



## What Were They Thinking in 1975?

It was a small group of Monterey State Historic Park employees and friends back then who believed the treasures of Monterey were unnoticed and unappreciated, and that something should be done about it. In 1975, with high hopes they formed a new organization, not quite knowing where it would end, and called it OMPS—the Old Monterey Preservation Society. They decided that its mission would be to promote the historic State Park in Monterey and raise awareness of its treasures.

In the beginning MSHP directed the path of OMPS as it picked up steam, adding on new members and expanding its field of interests. OMPS was always a cooperating association, and as membership increased, the organization looked for new ways to support State Parks and also began its educational programs for children.

Thus ten years after the inception of OMPS the Cooper Store was born. That was followed by the Los Niños summer children's program. Later, support for the newer school term Hands-On children's program and the Native American program provided by State Parks

personnel were added to the list of educational student classes.

Twenty-seven years ago OMPS invested its energies in a hugely successful program—Christmas in the Adobes. With the help of military service members, the city of Monterey, community volunteers, MSHP Staff, MSHPA members, CITA became our major fund raiser, and a premier Christmas event in the city of Monterey.

Three years ago, with the intent of focusing attention on OMPS' cooperating relationship with Monterey State Historic Parks, we decided to change the name OMPS to MSHPA—a funny name, but more meaningful, attesting our connection with State Parks.

So there you have it. A slice of Monterey History in **thirty–six** years of OMPS and **Monterey State Historic Park Association**. And my time with this illustrious organization has come to an end. My association with OMPS/MSHPA has been of benefit to me, sometimes challenging, and definitely unforgettable.

Adios!

- Marjorie Troutman, MSHPA President



### Calendar of Events:

**January 21, 2012:** Annual Membership Meeting — 10:30am, Kiln Room, Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove  
(see page 3 for more details)

**March 1, 2012:** Registration opens for Los Niños — See box on page 2 for info.

**March 17, 2012:** Adobe Tours Resume

**March 18-20, 2012:** Volunteer Training Classes — times TBA, Spear Warehouse

**April 2012:** Stevenson House Saturday Afternoon Open House Resumes —  
1-4pm each Saturday through September

**May 20, 2012:** Volunteer Appreciation BBQ — 12 noon, Memory Garden

**June 11-15, 2012:** Los Niños Children's Session 1 — 8:30am-12:30pm daily

**June 18-22, 2012:** Los Niños Children's Session 2 — 8:30am-12:30pm daily

**June 25-29, 2012:** Los Niños Junior's Session 1 — 8:30am-12:30pm daily

**July 4, 2012:** Annual Living History Day at Cooper-Molera Adober — 11am-3pm

**July 9-13, 2012:** Los Niños Children's Session 2 — 8:30am-12:30pm daily



# Retail Committee News

## MSHP Store Hours

**Cooper Museum Store**  
**Monday-Sunday:**  
**10 am - 4 pm**

Registration opens for

## Los Niños March 1, 2012

Brochures and registration forms are available at Cooper Store and downloadable online at [www.parks.ca.gov/mshp](http://www.parks.ca.gov/mshp).

Children's program for students entering grades 3 & 4 in the fall;

Junior's program for students entering grades 5 & 6 in the fall.

### Cost:

**\$125.00 per student** – we are unable to offer discounts to more than one child attending.



The Cooper Museum store will end the year in the BLACK - many thanks to all of the storekeepers for their hard work in making this possible! Special kudos to Marisa Mercado, Jane Garrettson and the Retail Committee for implementing focused changes that have made the store profitable over the last six months. The store realized some of its best sales days during Christmas in the Adobes week, with Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, doing over \$1000.00 in that one day alone!

With Board approval, MSHPA purchased a new Apple lap top computer in November, and Marisa and I are in the process of networking my com-

puter with the store computer in order to further streamline the store ordering and my oversight of the bill paying process.

