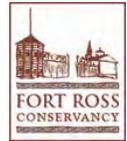


# FORT ROSS FESTIVAL NEWS



July 2015

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**FORT ROSS FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday, July 25, 2015**  
**10:00 am - 6:30 pm**



Fort Ross is open  
Friday - Monday  
10am-4:30pm  
The Call House Museum and  
Garden is open first weekend of  
each month from 1 to 4 PM.  
Please visit our website for more  
information on the park hours.

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Dear friends,

California State Parks and [Fort Ross Conservancy](#) are pleased to welcome you to Fort Ross Festival where we celebrate the wonderful diverse international flavors and cultures of Fort Ross. This year's event, sponsored by [Renova Fort Ross Foundation](#), will highlight the Kashia, Russian, Alaska Native, and California ranch era peoples who have called Fort Ross home over the centuries. We'll offer costumed historical vignettes, hands-on crafts, militia cannon firings, horse and buggy rides, music & dance from numerous cultures, an international food bazaar – and of course, the Fort Ross Beer Garden!

\$20 per car (includes \$8 State Parks fee).

Food and drink purchased separately.

Questions? Email us at [info@fortross.org](mailto:info@fortross.org), call us at 707/847-3437.

## Schedule of Events (subject to change)

10:00 Divine Service - St Nicholas Cathedral (Fort Ross Chapel)  
10:30 Windmill  
11:00 Russian Orthodox Procession to the cemetery and Panikhida  
11:15 Fort Ross History Interpretive Talk (Outside Ocean Gate to Fort)  
11:15 Storytelling (Apple trees at Rotchev House, Fort Compound)  
11:45 Militia drill and cannon firing (Fort Compound)  
12:30 Horn Orchestra of St. Petersburg (Fort Compound)  
1:30 Russian House Kedry & Kitka Women's Ensemble performing traditional Russian song & dance

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- 2:00 Fort Ross History Interpretive Talk (Outside Ocean Gate to Fort Compound))
- 2:00 Storytelling (Apple tree at Rotchev House, Fort Compound)
- 2:00 Windmill
- 2:30 Kitka Women's Ensemble (trio) (Outside Fur Warehouse)
- 3:00 Horn Orchestra of St. Petersburg (Fort Compound)
- 3:45 Militia drill & cannon firing (Fort Compound)
- 4:35 Russian House Kedry Russian song & dance (Marine Terrace outside Fort Compound)
- 5:00 Su Nu Nu Shinal Kashia dancers (Marine Terrace outside Fort Compound)



### Horn Orchestra of Russia

We are thrilled to welcome the St Petersburg's [Horn Orchestra of Russia](#).

This ensemble successfully revives the traditions of horn music performance from 19th Century Imperial Russia. Today the 18-person orchestra possesses 74

instruments with the range of 4 octaves which are unique because of their form and sound. The band plays pieces from both modern composers as well as the works of old masters. They will hold two performances during the day. Thanks go to Renova Fort Ross Foundation and Russia's Ministry of Culture for bringing this unique ensemble to our event.



### Craftspeople with hands-on crafts

Settlement Ross was one of the first industrial centers of California, and many skilled craftspeople were hard at work here, building California's first ships, windmill, clay bricks, barrels, and much more. Today you can watch a blacksmith, tinsmith, weaver, spinner, felt maker, laundress, soap maker, carpenter, broom maker and many others busily preparing their

wares, perhaps to trade with the Spanish, Mexicans or Bostonians. Several of the crafts allow you to join the fun-learn to make your own rope, mini-basket, or candle.

### Kedry

[Russian House Kedry](#) generously brings Fort Ross to life during the festival and each season with interactive celebrations including traditional Russian folk songs, dances, rituals, games, crafts and baking.

### Kitka

East Bay women's vocal arts ensemble [Kitka](#) is inspired by traditional songs and vocal techniques from Eastern Europe. Their exquisite harmonies resonate as if energized by the universe itself.



Beer Garden From 11:30pm - 5:30pm, join us in the historic Call Picnic area for our second annual Beer Garden made

possible by generous donations from local breweries Lagunitas Brewing Company of Petaluma, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. of Chico, Anchor Brewing of San Francisco. In honor of the Fort Ross historic orchard, Tilted Shed Ciderworks of Sebastopol has donated cider from their small batch, dry-farmed, organic, Sonoma County made, heritage apples. Enjoy your beer and BBQ while listening to live music.



International Food Bazaar Join us at our International Food Bazaar in the historic Call picnic area where you can choose from a wonderful variety of local vendors, from slow smoked BBQ with fresh coleslaw from BBQ Smokehouse Bistro & Catering, both Californian & European style crepes filled with sweet or savory options from Ultra Crepes, for a taste of India with Curry Sensations, try their

Punjabi Style Burritos, Chicken or Butternut Squash Curry Rice plates, or Fried Fish Pakora. For a refreshing and healthful treat, have a serving of Juice Runners Red, Gold & Green veggie/fruit juice mixes. Have a sweet tooth? Choose one of the many absolutely incredible flavors of homemade, award-winning, small batch ice cream from Nimble & Finn's. Known for creative flavors such as Lavender Honeycomb, Meyer Lemon Olive Oil, Coffee Stout, Front Porch Mint Chip and Honeyed Peach, Nimble and Finn's has been making a huge splash over the last few months in the Sonoma County food scene, since they opened up their first permanent shop in the Guerneville Bank Club. 'They use organic dairy from Straus Creamery, seasonal produce, and housemade jams, cakes, and candy in their inspired takes on classic flavors.'



