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Fort Ross Conservancy

A California State Park Cooperating Association

Fort Ross Bicentennial Russian Orthodox Con-Celebration Saturday, August 25



Please join us for this memorable spiritual, cultural and historic event where hierarchs and clergy of the Moscow Patriarchate, Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, the Orthodox Church in America and other Orthodox jurisdictions will con-celebrate the Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the bicentennial of the establishment of the first Russian settlement in California at Fort Ross.

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy, followed by a cross procession around the fort and to the cemetery where a memorial service and dedication of the bicentennial commemorative panels will take place.
3:00 PM - Lunch with a short concert/entertainment program. Food vendors will be on site or bring your own picnic lunch.
5:00 PM - Cannon firing.
Park entrance fees apply. No pets, please.

September 15, 2012: Lecture on Transition of Fort Ross to John Sutter



San Francisco Public Library, Main Branch, 2pm to 4pm. This event is free to the public. For more information call 707/847-3437 or visit www.fortross.org

Transitions are by definition dynamic, and the sale of Fort Ross to John Sutter is no exception. In 1812, Russians colonized Fort Ross along a stretch of the Sonoma coast, but after three decades they sold the settlement's assets to John Sutter of California Gold Rush fame. As part of the Fort Ross Conservancy's Bicentennial commemoration of the founding of Fort Ross, join Albert Hurtado, author of *John Sutter: A Life on the North American Frontier* and Travis Chair in American History, University of Oklahoma, for a lecture on Sutter's purchase of Ross, and the interactions and complications between the Russians and Sutter that followed over subsequent years.

Fort Ross Bicentennial Weekend

Thank you to all who attended Fort Ross Bicentennial Weekend, July 28 and 29. We were fortunate to have several thousand visitors each day at Settlement Ross enjoying a weekend of unseasonably glorious weather, fantastic music, and interesting historic crafts and re-enactments. Dozens of performers, including Moscow's famed Pyatnitsky Folk Chorus, performed on a stage in our newly created natural amphitheater overlooking the Pacific Ocean. We are most grateful to the visitors, volunteers, staff, and sponsors who helped bring Settlement Ross to life

- Fort Ross 2012 was a resounding success, and we suggest you mark your calendars for July 27, 2013 as well!



In particular we thank Renova Fort Ross Foundation for their incredible support over the past 18 months, including bringing over Pyatnitsky (in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation), funding the new historic costumes that debuted at this event, as well as the staff funding they provided to both California State Parks and the Fort Ross Conservancy. For a complete list of projects Renova has supported to benefit Fort Ross, please see our [website](#).

Also thanks to our three event sponsors Chevron, Sovcomflot, and Transneft, for providing support for the weekend events as well as the Monday conference - Fort Ross, US-Russian Relations, and The Bilateral Presidential Commission: Fort Ross Bicentennial Conference.



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