

CALEDONIA ENTERPRISE

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Who are the Friends of the Adobes?

Friends of the Adobes, Inc. is a non-profit organization incorporated in 1968 for the purpose of bringing together persons interested in history, especially the history of northern San Luis Obispo county and southern Monterey county. The organization's major function is to promote the restoration and maintenance of adobes and other landmarks of historical significance in these areas.

Rios-Caledonia Adobe

San Miguel, CA; California Historical Landmark No. 936

This former residence, inn, and stage stop was constructed in 1835 and is located on the old mission trail between San Francisco and Los Angeles, adjacent to the San Miguel Mission. Preserved adobe buildings currently house a Museum and Gift Shop as well as a recently opened Research Library. Picnic spots and restrooms are available. If you haven't yet visited, please come by! Take the San Miguel exit on Highway 101 (eight miles north of Paso Robles) to 700 S. Mission Street, San Miguel.



Estrella Adobe Church

Paso Robles, CA; California Historical Landmark No. 542

The Estrella Adobe Church, the first Protestant church in northern San Luis Obispo County, was built in 1878-1885 by early pioneers. The church prospered for a few years but then fell into disuse and began crumbling into ruins. The church was restored through the efforts of the Paso Robles Women's Club and was rededicated in 1952. It is available to rent for weddings or other small gatherings. The church is located on Airport Road in Paso Robles, 2 1/2 miles north of Highway 46 East.



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Rios-Caledonia Adobe

700 S. Mission Street
San Miguel, CA 93451
Museum and Gift Shop

Open Fri., Sat., Sun.

11 am to 4 pm

Research Library

Open Fridays

12:30 pm to 3 pm

Five EASY ways to help or be involved...

1) Join

Membership is an easy way to provide support and ensure you keep updated on our activities. Memberships start at \$10 and can be given as gifts. Visit our website for more information: www.rios-caledoniaadobe.org. We also welcome new Board Members with fresh ideas!

2) Shop

The Rios-Caledonia Museum's Gift Shop offers truly unique antiques and collectibles as well as fascinating books. You just might find the perfect gift for someone special, or perhaps something for yourself!

3) Donate items

Donations of antique / vintage items to sell in the Museum's Gift Shop are very much appreciated! In addition to bringing in money, new Gift Shop items help bring in repeat visitors and shoppers.

4) Donate funds

We are always very grateful for monetary donations of any amount! And, please keep in mind that we are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit!

5) Volunteer

Volunteers are always appreciated! In addition to working as docents, in the Gift Shop, and at special events, volunteers can help with clerical tasks, exhibits, fundraising, research, landscaping, website updates, publicity, and special projects (like making Cactus Jelly). If you have a special talent or are willing to help in any way, please contact Joyce at (805) 440-7173, or email her at: hermanjah11@yahoo.com

President's Message

By Tom Taylor, President, Friends of the Adobes

If you have never been to a FOTA board meeting, you should show up the first Monday of any month. It is held in the old fashioned style with a potluck. Each board member brings something and we all "dig" in. When you do come, you are exempt from bringing food; we will feed you. After the clearing of the paper plates, we all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting from then on is the standard; Attendance, Minutes, Treasurers Report, Administrators Report, Old Business, New Business and Adjournment. The meeting starts at noon and is over about 2 o'clock.

Your President – me – is a board member in training. It's a joy to preside over a meeting of talented people who "actually run the place". Their historic knowledge of daily operations and past events and their efforts moving forward are the glue that makes the Friends of the Adobes, Inc. a successful organization.

The planning for our four fundraisers is progressing nicely. The first one will be the Annual Memorial Service at the Estrella Church on May 28th, the second is the Annual Car Show on June 3rd, the third will be Caledonia Days on September 9th and the last one of this year will be the Candlelight Tour of the Old Adobe on October 28th. We hope to see all of you there.

I would like a dual motto for the Estrella Church; "WE CARE", and "What's New?" We do care and last year planted a California Buckeye tree that in its first season is leafing out quite nicely. We also unveiled the rebuilt old tree bench. This year we have a new cactus garden. I think it will be just fine given the fact that there are no utilities. The hundred year old church pew has also been reinforced; we are now able to sit on it.

