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New Anza Trail Superintendent

By Naomi Torres

Edited by Margaret Styles

I am extremely pleased to have been selected as the new superintendent for Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. I am scheduled to begin my new position in mid- to late February in the Oakland headquarters office.

I have been involved in the Anza Trail for several years, especially when I worked as a National Park Service (NPS) Interpretation Manager at the Presidio in San Francisco. It was my tenure at the Presidio and Golden Gate National Recreation Area that I worked with representatives from the Presidio Trust and community partners to produce the annual Pasados del Presidio special event. Going for more than eight years now, every June the week-long Pasados event commemorates the Spanish, Mexican, and Native American history of the Presidio, coinciding with the anniversary arrival of the Anza Expedition settlers on June 27, 1776.

After leaving the Presidio, I continued to work with the Anza Trail staff during this past year, as the Chief of Interpretation at John Muir National Historic Site (NHS) in Martinez, CA (San Francisco Bay Area). I was fortunate to assist the trail staff on the development and site coordination of the first permanent Anza Trail exhibit. The design phase is almost complete. I look forward to working on the exhibit installation later this year in the Martinez Adobe at John Muir NHS.

As a native of El Paso, Texas and a Mexican-American, I am personally familiar with the cultural and landscape geography of the areas



Anza Trail Superintendent, Naomi Torres

covered by the trail. I believe this new job will bring together my personal identity and my career with the NPS.

I am currently finishing up my work at John Muir NHS and will begin working for the Anza Trail in February. I look forward to meeting and working with all of the wonderful partners along the trail. In the meantime, the Acting Superintendent is Barbara Rice with the RTCA program in Oakland. ❖

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National Park Service

From the Interpretive Specialist



Margaret Styles

New Superintendent

When Stan Bond announced that he was leaving his trail Superintendent position for one at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, several of you asked if I was applying for the position. My initial response was to laugh. This is not to say that being the Superintendent is funny, but that I am not prepared for such high level duties. My current employee development and personal interests are in the interpretation field, not the trail management field.

I first met Naomi Torres when I worked as a Park Ranger on the Presidio of San Francisco in 1998. I believe she will make an excellent Anza Trail Superintendent. Naomi has extensive community outreach experience, especially with non-traditional and underrepresented community groups. She is very familiar with partner collaboration and she speaks fluid Spanish. Her start date will be in mid-February. We are both scheduled to attend the Anza Society World Conference this March in Tucson.

Until she arrives, the Acting Superintendent in our office is Barbara Rice. She is the Program Leader for the Rivers, Trails & Conservation Program for the Oakland Office. She can be contacted via the "Contact Us" page on the trail website, or by phone at (510) 817-1449.

Happy New Year and Happy Trails! ❖

Conferences and Symposiums

Roads to Yuma: Historic Trails Symposium

January 16-18, 2009 Yuma, AZ

Join in celebration of the many historic trails that came together at the Yuma Crossing of the Colorado River. Learn about the importance of the Southern routes to California. Sponsored by Oregon California Trails Association. For more information, call (888) 811-6282, or visit www.octa-trails.org

Association of Partners for Public Lands Annual Convention & Trade Show: Navigating the Future

March 1-5, 2009 Baltimore, MD

Be a part of charting the course for a dynamic future for America's public lands. Identify resources that will help you steer towards collaborative solutions for the good of public lands and the people they benefit. For more information and registration, visit www.appl.org

14th Annual Anza Society World Conference

March 12-15, 2009 Tucson, AZ

Conference will be held at the Hotel Tucson City Center. Registration and reception will be on March 12. Session on Anza and the Spanish Colonial Period will be held Friday, March 13 followed by an evening banquet. Tours of the Tucson Presidio and San Xavier del Bac Mission will be on Saturday. For more information and registration, visit www.anzasociety.org/Calendar/html. For hotel reservation, call (520) 622-3000.

