

# NOTICIAS DE ANZA

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## Artist's View of Anza Expedition

By Margaret Styles

The Anza Trail staff commissioned 12 paintings depicting various scenes from the 1775-76 Anza Expedition. Artist David Rickman has been creating the paintings over the last several years. He is an Exhibit Coordinator with Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation in Dover. He has a life long interest in the Spanish Colonial period and is an artist of historic scenes.

No historical photographs or portraits exist of the Anza Expedition. David Rickman constructed the images based on information from the expedition journals, extensive research, and reviewing period art.



*Wedding at San Xavier*



Planning is underway to install the first exhibition of all the images at the 1904 Nogales Courthouse in Arizona, where the trail enters the U.S. from Mexico. Future exhibitions will be planned. ❖

*Meeting the Chumash*

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# National Park Service

## From the Superintendent



*Stanley C. Bond*

### Programs for All

The past several months have been uniquely busy for the Anza Trail, and upcoming projects will greatly enhance our interpretive and outreach programs. In September, staff from the National Institute for Anthropology and History (INAH)-Sonora and I presented a symposium on the Anza Expedition at the Mexico National Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City. This program was part of a larger conference held at the Museum every year and was well received. Through these contacts, we are making great strides in developing partnerships with Mexican organizations.

A number of interpretive exhibits are in the works (see front page for information about the Nogales exhibit). In October, design work begins on a permanent Anza Expedition exhibit located in the Martinez Adobe at John Muir National Historical Site (NHS) in Martinez, California. Currently, there is no permanent or major exhibit along the Anza Trail that is solely dedicated to telling the Anza story. Martinez Adobe offers a unique setting.

This traditional Spanish/Mexican period adobe is located within John Muir NHS, an official partner of the Juan Bautista de Anza NHT, and was constructed by a direct descendant of Anza Expedition settlers. The original property owner, Don Ignacio Martinez, married an Anza Expedition descendent, Maria Martina Arellanes (originally Arellano). Their son, Vicente Martinez, married Anza Expedition descendent Guadalupe Moraga, who died in 1845, then married Anza Expedition descendent Maria Nieves Soto in 1848.

Vicente constructed the present Martinez Adobe in 1849. Several other members of the Martinez family also married Anza Expedition descendants.

The exhibit will occupy the first of the two floors in the original Martinez Adobe covering about 560 square feet. It will consist of fixed exhibit panels, interactive exhibits, and, possibly, some historic or replica objects.

One important goal of the Anza Trail staff is to outreach to those groups that have traditionally been underrepresented as visitors to National Parks. Often, their perspective of historical events

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### Conferences, Symposiums, Trips & Training

#### **2007 California Indian Conference**

*October 26-27, 2007 Davis, CA*

Annual gathering to exchange views and information about California Indian peoples and their cultural heritage. For more information, visit [bss.sfsu.edu/cslstudies/cic/](http://bss.sfsu.edu/cslstudies/cic/)

#### **13th Annual Anza Society World Conference**

*March 6-9, 2007 Santa Barbara, CA*

Save these dates! Future information will be available at <http://www.anzasociety.org/>

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#### Deadlines

*December 1 for January issue*

*March 1 for April issue*

*June 1 for July issue*

*September 1 for October issue*



# National Park Service

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are not found in traditional history books or taught in typical school history classes. This exhibit is an opportunity to give a voice to these groups. Many Californians, and especially those living in the East Bay area, recognize the significance of the Martinez Adobe and the role it can play in telling the Spanish and Mexican story of early California. While adobe structures are sturdy, once abandoned they quickly deteriorate and melt. The Martinez Adobe is one of the few original ones remaining in good condition in northern California. While the staff at John Muir NHS gathered community feedback during the development of their General Management Plan, it was discovered that the public requested the Martinez Adobe to be used for an exhibit on Spanish and Mexican contributions to California history. This project will fulfill that request.

We continue to work with communities and organizations throughout Arizona and California to bring greater visibility to the Anza Expedition and promote the Spanish and colonial and Mexican histories of the Southwest. Your support for these projects is essential to our mission and I thank you for all you do.

Happy Trails! ❖

## 11th Conference on National Scenic and Historic Trails

Between September 7-11, National Trail staff and partners from around the country descended on Duluth, Minnesota for the National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference presented by Partnership for the National Trails System. The conference was hosted by the North Country Trail Association.

This conference had the largest number of attendees at just over 175. There was a rich array of workshops and lots of opportunities to network. Hot projects were presented such as the Appalachian Trail's Mega Transect and the recent retracement of Captain John Smith's 1608 voyages throughout Chesapeake Bay.

Attendees were also discussing ways to commemorate the National Trail System's 40th and 50 anniversaries in 2008 and 2018.

