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Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

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Anza-Borrego Exhibit Wins Media Award

Every year, the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) sponsors an Interpretive Media Awards Competition. Products are nominated by interpreters and managers in the field, and judged by NAI members of the Media Awards Committee. The new Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitor center exhibit was nominated and selected as a recipient for the 2006 Interior Exhibit category.

As people enter the visitor center, the first display they see is a relief map of the park, a grinding stone, a variety of cacti, and a life-size model of an



Anza display inside park visitor center

ancient vulture swooping over a panel dedicated to the 1776 Anza Expedition. This is just the beginning of an interactive and informative exhibit highlighting the park's cultural history, diverse ecosystems, and extensive fossil collection.

The exhibit was designed and built by Split Rock Studios in 2005 to replace older and outdated displays. They are a renowned firm that specializes in creating cultural and natural history exhibits. Their mission is to engage people's emotion as well as their intellect. The Anza-Borrego exhibit is uniquely created to accommodate various learning styles and ages, and provide opportunities for visitors to connect to the resources protected in the park.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is the largest California State Park and has one of the longer sections of Anza recreation trail. In the park is Coyote Canyon, the site of the 1775 Christmas Eve birth during the Anza expedition, and the passage from the arduous desert



Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitor Center

crossing to the lush landscape of coastal California.

Additional NAI Media Awards Competition categories include audio, curriculum, small and large books, multi-media, site publication, trail guide, video/film, and wayside (text panel). For more information, visit www.interpnet.com and www.splitrockstudios.com. ❖

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National Park Service

From the Superintendent



Stanley C. Bond

Reinvigorating Anza Communities

The community of San Juan Bautista in San Benito County, California retains much of its historic character with the mission, town plaza, and several standing adobes. The recreational section of the Anza Trail, found on the outskirts of town, offers spectacular views and a great hike, bike, or horseback ride.

How do we pull all of these outstanding features together for a true Anza experience? How do we include other important destinations- in this case Pinnacles National Monument, Henry Coe State Park, and Franciscan Mountain State Park? What about local businesses?

Recently, I met with businessmen, residents, state park, and local government officials in San Juan Bautista to learn their interests and ideas for promoting their community. Anza Trail staff, staff from the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, and staff from the Cultural Resources program plan to work with the San Juan Bautista community on an integrated plan to promote the area as a heritage destination and place of natural beauty.

Also included will be staff from Pinnacles National Monument and California State Parks. Our goal is to preserve San Juan Bautista, interpret and extend access to the Anza Trail, and inform visitors about all of the exciting places they can visit in this small region. We believe such a program can benefit San Juan Bautista. Can the Anza Trail help you?

Happy Holidays to All!! ❖

Conferences, Symposiums, Trips & Training

Symposium on "The Anza Trail"

Santa Clara University, CA
Saturday, January 20, 2007, 2:00-4:00 pm
See details on page 11 in Anuncios.

California Mission Studies Association Conference

Mission Dolores in San Francisco, CA
Saturday, February 17, 2007, sessions 9:00-3:00 pm
See details on page 11 in Anuncios.

Anza Society Conference

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico
March 8-11, 2007
See details on page 11 in Anuncios.

New Frontiers, Next Stages

Association of Partners for Public Lands
March 18-22, 2007 in Sacramento, CA
For information, call (877) 647-2775 or visit www.appl.org

~~Tour Anza's Basque Country in Spain~~

April 10-23, 2007 **Canceled!!**
Rescheduled for October 1-14, 2007. For information contact Linda Rushton at (602) 993-1162.

Creating Planning Connections: Linking Trails, Rivers, Byways and Greenways

Austin, TX
May 6-10, 2007
National Association of Recreation Resource Planners conference. For information, call (703) 416-0060 or visit www.narrp.org.

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Deadlines

March 1 for April issue
June 1 for July issue
September 1 for October issue
December 1 for January issue

Jeff Axel Returns to Arizona!

National Park Service Park Ranger, Jeff Axel, is now working with Anza Trail partners in Arizona for the winter. His office is in



Tucson, but he is traveling the state assisting with trail related projects.

