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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.

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- 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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Hi. We really want to see crowds! On Sept. 3! How about 5

NEWS LETTER

FORT ROSS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION : AUGUST 1977
CHAIRMAN: MERCEDES STAFFORD, 1449 LAGUNA RD., SANTA ROSA, CALIF. 95401 Tomkins!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- SEPT. 3RD.: 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M. INDIAN CULTURAL DAY AT FORT ROSS.
SEPT. 16 : FORT ROSS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT 7:30 P.M.
CODDINGTONTOWN COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, SANTA ROSA.
OCT. 9 : DESIGNATION OF CALL PICNIC GROUND AT FORT ROSS, 12 NOON,
NOON-- INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS
ARE INVITED. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH, UTENSILS AND LIQUID.
3 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING OF INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION AT DOCENTS'
COTTAGE, FORT ROSS.

THE INDIAN CULTURAL DAY AT FORT ROSS, SATURDAY OF LABOR DAY WEEK-END
SEPT. 3 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M. WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN LAST
YEAR'S "FIRST". ~~TO THE DANCERS AND BASKET EXHIBIT HAS BEEN~~
ADDED A FOOD SERVICE INCLUDING ABALONE IN TORTILLAS. ALL OF
THIS IS ON A DONATION BASIS. THE BENEFIT IS FOR THE POMO-BRAVES
BASEBALL TEAM WHICH IS RAISING MONEY TO GO TO THE NATIONALS IN
OKLAHOMA! THESE ACTIVITIES ARE ARRANGED BY THE WAHPO-POMO
CULTURAL GROUP.

PLAN TO GET YOUR LUNCH AT FORT ROSS WHEN YOU COME TO SEE THE
DANCERS AND BASKET-MAKING.

DANCES WILL BE AT 11 A.M. AND AT 2 P.M.

WE'RE EAGER TO MAKE THIS INDIAN DAY AN ANNUAL AFFAIR!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS. THIS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT.

YOU NEED THIS CHANCE TO EAT, TALK, AND ENJOY AN INDIAN CULTURAL
ADVENTURE.

VISITORS' CENTER: ON TRACK: A REPORT FROM ROD FREEBAIRN-SMITH,
ARCHITECT, SHOWS PRELIMINARY PLANNING STUDIES 60% COMPLETE; MANY
BACKGROUND STUDIES 100% COMPLETE; EXHIBIT IDENTIFICATION AND RESOURCES
50% COMPLETE: ALL OF WHICH IS ENCOURAGING.

OFFICERS' BARRACKS: NO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

BLACK BART'S GHOST DID RIDE AT OUR MEETING AT FT. ROSS AUGUST 13.

VOLUNTEERS AT FORT ROSS: VOLUNTEERS NOW STAFF THE BOOK & GIFT SHOP
SEVEN DAYS A WEEK IN THE COMMANDANT'S HOUSE! RESULT: A NICE FAT
BANK ACCOUNT OF SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BE SPENT IN EDUCATION
AND INTERPRETATION OF THE FORT ROSS STORY. NEXT MEETING OF THE
INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION SHOULD RESULT IN SETTING SOME OBJECTIVES
FOR THE ASSOCIATION. BRING YOUR "PET" PROJECTS.

DOCENTS ARE NEEDED: ALREADY TWO OR THREE DAYS A WEEK, VOLUNTEERS GREET
VISITORS BUT, JOE HOOD, MANAGING RANGER SAYS HE'D LIKE ONE VOLUNTEER
EACH DAY. IT TAKES A PERSON WITH AN INTEREST IN FORT ROSS HISTORY, AN
AN INTEREST IN MEETING STRANGERS AND MAKING THEM FEEL WELCOME AND PERHAP
A STORY OR YARN ABOUT SOME PHASE OF FT. ROSS'S THREE CULTURES.

WANT TO TRY IT?

MEMBERSHIPS: IN THE FT. ROSS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION ARE FROM APRIL
TO APRIL EACH YEAR. WE HAVE CHECKED OUR MEMBERSHIP RECORDS AND FIND
YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE FOR RENEWAL: YES _____ NO

SINGLE PERSON \$3.00; FAMILY \$5.00; ORGANIZATION \$ 25.00 PER YEAR.
MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO FORT ROSS INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION AND
MAIL TO BETTY MUSSER, 9532 CLINT COURT, CAZADERO, CAL. 95421

ST WISHES FROM THE NEWS LETTER COMMITTEE: THE MUSSERS AND CRITTENDENS.