Joyce was wondering about potting up some of the plants on the Caledonia Property and to that end we potted 3 dozen California Bladder pods. Maybe if we keep this up with different plants we will have a plant nursery of Caledonia Native Plants for sale in the gift shop. I am looking for original Mission Grape plants that were planted in the 19th century for cuttings.

If you or a friend would like to help out, we are always in need of volunteers. We would like to thank the volunteers that have been helping us, including Linda Elmrick's grandson, Colen. They are doing a terrific job. And also a big Hat's-Off to the Cactus Jelly Crew.

Fun note:

In 1853 Botanist C. A. Shelton brought honey bees into California from the east coast by way of the Panama Peninsula. Only enough bees from the twelve colonies he brought with him survived to establish one colony. This one colony of bees was enough to allow history to credit him with starting the honey bee industry in the golden state.

Wanted

Seeking information on the Livingston House north of San Miguel, sought by its current owner. In addition, anything on Rio Salinas Rancho. Please contact Barbara Bilyeu at bbilyeu2001@yahoo.com.

History of the Hollister Adobe

Please join us for an evening with historian Dennis Judd at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 24 at the Rios-Caledonia Adobe. Dennis will be speaking on the history of the Hollister Adobe, another of our wonderful old adobes which is located on the campus of Cuesta College. This historical dwelling has a fascinating history, encompassing much of the history of the San Luis Obispo area, and associated with many of the prominent names of our larger County area. As late as WWII, it was used by soldiers at Camp San Luis as the "Shrine of the Centurion". It is currently going through the restoration process and deserves our attention and support! Dennis is recently retired after 28 years of teaching history at Cuesta College, where he still teaches one class a year on California History. He has also worked as a guide at Hearst Castle, and has a deep love for the Central Coast and its history. He is an entertaining, entrancing speaker, and we are looking forward to spending an informative evening with him in the old Adobe!

Library News

It's here! The link to the Rios-Caledonia Research Library is now on the homepage for the Rios-Caledonia Adobe! You will find the link in the banner toward the top above the photo of the Adobe. If you click on the link for "Research Library", you will be taken to a page with a photo of the library and a quick description of how to get started with a search of the catalog. It may take a little practice to learn how to get around, but you will be pleased at the many items we have in the collection.

Thanks to Joy Barlogio, our Web mistress, for enabling the link on our website, and to Karen Wood-Mitchell for putting our catalog online.

Cactus Jelly

At the end of March, our "Cactus Jelly Crew" diligently worked to produce more jars of jelly. We now have a renewed supply available for \$7.00 per jar. Please come see us Friday—Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm or call us at (805) 467-3357.

Picture at right is Alice Dulitz (1902—2000). Alice came to Atascadero in 1919. She started a cactus-jelly project to raise money for the Friends of the Adobes restoration projects in 1978 when she felt something should be done with the abundance of fruit produced by the old cactus plants growing on the Rios-Caledonia grounds. Some of the plants had been on the grounds since 1896.



Annual Memorial Service—May 28, 2017

Please join us at the Estrella Adobe Church on Airport Road, north east of Paso Robles, on Sunday, May 28th from 2 to 4 pm. The service will be lead by local minister Vern Haynes, Jr.. Vocalist, Lynne Schmitz will sing some familiar old hymns, accompanied by Carol Oxborrow on the antique pump organ. Past Pioneer Day Royalty will speak and Anne Collins will briefly share the history of the Estrella Adobe Church and share the dedication in remembrance of Harry Wolfe, long time attendee. Questers of the area will again serve delicious refreshments.

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Annual Car Show—Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 8 am to 2 pm

To be held on grounds of Rios-Caledonia Adobe. FREE to public! Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be available for a small cost; wine tasting will be provided by a local winery; tours of the Adobe; Gift Shop open and a local band will keep us “in the mood”.

Caledonia Days—Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 10 am to 4 pm

Plans are in the works! Please watch future newsletter and local news sources for further details.

Candlelight Tour of the Old Adobe—Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 7 pm to 9 pm

Ghost stories by Paul Burkle—our master of scaring you! Ghosts furnished by Paso Robles High School's Drama Department; Taro Readings by the Mystical Ray-Anne; Resident Ghosts are free and so are the refreshments!