Welcome back!
Starting January 16,
contact Jeff at
(520) 791-6425. ❖

Trails Advocay Week on Capital Hill

In preparation for the House and Senate budget hearings, about 50 nonprofit trail partners come to Washington, D.C. **February 12-13** for “public interest advocacy,” also called “Hike-the-Hill,” organized by the **American Hiking Society** and the **Partnership for the National Trails**. ❖

New Director for the National Park Service

Mary Bomar has been appointed the new Director of the National Park Service. She has been the Northeast Regional Director since July 2005 and Superintendent of several National Park Service sites. While she was the service’s Oklahoma State Coordinator, she had some experience with national historic trail issues. ❖



New National Park Service Director, Mary Bomar

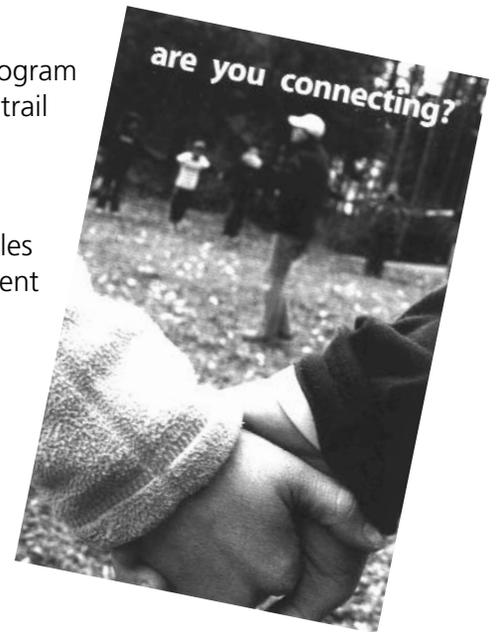
Are you Connecting?

New on-line training for trail volunteers interested in gaining public support and preserving the Anza Trail story for future generations.

Learn to deliver personalized and meaningful experiences for the public. Connect people to the resources of the trail and enhance their commitment for preservation.

Anza Trail Volunteer Program will pay the tuition for trail volunteers. For more information, contact Volunteer Program Manager, Margaret Styles at (510) 817-1323 or sent an email on www.nps.gov/juba. ❖

Brought to you by the National Park Service Interpretive Development Program and the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands



Missing GPS Unit!

Have you seen this Garmin GPS V Personal Navigator?

The portable unit can lay on its side or stand up as shown in the photo. It may have been borrowed from the Anza Trail Headquarters office.

If you know where it is located, please contact the staff by calling (510) 817-1323 or visiting www.nps.gov/juba.

Thank you! ❖



Amigos Ride Again!

School Documentary Films Castle Rock Junior Riders

From Castle Rock Arabians

What better way to learn about early Spanish California history than to live it? Sure, these kids studied the California Missions in their third grade class, but they didn't how the west was settled until they dressed like Spanish colonist and rode the dusty trail themselves.

On Friday, November 10, 2006, about 20 juniors, sponsored by Castle Rock Arabians, had an opportunity to ride in the steps of Spanish Explorer Juan Bautista de Anza. The San Ramon Valley Unified School District in Contra Costa County, California was filming a documentary.



Castle Rock Junior Riders portraying 1776 Anza expedition



2006 Pasados del Presidio in San Francisco, CA.

After Lt. Col. Anza selected sites for the San Francisco Presidio and Mission, he explored Contra Costa County where the hills looked pretty much the same then as it does now-thanks to our great East Bay Regional Park District open space!

Since 168 of these 268 intrepid travelers were children under the age of 11, it was appropriate for this expedition to include our junior riders who are called the Amigos de Anza Mounted Drill Team. For information on being a part of the Amigos de Anza, call 925 937 7661 or check our website at www.castlerockarabians.com. ❖

Date Correction

In the October 2006 issue of *Noticias de Anza*, the front page article stated that widow María Feliciano Arballo married Juan Francisco López at San Gabriel on March 6, 1776. The book of marriages from Mission San Gabriel indicate that they married on the 7th of April 1776.

Along the Trail

Peralta Hacienda Historical Park Grand

Opening: Oakland, CA
October 15

Neighbors and visitors enjoyed the activities during the park's grand opening such as an outdoor exhibit, children's crafts, live entertainment, costumed interpreters, tours of the restored 1870 Peralta House, indigenous peoples' ceremonies, and more. The park will unveiled a 100 ft. long by 3 ft. thick adobe wall commemorating the Peralta Family rancho, the first European built structure in the East Bay.



