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Fort Ross & Salt Point News October 2012

Fort Ross Conservancy

A California State Park Cooperating Association

Fort Ross Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 20, 10:00am to 4:30pm

Join us to celebrate the agricultural traditions of Settlement Ross.

For this year's bicentennial Harvest Festival we will unveil the Fort Ross windmill, a full-size replica donated to Fort Ross by Victor Vekselberg's Link of Times foundation, a Russian-based cultural and historical nonprofit organization.

10:00am-1:00pm: Harvest fruit from the historic orchard

12:00pm: Interpretive Talk in orchard

1:00pm: Interpretive tour of windmill (in the parking lot)

2:00-4:00pm: Activities in the fort compound:

- Juicing, baking, song & dance, cannon firing, and learning about 19th century agricultural efforts at Settlement Ross,
- Craft demonstrations include spinning, basket, candle and rope making,
- Russian House Kedry will perform traditional Russian song and dance,
- Sea Otter Interpretation with SORAC of Monterey Bay.

4:00pm: Fort Ross Quilt Raffle Drawing

4:00pm: Slide show presentation in Visitor Center:

Agriculture and the Ranches of Settlement Ross.

Bring a picnic and enjoy the last of summer at Fort Ross.

Bread, desserts, and light fare available for purchase: Cafe Aquatica (fresh coffee, tea, cookies); Raymond's Bakery (bread, pastries); Avant Gardens (cobblers, crisps, caramel apples, cider).

Fees: \$12 per car; \$11 per senior car

Buses (10+ passengers) \$80; (25+ passengers) \$140



Limited mobility shuttle van available
(please call ahead if assistance is needed)

Click here for the [Harvest Festival](#) flyer.

Fort Ross Historic Orchard Fort Ross Visitor Center Auditorium Saturday, October 27 at 2:30pm



Susan Rudy will be giving a talk on the historic Fort Ross Orchard at Fort Ross Visitor Center, Saturday, October 27th, at 2:30. Her talk will focus on the Russian and American Ranch Era and the contemporary efforts to preserve this historic legacy. Working with the Fort Ross Conservancy, Susan has received \$84,518.00 from [Renova Fort Ross Foundation](#) to stabilize and protect the historic Fort Ross orchard. We are tremendously grateful to both Susan and the Renova Fort Ross Foundation for their vision and dedication to protect this vulnerable living resource.

Community Potluck & Party Stern Grove, San Francisco Sunday, November 11, 10:30am - 3:30pm

Seventy five years ago the wider Russian American community threw a party in San Francisco's Stern Grove. They were celebrating the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge, and many expressed particular pleasure that the new bridge would allow them to visit Fort Ross more easily.

We would like to emulate that celebration by inviting our friends and supporters to join us at Stern Grove on November 11, 2012, to celebrate the many places that draw us together, including the bridge's anniversary and of course 200 years of Fort Ross.

This is a free, casual, family-style affair. There will be Russian song & dance, a bbq on which to prepare food (please bring something to barbeque), and an interior space for educational exhibit materials. We hope to make new friends, discuss future projects, and generally enjoy what has been an exemplary year for California's wider



Picnic by Walter Vladimir Rousseff

Russian community.

Please email with questions, and you must RSVP so we can have an approximate head count. We hope to see you there! info@fortross.org

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