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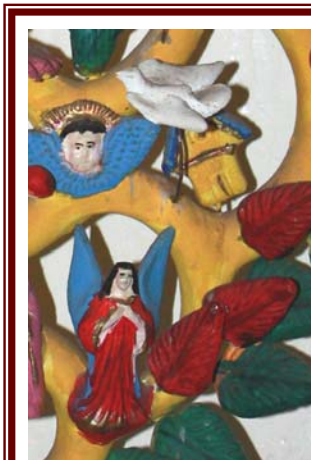
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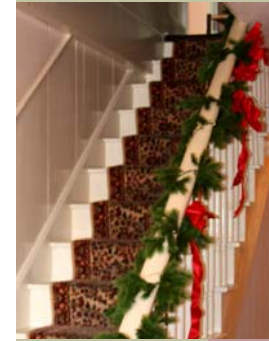


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Presenting News of the Volunteer Program at Monterey State Historic Park

Sponsors for our Adobes at Christmas

During the past year the MSHPA Board became more aware of the problems State Park staff were having as a result of the economic cut backs to the State budget in Sacramento. The Board realized that the reduction in funding would seriously affect the Christmas in the Adobes and our Los Niños summer programs. To take up the financial slack the Board initiated a Fundraising Committee with the goal of incorporating support of commercial interests in Monterey with our needs, hopefully having them monetarily sponsor the adobes which are open during the CITA program.



Our committee was successful beyond expectations. Its members worked hard and brought in contributions which will provide for continuation of our educational outreach and CITA. Monterey State Historic Park Association would like to thank the following

sponsors for their generous donations: Inns of Monterey; Asilomar Conference Grounds; First National Bank of Central California; Fisherman's Grotto, The Fish Hopper; Betty and Mike Sproule; Jim and Marie Colbert; Betty Crowder and David Groll; Janet Tailon and Dave Whittick; Jan and Andy Stambaugh. Donations were also made in memory of Howard T. Powell and in memory of Dr. Clair A. Weast. These donations will make it possible for our organizations to continue to offer children's programs for local 3rd and 4th grade students in our area. They will also enable us to continue to offer

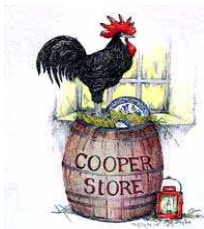
scholarships to local children for our summer Los Niños program. Since most of our beautiful historic buildings have been closed or just partially open due to state funding problems, and because donations and revenue in our stores are significantly down, the sponsorships and donations will help to off set the deficit.

— Jan Houser, Vice President/Coordinator

Please note: email address — mshpa@att.net and MSHPA phone — (831)655-9886.

Calendar of Events:

- October 8, 2010: "Behind the Scenes at Larkin and Stevenson Houses"** - (History Fest Event) 10-11:30am; RSVP to Kris Quist 647-6206
- October 9, 2010: Living History Day** - 11am-3pm, Custom House (History Fest Event) Mexican war re-enactors, children's crafts, blacksmithing demonstrations, early California dancing from 1-3pm
- October 9, 2010: Cooper-Molera Adobe Tours** - meet at Cooper Store, tours at: 10:30am; 11:30am; 12:30pm; 1:30pm; 2:30pm (History Fest Event) First come, first served.
- October 15, 2010: Christmas in the Adobes:** Ticket sales begin \$20 Adults / \$15 MSHPA members - (\$15 if purchased by November 15) \$2 for Child 6-17 with ADULT - Children 5 and under free Purchase tickets at: **Cooper Museum Store: (831) 649-7111** or **Credit Card Sales: (831) 649-7120**
- December 9 & 11, 2010: Christmas in the Adobes** - 5-9pm
- January 15, 2011: Annual Meeting** - Spear Warehouse



MSHP Store Hours

Cooper Museum Store
Mon-Sun: 10 am - 4 pm

Pacific House Store
Sat-Sun: 10 am - 4 pm



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On Oct. 8 go "Behind the Scenes at Larkin and Stevenson houses" And on Oct. 9 tour the Cooper-Molera Adobe as well as go back in time at the Custom House Living History and family activities.

(see Calendar on pg. 1)



Bits and Pieces

A Reminder of the Past

MSHPA members who remember Muriel Pyburn are fortunate in having known a person with a rich history who lived and worked among us. One of her legacies can be found in our Museum Store, a book written by her titled "The Dear Sarah Letters." In her first letter, dated September 1854, Muriel described to Sarah, that in spite of the fact that she and Sarah were "proud of the fact that they both had their feet on the ground" the people of Monterey were "always on tiptoe about something."

