Owners of the first Mexican restaurant in Bakersfield, The Jimenez Cafe.  
Sponsored by Kern County Superintendent of Schools

Edward Kern — An artist, topographer, and explorer of California, the Southwestern United States, and East Asia. He is the namesake of the Kern River and Kern County.  
Sponsored by Sheila and George Fry

Roberta Allen — The first black registered nurse at Kern General Hospital (now KMC).  
Sponsored by Chelsea McClintock Foundation

Dr. Rose Bercham — A physician and owner of the Yellow Aster Mine in Randsburg.  
Sponsored by Seneca Resources

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Character	Writer	Actor
Chops Lawrence	James Burger	Michael Moore
Dr. Rose Bercham	Tayci Stallings	Lori LaMachia
Leong Yen Ming	Chris Dison	Austin Yi
W. B. Camp	Beth Brookhart	Bob Anderson
General Beale	Robert Price	Jaxson Brashier
Aurelio Herrera	Lou Medina	Luis Velez
Clarence and Ethel Berry	Lois Henry	Neil and Andi Hicks
Jesus and Louisa Jimenez	Stefani Dias	Carlos Vera & Natalia Mercado
Edward Kern	Jerry Mathes	Jack Murphy
Roberta Allen	Donnee Patrese	Anne Pinckney
Col. Thomas Baker	Judith Campanaro	John French