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Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

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1975 Anza Trail Ride Reunion in Arizona

By Jeff Axel

Edited by Margaret Styles

Remember the 1975-1976 Bicentennial Anza Trail Ride? Arizona veterans remembered and convened in Tucson, Arizona for two days in early March. The National Park Service coordinated a reunion and a series of oral interviews to capture their stories.

In attendance were 98-year-old Yjinio Aguirre (Anza), Sid Brinckerhoff (Lieutenant Moraga and former president of the Arizona Historical Society-AHS), Father Kirin McCarty (Father Graces), and AHS members Jay VanOrden and Tom Peterson (soldados and handled weapons and logistics). The reunion provided opportunities to peer through photo albums, share old stories, and wipe away a few emotional tears.

It was 33 years ago that these men, the Tucson Charros, and many others, made the Bicentennial Trail Ride through the State of Arizona a reality. It started with an idea to celebrate the United States bicentennial and recognize the contributions Anza and the settlers made in building the foundation of the American West.

Sid was one of the principle organizers for the event in Arizona. He received a grant for \$50,000 to create this trail event. Thus began one of the most challenging logistical challenges he and his historical society compatriots ever attempted.



Jay VanOrden, Tom Peters, Yjinio Aguirre, and Sid Brinckerhoff at Tucson Presidio

Research was conducted on the uniforms. To design the most accurate soldado uniform, Jay laid down next to a mummified body of Anza buried in Arizpe in order to measure the buttons and determine cloth colors. Later, it was discovered the mummy was not Anza. But the experience still provided accurate information in reconstructing the uniform.

Other memorable moments include: camping in the ruins of Calabasas mission located south of Tumacácori

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National Park Service

From the Superintendent



Stanley C. Bond

Spring on the Anza Trail

It is that time of year, again, to get back out on the Anza Trail, at least for those of us living in northern California. For the Arizona and southern California contingent, perhaps the best time of year is nearing its end.

This seasonal change was also true for the Anza Expedition. Their passage from Tubac to Monterey took place during the cooler winter months. While the cold did take its toll on the livestock, it was still preferable to the searing heat of the desert summer. And in keeping with seasonal change, along with governmental bureaucracy, the Presidio of San Francisco was not established until the summer of 1776.

This spring there are several programs planned along the Anza Expedition route. I encourage all of you to participate in events located near your home. While Jeff Axel has completed his third year detail in Arizona, we have “local” contacts in southern and central coast California.

Jim Donovan is working out of the Los Angeles area, and Sally Sheridan is assisting the Anza Trail out of Santa Barbara. If you need assistance with Anza Trail projects please contact us so we get you the help you need. There would be no Anza Trail without all of your efforts.

Have a great spring.

Happy Trails! ❖

Conferences, Symposiums, Trips & Training

Strategy for Preserving Historic Trails

May 6-8, 2008 Phoenix, AZ

Orient nonprofit partners and federal staff to the strategy. Hosted by Partnership for the National Trails System. For more information, call (602) 906-5500.

19th National Trails Symposium - Call for Papers

November 15-18, 2008 Little Rock, AR

“Innovative Trails: Transforming the American Way of Life” 75-minute workshops & poster sessions. Deadline April 18. For more information, call Rory Robinson at (330) 657-2951 or visit www.americantrails.org/



Thank you, Jeff

Jeff Axel finished up his Arizona winter season with the NPS Anza Trail staff. His projects included reviving the interest in Yuma County, arranging for auto route signs to be

installed in Maricopa County, initiating and coordinating the 1976 re-enactment reunion, and researching and proposing new text panels in Arizona. He will be missed.

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March 1 for April issue



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First Annual National Train Day

On May 10, 1869, in Promontory Summit, Utah, the "golden spike" was driven into the final tie that joined 1,776 miles of the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railways, ceremonially creating the nation's first transcontinental railroad. And America was transformed.

To raise awareness of the vital role rail plays in our nation's transportation system today, Amtrak will celebrate its first annual National Train Day during six weeks of celebrations culminating on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

Activities include special promotions, events, partnerships, and an advertising campaign. On May 10 Amtrak will host events at four of its largest stations, Washington, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, where visitors may take part in a variety of activities including live musical performances, exhibits, trip planning, VIP appearances and trip giveaways.

The National Park Service (NPS) and Amtrak will be promoting their partner program "Trails & Rails" where guides on designated trains provide informative on-board presentations. Anza Trail administers a "Trails & Rails" program in partnership with the South Coast Railroad Museum in Goleta, CA. Community volunteers board the train in Santa Barbara and provide programs to San Luis Obispo and Oakland.

