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Newsletter

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THE INDIANS RANCH IN THE ERA OF THE 1940s AND 1950s ON ZOOM MAY 22TH



Indians Ranch c.1940's

Join us on May 22nd for SAVHA's 2021 Spring Zoom Lecture with special guests Leonard Tavernetti, author of Sagebrush Shangri-La, and Thomas Pettitt, son of former owners of the ranch, Jim and Helen Pettitt. Both men grew up visiting the ranch in the era of the 1940s and 1950s. Additional insight will be given by

David Tavernetti, brother of Leonard Tavernetti.

Also planning to speak at the event will be representatives of the Encinales Adobe and the Salinan tribe, as well as representatives of the United States Forest Service, which currently owns the property.

The public is invited to join us for this unique opportunity to hear about the history and see old photographs of the Indians Ranch in the Los Padres National Forest.

Contact us to make a reservation to listen in and receive the Zoom meeting details, number and passcode. Please call Karen Jernigan at 831-385-6112 or 831-594-3740 (text). Or if you need further details or would like a reminder on the day of the lecture, send your email address to savha4@gmail.com.

*Join us on Zoom May 22nd for
SAVHA's 2021 Spring Lecture*



P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

B Y P A U L G E T Z E L M A N

Hello fellow SAVHA members and friends,

Happy to still be here with y'all in this new year. Not sure about you, but I am feeling just a little better in this new year as I think I can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel.

I wanted to let you know your association has been busy with many new things since our last newsletter.

First, we learned how to do a Zoom meeting! And in fact, successfully hosted one of our best attended (counting all the virtual folks) fall dinner events in quite a while and I was so pleased that we reached folks who ordinarily might not have been able to join us. Even though there was no dinner involved, we had a wonderful time. Our guest speaker Lisa Cipolla the Fort Hunter Liggett Cultural Resources Program Manager did an excellent job of showing us the history of the William Randolph Hearst ranching empire here on the Central Coast. We plan to have more of these online local history presentations in the future, stay tuned.

Then we learned that it is difficult to build a website. So, we found a local company to help us establish our "online presence". Our intention is to make as much of the historical archives that we own available to the public via the new website. Once we have the site up and running, we expect to have available selections from our audio collection of recorded interviews with some of the old timers in South County. These first-person recollections of their life and times are priceless from a historical perspective. We also hope to have selections from our photo archives available for viewing. We have a large collection of photographs, some showing the original founding families of the area. Our mission is to bring historical information to those who are looking to fill in gaps in their family history or additional information for those history buffs out there just looking for new and interesting things to explore.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to SAVHA this year. Through your dues payments and added donations you help us fulfill our mission.

Speaking for the Board of Directors, I want to thank everyone for their support and assure you we will continue to expand the knowledge of the history of Southern Monterey County.

T H A N K Y O U F O R Y O U R M E M B E R S H I P A N D D O N A T I O N S

The San Antonio Valley Historical Association (SAVHA) relies completely on memberships and donations to fulfill our mission to preserve local history and structures and to maintain a growing archive. Support through your membership for as little as \$25 per year, makes all that SAVHA does possible. Those wishing to join or renew their membership can mail a \$25 check with the Membership form found on the back of this newsletter or sending donations at any time is gratefully appreciated. The organization gratefully acknowledges the following people who have made recent donations to SAVHA

John and Lois Lindley	Susan Watson	Butch and Vivien Lindley	Millie Dodd
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Kayce Ann Wolcott	Stephen and Grace Wood	Beth Winters and Richard Tomlinson	Abraham Marquez

GET TO KNOW YOUR SAVHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Paul Getzelman— Paul was raised in Lockwood, schooled here and attended King City High. His parents built the Lockwood Store in 1950 at the present location and he lived in the house behind the store until he went away to college. Paul ran the store after college until 1975, then moved into the corporate world and was gone for almost 30 years. But, you can't take the country out of the boy, so he returned in 2003 to plant a small vineyard and make some wine. He returned to his roots, you might say.

