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Fort Ross & Salt Point News December 2012

Fort Ross Conservancy

A California State Park Cooperating Association

Fort Ross Conservancy wishes you **Happy Holidays**



On behalf of the Fort Ross Conservancy staff and board, we wish you a wonderful holiday season surrounded by good food, family, and friends. It's been an incredible year at Fort Ross and we could not have done it without you! The holiday party this year exceeded all expectations - such a great crowd of people. In particular we thank the extended Rudy family for pitching in to make our closing bicentennial event so warm and inviting. And delicious.

Fort Ross Conservancy Newsletter

If you're an FRC member, you should be receiving the hard copy newsletter any moment now. If you're not a member, consider joining today. In addition to updating you on FRC's future plans, this issue includes a personal story from a local Kashia, and a provocative article debunking the Russian origins of the gravenstein apple.



Windmill Turning



So, say again, how do you turn this thing?

As the photo demonstrates, local enthusiasm for the Fort Ross windmill is growing!

Our new windmill needs monthly attention, and the next "Windmill Turning" and meeting of the Friends of the Fort Ross Windmill Society will be on January 19 at 1pm.

Come join the fun and learn about how the mill operates. Questions? Email info@fortross.org

January 1, 2013: First Day Hike

Join us for the first event of 2013 by coming out for a walk as part of America's First Day Hikes, a national program to encourage people to begin the New Year with a rejuvenating & healthy hike on January 1, 2013 at a state park.



Our hike will be at Salt Point State Park. Beautiful coastal vistas, natural and cultural history, and wildlife viewing will be highlighted in this gently paced hike being offered jointly by California State Parks and Fort Ross Conservancy staff and volunteers. \$8.00/car day use fee applies.

Time: 10:30am - 1:30pm

Meeting Location: Gerstle Cove Day Use Parking Lot (paved lot)

Degree of Difficulty: Moderate

Age restriction: 10 years and up

Length of trail: 3-4 miles round trip

Things to Bring: Layered clothing, sturdy footwear, hat. water, snacks or picnic lunch; camera and binoculars optional.

Severe weather cancels; check www.fortross.org for last minute updates, or call 707-847-3437

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