

# VESTIGES of *Lands End*



*Lands End with the boats* by Linda Yamane.

## Yelamu

Native people have lived in the San Francisco Bay area for at least 10,000 years. Approximately fifty independent nations of Ohlone-speaking people occupied the California coastal area from San Francisco Bay to just south of Monterey Bay. Within the vast stretch of Ohlone territory, which extended eastward to the Diablo mountain range, several different but related languages were spoken. The Ohlone language once spoken on the San Francisco peninsula is today called Ramaytush.

The inhabitants of the north end of the San Francisco peninsula from at least 500 to 1780 A.D. were known as the Yelamu, who lived in five known inland villages; *Chutchui*, *Sitlintac*, *Amuctac*, *Tubsinte* and *Petlenuc*. The Ohlone came to Lands End to hunt sea mammals and to gather shellfish, plants, and birds' eggs.

The Yelamu people and their traditional lifeways were devastated by the arrival of the Spanish. Many were forced to move to missions. Many Ohlone people still live in or near their traditional ancestral homelands today. While participating in contemporary society, they are actively involved in the preservation and revitalization of their native culture through restoration of native languages, protection of ancestral places, practice of traditional plant uses, story telling, dance, song, and basket weaving.