To celebrate National Train Day, we have arranged for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area mobile NPS visitor center to set up at Union Station in Los Angeles. This center will have hands-on activities and information about National Park sites along the Anza Trail route in Arizona and California. For more information on events and prizes, visit www.nationaltrainday.com ❖



Upcoming National Celebrations

National Trails Day

June 7, 2008

American Hiking Society slogan for 2008, *Join Us on the Trail*, is an open invitation to all Americans to join-up with a local hiking club, outdoor retailer, local park and recreation department, or federal land managing agency to get outside and experience everything the great outdoors has to offer. To register your event, visit www.americanhiking.org

National Get Outdoors Day

June 14, 2008

Participants from Federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the recreation industry have launched this new annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun. On Saturday, June 14, and each June thereafter, these partners will offer sites for American families to experience traditional and non-traditional types of outdoor activities. Prime goals of the day are reaching first-time visitor to public lands and reconnecting our youth to the great outdoors.

If you want to organize an event that would highlight the Anza Trail, emphasize the 40th anniversary of the National Trails System Act, and link to 'Get Outdoors Day,' contact Caroline Mica listed below to get recognition for the event.

For more information, call Caroline Mica with American Recreation Coalition at (202) 682-9530, or visit www.funoutdoors.com ❖

First Art Show

Copies of the twelve David Rickman trail scene illustrations commissioned by the National Park Service were displayed throughout March at *Corazon del Pueblo* in Oakland, California. The show also included contemporary photos taken along the Anza Trail route by Nina Egert. The show was part of a series of public programs sponsored by Vinapa Foundation. These programs mark the 1st



contact between Native People and the Anza Expedition in the San Francisco east bay area, which occurred in late March 1776. ❖

13th Annual Anza Society World Conference

By Joe Myers
Edited by Margaret Styles

The annual conference was held March 6-9, 2008 at the Presidio de Santa Barbara, California. Participants traveled from California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. The kick-off event on the first evening gave participants a chance to greet one another. Wonderful entertainment was provided by Elizabeth Hvolboll and Luis Moreno, singing “early” California songs in the chapel, including the Alabado that Father Font said he sang each morning to get the 1775-76 Anza Expedition under way. *Lift your heart in joy and exalt Him.....*

Friday morning there was a series of presentations. Jarrell Jackman, Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation for the past 28 years, welcomed the group. He surprised the group by inviting everyone to Casa de la Guerra that evening for an event titled the “Sacred Steps: Pilgrimage on the Camino De Santiago.” People from around the

world who had walked some or all of the pilgrimage route in Spain were in Santa Barbara. The event was a reception for them.

The keynote speaker was author Vladimir Guerrero, author of the book *The Anza Trail and the Settling of California*.

Session presenters included:

- Joe Myers (Colorado): historians around 1900 that provided much of today’s knowledge of Anza
- Don Kucera (Arizona): 1976 slides taken at Mission of San Xavier del Bac during the Bicentennial Anza re-enactment ride, and an update from the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona
- Ron Quinn (California): ship that might have been lost during the Portola expedition in 1769
- Stan Bond (California): update on National Park Service projects/activities for the Anza Trail
- Vie Obern (California): slides from the 1976 Bicentennial Anza Trail re-enactment, riding



Los Soldados at Presidio de Santa Barbara

horses 400 miles from Ventura to San Francisco

- Mike Imwalle (California): explained the background of a 30 year effort to restore the Santa Barbara presidio and chapel

Meredith Kaplan, first superintendent of the Anza Trail, dropped by unexpectedly for a couple of the presentations. She was well known to most of our group and it was great to have her there.

On Saturday, the group took a tour of the Presidio led by Mike Imwalle. Mike Hardwick arranged for Los Soldados, period presidio soldiers in full uniform, to re-enact a flag raising/musket firing ceremony march with drum and bugle playing (the same soldier). Quite a scene. The day ended

with a tour of the Santa Barbara Mission a few miles away.