The Retail Committee has allowed the store to regain a positive financial position without the necessity of paying a Store Manager. After six months of concentrated effort in reworking the inventory and the operational processes, the Retail Committee is considering hiring a paid manager once again. The Retail Committee will begin focusing on this addition after the first of the year.

– Richard Griffith, Retail Committee Chair



Cooper Museum Storekeepers were kept busy during the 2011 Christmas in the Adobes.

## From The Cooper Store Visitor's Log

Comments registered during the November and December months of 2011:

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| Nov 4 – “Interestingly historic”<br>– Scotland   | Dec 3 – “Keep history alive!”<br>– Exeter, NH  |
| Nov 5 – “Very Well and Nice (Tres Bien! Bravo!)”<br>– France                                       | Dec 6 – “Thank You. We loved the gardens”<br>– Tempe, AZ                                   |
| Nov 8 – “Thanks for preserving these treasures”<br>– Oakland, CA                                   | Dec 8 – “Let’s Shop!”<br>– Carmel  |
| Nov 8 – “Beautiful Gardens!”<br>– Conroe, TX   | Dec 28 – “Wonderful as always”<br>– Sacramento, CA (Sutter’s Fort Docent)                  |
| Nov 28 – “Thank You! What a wonderful place to find in the middle of the city!”<br>– Lynnfield, MA | Dec 30 – “Wonderful – amazing historical and genealogical information”<br>– Czech Republic |

# Presidency with a Twist

A hearty thank you to Marjorie Troutman for her tireless endeavors as the president of MSHPA for the past two years. She stepped in when we needed someone and we appreciate her hard work. She came to every meeting with a wonderful smile on her face and her work during the meetings and between them has not gone unnoticed.



Betty Crowder and Jan Houser

Starting January 2012, MSHPA will have something new: co-presidents. Jan Houser and Betty Crowder will be sharing the presidency. Both Jan and Betty travel during the year. They thought that sharing the responsibility of the presidency would let them back each other up when both are in town and one can take over the responsibilities when the other is traveling.

Jan has a long, long tradition of working with MSHPA. She has been serving on the board of directors since 2003, has volunteered in the organization since 1998, has been an active member of the Christmas in the Adobes Committee for several years, and has also been a major factor in bringing in sponsors for the Adobes during this event.

She brings a wealth of knowledge to this job from her previous experience with MSHPA, and from having worked for 21 years with PacBell where she was a senior account manager. She golfs and travels extensively, doing both as much as possible.

MSHPA's co-president, Betty

Crowder, is equally competent. She has served on the board of directors for the past two years having been recruited by Jan

shortly after she moved to Pacific Grove. She is the liaison with Monterey Peninsula College for MSHPA and also handles the Volunteer Council Fund.

Prior to moving to Pacific Grove Betty worked for 18 years with Hewlett-Packard in the Bay Area and then served as the United States Peace Corps Country director for the Kingdom of Tonga for 3 1/2 years. She too,

is a golfer, and frequent traveler.

The question is: What do our co-presidents want for MSHPA?

Primarily, they would like to increase our membership giving MSHPA a broader and more solid base of people who love Monterey history to ensure that the MSHPA/State Park programs continue and become inclusive of more of Monterey's history. Both Jan and Betty want people to know what MSHPA does and hope more will join our mission.

Secondly, they want to increase our income so that the park may reinstate some of the programs that have been eliminated due to the budgetary constraints of the state park system.

— Betty Crowder, MSHPA Co-President

## Annual Meeting at Asilomar

All members and volunteers are invited to attend the 2012 Monterey State Historic Park Association meeting on **January 21<sup>st</sup>**. The meeting will begin at **10:30am** and will be held in the Kiln Room at **Asilomar Conference Grounds** in Pacific Grove. It will include a general meeting and lunch, which will be provided at no cost to members and volunteers. A donation box will be available for those who wish to make a donation to the Monterey State Historic Park Association. The meeting will be over at 12:30.