Anza Days: Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, AZ
October 21-22



Arizona State Parks launched their 50th Anniversary during the Anza Days event. The living history event represented many time periods of the

Southern Arizona area. Festivities included the play revival of "How Far Felipe!" a children's story of the Anza expedition, and the ride from Tumacácori NHP to Tubac Presidio SHP. Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona provided information about the Anza Trail.



Anza Trail Rails-to-Trails: Cupertino, CA

The railroad for the Hansen Quarry is expected to go out of service in 20 years. Acquisition of the right-of-way or easement is anticipated since the corridor is designated as a proposed trail through Santa Clara County West Valley.

Adjoining Trail Construction: Paso Robles, CA
Public trail construction by the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District and the California Conservation Corps along the Salinas River. The local Amigos de Anza organization have hopes that this new section of trail will be designated as a recreational loop connecting with the Anza historic route.



Pinal County Awarded Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program Support:

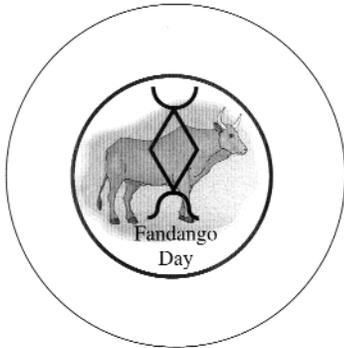
Florence, AZ

The Anza National Historic Trail within Pinal County will be providing technical assistance to support the development of approximately 40 miles of non-motorized trail within the Anza Trail historic corridor. The route will be an important connector creating a network of walking and bicycling trails linking parks, communities, and historic areas. Pinal County, National Park Service, Anza Coalition, Arizona State Parks, and community leaders will work together to prepare a master plan. The route is one of three major trails identified in the County's Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Congratulations! For more information, contact Kent Taylor at (520) 866-6910.

Along the Trail

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Founder's Day Celebrations: San Jose, CA
November 18-19



Historic Bernal Ranch in Santa Teresa Park and the Peralta Adobe both celebrated the founding of El Pueblo de San José, which was on November 29, 1777. Visitors enjoyed music, dance

performances, costumed interpreters, cooking demonstrations, exhibits, and hands-on activities for all ages. Visitors were able to try on period Spanish Colonial military clothing representing the 1776 Anza expedition and march around the event

grounds. Several of the Anza expedition members became founders of San José. Descendants of the Bernal family, as well as other family descendants, were present to talk with visitors and share their family history.



Rare Pure Spanish Horses

(Excerpt from Dr. Sponernberg study of Cruce herd)

The Kino horses from the Cruce herd are one of a very small handful of horse strains derived from Spanish Colonial days that persist as purely Spanish to the present day. Most other strains have long been absorbed into the Quarter Horse breed or have become extinct. The Cruce horses are of great interest because they are a non-feral strain.

The need to conserve this herd is great, since they do represent an unique genetic resource. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has become interested in rare breed conservation over the last fifteen years. Their interest in horses is limited to those breeds that are not influenced by the Arabian and the Thoroughbred because of their incredible scarcity worldwide.



