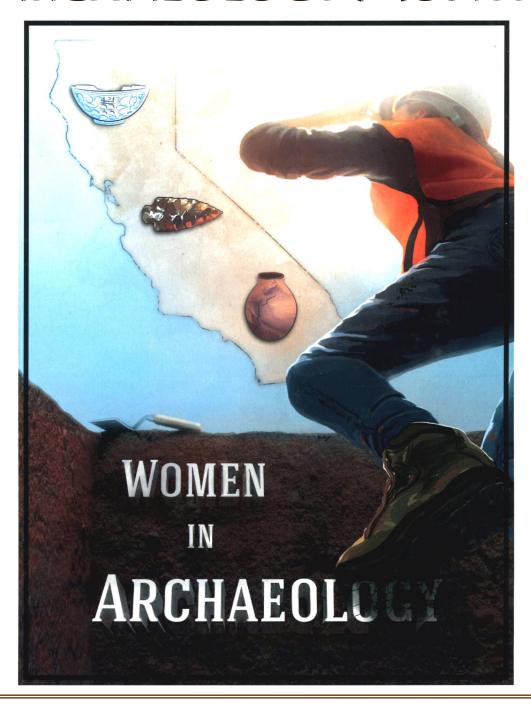


THE SANTA CRUZ ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER FALL 2019

# OCTOBER IS CALIFORNIA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH



### JOIN THE SANTA CRUZ ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE!

<b>Date and Time</b>	Event	For more info, visit:
	The Pomo Project—Sebastopol	www.pomoproject.org
October 1, 2019	Native Themes Art Exhibit	
October 2, 2019 4-6 pm	Meet the Artists	
October 11, 2019 7 pm	Radio Interview: Rose Hammock and Friends on KOWS 92.5	
October 13, 2019 Noon	Sonoma County Pomo Dancers at the Farmers Market, Sebastopol Pla- za Gazeboand more events, visit the website	
October 3, 2019 (and also recurring on Oct 4, 6, 8,9 and in November)	Presidio of San Francisco Presidio Officers Club, presents "Exclusion: The Presidio's Role in World War II	www.presidio.gov/events
10:00 am	Japanese American Incarceration"	
October 4, 2019—August 22, 2021	On Exhibit at the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History	santacruzmah.org/ exhibitions/art-healing
(October 4 is First Friday, and admission to the MAH is free)	Art and Healing: 30 Years After the Loma Prieta Earthquake	
October 10, 2019	Santa Cruz Archaeological Socie-	www.santacruzarchsociety.o
7:30 pm —9:00 pm	ty General Meeting at the Live Oak Grange	rg/calendar
October, 12, 2019	27th Annual Indigenous People's	www.crazycrow.com/site/
10:00 am —6:00 pm	Day	event/berkeley-indigenous- peoples-day-pow-wow/
	Berkeley, Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow at the Martin Luther King Civic Park	peopies-day-pow-wow/

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October 17, 2019 7—8:30 pm, Members of the museum, people under 18 yo free, small fee for others, but you must register.	Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History presents:  Loma Prieta + 30: Remembering the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake on the 30th Anniversary of the Event	www.santacruzmuseum.org/ public-programs/naturalist- night-series/
October 17, 2019 3:00 pm (Thursday), and also Sunday, October 20, 2019, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.  (Event is free, vehicle fee \$8.00, no pets, parking limited.)	Forest of Nisene Marks SP, Loma Prieta Earthquake: 30 Years of Recovery Hike—Where were you on October 17, 1989? Observe the 30th anniversary of the 6.9 magnitude Loma Prieta earthquake by hiking to its epicenter near the ghost town Loma Prieta in the Forest of Nisene Marks. Bring water, snacks, and sturdy shoes. Meet at entrance station 30 minutes before hike start time.	For more information, call (831) 685-6444. Event made possible by Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks
October 18, 2019 11:00 am— 3:00 pm	Open House at the Castro Adobe	www.thatsmypark.org/event/ earthquakes-and-the- adobe/2019-10-19/
October 19, 2019 9:00 am — 5:00 pm The meeting is free, but you are asked to register for a headcount.	2019 Southern Data Sharing Meeting—SCA Sedgwick Reserve, Tipon Hall 3566 Brinkerhoff Ave, Santa Ynez, CA 93460	scahome.org/future-meetings/
October 26, 2019 10:30 am— 3:30 pm	San Mateo County History Museum presents Ohlone Day at the Sanchez Adobe, which is the site of the Ohlone village of Pruristac. See Ohlone demon- strations and a ribbon cutting for the new Sanchez Adobe Inter- pretive Center	historysmc.org/events/ohlone-day
October 26, 2019 11:00 am	Presidio Trust presents International Archaeology Day at the Presidio Officers' Club	www.presidio.gov/events