"These tiptoeing residents invent saints so that they can have an excuse for a party or celebration." And as we would say, "When the cat's away, the mice will play," they would say, "When the cat's away, the mice will dance the Fandango!"

Moving on to the Present

Each day that I engage in working on MSHPA activity—and that is almost every day, I am thoughtfully employed in thinking about the financial status of Monterey State Historic Park and how the State Budget, or lack thereof, is affecting the Monterey Park System and everyone who comes in contact with our enterprise. As so many other things in today's life, we have no control over the budget. But as it turns out, we do have so many people who are willing to spend their time and energy in replacing what the State will not or can not give to us; so really, not all is lost.

Cases in point: the many persons and corporate sponsors who have willingly provided MSHPA with financial support to keep our programs running on a viable basis; volunteers who will be coming on

to help in Cooper garden when we were told there was not enough funding to provide staff to help our single gardener keep the garden maintained in proper fashion; additional volunteers of course, who work steadily in the Cooper Store; staff who step in to help us out when we need specific jobs to be done, when we can't do them. The list is long, the support given willingly is longer.

So this is a thank you to the many, many persons who have helped and will be helping us with the Store, the garden, and CITA. And also a thank you to the Board members who we sometimes forget, but who have spent many, many hours trying to figure out how to make a minimum number of dollars cover all of our costs in a slow economy with a Parks system which is taking a whammy from Sacramento.

We are in the process of updating our Bylaws. If you wish to see what we are proposing, we will be discussing changes to the Bylaws at our next Board meeting on Oct. 13. They are still in the evolving mode, so you may call me at 647-1486 if you have any questions or comments on this issue.

Be sure to buy a ticket(s) for Christmas in the Adobes and plan to spend a really enjoyable evening touring Monterey's Historical Gems. Or, call in and offer your services as a docent for one of the buildings. Michael Green is the one to talk to at 649-7136.

Our annual meeting will take place January 15, 2011. In the meantime, stay well and safe; be happy, and have a great Holiday Season!

— Marjorie Troutman, President

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Message from the Park Superintendent

The most exciting news for the sector is that we have received **three** new rangers! Two have already started; you may have seen Maxine and Jo-Ellen around town. Our third ranger, Danny Rizzo, starts Oct. 1.

Maxine Aschleman comes over from the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Division where she has been working at Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). She has worked there as a ranger for the last several years. If the last name sounds familiar it is because her husband, Nate Aschleman worked for us about a year ago. Maxine is very excited to work here and looks forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Jo-Ellen McMenamy also comes over from Hollister Hills SVRA where she has been working the last couple of years. Most of you should know Jo-Ellen as she worked the sector prior to going over to Hollister Hills. Jo-Ellen is happy to be back again working at Asilomar and MSHP. Jo-Ellen's husband, Michael McMenamy, is a Supervising Ranger and works in the Monterey Sector.

Danny Rizzo has just finished his two year assignment out of the Cadet Academy at McConnell State Recreation Area located in the Central Valley District. Danny comes over with lots of enthusiasm and looks forward to assisting with many of the interpretive programs. Danny started his state park career as a tour guide.

Please welcome all of the new ranger staff and introduce yourself when you see them. In addition to the new ranger staff, the sector also will be hiring a Supervising Ranger and a Resto-

ration Work Specialist as soon as the hiring freeze is lifted.

As summer comes to a close we still do not have an approved state budget. As of this writing, I hear the governor is close to an agreement and we should have an approved budget in the next few weeks. State parks and state employees continue to be on a roller coaster ride with continued furlough days, pay cuts, spending and hiring freezes and

the dreaded threat of IOU's. We are all hanging in there and look forward to the new year, new government leadership and hopefully a secured funding source for parks through Proposition 21. Thank you to all of the MSHPA members for your continued support and dedication to Monterey State Historic Park.

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

Cell Phone Tours Debut at MSHP

As part of a pilot program in California State Parks, visitors to our area may now call a phone number on their mobile phone, enter a building code number, and hear information about ten historic buildings in Monterey State Historic Park. There is no charge to the caller but cell minutes are used and charged to caller according to their individual cell phone plan. Reaction among visitors has been entirely positive.

Callers may listen to a two-minute presentation at each cell phone stop, whether or not the buildings are open and regardless of the time of day. Signs are posted at each participating building identifying it as a cell phone tour stop and providing instructions. After entering the main phone number, visitors are prompted to enter a three-digit code that corresponds to the building they are interested in.

"I'm glad there's *something* we can listen to about this amazing, historic city," said Kathleen Marquez from Riverside. "It's too bad many of the buildings are closed, and even

though we can't get a guided tour during yet another budget mess, this really made our visit worthwhile."

