Please join us on Saturday November 4th at 2:30pm for a reception to welcome this wonderful exhibit.

This month, Fort Ross State Historic Park welcomes a celebrated photo exhibit, *A Most Beautiful Country*, brought to the United States from Russia by the Renova Fort Ross Foundation. Since the project's launch three years ago, several million people across Russia and Europe have seen the exhibit, and now the American public is seeing it for the first time. The remarkable imagery is an array of both winners and frontrunners of Russian Geographical Society's international competition of 2016. For the competition, 23,000 photographers from all over the world captured more than 110,000 images of Russia which depicted the beauty of nature and wildlife, conservation practices and environmental concerns, and the vastness of Russia's ethnic fabric and cultural heritage. "The exhibit has quite an emotional meaning for us", said Olga Miller, director of the Renova Fort Ross Foundation. "The opening has been postponed due to the wildfires in Northern California. It is now the first public event at Fort Ross after the emergency status lifted for the area. It is an opportunity to bring the community back together, it connects people around art, providing emotional encouragement and positive reassurance, along with simple human interaction needed the most now. People come together at Fort
Ross - a place with a long history of multicultural diversity, friendship, conservation, rich marine ecology and exceptional natural resources."

The exhibit runs at Fort Ross until November 26th.

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"FORT ROSS WITHOUT BORDERS" CAMPAIGN
Deadline Sunday, November 5th

The Renova Fort Ross Foundation is running a camping to help our local fire departments. ALL funds raised during the campaign will be split 50/50 between the Timber Cove and Fort Ross Volunteer fire departments. Please join us by donating today. Your donation is 100% deductible. The Renova Fort Ross Foundation will double the impact and match the donations up to a $5,000 contribution.

And to encourage you even more, every donation of $250.00 or more will receive a bottle of wine from one of Sonoma, Napa or Mendocino wineries.

Spread the word and share the campaign with your friends and family. We can do so much more together.

Make a contribution to support Fort Ross community and our #FortRossWithoutBorders campaign.

DONATE at [www.supportfortross.org](http://www.supportfortross.org)

Follow us on Facebook, twitter and Instagram for most recent updates and developments.

Thank you!

The Renova Fort Ross Foundation

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REDWOODS FRIDAY EVENTS at FORT ROSS
November 24th, 12 noon and 2pm
Fort Ross & Redwoods Interpretive Talk  
Friday, November 24th, 12 Noon  
Meet at Rotchev House, Fort Compound  

Join us for a free half-hour interpretive talk about multicultural Fort Ross, with this presentation highlighting the Rotchev House (the oldest wooden building along this coast), early 19th century redwood harvesting, construction and export of prefab wooden structures, and more.

Redwoods Friday Hike  
Friday, November 24th, 2pm  
Meet at Visitor Center  

Join us for a short half-hour interpretive redwood stroll in our Stanley Spyra Memorial Grove or also longer two-mile (two-hour) loop hike onward, down Kolmer Gulch to the Sea Lion Rocks ocean bluff and back to the FRSHP Visitor Center. Meet at FRSHP Visitor Center and carpool to trailhead at Stanley Spyra Memorial Grove.

Please see https://www.savetheredwoods.org/get-involved/free-redwoods-days/redwoods-friday/ to get your free park pass for the day.

For more info contact Hank Birnbaum at hankb@fortross.org, or call 707/847-3437 or 707/847-3440.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK  
Fort Ross Choir Performance  
Saturday, December 9th, 12-3 pm  
Fort Ross Auditorium
We invite our friends, members, and local community to join us on December 9th at 12pm for our annual holiday party. FRC will bring a few hearty main dishes to share. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert for the table. We can enjoy the afternoon together and ready ourselves for the new year.

At 2pm Fort Ross Choir will be performing Tchaikovsky's "Legend," A holiday Madrigal from the late renaissance by Orazio Vecchi, Mozart's Ave Verum, the Coventry Carol, and a surprise arrangement of "Because" by the Beatles.

Questions? Call Sarjan at 707/847-3437