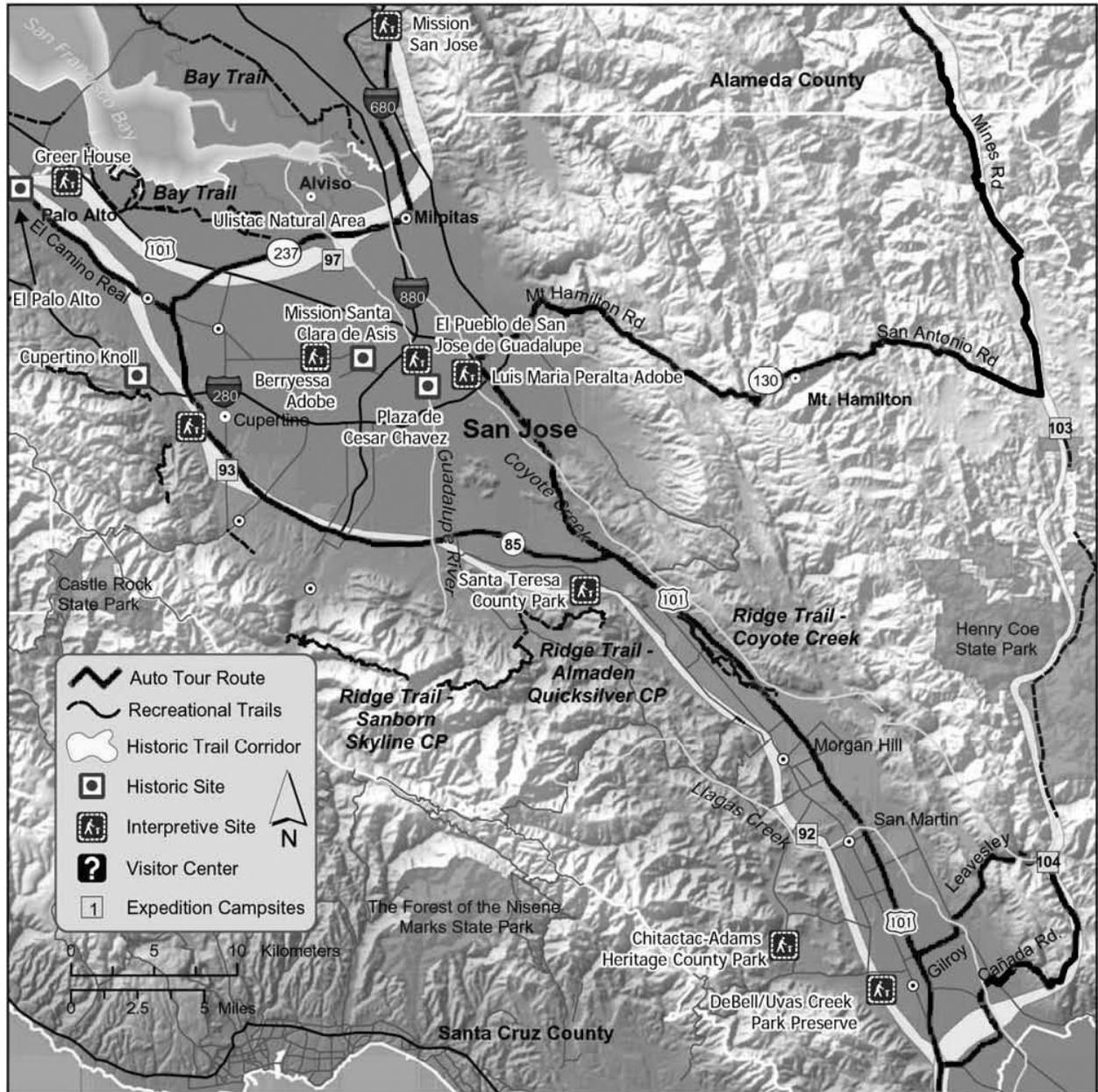
2006 Pasados del Presidio, San Francisco

The Cruce herd of Kino horses fit in this category and of great interest and importance to worldwide efforts to conserve genetically unique populations of livestock.

The Kino horses were often used during the Spanish Colonial period of exploration and most likely used during both Anza expedition in 1774-74 and 1775-76. For those who attended the 2006 Pasados del Presidio in San Francisco on June 27, you witnessed Anza arrive at the ceremony on one of these horses. The Cruce herd are now at Rancho del Sueño through the Heritage Discovery Center, Inc.

To help preserve the herd or obtain more information, visit
<http://www.knxu.com/~HDC/RDSHorses.html>

Santa Clara County – Gilroy Valley to Palo Alto



Driving Directions for Auto Route

Anza entered the county three times. To follow his northern route, take US 101 to CA 85 north. To visit the Peralta Adobe, take Guadalupe Pkwy/Hwy 87 north, and take the Julian/Saint James Street exit to Julian Street. At the bottom of the off ramp, turn right on Terrain St. Turn left into the parking lot on the corner of West Saint John Street. To go on to Mission Santa Clara, take The Alameda westward until it becomes El Camino Real; the mission is at 500 El Camino Real. Continue on El Camino Real, turn south on the San Tomas Expressway and go west on I-280. Stop in Cupertino near camp #93. See the next page to continue.

About Your Visit to Santa Clara County



One of the bas-reliefs at the Parque de los Pobladores honoring Anza expedition members.

Photo: Greg Smestad

Continuing On

Take CA 85 north toward the city of Mountain View. Take the CA 82/El Camino Real exit and take El Camino Real north. Stop at El Palo Alto. Continue north to San Mateo, or travel to the East Bay through Santa Clara via CA 237 east past I-880 to Warm Springs Road. Turn left (north) on Warm Springs Road. Continue north on Warm Springs/North Milpitas Rd. into Alameda County. To travel in the eastern part of the county near Mt. Hamilton, see the section of the Trail Guide called "Getting Back...Mt. Diablo Range."