The highlighted speaker will be Danny Rizzo, State Parks ranger, who will begin the meeting with a talk about the ecology of the oak tree woodland which includes the relationship of the oaks to the Native Americans. Following Mr. Rizzo, will be Mike Ferry who will update us on the state of the California State Parks, and Michael Green on volunteering for MSHPA, and who will present the volunteer awards. Lisa Bradford, CAL, will present the annual passes to MSHPA Board Members.

The new MSHPA Board will be introduced, and Jan Houser, Co-President will review the accomplishments of the organization in 2011. In a new venue, with a fine speaker, the meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> promises to be good. Save the date. Be there!

For more info e-mail: [jlhouser@kpacbell.net](mailto:jlhouser@kpacbell.net)

# Volunteers and Sponsors (and the weather) Make Christmas in the Adobes - 2011 a Success!



Captain Cooper was in fine form at Cooper-Molera Adobe. Visitors received a grand tour of the beautifully decorated adobe before refreshing themselves with homemade gingerbread and coffee.



Casa Soberanes was filled with the strains of William Faulkner's Jalisco harp while knowledgeable docents answered questions about the adobe. Visitors tasted *agua frescas* served by capable MSHP volunteers.



In the Pacific House, Superintendent Mike Ferry modeled one of seven sponsor posters that were on display in various adobes during CITA.



Larkin House was enthusiastically hosted by the Officer Student's Spouses Club of the Naval Postgraduate School.



Chuck and Michelle Eugene volunteered in the Custom House with the State Park Dancers.



CITA guests were able to admire the fine furnishings and art in Robert Louis Stevenson House before concluding with shortbread and Scottish tea.



Things got pretty lively at times in California's First Theatre - with concertina music, singing, an appearance by Jack Swann - and the oatcakes were delicious.





Early in December, amidst the hustle and bustle of Christmas in the Adobes preparation, a very important document was finalized, signed, and sent to California State Parks headquarters: the Cooperating Association Contract Renewal.

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is required to have a current standard agreement that authorizes relationships with cooperating associations. This agreement or “contract” meets this requirement. The Department of General Services (DGS) oversees and approves all state contracting and this contract complies with DGS mandates. Basically, this document allows the Monterey State Historic Park Association to exist.

The contract language addresses a variety of needs and conditions for both the association and the department from a statewide perspective. For example, Exhibit F licenses the use of the DPR Logo, a licensed trademark, to the association. The contract also addresses the use of other trademarked and/or Department intellectual property (such as historic photos or images from the Photo Archives) by the Association. The contract also defines the role of the Association with regard to the activities authorized and/or required by the contract and which assists the Department for the benefit of the public.

The current association contract was due to expire on December 31, 2011, hence the need to

renew prior to that date. One of the CAL’s duties, in addition to submitting the Association Annual Report, is handling the oversight of the renewal of this contract. With CITA on the immediate horizon, it was imperative to complete the submission ASAP, which would allow ample time for review as well as time to make any corrections if deemed necessary. Working with District Interpretive Specialist, Pat Clark-Gray, MSHPA’s Contract Renewal was posted the first week of December. Following approval by DGS, MSHPA will see its work continue for another 5 years, beginning January 1, 2012.

— Lisa Bradford;  
Cooperating Association Liaison,  
Interpreter I, Monterey State Historic Park

## Membership News

Time flies by, and it is annual membership renewal time. The MSHPA Board has agreed it is time to increase dues—not by much, and membership in MSHPA is still a bargain. I am pleased to report that past members are renewing at a faster pace than before. Thanks to those who have already mailed in their dues.

