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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A Coast Walkathon has been announced for hearty folks to hike from Gualala south to Bodega Dunes. The California Coast Trail is an old dream and Tom McFarling isn't waiting. COAST is the sponsor and reservations are required. The date is September 14 in Gualala.

Ranch Day is Sunday - September 11

Nancy's annual Lamb Pelt Raffle Band will stomp some lyrics for you. A black lamb pelt cured locally, a Betty Montague painting of Fort Ross and much, much more will be raffled off. You buy your tickets there. Pack your family picnic and spend the day. You can buy your cold drinks and cake from your Association.

Kaye and Frieda Tomlin even arranged their daughter's wedding so that they could get to Ranch Day. Kaye is President of the Fort Ross Advisory Committee and always has new information for us both in history and Parks and Recreation progress with development plans. This day he'll talk about the three mills operating round-a-bout the 1800's. Barbara Black will bring shakes, shake bolts with a fro (you don't use it to fro horse shoes)

Bob Robles reports... Area is budgeted for two new staff members and numerous pieces of equipment. Even a vacuum - maybe for the dust around the Sales Counter? Hooray. Sacramento remembers us.

Joan Panaro, Book and Gift Shop Coordinator writes: Sales are up. William O. Benitz's great-granddaughter came searching for her roots. He was the first American to live at Fort Ross. She brought a Benitz letter to share. Pat Spencer is a new Volunteer at the Book and Gift Shop, but we are only covering half the days. Come try it - you'll like it. Call Joan at 847-3217 today. For shoppers there are new wood carvings depicting Cahaya life, made by Bun Lucas. There is a new pamphlet on the care of Indian baskets which you basket owners should have. Among the new postcards is a Monarch Butterfly photographed by John Hughes.

Correction: In the last NEWSLETTER we misled ourselves and you regarding the State Parks Foundation Fort Ross Fund. It is not closed and will not be closed. Additional dollars are added whenever money comes through Fort Ross activities such as the Kuskov Dedication. What is interesting is that any unspecified monies given to the Foundation are allocated to projects in the particular area from which the money came. Is this a suggestion you make contributions to the Fort Ross Fund? You bet it is. Send it to State Parks Foundation, Fort Ross Fund, 1212 Broadway Avenue, Suite 436, Oakland, Ca. 94612

**Memberships were due April 1st**

- $3.00 for individual
- $5.00 for family

Check payable to Fort Ross Interpretive Association, Inc.

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Your dues are due __________ Your dues are paid 

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