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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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FORT ROSS NEWSLETTER - July 1980  
of the Fort Ross Interpretive Association

There is never a dull day at Fort Ross these days even if morning fogs are supposed to be the worst in twenty years. It's a release from the heat - perhaps - that has brought so many visitors to our Book and Gift counter. Our receipts for the month of June showed an excess of \$1,895.17 receipts over disbursements. Sales showed a \$400.00 figure over a comparable period last year. It does seem we have more Californians taking the time to visit their own historical parks.

The June 14th board meeting was a pot luck lunch at the El Carrito home of Florrie Milligan. Discussed were the Fort Ross Book reprinting with minor corrections. Three hundred dollars was voted for each of the four special events we have had at Fort Ross in recent years; Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Indian Day and Ranch Day. This money is for events that will consciously involve the public attention in the interpretive process so the three cultures become better known.

Five hundred dollars was approved for a "time-lapse" photo record of the building of the Kuskov House.

Mike Tucker had the second fine exhibit of the artifacts acquired for the Official's Barracks. So far we have spent \$4,800. Mike will revise the Want List so we can organize for a May 1981 completion date! Exciting prospect! Will we ever be glad to see one of those wire fences come down!

4th of July was a fine day. The new feature was a Pictorial History of Fort Ross - paintings and text by V.V. Ushanoff. Nick Rokitiensky was entrepreneur - heavy duty of hanging and go-between was Moses Hallett. Thanks go to them all and any of those involved. The future of art exhibits in the Commandant's House should be explored. I'm sorry they couldn't stay longer - it was a unique experience to see photos brought alive by a proficient painter in oils. The text was a valuable supplement to the vibrant paintings.

Indian Day - August 10th - in Fort Ross Stockade

Come for lunch of Indian foods and entertainment. Enclosed are tickets for the Raffle - proceeds to go to the Fort Ross Interpretive Association - Six tickets for \$5.00 - one for \$1.00 keep your section, mail others with check (payable to the F.R.I.A.) to Moses Hallett, Fort Ross State Historic Park, 19005 N. Coast Hwy., Jenner, Ca. 95450. Drawings will be at Fort Ross - you need not attend to receive your treasure. Top of the list is a lovely canoe shaped basket, ant hill design, made by Laura Somersall, priced at \$150.00. We hope to have a piece of Harold Marrufo's jewelry for raffle as well as some of the water color paintings of Betty Montague.



Joe Hood, Ranger II has been appointed to a new job as Archeologist for State Parks and Recreation and he and family have moved to Sacramento. We will miss them. High light of a "farewell party" to the Hoods for neighbors was a house tour of the Call House graciously given by the Luckey family who live there. It was a delight to hear Bud's version of what has happened in the past century of building this structure to meet the times. It was impressive to see it so improved by the residents who care about the house.

Barbara Black's message just received! - the Date - September 14th - RANCH DAY!!!

After Jeannette Rosson has scheduled ideas and work set-up it is not too bad to take over and try and do almost as good a job as she did last year.

Our working committees are getting set-up. Bud Luckey on the site, Jeannette for cake and refreshment, Hugh Matcalf offered his help where needed and as he is State Park he will help Bud. John and Mercedes Stafford will get the cider and Mose and Jackie Hallett have offered to take care of the selling of it. John and Alice McKenzie also will help with ice for the soft drinks.

I will be contacting John Tomlin to set up the horseshoe game. Bob Mann, fifth generation local rancher, will be on the program. As it is early other program entertainment has not been made certain.

Laura Furlong offered to do some more on wool display; Alice McKenzie with weaving or spinning; Rosalie Prosser on the Call Garden.

Among some of the displays will be the replica of the original loading chute at Fort Ross.

A collection of butter making tools, churns, butter paddles, butter cloths and wrappers as well as antique coffee pots and teapots and milk pitchers will bring thoughts of the olden days.

With the old chute replica will be some - or as much information that I can compile - about the ships and shipping of goods from Fort Ross.

Our announcer will be Lloyd Gaissinger. See you on the site - near the ranch house.

*Barbara Black*

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Your Fort Ross Schedule should include the following:

- September 20th - Fort Ross Interpretive Association Board picnic at Fort Ross to establish a nominating committee.
- October 17th - an optional F.R.I.A. Board Meeting in Santa Rosa
- December 12th - Meeting to count ballots and say Merry Christmas.

remember to confirm dates as we get near to the actual dates