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Fort Ross & Salt Point News July 2012

Fort Ross Conservancy

A California State Park Cooperating Association

Fort Ross Bicentennial Weekend

July 28 10am - 7pm

July 29 10am - 4:30pm

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**FORT ROSS
BICENTENNIAL
WEEKEND**

Celebrating 200 Years of
History on the Sonoma Coast
Saturday, July 28, 10am – 7pm
Sunday, July 29, 10am – 4:30pm
www.fortross.org

- Featuring the Pyatnitsky Russian Folk Choir
- Dozens of performers from the Kashaya, Alaskan, California, and Russian communities
- Hands-on traditional crafts
- Theatrical performances to bring Settlement Ross to life
- Food from around the world

Fort Ross State Historic Park
19005 Coast Highway One, Jenner 95450
707-847-3286 | 707-847-3437

\$35 per car/van; \$30 with senior.
Small bus: \$150.00/day
Large bus: \$350.00/day
(Entrance fee is per car, per day)

We hope to see you all at our Fort Ross Bicentennial Weekend, scheduled for July 28 and 29 at Fort Ross State Historic Park. We will welcome delegations from across Russia and Alaska. Enjoy a jam-

packed weekend of performers and activities at beautiful Fort Ross. Schedule and activities listed in the attached [files available for download](#).

Entrance is \$35 per car, per day (\$30 per car with a senior), regardless of how many people are in the vehicle. Questions? Call 707/847-3437. Be part of the bicentennial and be part of history!

FRC Response to Ruth Coleman's Resignation

The Fort Ross Conservancy's board of directors is deeply dismayed to learn that California State Parks appears to have hidden over 50M in surplus funds while positioning California State Parks to be in dire financial straits. This budget crisis caused severe service reductions at Fort Ross, and it shifted all bicentennial-related fundraising to FRC as well. However, while we expect complete transparency from our state government, we will also reserve judgment until all the facts are unearthed in the coming weeks.

For FRC, our organizational goal remains unchanged: Fort Ross Conservancy connects people to the history and beauty of Fort Ross and Salt Point State Parks. To that end, we will continue to work for and support our parks. We will continue to work closely with our local parks staff, whom we respect a great deal. And we will lobby hard to get Fort Ross open seven days a week for the remaining high season of its bicentennial.

It is also important to note that the Fort Ross Conservancy is a wholly independent not-for-profit 501(c)(3), in operation since 1976. We support ourselves solely through gift shop sales, grants, membership, and donations; all funds donated to FRC are tracked and spent appropriately. In May of this year, our treasurer Jan Phelps submitted our financials for outside review. We hired Susan E. Goranson, a CPA who specializes in non-profits and cooperating associations, to complete our 990 for 2011 and review our practices with the goal of complete transparency. This review is underway and the results will be available at our August board meeting.

Again, we want to thank our friends and supporters for all they've done for Fort Ross & Salt Point, and we ask for your continued support as this story, and our bicentennial, unfold. Please don't hesitate to call us with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Sarah Sweedler, for the Fort Ross Conservancy Board of Directors

Juno & Avos Cancelled

We are disappointed to announce that both performances of Juno & Avos have been cancelled. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may have caused our supporters.

If you purchased tickets using a credit card, the full ticket price has been refunded automatically. If you have further questions, contact us at 707/847-3437.

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