Anza's small exploratory group traveled past the area that is today Gilroy, encountering many American Indians along their route. After choosing the sites for the Mission and *Presidio* in San Francisco, they returned to the county again on their way to the East Bay. Lt. Moraga came through Santa Clara County again in June 1776 with the settlers to found the San Francisco *Presidio*, and in November 1777 to found the *Pueblo* of San José.

Sites of Interest

A. Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park and Expedition Camp #92

The camp for March 24, 1776 was at *Llagas* Creek in the city of Morgan Hill. Along the way, many natives (and a village) were encountered. At Chitactac-Adams Park (10001 Watsonville Rd., Gilroy), you can visit a Mutsun Ohlone village site along *Uvas* Creek to view petroglyphs, bedrock mortars and interpretive exhibits about the Ohlone culture. Nearby is DeBell/Uvas Creek Park Preserve.

B. San Joseph de Cupertino and Expedition Camp #93

On March 25, they camped at place that they called *San Joseph de Cupertino*, a name that is preserved today in the city of Cupertino to the east. From here, Font and Anza remarked that they could see the San Francisco Bay. Today, from McClellan Ranch Park (22221 McClellan Rd.) or on the "knoll" at *Rancho San Antonio* County Park (on Cristo Rey Dr.), visitors have vistas that extend to the bay.

C. Loop Around to the East Bay via Expedition Camp #97

Anza and the exploratory group came back to Santa Clara County on their way back from San Francisco en route to explore the East Bay. Father Font calculated the height of *El Palo Alto* by using a device that measures angles. This 'tall redwood tree' still stands today (El Camino Real at Alma St., Palo Alto). After traveling south parallel along the shoreline from Palo Alto, they camped (#97) on March 30 on the banks of the *Río de Guadalupe* (Guadalupe River). Near the river at the Ulistac Natural Area (37° 24' 09" N, 121° 58' 04" W; 4901 Lick Mill Blvd.), visitors today can see willows, sycamores, and elderberry. Trails in the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge near Alviso can also be explored.

D. San José de Guadalupe and Adobes of Expedition Descendants

Named after the patron saint of the expedition, the *Virgen de Guadalupe*, *San José* was the first civilian Spanish settlement in California. It was founded on November 29, 1777 by Lt. José Joaquín Moraga and some of Anza's settlers. Around 1797, the settlers built *adobes* around a central *plaza* that is today *Plaza de César Chávez*. Several abodes (including some adobes) of expedition members and descendants can be seen in the Santa Clara Valley including: Joaquín Bernal's (Santa Teresa County Park), Fernando Berryessa's (373 Jefferson St. near Mission Santa Clara), Luis María Peralta's (175 W. Saint John St.), José Higuera's (North Park Victoria Dr., Milpitas) and José Maria Alviso's (Piedmont and Calaveras Rds. in Milpitas).

E. Henry Coe State Park and Expedition Camps #103 and #104

Los Cruzeros was a stop on Anza's southbound route getting back to Monterey from the East Bay. The camp is within Henry Coe State Park, as are campgrounds and a visitors center. To reach the park, take the East Dunne Ave. or Leavesley Rd. exits east and follow the signs to the park. Watch out for animals along the way.

Learning On The Trail in Santa Clara County

Hiking in Santa Clara County

Although the area is highly urbanized today, there are still many trails to explore that parallel Anza's route. Henry Coe State Park is over 87,000 acres, making it the second largest state park in California (the largest is the Anza-Borrego Desert in San Diego County). The trails at Henry Coe allow you to hike along Coyote Creek and see their noontime stop at Los Cruzeros. The Ridge Trails allow you to overlook the historic route. Anza-related Santa Clara County parks include the Ulistac Natural Area, DeBell/ Uvas Creek, Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park, Guadalupe River Park and Rancho San Antonio Park. The San Francisco Bay Trail segments will get you close to the route that the expedition took as it looped around Alviso to explore the East Bay. Ponds and marshes along the Mountain View Shoreline Park and Sunnyvale Baylands County Park offer waterfowl and shorebird habitats. The Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek both empty into the bay at the southern end of the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge near its Alviso education center.

