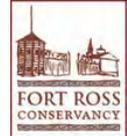


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# Fort Ross & Salt Point Parks News



July 2014

This issue features:

FRC Update  
Fort Ross Festival  
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Izborsk Museum  
Archaeology at Fort Ross

Fort Ross is open  
Thursday - Monday &  
major holidays  
10am-4:30pm

The Call House Museum and  
Garden is open first weekend  
of each month from 1 to 4 PM

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Association  
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Tours in English & Russian  
Information on special events  
Visitor Center and sales

California State Parks  
Interpreters at Fort Ross  
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[www.fortrossstatepark.org](http://www.fortrossstatepark.org)  
ELP, ELDP, & School Groups  
Junior Ranger & Boy Scout  
programs  
Talks at the fort compound  
707/847-4777

Recommended Websites  
California State Parks

Dear friends of Fort Ross,

Summer is well underway and many of us city dwellers are looking for that easy weekend get-away. Might I suggest (and I bet you can see this coming) -- please join us this Saturday July 26 at Fort Ross Festival to celebrate the international cultures and flavors of Metini, Colony Ross, and the early California ranch era. This year's event will highlight the Kashia, Russian, Alaska Native, and California ranch era people who have called Fort Ross home over the centuries, and to celebrate this mix we'll offer costumed historical vignettes, hands-on crafts, militia & cannon firings, music & dance from numerous cultures, an international food bazaar -- and our first-ever beer garden.

Events such as these are important because they bring diverse people together to share a meal and a song, enjoying the fresh air and old-world ways of this rough but glorious landscape. May Fort Ross continue to provide the common ground and shared history that brings us all -- Kashia Native Californian and Alaska Native, Russian, American, and Russian-American, together.

Wishing you a safe & celebratory weekend no matter where you land,

With warm regards,

Sarah Sweedler

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**FORT ROSS FESTIVAL**  
July 26th, 2014  
10am - 6:30pm

Foundation  
Sonoma Birding  
Wikipedia on Fort Ross  
California State Parks  
Salt Point State Park

Register or Update Your  
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Fort Ross Website



Enjoy a wonderful summer day at Fort Ross listening to the glorious voices of Kitka Womens' Ensemble and Russian House Kedry, demonstrations of Alaska Native bentwood hats, and of course our first International Food Bazaar and Beer Garden.

\$20 per car (includes \$8 State Parks fee). Details and event schedule on FRC's [website](#).

California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact (707) 847-3437.

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## REEF CAMPGROUND IS OPEN



Reef Campground, just south of Fort Ross, was closed for the last four years as part of Russian River District service reductions. California State Parks has now re-opened Reef Campground for the summer season, and while abalone restrictions are still in place, we recommend Reef as the best first-come-first-served campground for accessing Fort Ross. Reef campground offers 18+ campsites, flush toilets, running water, limited RV access (18ft

max), and supremely friendly on-site camp hosts. Call (707) 847-3708 for more information. And since we don't know if Reef will remain open in September, we recommend you check it out soon.



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## FRC PARTNERS WITH IZBORSK OPEN AIR MUSEUM



Fort Ross Conservancy has been invited to partner with the historic Izborsk open-air museum on Russia's border with Estonia, to collaborate on successful practices in running events and caring for our respective open-air museums. This grant is part of the United States Moscow Embassy's partnership program called the U.S.-Russia Peer-to-Peer Program which provides grants to both U.S. and

Russian NGOs and universities to carry out activities that support partnerships and information exchange. Several FRC staff will travel to Izborsk, and in

September their museum staff will visit Fort Ross for a week of exchange. Izborsk Fortress, a Global Heritage Fund project, is one of the oldest extant settlements of Russia with its origins in the 7th century.

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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT AT FORT ROSS



A crew of archaeologists from California State Parks and UC Berkeley recently undertook survey work west of the stockade complex in an attempt to detect the remains of a village area used primarily in the 1820s and 1830s. Based on archival records and period paintings, the village was probably laid out along a road with a row of houses, fences, kitchens, and bathhouses. This team implemented a series of geophysical surface surveys designed to detect

archaeological remains buried below ground surface. Three different geophysical methods – ground penetrating radar, magnetometry, and soil resistivity were employed to search for cultural anomalies, specifically remnants of the road, house foundations, hearths, fence post holes, privies, and other buried features in near surface deposits. Data is now being analyzed to determine findings; to follow this project please see the [Archaeology page](#).

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