Greens for the Blue Salad Booth Support the Fort Ross Youth Marine Ecology Program Every Dollar You Spend Goes to our Marine Ecology Scholarship Fund Fort Ross Conservancy has launched a Marine Ecology Program (MEP). Our program offers a wonderful opportunity for youth to learn about California Marine Ecology as they hike the

coastline of Fort Ross State Historic Park, interact with and observe marine species, and experience camping on the beautiful Sonoma Coast. Students spend one or two days immersed in marine biology and citizen science. We emphasize stewardship by teaching By experiencing first hand what it means to care for and study these species the youth may develop a much deeper appreciation science, animals, nature and....they may even be inspired to continue an education in biology. Help us bring kids to our program by purchasing a fresh and delicious organic salad at our first-ever MEP Salad Booth. All proceeds go to our new Marine Ecology Scholarship Fund. Choose between three amazing salad choices generously donated by Whole Foods Sebastopol.



**Bering Sea Style Beading**  
At Fort Ross Festival 2015 we welcome beautiful Unangax elder Becky Bendixen to demonstrate headdress beading in the Bering Sea style like the one Becky and her daughter are wearing. FRC Advisor Lauren Peters secured a grant with the Aleut Foundation to bring Becky to join us. Originally from King Cove, Alaska, Becky has dedicated her life to Unangan culture and history. She is also the leader of

the dance troupe Sngagim Axasniikangin, which means Dream Dancers because "we are dancing the dream of our people to keep our culture and traditions alive and active."



**Nigilax Demonstration Build**  
The Kashia Pomo called the Alaskans Underwater People because their boats sat so low in the water it seemed as if they were coming out of the sea. Join us in the fort compound at Fort Ross Festival to watch Marc Daniels continue to build FRC's nigilax, or what the Russians called a baidara. Marc's Make Access Iqyax explores the science and tradition of iqyax

building as it relates to contemporary Unangan life, with the goal to inspire new tradition bearers. "Spending time cutting, carving, and shaping parts and pieces is fun enough, but it gets really exciting when all of those parts start being assembled. In no time at all a beautiful vessel takes shape. And of course the ultimate fun will be exploring local waters in a hand-made, community-made nigilax! –Marc Daniels Boat building sponsored by Fort Ross Conservancy. Please stop by the Alaska Native crafts area and say hello!



### Su Nu Nu Shinal

The Kashia were the first people known to have lived in the area that is now Fort Ross, and they continue to live on these lands today. Su Nu Nu Shinal, which means Huckleberry Heights, are Kashia Pomo and Coast Miwok Indians from California who have been performing traditional dance for over 40 years. They will dance in their traditional dance circle on the ocean terrace outside the fort compound.



We thank our partners and sponsors!



California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact 707/847-3437. Thank you!

See you at the park,

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## Salt Point Update



All days at Salt Point State Park can be an adventure, but we offer more possibilities on the weekends.

Every Saturday morning (and some Sundays), Interpretive Specialists guide kids between the ages of 7-12 on a Junior Ranger program. Junior Ranger badges are earned after a one-hour presentation that can cover anything from tide pools, wildflowers, forests, geology, reptiles, amphibians, insects, sea and forest mammals, birds and more. Interpretive Hikes for the whole family are offered Saturdays and most Sundays as well.

Details on the day's Junior Ranger program or family interpretive hike are posted on the kiosks, restrooms, Gerstle Cove Visitor Center-or just ask your Camp Hosts.

Be sure to drop by the Gerstle Cove Visitor Center-the sweet A-frame perched over our marine sanctuary-which is open Fridays from 3-6pm, and Saturdays from 10-6pm unless we are out in the field with a Junior Ranger or family hike. Sundays are slower, check the kiosk to see if the "Visitor Center Open" sign is up. Interpretive displays at the Visitor Center explain the nine biotic zones of Salt Point State Park. Downstairs we show a ten-minute DVD introducing the flora, fauna and history of the Park, including some fabulous underwater footage. Inside the Center is a branch of Fort Ross Conservancy's Bookshop, selling natural history books for all ages as well as t-shirts, sweatshirts, postcards and more. Free brochures on different park-related activities and maps are available, and interpreters and docents are available to answer questions and offer suggestions on fun destinations or picnic sites.

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## CSP Update



Welcome to Reno Hechtman, our newest State Park Interpreter, who grew up in Texas and Virginia, but spent summers visiting his grandparents at the mouth of the Russian River, where his grandmother played a role in the creation of Goat Rock State Park and was active in numerous other conservation efforts. He has childhood memories of seals and otters swimming next to their small boat as his grandfather rowed across the river to get the mail in Jenner, and visiting Fort Ross on clear summer days. Reno studied history at Reed

College in Portland, Oregon, with an emphasis on European colonies in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and looks forward to helping to bring the history of Fort Ross and the surrounding area to life.



Please join us for our Summer Time Junior Ranger programs in the Fort Compound, offering a variety of fun and educational hands on experiences. All children ages 7 to 12 are welcome to attend. Program is free but entrance fees to the park do apply. All programs are 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Fort Ross State Historic Park - Fort Compound. Each Junior Ranger program will offer a take home item as a memory keepsake. Each

Junior Ranger participant that completes six programs will receive a gift bag with Fort Ross trinkets and giveaways. Our programs in July include: July 18 Become a Clerk of the Russian American Company - Explore the company magazin full of goods and furs from around the world, and learn about how they got here and where they came from. At the end of the day, you'll be able to take home an item from the company store! For more information on the Junior Ranger program and other State Parks programs

visit our web at [www.fortrossstatepark.org](http://www.fortrossstatepark.org).

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