New officers were elected at the board meeting:

President - Joe Myers

Vice President - Lou Fullen

Secretary - Ron Quinn

Treasurer - Sharon Myers

Advisor - Linda Rushton

(Many, many thanks to Linda as she finished her term as President)

The 14th Anza Society World Conference will be held in Tucson the 2nd weekend in March, 2009. Anyone interested in celebrating the life and times of Anza is more than welcome; mark your calendar now. ❖

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Mission and having a fire; spearing gourds at a full run on a horse at San Xavier to demonstrate the deadly soldado's lance; creating period accessories such as the elaborate silver bridle Yjinio had commissioned for his horse; having the Bureau of Reclamation agreeing to lower the water level of the Colorado River by so everyone could cross easily, including five-year old kids riding with their parents. Once the Arizona trail events were completed, George Cardinet coordinated the successful California events.



Father Kirin McCarty and Sid Brinkerhoff looking at a scrapbook of 1975 event

It was obvious the experience created lifetime friendships among these veterans that were instigated by this undertaking. Their efforts and success attracted a great deal of media attention and was instrumental in peaking the public's awareness. With the leadership of George, this interest led to the establishment of the Juan

Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail in 1990.

In the future, images and transcriptions of the oral interviews will be available online. This will allow the public the witness this amazing undertaking in 1975. This single re-enactment event is still talked about in communities up and down the Anza Trail today. ❖

On-line *Anza Trail Guide* Upgrades

The on-line version of the *Anza Trail Guide* created by Greg Smestad is being upgraded to take advantage of internet tools. Some of the upgrades include a redesigned introduction page which breaks out the information into new pages, internet links highlighted within the text allowing users to easily access additional information

available on the internet, and updated downloadable PDF versions of the web pages. Link to the website at www.nps.gov/juba. If you have feedback or comments on the upgrades, please contact the National Park Service Anza Trail office at (510) 817-1323 or send an email to "Contact Us" at www.nps.gov/juba.



A Soldado de Cuera statue guards downtown Tucson.

Photo: Bill Singleton

Local Auto Route

Take the I-19 frontage road to the entrance to Canoa Ranch, where the route briefly returns onto I-19. At Continental Rd., exit and go left to Duval Mine Road. Continue west to Mission Road. Turn right and travel for several miles to Congress St. and downtown Tucson. Past Sentinel Peak, turn left on Congress St. to Silverbell Rd., and left on Lambert Road to Airline Road. Turn right on Airline Road and left on Avra Valley Rd. to Sanders Road. Turn right on Sanders Rd. to Silverbell Road. Continue north on Silverbell Road to Trico-Marana Road. Turn east to I-10 north of Marana.

About Your Visit to Pima County

Over 240 people set out from Tubac on **October 23, 1775**. The first night out, the settlers suffered their only death en route when María Ignacia Manuela Piñuelas Félix died from complications from childbirth. They stopped at **Mission San Xavier del Bac** on **October 25, 1775** to mourn the death of Manuela, and to celebrate three marriages of the expedition's members. They then followed the Santa Cruz River northward.

Sites of Interest

A. La Canoa and Expedition Camps #15 and #16

La Canoa (the "watering trough") was the first campsite after the expedition left its final assembly point at **Tubac**. Here on the evening of **October 23rd**, José Antonio Capistrano Félix was born feet first, and his mother, María Ignacia Manuela Piñuelas Félix, died the next morning. Father Font and the colonists said the Rosary and sang the *Salve de la Virgen de los Dolores* for the deceased as they reached *Punta de los Llanos* (Camp #16). Father Garcés and four soldiers went ahead to the Mission with Manuela's body. Near Camp #15, look for an interpretive sign at a roadside rest area along I-19 near Canoa Ranch.

B. Mission San Xavier del Bac and Expedition Camp #17

Established by Jesuit Father Kino in 1692 at the site of an existing Piman (**Akimel O'odham**) village, the mission was under Franciscan control when the expedition stopped here on **October 25, 1775**. Father Thomás Eixarch of the expedition baptized baby José. He made it to Mission San Gabriel in California, but died about nine months later. Construction of the present mission church was started in 1783. Located off I-19 along the Santa Cruz River, it is a part of the Tohono O'odham reservation. The mission church, an active parish, has a museum.

C. Pueblo de Tuquison and Expedition Camp #18

The garrison of the presidio of Tubac was moved to Tucson in 1776 after the expedition left, and was renamed *San Agustín de Tuquison* (Tucson). In 1775, Father Font remarked that it was a *visita* of *San Xavier del Bac*, meaning that it was a place that the missionaries visited, but was not permanently occupied. Today, the name is spelled Tucson, and several of its downtown museums highlight the area's history. These include the **Tucson Museum of Art**, the **Arizona State Museum**, and the **Arizona Historical Society**. To view the route of the expedition from a higher vantage point, try nearby **Sentinel Peak**. The Santa Cruz River Park in Tucson contains a multi-use trail within the historic corridor. *El Paseo de los Árboles*, "The Pathway of the Trees," is located along the west bank of the **Santa Cruz River Park** between Irvington Rd. and Ajo Way, and a tree there is dedicated to Anza.