Next year, the National Scenic Trail and the National Historic Trail caucuses plan to hold workshops: NST on outreach and inclusiveness and NHT on the National Historic Trail Preservation Initiative. We will keep you posted.

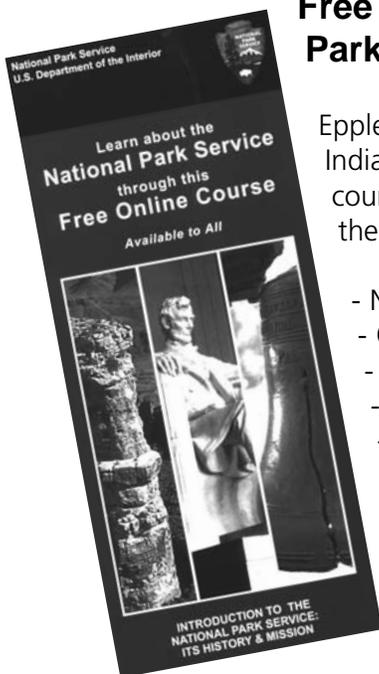
Don Kucera of ATCA was the representative from the Anza Trail. ❖

## Free On-line Course about National Park Service History

Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University has launched a free on-line course for anyone interested in learning about the history of the National Park Service.

- National Park Service origin
- Organizational structure
- Current and previous Directors
- Organization and function of the regions
- Information on each site
- Partnerships
- Role of the Service within the Department of the Interior

Log on today at [www.ParkTraining.org](http://www.ParkTraining.org)!



# Artist's View of Anza Expedition

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*Camp Scene*



*Arriving at San Gabriel*



*Breaking Camp*

Arrival at the Yuma Village



The Pima





*Crossing the Colorado*



*Digging for Water*



*Desert Snow*



*On the Trail*

*San Francisco Bay*



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# Searching for Campsites Using Math

## Method for Accurately Locating 1775-76 Sites

By Joe Myers

Edited by Margaret Styles

*In the 1990's, the National Park Service (NPS) identified the 1775-76 Anza Expedition historic campsites based on the descriptions from both Anza and Font's journal entries. Joe Myers has been developing a method to more accurately locate the campsites using measurements and landscape descriptions from Anza and Font's journal entries, math calculations, and scouting potential locations in person. This article describes his method.*

To locate the campsites, I begin by identifying a starting and stopping point that can be reasonably pinpointed. As an example, I used Font's journal from Horcasitas to Tubac. He listed 14 travel days, seven to Santa Ana and another seven to Tubac. Horcasitas and Santa Ana are both known sites at  $29^{\circ}29.2' / 110^{\circ}43.5'$  and  $30^{\circ}32.5' / 111^{\circ}07.0'$ . For Sonora, I used 1 mile = 0.869 minutes latitude or 1.0 minutes longitude. This puts Santa Ana 72.8 miles north and 23.5 miles west of Horcasitas.

Here is the fun part. I next use trig to calculate the location of their sites each day. On the first day, Font wrote that they traveled 1 league to the NW. In vector form, this is 0.7071 leagues north and 0.7071 leagues west (sin and cos for 45 degrees). The next day he said they went 4 leagues NNW. This becomes 3.69 leagues north and 1.53 leagues west (using sin and cos of 0.92388 and 0.38268 for  $22\frac{1}{2}$  degrees as the multipliers). Continuing this for the seven days where Font wrote that they traveled a total of 34 leagues, it works out in vectors to 31.2 leagues north and 13.3 leagues west. Dividing the distance north (72.8 miles) by leagues north (31.2) I calculated 2.33 miles per league to the north. Doing the same for the west I calculated only 1.76 mi per league.

Using these last two numbers (miles per league), I multiplied all the north and west league vectors to get mile vectors. The 0.7071 for the 1st day becomes 1.65 miles north and 1.25 miles west. This step is repeated for the next six days and I calculated 72.83 miles north and 23.51 miles west. I found it difficult to plot the miles accurately, so I

multiplied the miles for all seven days again, using the 0.869 min lat per mile and 1.0 min longitude per mile. Thus the first day in minutes

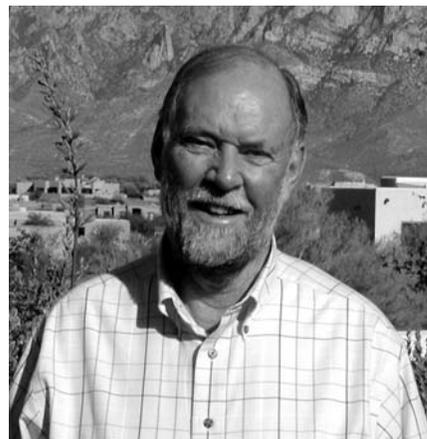
becomes 1.43' lat and 1.25' long.