Membership opportunities abound – including a new membership category: Business member. Business members will receive recognition in the MSHPA newsletter when they

join – this edition’s highlighted business member is Carpe Diem

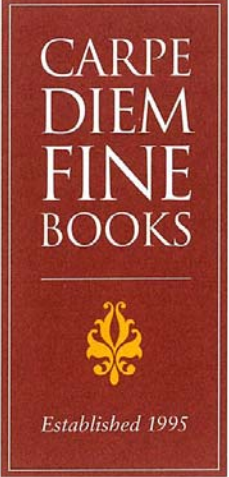
antique and collectible books. Owners James Bryant and Mary Hill have been

longtime supporters of the association and its mission. We encourage you to return the favor by supporting these businesses who have chosen to support us!

And remember, in belonging to MSHPA, you do receive a 20% discount at our Cooper Store. If you have misplaced your renewal card, stop by the Store - you can get a another membership card there, or pick one up when you come to the Annual Meeting at Asilomar on January 21st.

Join NOW!!

— Bende Kelly,  
Membership Vice President



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# Coordinator's Corner

The angels were raised, tickets were selling, dancers well-rehearsed, decorations were up, food and beverage ready, the weather was great, and the Cooper Store looked wonderful.

In this, my third year as CITA event coordinator, I promised myself that I would visit as many of our partner buildings as possible on event nights

to thank them personally for their participation. Photographer Cindy Ewing and I walked the streets



Ruth Hartman pulling CITA duty at Cooper-Molera Adobe.

downtown, making sure to stop at every building shown on the event guide.

At each location we were met with so many cheerful volunteers, talented musicians, period dancers, and happy event goers. Every building offered something unique and delightful. It still impresses me that so many in our community who derive little or no direct benefit from this event are willing, nonetheless, to open their doors in support of MSHP.

Thursday night was predictably calm in terms of ticket sales, but Saturday night took us by sur-

prise! Even though we had anticipated more people, we sold our last adult ticket at around 7:00 p.m. and switched to selling the two-night passes as one-night Saturday passes. When those ran low, we sold \$2 youth tickets for \$20, crossing out "Youth", and marking each with "Adult" so more people could attend. Well over 850 Saturday tickets were sold.

Of course, the lion's share of the credit goes to the CITA Committee and the many park staff and volunteers who consistently strive to make each year better than the last. The result this year was one of our most successful events ever. Thanks to you all for making this such a great event each year.

— Michael D. Green, SPI III,  
Monterey State Historic Park

## Message from the Park Superintendent

Welcome to 2012 - I hope the holidays were good to you. They started out well with the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas in the Adobes. The number of attendees was impressive, the largest since I have been here. I was extremely proud of all of our staff, volunteers, and sponsors who made this year a stand-out event. Great job by all!

While the Parks Department continues to struggle with its budget woes, MSHPA members continue to be strong, passionate, and committed to our mission. This dedication does not go unrecognized, and I cannot thank each of you enough for your dedicated contributions.

I wish I could promise better times for the New Year but based on the State's budget forecast, 2012 looks to be yet another challenging year. However, I am optimistic that we will again persevere.

I would like to say a special thanks to Marjorie Troutman who will be stepping down from her position as the MSPHA president. Marjorie did an outstanding job and accomplished much during her term. I would also like to thank outgoing board members Lorraine Ellzey and Kathy Miller for their valuable service and commitment.

With that said, I would like to welcome our new incoming President(s), Jan Houser and Betty Crowder. Jan and Betty will be sharing the position of Association president. We all look forward to working with both of you.

I hope to see all of you at the annual meeting this year. You will not want to miss this one, as it will be hosted on the Asilomar Conference Grounds. This will include a tour of the grounds as well as a sit down lunch at the Crocker Dining Hall.

Happy New Year!

— By Michael C. Ferry,  
Asilomar/MSHP Sector Superintendent II

**Los Ninos Registration begins March 1, 2012**

## *Los Ninos de Monterey, 2012*

**Step Back in time this Summer!  
History Camp for Students 3rd through 5th Grade.  
Four Sessions: June 11-July 13**

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