Ms. Marquez is not alone in her enthusiasm. One of the helpful features of the program is the park's ability to obtain information about the number of calls on any given day, how long visitors choose to listen, the time of day callers use the service, and to what area codes their cell phones belong.

Another plus of the program is flexibility. Information for each stop may be edited and building stops added or subtracted quite easily. After evaluating the program, MSHP may add more buildings if the data shows a demand. Time will tell if these tours remain popular.

Staff at MSHP knows that, while these short narrations can't hope to replace interaction with living, breathing tour guides, it looks like they've become a welcome feature to many who visit the historic downtown area.

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

Author Ian Nimmo Educates Docents About RLS

On the afternoon of Saturday, September 4th, The Stevenson House was the place to be in Old Monterey. Nineteen Scottish members of the Edinburgh Robert Louis Stevenson Club (including men in kilts!), along with 35 MSHP docents and Monterey RLS Club members, gathered at the Stevenson House for food, drink, and a great Continuing Education program.

The group was treated to a PowerPoint presentation by Scottish author and lecturer, Ian Nimmo, recounting the year before and the year after RLS came to America in 1879. Ian pulled from his most recent book, Walking with Murder: On the Kinapped Trail; an historical account which delves into the background of RLS' second best-selling novel, Kidnapped. All in attendance greatly benefited from Ian's insights, observations and images. This was an exceptional educational opportunity!

Ian is the past Chairman of the Robert Louis Stevenson Club of Edinburgh. His long list of credits include a 21-year career in journalism, including editor of eight newspapers. In Edinburgh he served as editor of the Evening News, and is the former editor of the Weekly Scotsman. His experience in television includes the BBC's Tonight program. Ian currently works as a publishing consultant when he is not of the trail of RLS.

The delightful event concluded with a presentation of individual copies of the Association's publication of RLS' "The Old Pacific Capitol" to each of

the visiting Edinburgh Club members by Monterey Curator, Kris Quist. In turn, Ian presented a reproduction print of



the city view of 1860s Edinburgh which has been recently published by the Writer's Museum of Scotland. The print will be accessioned into the Stevenson House Museum Collection.

A follow-up e-mail from Ian to Maureen Bianchini, MSHP docent and RLS Club member reads: "What a wonderful time

you gave us in Monterey. Frankly, it just could not have been better and we packed so much in. Everything was marvelous and we'll be talking about it for years. There were no highlights – just one big, wonderful highlight. We hope you enjoyed it too, in spite of all the work you put in to make our visit such a success. Everything went so smoothly at 100mph and all your planning and hard work were obvious from our first get-together at Vanamanatugi right through to our final dinner with Keith Decker doing his long John Silver act. Wonderful! ... We cannot thank you enough for all your kindness and efforts on our behalf."

Many thanks to the Monterey State Historic Park Association's Volunteer Council for financially supporting another wonderful event at the Stevenson House.

— Lisa Bradford, Interpreter I, MSHP with Kris Quist, Monterey District Curator

Membership in Monterey State Historic Park Association

At the present time we have **111 members**. Memberships may be individual, Family/business or Preservation Circle. The cost of each membership level is very low, so—take advantage of one of the most cost effective organizations you can possibly belong to, with one of the most valuable missions as its goal.

Do you know members get 10% discount on their purchases at the Cooper Store and also for our special events? All members receive a quarterly News Letter informing you about what is going on in MSHP and the Association. If you did not renew your membership last year, why not do it right now and your membership will be good for the rest of 2010 and for all of 2011. Membership applications are available at the Cooper Store. While you are there, why not take a good look around the store and at the merchandise, ready for gift giving—and remember the 10% discount.

And remember, your membership is tax deductible!

— Bende Kelly, Membership Vice-President

Christmas in the Adobes - 2010 Sponsors



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Los Niños Students “Dig” History at Cooper-Molera Adobe

Each year the students who attend the annual Los Niños de Monterey Viejo summer history “camp” are treated to activities that help them to “step back in time”. Every day they attend, they wear replica period clothing, eat foods that are representative of foods of the 1830s, and play games that were popular in the 18th century: walking on stilts, rolling wooden hoops, jumping rope and challenging each other in marble competitions.



in Anthropology from San Diego State University, and interned at the San Diego Archaeological Center in Escondido.

The “Dig” activity is designed to allow students to learn about people of the past by looking at artifacts (material remains) from

previous cultures, identify the items, and then place those items into a particular time period based on knowledge of the way certain societies lived during those particular eras.