Vice President Patricia Woodfill has been a SAVHA board member for 10 years. She manages SAVHA's Photo database and has written a column for the newsletter on San Antonio Valley native plants and their historic uses since 2010. Patricia has been studying native plants in the area since she moved to the valley in 1972 and also loves researching anything historical.

Secretary Maria Weinerth – has been a member of SAVHA since 2006. Maria and her family have been part of the San Antonio Valley since the late 1980's. Maria owns and operates SAVOR— the San Antonio Valley Olive Ranch.

Treasurer John Jernigan— was born in King City and has lived there most of his life. He is a collector of old photographs and images. In addition, he and his wife, Karen, own a cabin at The Indians which means that he drives through the San Antonio Valley on a regular basis to access it through Fort Hunter Liggett. He has been supporting SAVHA and attending Spring Tours for 40 years.

Membership Chairperson Karen Jernigan— has lived in the King City area for 44 years, first coming just out of college at California State University, Fresno, to work as a news reporter for The Rustler. She and John are currently working with SAVHA member Howard Strohn of Priest Valley to write a History of King City for Arcadia Publishing.

Carol Kenyon— For 30 years Carol Kenyon, now retired, was the owner and director of South Coast Fine Arts Conservation Center located in Santa Barbara, CA. She was a founding Board member of the California Missions Foundation, a Board member of the California Missions Studies Association, a Board member of Friends of Historic San Antonio Mission and was a Commissioner on the Santa Barbara Architectural Board of Review.

Bart (William H) Bartosh came to South Monterey County to live in 1987 and pretty quickly thereafter sought out historical groups because of my enjoyment of California's "back country" of which this area is among the best. When I found SAVHA in the early 1990s I immediately made a lifelong commitment to it as an excellent volunteer organization trying to document and where possible preserve this way of life.

Mary Two-Hawks Rodgers— has been a SAVHA Board Member since 2013 and is a fourth generation Salinan native and a direct descendent of Eusebio and Perfecta Encinales, who built the Encinales Adobe—commonly referred to as the "Indians Ranch" where she serves as site steward. Mary is a council-member of the Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties. She also acts as the cultural contact for repatriation and reburial of ancestral remains.

BECOME A SAVHA BOARD MEMBER

SAVHA is seeking new board members and hope you would like join us.

*It's fun and
rewarding!*



ALTA CALIFORNIA: FROM SAN DIEGO TO
SAN FRANCISCO, A JOURNEY ON FOOT TO
REDISCOVER THE GOLDEN STATE

BOOK REVIEW BY KAREN JERNIGAN

After SAVHA's ZOOM meeting in November 2020 about the Hearst Era of the Fort Hunter Liggett property, one of our ZOOM meeting participants told me about this book and the portion of the journey through Southern Monterey County.

That intrigued me and so I sent for the book and found it a delightful experience because Author Nick Neely has a way of describing what he sees in words that make you feel like you are walking through California.

Starting in San Diego, Neely takes 407 pages to talk about his experience trying to reenact the journey of Gaspar Portola and his expedition in 1769 when California was under rule of the Spanish government. Thanks to the diaries of those on the trip including Father Juan Crespi, details of the journey are available. Father Junipero Serra was along on the trip and it was the first time he experienced the area where San Antonio de Padua mission was established two years later in 1971.

Neely's description of California resonated with me because my 65 years of life have been spent in this state. My first 10 years of life in Southern California made me familiar with that territory because of multiple trips back to visit relatives. Perhaps some of you will relate to stories of Camp Pendleton, San Juan Capistrano and La Brea Tar Pits.

The next 10 years of my life were spent in Northern California in Trinity County where we had connections to the San Francisco Bay Area. You might be able to relate to the areas of Point Ano Nuevo, Pescadero, Half Moon Bay, Pacifica and Stanford's National Accelerator Laboratory.