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Founder's Day: San Jose, CA

November 29

Los Californianos coordinated and presented the first annual Founder's Day event to commemorate the founding of the Pueblo of San Jose in 1777 by members of the Anza Expedition. Mayor Reed attended and presented a certificate to the youngest Anza Expedition descendent present, Maya Smestad, age 3.



Photo: Los Californianos

Anza Trail Planning:

Santa Cruz County, AZ

The National Park Service Rivers & Trails Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program selected Santa Cruz County to receive staff assistance in developing their Anza Trail Plan for the entire county from Nogales to Amado. The Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona has done a phenomenal job in establishing trail in parts of the county, which allows people to access additional recreational opportunities. The county wide plan will broaden this community based effort and establish a recreation trail through the whole county. Cate Bradley is the RTCA staff member working with these groups to develop this extensive plan. Completion of this project will yield high resolution trail maps with existing and planned trail segments and trail heads including comprehensive land owner information packets. Much of the existing

trail in Santa Cruz County traverses private property requiring surveys, easements, and insurance to gain private land owner approval for trail passage. This also includes an operation and maintenance plan for approved trail segments. The goal of this program is to define the steps and processes required to complete the Anza Trail in the county by 2012 with NPS certification.

Trails & Rails Season Begins: Santa Barbara, CA

February 14

Volunteers from the Santa Barbara area have started their 2008 season of on-board public presentations to passengers on Amtrak's Coast Starlight train between Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. Programs are offered in the lounge car Thursdays - Sundays. This summer, additional on-board presentations will be offered between Santa Barbara and Oakland on Sundays-Mondays. Trails & Rails is a nationwide partnership program between NPS and Amtrak to provide on-board programs. Our trail partner, Gary Coombs, Director of South Coast Railroad Museum, manages the volunteers and program on a daily basis.



Trails & Rails volunteers Pat & Perry Lorentzen

Yuma Crossing Days: Yuma, AZ

February 16

The City of Yuma celebrated the history and founding fathers. The event took place at the Yuma Quarter Master Depot State Historic Park. One of the highlights was a musical production by the Yuma Orchestra Associations' Young String Ambassadors and Twinklers. Students from 4th grade through high school performed a production

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of "How Far, Felipe?" the story of a young boy who travels with his family on the first journey to San Francisco in 1775-1776 lead by Anza.



Trails Council and Alliance Merge:

Santa Barbara, CA

February

The Santa Barbara County Trails Council and the Santa Barbara Trails Alliance have merged in order to broaden the Trail Council's membership base and represent all trail users. This merger has revitalized the Trail Council, helped unify the trail community, and allowed the Trails Council to play a key role in ensuring that all trail users have reasonable and safe access to front country and other trails.

ATCA Elects New State Officers: AZ

February 15



The Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona (ATCA) held a general statewide meeting in Tubac and appointed new State Officers.

President - Reba Wells Grandrud, Ph.D.

Secretary - Joe Myers

Treasurer - Margaret Truman Baker

The continuing directors are Ken Fleming from Sonora, Mexico and Linda Rushton from Maricopa County. The county directors are as follows:

Maricopa - Reba Wells Grandrud & Linda Rushton

Pima - Don Kucera

Pinal - Mary Aguirre-Vogler

Santa Cruz - Richard Williams

Yuma - Tina Clark

Sonora, MX - Ken Fleming

Native Spanish Contact Programs: San Francisco east bay area, CA

March - early April



Nina Egert

Don Garate as Juan Bautista de Anza

of Vinapa Foundation coordinated the second year series of 1st contact programs. These events marked the anniversary of the first meeting

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between the 1776 Anza Expedition and Native People of the east bay. Events included an art show (see pg. 3), native plant presentations, panel discussions, speakers, Spanish re-enactors, music, native life way demonstrations, family activities, and a walk to the San Leandro Creek campsite. Don Garate performed Anza at several events.

2008 Archaeological Expo: Tucson, AZ *March 1-2*

Don Kucera coordinated Anza Trail representation with an information booth. The Expo is an annual event coordinated by the State Historic Preservation Office. This year, the event took place at the Arizona State Museum on the University of Arizona Campus in Tucson.