When I added these to the starting coordinates, I identified the lat and long of the 1st campsite across the river, 29.30.6 and 110.44.8, then applied this method to all seven campsites.

This is challenging to describe and even more challenging to do, but it gives easy coordinates to input on a computer map. After Tubac, Anza started his journal providing a second source of historical data to work with. Most days, Anza and Font recorded similar distances, but some days they were different. Font often scratched out directions and changed them, like NW to NNW.

The real "skill" comes in after the calculated sites are on the map. I can then guess at the best site from the descriptions, working both forward and backward. This usually results in a prospective location within a mile or so of the real one. To improve the accuracy of the campsite location, I go out with my "feet on the ground" and check out the area. I have already done much of the trail from Horcasitas to San Gabriel using both math and maps.

I find it very helpful and beneficial to have two or more people discussing and arguing over the trail location and sites. These conversations bring out different interpretations and perspectives of the information. And even though I may not agree with others on all the details, there is at least some documentation as to why a particular route or site was chosen. ❖



Volunteer Joe Myers. Photo: Don Myers

# Along the Trail

**Anza Trail School Dedicated:** Sahuarita, AZ  
*August 25*

The Governing Board of Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30 dedicated the opening of the new Anza Trail School for K-8th grade.

Speakers included Senator Tim Bee, Sahuarita Town Mayor Lynne Skelton, Principle Kathryn Shiba, and Anza (Don Garate) who thoroughly enjoyed the student tour he took after the presentation. The school was build to enroll 1200 students. Currently, 1217 are enrolled and there is already talk of an expansion.



**Founder's Day Event:** San Jose, CA  
*July 22*

History San Jose celebrated the 1777 founding of their community, when Anza Expedition colonists started the pueblo the year after they arrived. Participants enjoyed music, dancing, food, re-enactors, pottery making, and a sunny beautiful afternoon (see photo on page 12).



**Ranch Spirit Event:** Santa Clara, CA  
*August 25*  
Storyteller Olga Loya presenting a compelling re-enactment of Juana Briones, and Anza Expedition descendent Paul Bernal recounted his family's connection to the ranch.

**Saratoga Approves Anza Trail:** Saratoga, CA  
*October 3*

The Staff Resolution was adopted by the Saratoga City Council which approves the EIR Neg Dec, cites

a name for the Trail "Joe's Trail at the Saratoga de Anza Trail," and directs the Public Works Director to proceed with development of the trail. The trail will be along an active Union Pacific railroad (3 slow round trips a week railtrain serving a cement plant). The Council video can be viewed at [http://saratoga.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=5](http://saratoga.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=5)

**Youth Camping at the Presidio (CAP) Program:** San Francisco, CA

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy has started the new CAP program in the Presidio of San Francisco. Using the only operating campsite in the city, the goal of CAP is to provide opportunities for local youth that traditionally have not



visited their national parks the benefits of a camping experience. The program provides an economical, supportive, and accessible system for teachers and leaders to bring their youth camping in their local national park. Staff at the Crissy Field

## Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona adds Chapter in Sonora, Mexico

The ATCA announced the appointment of Ken Fleming as our Trail Management Council Coordinator for the Sonora trail corridor. Filling the Secretary/Treasurer appointment is Cynthia Denzer. Ken and Cynthia have lived in San Carlos, Sonora for many years and have been involved in the study of early Mexican and Indian History of the area. They have recently visited the Historical Museum in Hermosillo and are currently plotting Anza's route from Culiacan to Nogales using Don Garate's translations of documents and diaries from the Anza Exploration. With GPS technology from known camp sites along the route a reasonably accurate picture of the route should be able to be produced. Anyone who has information regarding the route in Mexico is urged to contact Ken and Cindy through ATCA as they are short on resources. (520) 398-8377 or [info@anzatrail.com](mailto:info@anzatrail.com)

# Along the Trail

Center are offering theme CAP programs, one of which will include the 1776 Anza Expedition. For details, visit [www.parksconservancy.org/our\\_work/crissy/](http://www.parksconservancy.org/our_work/crissy/)

**Pinal County Planning Workshops: AZ**  
During October, these workshops throughout the area are part of the county's Comprehensive Plan update. Participants will work in small groups and map out where they want various land uses to be. The slogan for this project is *We Create our Future*. For more information and schedules, visit the website at [pinalcountyplan.com](http://pinalcountyplan.com).



## California Archaeology Month at the Presidio of San Francisco



Archaeology Month is a national observation of our past, and the importance of saving unique places and things from those times. The Presidio is celebrating this period of discovery with several special events. All are welcome!