My last 43 years in King City have given me connections to historic El Camino Real and the counties that line Highway 101 from Santa Barbara to San Luis Obispo to Monterey and Santa Cruz. Neely walks through all these counties, mostly camping along the way. He has an intimate experience with the land and some of its people all the while referencing the diaries from the Portola Expedition.

The book was copyrighted in 2019 and published by Counterpoint press in Berkeley.

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PLANS UNDERWAY FOR KING CITY HISTORY BOOK

BY KAREN JERNIGAN

A book telling the history of King City using photograph images is underway through a project by John and Karen Jernigan of King City and Howard Strohn of Priest Valley. The Jernigan's and Strohn are long-time members of the San Antonio Valley Historical Association.

The book is scheduled to be part of the Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series and the authors plan to spend most of 2021 preparing the book with a publication date in mid-year 2022.

John Jernigan is a life-long resident of King City. He has spent the last 10 years collecting images of the area and encourages anyone to contact him if they have old photographs that could be scanned of King City that might be rare or unpublished. (831-385-6112)

Karen Jernigan has lived in King City for 43 years. She is a former reporter for the King City Rustler newspaper and has been involved in the city by serving on the city council and with the Chamber of Commerce.

Howard Strohn was born in King City and graduated from King City High School in 1957. He has spent many years reading old issues of the Rustler newspaper and has a vast knowledge of the history of Southern Monterey County.

The Images of America series celebrates the history of neighborhoods, towns, and cities across the country. Using archival photographs, each title presents the distinctive stories from the past that shape the character of the community today. Arcadia Publishing is located in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. The company prides itself on playing a part in the preservation of local heritage, making history available to all. They are the largest publisher of regional history books in North America, with an extensive publishing program spanning more than 6,000 titles.

YOUTUBE VIDEO RECORDS TALK ABOUT KING CITY HISTORY BOOK.

*Recorded
Journey of
the King City
California
History
Book.*

SAVHA members John and Karen Jernigan of King City and Howard Strohn of Priest Valley have recorded a talk they did about their King City History Book on YouTube that the public can access.

The talk was recorded during March to help tell the story of the process the three are going through this year to write a book about the area using photographs and images.

The 40-minute video is available on YouTube by using the link below or searching for the title: Journey of the King City California History Book.
<https://youtu.be/ormWBhAA1PE>

MORE ISSUES OF THE RUSTLER ONLINE

KING CITY RUSTLER 1901-1936

BY KAREN JERNIGAN

The San Antonio Valley Historical Association (SAVHA) is pleased to announce that issues of The King City Rustler newspaper from 1926-1936 are now available online through the California Digital Newspaper Collection (CDNC).

Donations from SAVHA began the process in 2019 to upload copies of the newspaper starting in 1901 and running through 1925. Donations from 2020 helped continue the process in cooperation with the University of California at Riverside which hosts the online newspaper collection.

Anyone with access to the internet can use the information for family or historical research by going to www.cdnc.ucr.edu. When searching by county (Monterey), a link will come up for the King City Rustler.

The Rustler newspaper, started by Fred Vivian in 1901, has been published continuously for 120 years. A feature of the newspaper were columns that focused on the rural areas of Southern Monterey County including the San Antonio Valley which covers the Jolon and Lockwood areas.

Those interested in the preservation of history are invited to donate to eventually have all 120 years accessible online. Donations can be sent to SAVHA at P.O. Box 145, Lockwood, CA 93932 with a notation that the money is earmarked for the CDNC project.

The California Digital Newspaper Collection is a freely-accessible repository of digitized Golden State newspapers available at <http://cdnc.ucr.edu>. It contains about 5 million pages from counties throughout the state and from the first newspaper printed in 1846 to the present. The project has more than 25,500 registered users, 4300 of whom have corrected more than 14 million lines of computer-generated text. This human-verified and -corrected text then becomes searchable by other users.

The Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research (CBSR) at the University of California, Riverside began digitizing newspaper in 2005, as one of the original participants in the Chronicling America project, a joint venture of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress (LC). That project develops and maintains technical specifications and best practices for newspaper digitization that the CDNC still follows. The CBSR officially launched the CDNC in 2007 with the initial 100,000 pages it had created for Chronicling America. Since then the CDNC has also received 11 awards from the State Library to digitize important historical newspapers, has partnered with dozens of local libraries and historical societies around the state to help them digitize their papers, and has established an on-going partnership with newspapers.com.

WATCH THE RUSTLER GROW!

The work of getting out our booster magazine has taxed The Rustler plant and mechanic staff to the utmost.

The books—because there are so many of them—have been sent to a San Francisco bindery for completion. The Rustler office is now undergoing a clean-up—that is, putting type, rules, leads, slugs and cuts back into their respective places—so this Rustler like it has been for several weeks past may be a little late and a little “shy” on good reading matter. But from now on the effort of the entire staff will be concentrated on the making of a complete and readable Rustler each week, that will be OUT ON TIME, early Friday morning.

Watch The Rustler Grow!

October 1, 1915.

*Copies of
The Rustler
from 1901 to
1936 are now
available
online*

HOW TO REACH US

Do you have a comment or contribution? Would you like to express an opinion to the board? Would you like to become a board member? SAVHA is always looking for fresh and old ideas, so if you would like to recommend a Spring Tour site or guest speaker for our Fall dinner and lecture, please forward the information to one of the below board members

We can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 145, Lockwood, CA 93932, or by email through the following board members:

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STINGING NETTLE – IT’S MORE THAN A PESKY WEED

BY PATRICIA WOODFILL



I never thought I would be thinking about propagating and growing “Stinging Nettle” in my garden, but I have learned to *never say never!* Because after purchasing my new favorite tea – Raspberry, nettle, and mint, at our local Farmer’s Market, I have decided that I can easily grow nettle and make my own herbal tea blends. Nettle is a distant mint relative, and like mint is very invasive and needs to be managed. I have decided to sow the nettle seeds I purchased from “Plant Good Seed” in a pot and will try to keep it from escaping as the Lemon Balm has that I planted years ago. It is now everywhere!

The California nettle or American stinging nettle is a perennial plant native to most of the United States. It is either considered to be a subspecies of stinging nettle (*Urtica dioica*), or a species in its own right: *Urtica gracilis*. The plant has heart shaped, finely toothed leaves and is called “Stinging Nettle” because it has “trichomes,” or hollow hairs, on the leaves and stem, which act like needles that inject a venom that produces a stinging sensation like a bee sting. If you have had the experience of walking through a meadow or trail in the woods and found yourself with a feeling like you were stung by a bee and have a red rash on exposed parts of your limbs, you may have brushed up against Stinging Nettle. This stinging sensation is what turns people away from it, but it really is good for eating and has many healing properties. I am happy to report that Dock is an antidote and is often found growing nearby. Bruise the dock leaf and rub the juice on the bee-like sting while saying this old English rhyme that I found in the book “A Modern Herbal” by Mrs. M. Grieve:

“Nettle in, dock out. Dock rub nettle out!”

Nettle is believed to be one of the best herbal remedies for overall health and wellness and has been used as food, medicine, clothing, and in ceremonial practices. Many tribes enjoy fresh nettle leaves or a nettle tonic in the spring, using it to purify the blood and the liver.

Nettle leaves can be easily steamed and have a taste like spinach. When cooked, the leaves do lose their “sting” and turn a vibrant shade of green. Nettle's high nutritional content and low calories have made it popular in so many recipes. Use it as a substitute for basil in pesto or blended in a green smoothie. I was surprised to learn that in England, they have a World Nettle Eating Championship in which people to eat as much raw stinging nettle as they possibly can. I think I would rather join a Hot Dog or Watermelon eating contest.

Nettle is an extremely powerful herb, so don’t let its “Sting” scare you away!



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