Anza Days 2008

Every October, Tubac Presidio State Historic Park celebrates *Anza Days* to commemorate the 1775-1776 Anza Expedition. The event is held near the

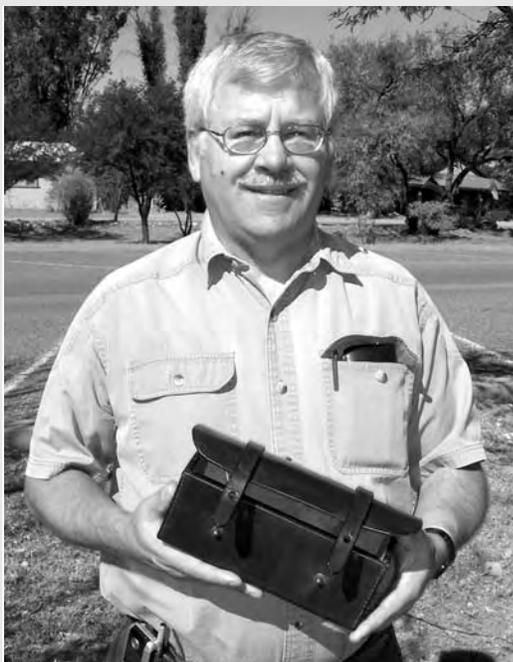
anniversary of the expedition's departure from Tubac on October 23, 1776.

In 2007, the admission price into the park for the *Anza Days* event was waived due to the financial support of the Anza Trail Coalition in conjunction with local area real estate companies.

In 2008, the Anza Trail Coalition is hoping to provide the same financial support and waive the park admission fee for the event. Tubac Presidio State Historic Park staff need a commitment from ATCA by mid summer. In an effort to meet this deadline, the ATCA working to obtain \$2000 in pledges by July 1st. This amount will go towards the \$4120 required to cover part entrance fees.

For more information:

Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona
P.O. Box 4711
Tubac, AZ 85646
www.AnzaTrail.com ❖



Leather Traditions

Norton Johnson makes historically authentic leather goods of the 18th and 19th Century. All of his work involves using authentic period materials, tools, and techniques, such as linen thread and hand-sewing. His business is called *Leather Traditions*.

To date, most of his patterns and pieces have been based on the U.S. Colonial period, such as the fur trade, Civil War, and Indian War periods. This is due to the availability of patterns, or historical items to make patterns from. His leather work includes pormanteaus, valises, cases, cartridge boxes, and hunting bags.

Currently, he is developing patterns for Spanish Colonial leather goods and techniques. He is finding a scarcity of information, original objects, significant differences in reproduction items, and various versions of how certain items were historically crafted, such as the adarga (leather shield).

Last December, he demonstrated his hand crafted leather work at La Fiesta de Tumacácori (see photo). He has also crafted a simplified adarga for an Arizona State Park and an artillery pass case for the Tucson Presidio soldados to use in a live canon firing demonstration.

If you have information to help Mr. Johnson learn more about Spanish Colonial leather goods contact him at (520) 465-4840. ❖

The Cloud That Wanted to be a Mountain

By Penelope Taylor

(Poetry Inspired by the Anza Trail in San Juan Bautista, CA)

Late each sunny afternoon, after shimmering trucks race past,
Cross the 156, past the vacant San Juan Inn,
the Bluebird Women's Art Gallery, and Johnny Hammock's house

Outside shanty homes that line the trail entrance, the beige bulldog waits-
barking and flinging himself at the fence until you pass

Unperturbed by the moan and mourn of cows, prisoners of the metal gratings,
follow the dirt and stone trail weaving up through the golden straw hillside.
Freedom awaits in the moments ahead.

Above, tumbling clouds pile atop each other
forming a single mountain higher than any of the other peaks made of clay and rock

As the trail inclines and breath grows short, hasten, there is little time,
but see the turn where the oak branches out to reach you,
Stop there. Breath.

Watch.