Question: Coyotes are often seen in Coyote Valley south of San Jose and at Henry Coe State Park. What could they eat now and in Anza's time?

Sierra del Chasco at Henry Coe State Park, Photo: Greg Smestad



On the CD: Henry Coe State Park

About Henry Coe State Park; Horses Crossing Coyote Creek; Crickets at the Park.

Anza's exploratory party passed through the park on their way from the East Bay back to Monterey. Anza's Diary, Saturday, April 6, 1776 reads, "...To this place, as well as to all of the foregoing country, we have given the name of Sierra del Chasco, because of the disappointment it has played on us by its difficult passage due to its width, which nobody had anticipated. From here we have recognized the road by which we came..." In Henry Coe State Park, Los Cruzeros was a stop on Anza's southbound route back to Monterey. They went down the east fork of the Coyote Creek to end up near Gilroy. Today, there are campgrounds in Henry Coe State Park, and visitors often see deer, raccoons, bobcats, woodpeckers, wild turkeys and coyotes. This audio track will tell you more about the park:

www.solideas.com/DeAnza/TrailGuide/Anza_CD_Player.html

Additional Resources

Santa Clara County Parks –
298 Garden Hill Dr., Los
Gatos, CA 95032;
tel.: 408-355-2200,
web: parkhere.org

Guadalupe River Park –
715 Spring St., San Jose,
CA 95110;
tel.: 408-298- 7657,
web: grpg.org

Parque de Los Pobladores
– S. Market St. at
W. William St., San Jose,
CA 95113;
web: sanjoseca.gov/prns/

Peralta Adobe – 175 W.
Saint John St., San Jose,
CA 95110;
tel.: 408-993-8300,
web: historysanjose.org

Mission Santa Clara de
Asís – 500 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, CA 95053-
1500;
tel.: 408-554-4023,
web: scu.edu

El Palo Alto Park –
(El Camino Real at Alma
St.) Palo Alto, CA 94301;
tel.: 650-329-2100,
web: city.palo-alto.ca.us

Don Edwards San
Francisco Bay National
Wildlife Refuge –
Highway 237 to Zanker Rd
to Grand Blvd. (in Alviso);
tel.: 408-262-5513,
web: desfbay.fws.gov

Henry Coe State Park –
9000 E. Dunne Ave.,
Morgan Hill, CA 95037;
tel.: 408-779-2728,
web: coepark.org

To view the entire *Anza Trail Guide*, visit www.nps.gov/juba.