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# THE SANTA CRUZ ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY VISITS FRANKLIN POINT - JULY 13, 2019

On Saturday, July 13th, the Santa Cruz Archaeological Society was joined by State Park docents for Año Nuevo and Pigeon Point Lighthouse, to hear a talk by State Park Archaeologist Mark Hylkema at the Año Nuevo State Reserve Horse Barn, and then to join him for a field trip up the coast to Franklin Point.

It was a beautiful day, and windy at Año Nuevo, and even windier, we were to learn, out at Franklin Point. But first, we availed ourselves of refreshments in the barn and settled down to hear Mark speak on "The Perils of a Leeward Shore". Mark has delivered this talk for SCAS at a general meeting in the past, but he had more time today, a wider audience, and the story was longer and rich with extra details. Three wooden ships are known to have wrecked on a lee shore near Franklin Point in the mid 1800s with fatal results, and many of the crew and passengers who died were buried there on the bluff. A grieving mother of a young sailor erected a ceno-



The audience of docents and SCAS members prepares to hear a talk by Mark Hylkema before proceeding out to Franklin Point. (Photos courtesy of Mary Gerbic)

taph for her son there, a marker that disappeared sometime in the 1960s. If one wants to learn more about the wrecks, they are thoroughly documented in witness testimony of the San Francisco Salvage Courts in newspapers of the time. The wrecks spurred the construction of lighthouses at Pigeon Point and Point Año Nuevo. More recently, Mark was able to have the exhumed remains examined and returned to the point for burial, with a protective wooden walkway and platform built over the burials. Now one can walk out to the point, sit on the bench at the edge of the bluff, and

contemplate the ocean and the beach where people and cargo washed ashore so long ago.



Hold onto your hats! Field trip attendees hike out from Highway 1 to Franklin Point.



Imagine yourself washing up on this beach through the breakers, and wreckage from your ship. Sailors often did not know how to swim. In right-distance is the Pigeon Point lighthouse, built in 1872.

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# THE SANTA CRUZ ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS THE SACRAMENTO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR POTLUCK AND FIELD TRIPS—SEPTEMBER 2019

It all started with a talk at the Live Oak Grange in November 2018 by John Foster, retired State Parks Archaeologist and past president of the Sacramento Archaeological Society (SAS). Jan Johansen, Newsletter Editor and Board member, extended an offer for continued collaboration and an exchange of newsletters. By December, after an email from John Foster about a field trip idea he had, we decided to host the Sacramento Archaeology Society for a potluck in September on the day of our usual General Meeting, when SAS would be here for their three-day field trip. These folks love to travel!



The Potluck-mixer was well attended, with 20 SAS members and 18 from SCAS. There was no shortage of food and drink. John Foster and SAS President Tom Johansen spoke to us about SAS and gave us a short slide show presentation on places they have visited, and their other activities. Tom told us that SAS has been around about as long as SCAS. They are focused on scholarships, funding active research, and travel. SAS has raised over \$50,000 for small scholarships



which has helped many students who would not otherwise be able to afford to go to field school. They were very envious of our Grange Hall location. They meet in

over the years

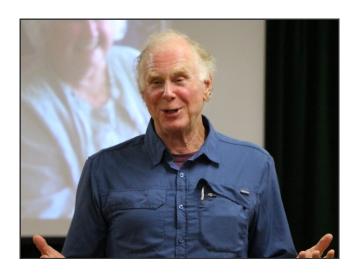
each others homes. Our President, Kären Johansson and Professional Advisor Dr. Tsim Schneider, welcomed SAS to Santa Cruz. We showed them a short video on the life of Ella Rodriguez: "Buried Stories: A Native American Indian Uncovers Her Heritage".