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Deadlines

March 1 for April issue

June 1 for July issue

September 1 for October issue

December 1 for January issue



National Park Service

Period Clothing Project

One of the resources missing at the NPS office was period clothing representing the members of the 1776 Anza Expedition. Thanks to Rick Collins and the Environmental Education Exchange in Tucson, AZ, we have 36 sets. The clothing is for adults and children, representing soldiers, women, cowboys, and muleteers. The project also includes a life-size replica of Anza's tent and a soldado saddle. The clothing will initially be used for the Anza Trail filming in 2009. Then the clothing can be used for special events and educational programming. ❖



Period clothing project coordinator and creators, Barb and Rick Collins in front of Anza's tent

Sample of boys and girls clothing at La Fiesta de Tumacácori



Spanish Colonial soldados and saddle

Rickman Exhibit at Tubac Presidio State Historic Park

Arizona State Park staff installed a permanent exhibit of the 12 David Rickman Anza Trail illustrations in October just in time for the annual Anza Days event.



Heritage Events

Marana Heritage Fall Festival

On October 25, the Town of Marana in Arizona celebrated their heritage with a fall festival. Participants enjoyed a day of fun in the heritage park and learned about their rich history.

Volunteers from the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona staffed a trail information table to spread the word about the 1776 Anza Expedition and the recreation trail through town. Events also included a ribbon cutting ceremony of the trail. ❖



San Jose Founder's Day

On November 29, Los Californianos celebrated the founding of the first pueblo in Alta California. The event was attended by many descendants of the 1776 Anza Expedition who established the pueblo in 1777. The event was held at the Peralta Adobe on a beautiful afternoon with music, speeches, a floral memorial, reading of founder's names, and cake. Los Californianos presented their "Friends of the Californios" award to the National Park Service Anza Trail. Unfortunately, neither staff member was in attendance, but the award is greatly appreciated. Thank you. The award text is in the box to the right.



Photo: Charlie Keiffer

29 November 2008

at San Jose, California

Whereas ANZA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE has taken the responsibility of preserving the last Spanish colonial period building remaining in the City of Martinez, California,

And whereas ANZA NHT NPS conducts, or participates in, a number of public events which honor the memory of the Californio heritage (including the annual Presidio of San Francisco Founders Day and the Pueblo of San Jose Founders Day),

And whereas ANZA NHT NPS publishes and distributes books, brochures and a newsletter that make important information on the Spanish/Mexican period of California's history available to the public,

And whereas ANZA NHT NPS is designing and constructing an exhibit (to be housed in the Martinez adobe) which will tell the story of the families who came to California on the Anza expedition,

And whereas ANZA NHT NPS conducts educational programs for school children, providing accurate information and opportunities for understanding and learning about California's founders,

Therefore, the staff and volunteers of ANZA NHT NPS are hereby declared to be:

"Friends of the Californios"

Mike Ford, Chair,
Los Californianos Heritage Preservation Committee

Along the Trail

Anza Days: Tubac, AZ

October 18-19

Both Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona (ATCA) and NPS were present at the event. The NPS unveiled the 36 sets of period clothing and Anza tent made through the coordination of Rick Collins.

Visitors tried on clothing similar to what the 1776 Anza Expedition members would

have worn. Rick also presented a fashion show to demonstrate the function of all the layers, which was well received by the audience.



Period clothing fashion show

Anza Trail Promoted to California Council for the Promotion of History: San Luis Obispo, CA

October 23-25

Dorothy Jennings of the Amigos-de-Anza SLO chapter promoted the historic significance of the trail at their annual conference. This is a statewide advocate for CA history. The New World Baroque Orchestra played at the opening reception. Thank you, Dorothy!

Trail at Saratoga DeAnza Ground Breaking: CA

October 24
This new trail is on the PG&E right-of-way that travels along the railroad corridor between Congress Springs park and Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road. Congratulations!

Anza Trail Coalition Trail Party:

Santa Cruz County, AZ

October 25

Michael and Joy Anderson opened their home for a BBQ before the work party, which helped to fuel

the eager volunteers for their work near the Circulo Vespucci Trailhead in Tubac. It turned out to be the single largest volunteer turn out in 4 years! Thank you all for your help.

Trail Cleanup Project: San Juan Bautista, CA

November 18-19
Volunteer Jim Sleznick helped to organize the cleanup project with NPS maintenance staff from Pinnacles National Monument. They spent two days with a front-end loader removing debris along the trail, such as a refrigerator, culvert piping, and metal fencing. In the end, a dump truck was filled three times. Good work!