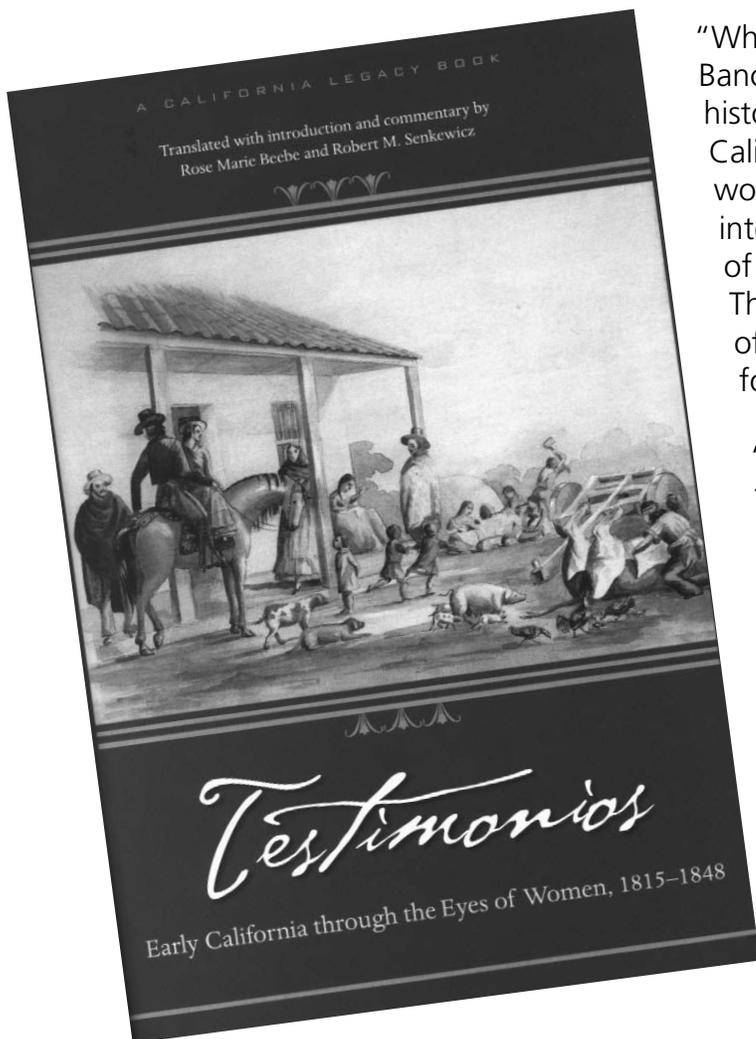
Books for Sale

Testimonios: Early California through the Eyes of Women, 1815-1848 Translated with introduction and commentary by Rose Marie Beebe and Robert M. Senkewicz

(Excerpt from Heyday Books website www.heydaybooks.com)

"Testimonios is a pioneering work of scholarship and critical interpretation by two of the finest Hispanicists active in early California studies. It is also a deeply moving act of liberation in which thirteen women are called forth from the tomb of neglected history so that they might at long last speak to us of their lives and times and the California they helped bring into being."—Kevin Starr, Professor of History, University of Southern California

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"When in the early 1870s historian Hubert Howe Bancroft sent interviewers out to gather oral histories from the pre-statehood gentry of California, he didn't count on one thing: the women. When the men weren't available, the interviewers collected the stories of the women of the household—almost as an afterthought. These were eventually archived at the University of California, although many were all but forgotten.

"Having lived through the gold rush and seen their country change so drastically, these women understood the need to tell the full story of the people and the places that were their California. Some of their words are translated here into English for the first time." ❖

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ANUNCIOS

January

- 20 **Symposium on “The Anza Trail”:** Santa Clara University, CA
2:00-4:00 pm
Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053
California Studies Initiative at SCU & California Legacy Project symposium with panelists Vladimir Guerrero, Lee Davis, Greg Bernal-Mendoza Smestad, & Stanley Bond. Sponsored by SCU and Heyday Books. SCU Benson Student Union in the California Mission Room. For information visit www.scu.edu/californiastudites/upcomingevents.cfm
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)
- 25 **Californio Women: San Francisco, CA**
6:00 pm
California Historical Society Gallery, 678 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105
Hear first hand accounts of 13 historical women who lived in California during the Spanish/Mexican period. Their words have been translated for the first time in the book “Testimonios: Early California through the Eyes of Women, 1815-1848.” Editors Rose Marie Beebe and Robert M. Senkewicz will discuss these accounts. (415) 357-1848 x229 or www.californiahistoricalsociety.org.
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)
- 26-28 **Los Californianos Meeting: Salinas, CA**
Laurel Inn, 801 West Laurel Drive, Salinas, CA 93906
Quarterly meeting. Register by January 24. For information, call Mike Ford (831) 262-7393.

February

- 17 **California Mission Studies Association Conference: San Francisco, CA**
9:00 - 3:00 pm (sessions)
Mission Dolores, 3371 16th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114
Includes session titled “New Perspectives on the Anza Expeditions” about clothing, creating recent trail guide & audio CD, Chief Salvador Palma of the Yumas, & Indian partners. For information visit www.ca-missions.org/
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)
- 25 **Anza en Calabazas 1776: Calabazas, CA**
2:00 pm
Soka University of America, 26800 Mulhalland Hwy, Calabazas, CA 91302
Annual commemoration of Anza’s encampment in Calabazas on February 22, 1776. Dramatic presentation produced by the Calabazas Anza Heritage Association. For information, call Robin at (310) 327-5345 or at (818) 222-4617, or visit <http://www.commerceserveronline.com/579/rattlinralph/anzaencalabazas.asp>
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)

March

- 8-11 **Anza Society Conference: Hermosillo Sonora, Mexico**
Sociedad Sonorense de Historia, A.C
The conference will have speakers from both sides of the border. The bus will leave the Arizona Historical Society parking lot in Phoenix at 8:00 am. For more information, call Linda Rushton at (602) 993-1162 or visit www.anzasociety.org
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)

See your announcement here! Contact us at www.nps.gov/juba.

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View from the Anza Trail



Stenciled wall painting in the chapel at Mission San Antonio de Padua near Jolan, California. Photo: Jeff Axel