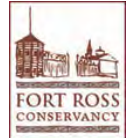


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# Fort Ross & Salt Point Parks News



May 2014

This issue features:

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New Item in Gift Store  
Alaska Native Day  
Upcoming Events

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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Talks at the fort compound  
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## Dear friends of Fort Ross & Salt Point,

We are very excited to announce that the Kashia Pomo Su Nu Nu Shinal dancers will be performing in three wonderful cities across Russia. Thirteen adults and six youth will be performing in Moscow at the [Jewish Museum of Tolerance](#), in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, at the [4th Annual Krasnoyarsk International Music Festival of the Asia-Pacific Region](#), and in St Petersburg. Airfare is funded by [Renova Group](#), their trip to Krasnoyarsk is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, and the St Petersburg performance is supported by the US Consulate. It is remarkable that at this time of increased tension between our two countries, it is the Kashia's Su Nu Nu Shinal who are providing a diplomatic bridge between the Russian Federation and the United States. [Please read more about this remarkable trip](#), and consider making a donation to cover their remaining expenses.



Closer to home, I'm happy to remind you that Fort Ross is open every day but Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and our event calendar for the next few months is bursting with diverse activities -- all of which is a testament to the power of Fort Ross' history and to the land itself. I recommend you check out our [website](#) and [event calendar](#) and find a reason to spend some time with us.

See you at the fort,

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

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## New Item in Gift Store



In 1972 Highway 1 was relocated from its path inside the historic Fort compound. During this project the remains of a male of European origin was found in a grape-stake coffin. He was wearing a metal cross around his neck. The burial predates the 1817 creation of the Fort Ross cemetery. The Russian Orthodox Church reburied the remains with the cross in the cemetery, but took a mold of the cross before reburial. Fort Ross Conservancy now has available in our gift store a cross made from the 1970s replica and blessed at the chapel by Fr. Juvenal of Church of Our Lady of Kazan (ROCOR) San Francisco, CA. Prior to the blessing panikhida was served at the Fort Ross cemetery for the departed residents of Fort Ross.

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## Alaska Native Day at Fort Ross



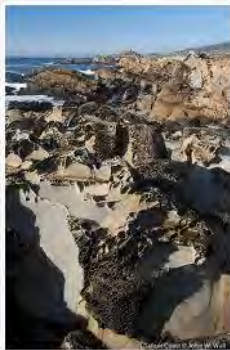
Our first ever Alaska Native Day was such a pleasure! We had visitors from up and down the Pacific Rim, lectures from experts in history, skinboats, and bentwood hats, to name but a few, and we organized our first-ever iqan skinboat race. We are excited to witness the enthusiasm and expertise of the Alaska Native community, and grateful that they see Fort Ross as a place of common ground for sharing their culture. We are already planning for next year: May 16, 2015. Thank you to Lauren Peters for orchestrating, and to the Aleut Corporation for sponsorship.



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## Upcoming Events

**BIG TIME**  
Saturday, June 7th, 10am - 6pm



Join the Kashia and many neighboring tribes from throughout Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma counties in a day of dance and celebration at Fort Ross. Special event fee applies: \$15 per car.



## MARINE MAMMAL

### MONITORING

Join us to learn more about our local pinnipeds and assist with our citizen scientist effort monitoring the Harbor Seals and Steller Sea Lions along our coast. Meet at Fort Ross State Historic Park Visitor Center then carpool to roadside trailhead at Highway One Mile Marker 33.52. These almost two-mile, two-hour low-tide ocean bluff shoreline surveys end at Fort Ross Cove. For more information please visit our [website](#) or email [hankb@fortross.org](mailto:hankb@fortross.org).

### Upcoming Seal Survey & Steller Sea Lion Observation Dates/Times

- Saturday, June 7, Noon
- Friday, June 20, 11am
- Saturday, July 5, 10am
- Saturday, July 19, 10:30am
- Saturday, August 2, 9am

## FORT ROSS FESTIVAL Saturday, July 26th, 10 am- 5pm



Join us once again for our annual multicultural celebration of the Kashaya, Russian, Native Alaska and Ranch era people who make Fort Ross unique. Featuring costumed historical re-enactments, historic crafts, militia cannon firings, music & dance such as a balalaika ensemble and Alaska Native drumming, a multi-cultural food court,

children's crafts and more, Fort Ross Festival is a wonderful celebration covering the breadth of historic Settlement Ross's multicultural community.

This year Fort Ross Festival will be a one day event and we'll have all performances in and around the compound -- no stage. We've got some great photos from our 2013 celebration and this year's stacking up to be just as much fun. If you'd like to volunteer at festival, email us at [info@fortross.org](mailto:info@fortross.org).





## PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP Saturday and Sunday, August 9 & 10



Join us for our second annual event of making art in the inspiring light of our spectacular Sonoma Coast at Fort Ross. \$250 two-days, \$150 one-day, including CSP entrance fee. Painters of all levels are invited to join instructors Valeriy Kagounkin and Tamara Magdalin, renowned artists and teachers from Sacramento via Russia, for two days of instruction and camaraderie.



Workshop fees include: artistic instruction and group sessions; required supplies list; park day use fee; Saturday morning and Sunday reception refreshments; reserved discounted campsite or a list of other local accommodations if requested; and affordable meals. Email us to RSVP or ask questions -- [info@fortross.org](mailto:info@fortross.org).

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