Pinnacles NM staff clean up trail in San Juan Bautista

La Fiesta de Tumacácori: Tumacacori NHP, AZ

December 6-7

Both the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona (ATCA) and the NPS Anza Trail staffed booths at the event. ATCA signed up new members and educated many people about the local trail projects. The NPS dressed up kids in period clothing and then they straddled the Spanish Colonial saddle. ❖



Visitor pretending to be a Spanish Colonial soldado on horseback

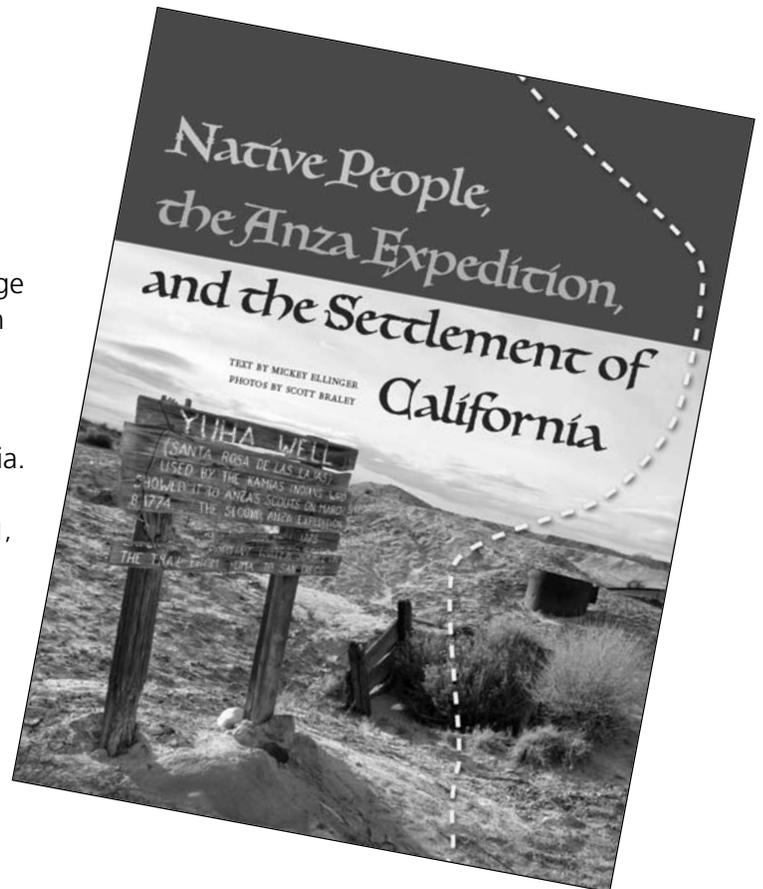
New Publications

Native People, the Anza Expedition, and the Settlement of California

This publication was one of the Anza Trail Challenge Cost Share projects in 2008 and produced through Heyday Institute. It reveals the perspectives of individual contemporary native people and their understanding or beliefs of the 1776 Anza Expedition, as well as its impact on native California. It is a supplement in the fall quarterly issue of the magazine *News from Native California* (Vol. 22, No. 1, Fall 2008).

We have posted a PDF version on our website at www.nps.gov/supportyourpark/bookstore.htm.

For information about *News from Native California*, visit www.heydaybooks.com/news/ or call (510) 549-3564.



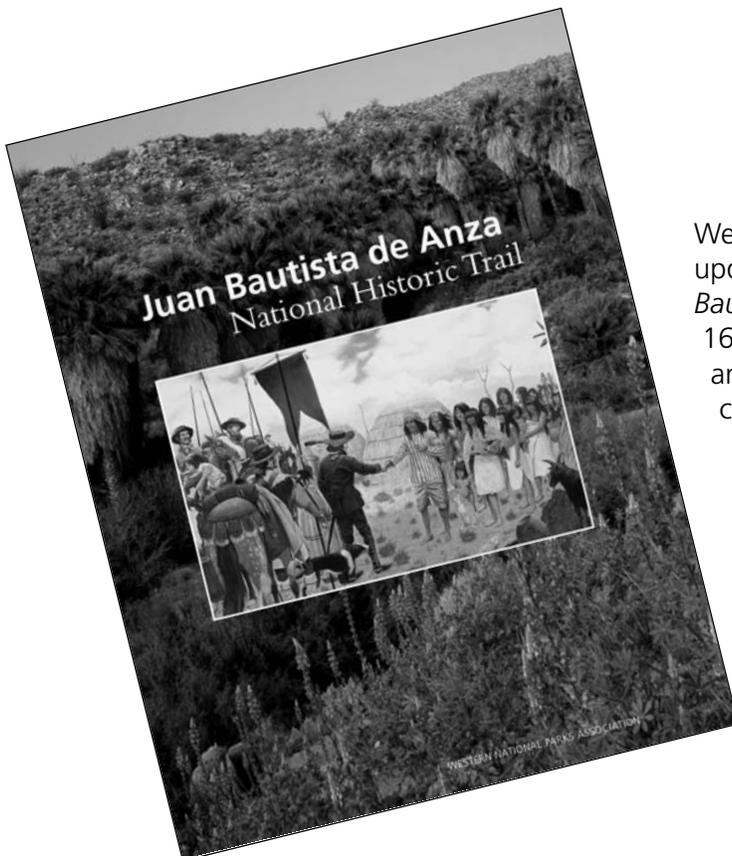
Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

