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Fort Ross and Salt Point parks have benefited greatly from many dedicated volunteers and staff who have given generously to these parks. Board of directors from FRIA and FRC have fundraised, organized events, overseen volunteers, spearheaded interpretation and restoration projects, and offered substantial support to California State Parks across many decades.

These digitized newsletters capture the activities over the following historic periods:

- Fort Ross Interpretive Association (FRIA): 1976 - 2012
- Fort Ross Conservancy (FRC is the same legal entity as FRIA but the organization changed its name): 2012 - present

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LAST NIGHT, FEBRUARY 24, YOUR FORT ROSS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET AND ELECTED THEIR OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR. "CATCH 22" : TWO OF THEM HAVE EXPIRING TERMS, THIS MARCH, FROM THE BOARD WHEN YOU, THE MEMBERSHIP ELECT THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS. IF YOU DON'T ELECT THOSE TWO TO THE BOARD, THEY CANNOT SERVE AS OFFICERS; SO YOU HAVE THE LAST SAY, FOR SURE.

THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD JUST ELECTED ARE:

CHAIRMAN: FLORRIE MILLIGAN (MRS. BILL)  
 VICE CHAIRMAN: MARINA ILYIN  
 CORRESPONDING SEC'Y: JEANETTE ROSSON (MRS. MARVIN)  
 RECORDING SECRETARY: RICHARD TOOKER  
 TREASURER: MOSES HALLETT

THE TWO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS WHOSE BOARD TERMS EXPIRE IN MARCH AND WHO MUST BE ELECTED TO THE BOARD IF THEY ARE TO SERVE AS OFFICERS ARE: FLORRIE MILLIGAN; CHAIRMAN; AND RICHARD TOOKER, RECORDING SECRETARY.

THERE WILL BE SEVEN VACANCIES TO FILL ON THE 13-MEMBER BOARD. IF YOU FEEL CONFUSED, IT MAY STEM FROM THE BY-LAW PROVISION THAT OFFICERS ARE TO BE ELECTED AT THE BOARD MEETING JUST PRECEDING THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (WHICH ELECTS THE BOARD). THE REASON FOR THAT WRITING IN THE BY-LAWS WAS SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE EXPERIENCED OFFICERS. FLORRIE MILLIGAN AND RICHARD TOOKER CERTAINLY QUALIFY.

FLORRIE MILLIGAN: WAS THE ONE WHO ORIGINATED OUR FORT ROSS DOCENT TRAINING AND HISTORY COURSES. SHE HAS BEEN A MEMBER SINCE OUR INCORPORATION AND IS WELL KNOWN TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO DO THE JOB ON THE SITE AT FORT ROSS.

RICHARD TOOKER HAS ALSO BEEN ON THE BOARD, WRITES WELL, ATTENDS FAITHFULLY, AND HAS ACCEPTED THE DIFFICULT POSITION OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR THE COMING YEAR. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA PIONEER SOCIETY, COASTAL DIVERS CLUBS; IS A MARITIME HISTORY BUFF AND PROVIDES THE CALM VOICE OF PROBLEM SOLVER OF OUR VOLATILE GROUP.

REMEMBER: YOU MAY VOTE FOR SEVEN (7) PEOPLE FOR THE BOARD. EACH OF THE ELEVEN (11) CANDIDATES IS WELL QUALIFIED TO SERVE YOU. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- FLORRIE MILLIGAN (SEE ABOVE)
  - RICHARD TOOKER (SEE ABOVE)
  - JACKIE HALLETT: JUST FINISHED HER TERM AS TREASURER; PIONEERED BOOK-SHOP SALES-COUNTER; COAST RESIDENT; VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINARY.
  - ED VON DER PORTEN: FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THIS ASSOCIATION. LIVES IN SANTA ROSA WHERE HE TEACHES HISTORY AND MUSEUM SCIENCE.
  - ANGELA LEBEDEFF: PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT IN SAN FRANCISCO; ORGANIZER OF SPECIAL FUNCTIONS (RUSSIAN) AT FORT ROSS; ATTENDS REGULARLY AT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.
  - LIDA SCHNEIDER: RESIDENT OF JENNER; MEMBER OF ORIGINAL DOCENT CLASS; GENEROUS VOLUNTEER AT BOOK AND GIFT SHOP.
  - VIRGIL (BUD\* LUCKEY: PARK RANGER WORKING AND LIVING AT FORT ROSS. HE WAS NOMINATED BY THE VOLUNTEER DOCENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM ON THE ASSOCIATION BOARD, HE IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC FORT ROSS HISTORIAN.
  - EVE CRITTENDEN; COAST RESIDENT; MEMBER BOOK AND GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS; PAST BOARD MEMBER; CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL EVENTS.
  - MERCEDES STAFFORD: SANTA ROSA RESIDENT; PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD; CALL FAMILY HISTORIAN.
  - JOYCE CONSTANT: COAST RESIDENT; ACTIVE MEMBER BOOK AND SALES COUNTER VOLUNTEERS; HAS DONE MANY HELPFUL PROJECTS IN THE COMMUNITY.
  - PAUL SHEBALIN: WILD-LIFE BUFF; COAST-GUARDSMAN; FREQUENT VISITOR AT FORT ROSS.
- OF THE ABOVE ARE ACTIVE PAID\*UP MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION,

THE AND PLACE OF ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: THE BOARD DECISION, ON DIRECTIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, IS THAT ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE HELD AT THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, THIS YEAR, MARCH 17, BY WRITTEN BALLOT (NOT MAIL BALLOT). YOU MUST ATTEND VOTE. MARCH 17, 1978 7:30 P.M. 415 STEELE LANE, SANTA ROSA AT COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER (TEL: 528-5268). NO PROXIES ALLOWABLE.