Tour plans evolved over time, and members Pat Paramoure and Robyn Houts volunteered as tour guides. Mark Hylkema was unable to guide the coastal tours, but Rick Fitzgerald and Sky Biblin were able replacements. On Friday morning, September 13th, Pat guided SAS members on an hour and a half tour at Cowell Ranch at UCSC. This Historic District was the subject of Pat's M.A. thesis. Afterwards, the SAS group traveled to the Gilroy area to meet Robyn Houts a long-time docent, at Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park for another tour.

Later, John sent us a wonderful letter of thanks, and Sami La Rocca contributed many great pictures of the tour group and the sites. I'm including John's letter and a couple of Sami's pictures here, along with those taken by Mary Gerbic at the Potluck on Thursday night. A great time was had by all attendees and wouldn't it be nice to do it again?





Photos on page 6 (L): Tom Johansen speaks to the group; John Foster and Kevin Hildreth; The Potluck. Photos on this page: Jan Johansen and Kären Johansson share a moment; John Foster speaks; Not much left of the potluck. Pat Paramoure hands out maps for Friday's field trips.





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#### A letter of thanks from John Foster, who arranged the tour for SAS:

Hi Pat, Robyn, Rick and Sky —

Thank you all so much for the expert guide work and interpretation you did for the Sacramento Archaeological Society on our recent visit to Santa Cruz. Our members were delighted to know your area has such fantastic heritage sites and we learned a lot about California's history and prehistory by visiting them. Nice of you to also arrange for some seriously hot weather so us valley folk would feel at home!

We thoroughly enjoyed it. Our members really like visiting these places and "getting the feel of history" they encompass. Of the many highlights, a few things come to mind as spectacular:

- 1. The majesty of Sand Hill Bluff. That is an iconic place of considerable antiquity. Imagine, a shell midden accumulation that began some 2,000 years before the first stones were laid for a massive pyramid on the Giza plateau!
- 2. Shore whaling at Pigeon Point. Azorian Portuguese men rowing out to harpoon whales spotted from the point and then towing them back in small boats for processing. Amazing California history there.
- 3. Complexity and incredible richness of life at Wilder Ranch. The stories, industry, technology and innovation made a real impression on us. The fact that it has been preserved by state parks is also very impressive.
- 4. UCSC was once an industrial site! Who knew? The Cowell Lime Works were very impressive and we were struck by the labor and technology involved. Pat's research has brought it to life. I was particularly impressed by the university's adaptive reuse of the barns and other historic structures. This demonstrates a real commitment to historic preservation and a model for others to emulate.
- 5. The preservation and interpretation of Ohlone heritage at Chitactac. In the last two decades we have come to learn much about Ohlone history, resource management, and social organization. Much of this insight is presented at Chitactac a model for learning and inspiration. What a great little park.

Finally, we enjoyed the potluck mixer. It's nice to see a group like ourselves - "experienced," but passionate about preserving and learning from touchstones of history. Thanks for sharing yours with us. We had a great time.

Most sincerely,

John W. Foster, Past President

Sacramento Archaeological Society





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## Ancient History



(From the SCAN, Vol 18, Number 6, November-December 1989)

#### Quake takes hard toll on historic landmarks By Pamela Kramer, San Jose Mercury Staff Writer 10/26/1989

A huge metal ball today is expected to smash to bits the 95-year-old Cooper House in downtown Santa Cruz, one of the first buildings to fall in what preservationists fear could be widespread demolition of historic buildings from San Francisco to Hollister.

As inspectors combed aging downtowns and neighborhoods, looking for damage from last week's earthquake, the future of buildings that bind Californians to their past is at stake from the badly shaken St. Patrick's Church in Watsonville to the stately downtowns of Los Gatos and Santa Cruz, to Oakland's historic City Hall.

"They're what we have accomplished in the last century and a half." said John Merritt, executive director of the California Preservation Foundation in Oakland. "They give people some understanding of the thought processes, the homes and dreams of people at the time. And they add so much more to the experience of going through a town, living and working in it." Those who love them say the buildings are part of the cities' souls. But whether they can be saved is another question.