This year the Los Ninos students were able to “dig in” to Monterey’s history by using the archeology boxes utilized by District Archaeologist Rae

Schwad-erer for State Parks outreach activities. Prior to the lesson the replica

‘artifacts’ are buried in layers of sand placed in the archeology boxes before the students

arrival at the table. The students are split into two teams and learn how to use brushes and

screens to retrieve the items from the boxes. When it appears that all the artifacts have been collected from the boxes, the items are taken back to the classroom and

laid out on a timeline. The two teams discuss among themselves where an item belongs, and sometimes there is quite a bit of haggling that goes on in order to determine the correct era

in which to classify an item!

Once the items were placed, Kay, Pat and I were able to give input to the students and ask questions to make sure that their knowledge of the different time periods and cultures of Monterey’s past was reinforced by their “Dig”.

— Lisa Bradford, Interpreter I, Monterey State Historic Park



The week spent at the Cooper-Molera Adobe also delves into the history of Monterey by including a quick lesson on archaeology, and the importance of archaeological research as a means to learn about the lives of people of the past.

Not only is our program fortunate enough to have master teacher Kay DeRoy, who designed the popular “Dig” curriculum currently used by many Monterey Peninsula schools, this year we also had the teaching skills of Kay’s son, Pat Pallas-trini, who holds a BS



Since our last article, state employees were furloughed, then furloughs discontinued, then they returned! Despite the uncertainty about the economy and its effect on Monterey State Historic Park, one thing is certain – we have a dedicated group of volunteers who continue to help make things work. I am proud to know all of you who have pitched in, kept a smile on your face, and spoken a kind word when and where it was needed most. You are principal to our success, thank you!

On July 31, Volunteers were treated to a tour of Asilomar Conference Center with Interpreter Roxann Jacobus. Roxann’s experience was on display as she skillfully led our group through the grounds, pacing the walk perfectly. Many who attended were impressed by the importance of women in Asilomar history. At the end of the tour Conference Center concessionaire Aramark generously provided refreshments.

Monterey State Historic Park Association submitted 1,197 volunteer hours to Monterey Peninsula College for the three-month period May through July. This was only slightly less than the previous four-month period, which is remarkable. Again, Volunteers came through when we needed you most. Don’t forget – when reporting hours, volunteers should include educational events such as the Asilomar tour and the Nimmo lecture described above. In addition, if you are on a committee, meeting hours should be counted, too. We are redesigning the hours report form in order to simplify and clarify the process for volunteers. Hopefully, the next one you receive in December will be easier to work with.

Besides managing the volunteer fund, supporting events, and making recommendations for educational opportunities,

the Volunteer Council maintains a phone contact list for all MSHP Volunteers. This “Telephone Tree” is used to send important news to our volunteers on short notice. Since there are only a handful of volunteers who do not use or monitor email regularly, only those few need to be telephoned using the “phone tree” method. However, if you have email but would prefer to be called in these rare situations, please let me or a member of the Council know. Council members are Jean De La Paz, Bende Kelly, Shirley Jaster, Jill Lynch, Carol Ryan, and Kimberly Wright. The Volunteer Council always welcomes new members to represent the interests of MSHP volunteers. If you are interested in joining the Council, please contact one of our members.

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

Introducing Our New Board Members

We have two new members who are fairly new to our Board, one of whom most of you know, the other who was voted in at the beginning of the year.



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Our newest member is Betty Crowder. She is our Liaison to the Monterey Peninsula Community College and Volunteer Fund Treasurer, assist-

ies oversight.. She joined our board in January 2010 and stepped into the position almost immediately. Prior to retiring to Pacific Grove, Betty served as the Country Director for the US Peace corps program in the Kingdom of Tonga. She brings a strong business background in the technology arena from Silicon Valley, specifically with Varian Associates and the Hewlett-Packard Corporation. We look forward to her positive attitude and direct approach to provide depth and sincere involvement on our board as well as maintaining strong ties with

the community college.

Most of you are familiar with our second new board member who is Jean DeLa Paz. We warmly welcome her back to being active with MSHPA. Jean’s experience stretches back to 1985 when she became a member of ‘OMPS’. Her first position was as secretary to the



board. From dedicated store keeper to “hot chocolate maker” at Casa Soberanes during the Christmas in the Adobes celebration, Jean has worn many hats. Ever aware of being well-schooled, Jean is an alumnus of the first do-cent training class for OMPS in the mid-1990’s. Her involvement and dedication is unrivaled and is especially distinguished by having served an unprecedented 11+ years as the Cooper Store manager.

— Lorraine Ellzey, Nominating Chair