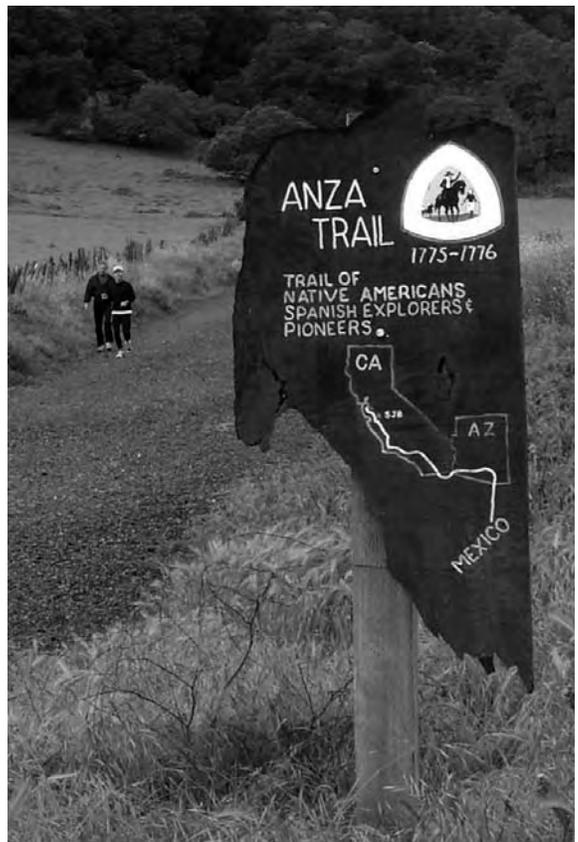
The cloud mountain opens soft silvery billowing arms
catching and cooling the blazing ball,
the moment between light and dark
between sun and moon,
where shape shifts and life drifts
here is a moment for being alive

The cool air tingles your senses
the sighs of the earth alert your heart
your spirit lifts to the sky

In an instant the mountain becomes one cloud again,
and then many clouds rolling on once more
before the descent
into a new peaceful night. ❖



Anza Trail mile marker in
San Juan Bautista, CA



Anza Trailhead in
San Juan Bautista, CA



ANUNCIOS

April

- 18 **Cary Ranch Slideshow: Borrego Springs, CA**
7:30-9:00 pm
Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center, 590 Palm Canyon Dr, Borrego Springs, CA 92004
Enjoy a virtual visit to this historic ranch at the top of Coyote Canyon in Anza, CA, site of California Historic Landmark #103 commemorating Anza's travels through San Carlos Pass. Speaker: Reena Deutsch, Ph.D., Co-founder of La Puerta Foundation. Sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association (ABDNHA).
Members free, \$5 for non-members. For more information, call (760)767-3098.
- 19 **Tour Historic Cary Ranch: Anza, CA**
9:15-4:00 pm
Join us for a tour of the Cary Ranch by La Puerta at San Carlos Pass. Visit the site where the 1775-75 Anza Expedition journeyed over the pass and out of the desert. Reservations required. For more information, call (760) 767-3098.
- 25-27 **Los Californianos Quarterly Meeting: King City, CA**
For more information, visit www.localcalifornianos.org. *(NPS Anza Trail staff present)*

May

- 3 **Blessing of the Horse: San Juan Bautista, CA**
10:00-1:00 pm
After the blessing by the Amigos de Anza, ride your horse on the Anza Trail (8-mile round trip) through a gentle rolling oak woodland hillside. Event planned by Pinnacles National Monument. For more information, call (831) 389-4486 x 262.

June

- 1 **Anza en Calabazas: Los Angeles County, CA**
Celebrate the 1776 Anza Expedition's passage through the Calabazas area. Location and time TBA. For more information, call Ralph Lee Moss at (818) 882-4619.
- 25-27 **Pasados del Presidio: San Francisco, CA**
Thursday, 26th, 7-8 pm: Storytime with Olga Loya as 12-year-old girl on 1776 Expedition
Friday, 27th, 11 am-noon: Los Californianos San Francisco Birthday commemoration
Friday, 27th noon-3 pm: Kids activities and games about early Spanish California
Friday, 27th, 7-9 pm: Fandango dancing and singing
For more information, visit www.presidio.gov/calendar/ *(NPS Anza Trail staff present)*
- 28 **Carmel Mission Founder's Day: Carmel, CA**
All Day
Carmel Mission Basilica, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93923
Join in the docent tours, historical exhibits, farmer's market, food & music, craft demonstrations, dancing, and invited plein air painters. For More Information, call (831) 624-1271, or visit www.carmelmission.org

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View from the Anza Trail



Calianto Singers performing at the Anza Trail art exhibit reception displayed in Corazon del Pueblo store in Oakland, California. Other performers included Don Garate as Anza, and Ruth Orta and Marvin Martin playing Ohlone songs and sharing their Ohlone background. The exhibit and event were coordinated by Nina Egert of Vinapa Foundation.