Western National Park Association (WNPA) has updated and redesigned their publication *Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail*. It is still a 16-page booklet, but with improved formatting and images, including the illustration the NPS commissioned David Rickman to paint.

Retail cost: \$4.95

To purchase individual copies, visit www.wnps.org, click on [Shop Online](#) and in the search window type in "Anza Trail."

To order in bulk for resale outlets, contact the WNPA central warehouse at (888) 569-7762.





ANUNCIOS

January

- 8 **Book Talk for Juana Briones of 19th Century California: San Francisco, CA**
6:00-8:00 pm
California Historical Society, 678 Mission Street
Meet author Jeanne Farr McDonnell and hear about her new biography of Juana Briones, one of the first residents of what is now known as San Francisco. She was one of the few women in California of her time to own property. For more information, call (415) 357-1848 or visit www.californiahistoricalsociety.org
- 16-18 **Roads to Yuma - Historic Trails Symposium: Yuma, AZ**
More information available on page 2 under "Conferences and Symposiums"
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)
- 23-25 **Los Californianos Quarterly Meeting: Monterey, CA**
For more information, visit www.loscalifornianos.org

February

- 7 **San Gabriel Mission History Day - Anza Trail Theme: San Gabriel, CA**
11:00-2:00 pm
San Gabriel Mission, 427 S. Junipero Serra Dr., 91776
Learn about the 1776 Anza Expedition and their time spent at the San Gabriel Mission. Free classroom curriculums are available for teachers. *(NPS Anza Trail staff present)*

March

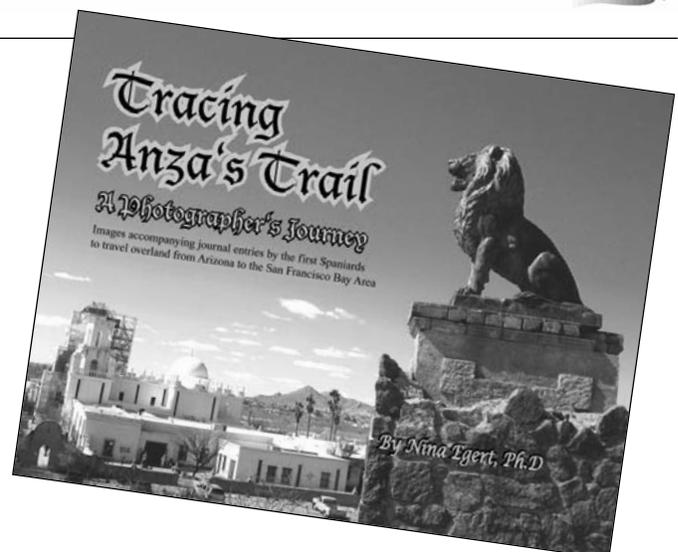
- 12-14 **14th Annual Society World Conference: Tucson, AZ**
More information available on page 2 under "Conferences and Symposiums"

See your announcement here! "Contact us" at www.nps.gov/juba.

Tracing Anza's Trail: A Photographer's Journey

In this book, anthropologist and award-winning photographer, Nina Egert, Ph.D., combines her stunning images of the trail today with excerpts from the explorers' diaries to relay a different sort of story about Anza's and Font's insights and struggles as they negotiate the landscape before them.

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View from the Anza Trail



National Park Service Park Ranger, Eddie Arias, demonstrating the use of a Spanish Colonial musket during La Fiesta de Tumacácori in Arizona, December 6-7, 2008.