**Meet the Experts Speaker Series:**  
**Painting a New Picture of Ancient Life - Anthropologist Meg Conkey**

*Thursday, October 11, 7 pm*

**Saving Your Place: A Community Activists Guide to Saving Historic Properties - Dr. Tom King**

*Thursday, October 25, 7 pm*

Both at the Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue

**Open House at the Archaeology Lab**

*Thursday, October 18, 1-4 pm*

230 Gorgas (near Halleck Street)

For more information, contact the Presidio Archaeology Lab at (415) 561-ARCH, or visit [www.presidio.gov/calendar](http://www.presidio.gov/calendar) ❖

## New Look for Anza Days

On October 20 and 21, Tubac Presidio State Historic Park will host Anza Days 2007 with a new look. Patricia Moreno, Assistant Manager for the Park, is taking the event back to the 1700's with exhibits talks and demonstrations of that era from Native American and Spanish Culture.

This year, for the first time, entry fees will be paid for all those who attend by The Anza Trail Coalition and co-sponsors Rio Rico Homes and Land Inc, Innovative Homes Inc, All Seasons development Inc, Rio Rico Properties Inc and Brasher Real Estate Inc. The idea to allow the public to enter without having to pay came from Richard Williams, President of the Coalition, who felt that attendance in the past has been limited due partly to cost and partly to its strict historical nature. Richard Williams states, "*The event should be one that people come to enjoy and be entertained and go away with knowledge of the Anza era. The Tumacacori Fiesta in December is tremendously popular and celebrates present day cultures, Anza Days will celebrate the cultures of the 1700's.*"



Anza Days 2007 is on Saturday, October 20th and Sunday, October 21st from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Many events will be held during the two days including the Costumed Ride on Sunday morning following Mass, from the Tumacacori Mission along the 4.6 mile segment of the Anza Trail ending in the Presidio grounds. Visit the ATCA website at <http://AnzaTrail.com> to view the current Anza Days 2007 schedule of events. **Thank you ATCA!** ❖



# ANUNCIOS

## October

- 6 **Leona Canyon's Cultural Landscape Walk: Oakland, CA**  
8:30-10:30 am  
Behind Merritt College, 12500 Campus Dr, Oakland, CA 94619 (parking lot E)  
Explore how people's migration and settlement shaped our natural and cultural landscape. Diary entries and the 1776 Anza expedition journal entries provide context.  
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)
- 6 **Presidio to Mission Walk: San Francisco, CA**  
10:00-1:00 pm  
Ranger led 4-mile journey through early California history. Join in the fun at the Mission Fiesta at the end of walk. Participants must make their own return trip arrangements. Free: families with children ages 7 and up; to register call 415-561-7752 or 561-4405.
- 6 **Day at Chutchui and Parish Fiesta: San Francisco, CA**  
10:00-3:00 pm  
Mission Dolores, 3321 16th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114  
Join the annual fiesta and visit Chutchui, where Native and Spanish Colonial cultures intersect. Learn about building a tule house. For more information, call (415) 621-8203.  
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)
- 7 **Gathering of Ohlone Peoples: Fremont, CA**  
10:00-4:30 pm  
Coyote Hills Regional Park, 8000 Patterson Ranch Rd, Fremont, CA 94555  
Celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Ohlone peoples through stories, music, song, dance, and skill demonstrations. For more information, call (510) 795-9385.
- 20-21 **Anza Days: Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, AZ**  
10:00-4:00pm  
Annual celebration of Anza's trek from Tubac to San Francisco. Enjoy folkloric dancers, ethnic music, and children's activities. Free! For information, call (520) 398-2252 or [www.azstateparks.com/Parks/parkhtml/tubac.html](http://www.azstateparks.com/Parks/parkhtml/tubac.html)  
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)
- 26-28 **Los Californianos Quarterly Meeting: San Diego, CA**  
For more information, visit [www.loscalifornianos.org](http://www.loscalifornianos.org).

## November

- 6 **History Comes Alive - Juana Briones: Presidio of San Francisco, CA**  
10:00 am-noon  
Come experience a day in the life of Juana Briones and discover the secret healing powers of plants. Fees. Family with children ages 5-9; to register call 415-561-7752 or 561-4405.

## December

- 1-2 **La Fiesta de Tumacácori: Tumacácori, AZ**  
10:00-5:00 pm  
Celebrate the many cultures associated with the Santa Cruz Valley. Enjoy the food and craft booths, live entertainment, and children's activities. A Mariachi Mass, preceded by a traditional procession, is held on Sunday beginning at 10:00 AM. Free.  
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)

See your announcement here! "Contact us" at [www.nps.gov/juba](http://www.nps.gov/juba).

# Noticias de Anza

*The Newsletter of the Juan Bautista  
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## ***View from the Anza Trail***



***Spanish Colonial re-enactor, Frank Martinez, practices formations with young soldiers during the July 22 Founder's Day event presented by History San Jose in California. Several of the Anza Expedition members established the pueblo called San Jose in November of 1777.***