Merritt's organization, along with more than a half-dozen others are making a concerted effort to slow the destruction that has already taken the 115-year-old Cominos Hotel in Salinas, once a city showcase and a favorite watering hole of John Steinbeck.... "In some towns, they're doing a good job of getting their act together," Merritt said. Some preservationists expressed hope that the Oct. 17 quake would not lead to total loss.

One of the most severely damaged landmarks in San Francisco is the Oriental Warehouse at First and Brannan Streets, built in 1967. It is one of the few buildings of that vintage that still stands in San Francisco. "There is very little left of San Francisco from the 1850s and 1860s, "said Mark Ryser executive director of the foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage. "This shipping company was San Francisco's connection to the rest of the country at that time."

In Santa Cruz, Micki Ryan pointed to the devastated Pacific Garden Mall as a tour through time from the 1870s to the 1920s. Preservationists there have begged for additional assessments of the Cooper House, which served as the county courthouse form 1894 until the 1960s. It was a shopping and office building when the quake hit. "It's the anchor building for downtown," said Ryan, a historic resource consultant for the Santa Cruz County Planning Department. "It is *the* landmark."

Elsewhere, the list of battered landmarks includes:

An unknown number of buildings on Main Street in Hollister.

Mills Hall at Mills College, Oakland, built in the 1870s and one of the oldest in the East Bay.

The downtown area of Los Gatos and Watsonville.

Oakland City Hall, a city landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Saratoga's Villa Montalvo, a mansion built by former Mayor James Phelan of San Francisco

The Castro Adobe in Watsonville, built in the 1820s.

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## MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOMA PRIETA EARTHQUAKE

<b>Date and Time</b>	Event	For more info, see:
(call for information)	Epicenter: The Loma Prieta Earthquake 30th Anniversary Oral Histories Project Santa Cruz Public Libraries	If you have an earthquake story you'd like to share, contact Jennifer Hooker or call 427-7706 x7647 to schedule an interview.  Libraries across the county will also be hosting a series of workshops and lectures focused on various aspects of emergency preparedness and disaster response. Times, dates, locations and topics will vary. Visit our Calendar of Events for specifics.
October 12, 2019 1:00 pm—2:00 pm, Meet at the Eagle Monument at Pacific and Front Streets.	Epicenter: Pacific Garden Mall Historic Walking Tour. Santa Cruz Public Libraries	santacruzpl.libcal.com/ event/5825092
October 13, 2019 10:00 pm and October 19, 2019 4:00 pm	"Loma Prieta Earthquake, 30 Years Later" debuts on Sunday, October 13th at 10:00 p.m. An encore presen- tation airs Saturday, October 19th at 4:00 p.m.	NBC Bay Area News: www.nbcbayarea.com/on-air/as- seen-on/Bay-Area-Revelations- Loma-Prieta-Earthquake-30-Years- Later-559847931.html
October 17, 2019 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm Downtown Library Upstairs Meeting Room	Loma Prieta Earthquake, 30th Anniversary Event  At 5:04 pm, we will observe 15 seconds of silence, and then there will be a showing of "The Loma Prieta 30th Anniversary Oral Histories Project"	santacruzpl.libcal.com/ event/5799851
October 29, 2019 7:00 pm, \$10.00 general admission	San Francisco History Association The Loma Prieta Quake: 30 Years After guest speakers: Panel discussion featuring first responders. Moderated by board member Judi Leff.	sanfranciscohistory.org/ meetings/

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#### SCAS GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

General Meetings take place on the second Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange Hall at 1900 17th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

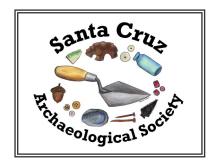
This building is on 17th Avenue between Capitola Road and Mattison Lane.

October 10, 2019	Austin Ringelstein "On the Trail of Alice Ballard": Stories and Archaeological finds from an African American Woman's Homestead on the Margins of the Los Angeles Wilderness.
November 14, 2019	Tom Keeter, USFS, Retired
December 12, 2019	Dave DeVries, Photographer and Geoarchaeologist, Mesa Technical

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