

# 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.



## Board of Directors

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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](http://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, and special projects (like making Cactus Jelly). If you have a special talent or are willing to help in any way, please contact Linda Elmerick at (805) 680-6086 or email her at: [LElmerick@gmail.com](mailto:LElmerick@gmail.com). Training is provided. You can work as much or as little as you would like. Even just one day a month would be of tremendous help. Hours of operation are Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm.

## Membership News

Our annual membership drive is upon us and renewal forms will be sent out separately this month. We know this is a busy time of year for everyone! But, please don't let the year slip by without sending in your membership renewal. You will see from our membership form that we continue to offer five levels of membership, starting at \$10.00 for emailed newsletters. We have many members who give at the Contributor and Supporter levels, and we truly appreciate you all!

We wish to recognize and thank our SPONSOR level members from this past year: *Kathleen and Keith Belmont, Diana Brenna (Life), Kathy Brown, Family Praise and Worship, Denise Grigory (Life), Thomas A. Gorham, Ann Harmer, Jean and Dick Hoffmann, Jane and Dennis Johansen (Life), Tony Johnston (Life), Cyndi and Dave Krill (Life), LaDonna and Ollie Machado, Carol and Ray Michael, Ann Myhre (Life), Paso Robles Main Street, Denis Quinn, Kathryn Rayne, Betty and James Robinson (Life), Jean Ross, Robert Teitsworth, and Harry Wolf Family (Life).*

We also wish to recognize and thank our PATRON level members from this past year who are also LIFETIME members: *Leon Herman, Michael and Caitlin Hibma and Dennis Loftus.*

And last but certainly not least, we wish to recognize and thank our BENEFACTOR level members from this past year who are also LIFETIME members: *Bryan and Jackie Bode and Bob and Linda Elmerick .*

We could not continue the upkeep of the Caledonia Adobe and the Estrella Adobe Church without the generosity of all of our members and supporters. Thank you for your support this past year and we wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season!

## Like Us and Follow Us!

Rios-Caledonia Adobe is on Facebook @ [www.facebook.com/RiosCaledoniaAdobe](http://www.facebook.com/RiosCaledoniaAdobe) and on Instagram @ [www.instagram.com/rioscaledoniaadobe](http://www.instagram.com/rioscaledoniaadobe). Check out both sites for more information about the Caledonia and to see lots of great pictures from our events and grounds.

## Cactus Jelly is HERE!

We will have a renewed supply of our cactus jelly available beginning November 17th. Jars of this delicious jelly would make wonderful stocking stuffers or a special addition to your holiday meals. Shop for only \$7.00 per 8 oz. jar.

We also have a supply of honey, that was collected locally from the York Mountain Area, at \$7.00 per 4 oz. jar and \$11.00 per 8 oz. jar.

And, don't forget our Caledonia Cactus Collection starting at just \$4.00 per pot plus lots of great books, antiques and collectibles in our Gift Shop. Open Friday—Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm. Hope to see you soon!

## From the files of the Research Library

The Cuesta Grade! That famous (or infamous) stretch of road that connects the North County with the South County, and which many of us, especially newer residents, take for granted. We all travel it, and those of us who have been here awhile probably have our personal horror stories to relate from days past, before it became the relatively smooth drive it is today. But have you ever wondered what it was like before it was a paved road? Well, our own Tom Taylor, President of the Friends of the Adobes, has recently had his well-researched article "Historic Places on the Cuesta Grade" included in *La Vista, a Journal of Central Coast History*, published by the History Center of San Luis Obispo County. Illustrated with a map and historic photos, the article includes brief summaries of the histories of places like the Eight Mile House, Boronda's Inn, the 7SM Chinchilla Farm and the Mo-Tel Inn, among others. Some places are still standing and you can still find them today as you travel the Grade, but they may have undergone changes over the years. Tom also describes the growing pains the road went through beginning as a path up (and sometimes in) the bed of San Luis Obispo Creek, to a stagecoach road requiring a two-day trip to get to the top of the pass, a graded gravel road, and so forth. You can still see its former incarnations along the way as you travel, if you look. Congratulations, Tom! He has graciously donated a copy to the Rios-Caledonia Research Library.



## Visitors to Caledonia

On Sunday, October 22nd, we welcomed Boy Scout Troop 104 from Mission Hills, California. They were in our area camping at Lake Nacimiento, visited Mission San Luis Obispo, Mission San Miguel and us! What a wonderful group of young men! We enjoyed having them tour the Adobe and hope they come back some day!

We have had many tour groups coming by this past month and love having them. If you belong to a group that would like to have a special tour, please call the Caledonia at (805) 467-3357 to reserve your date.

## Haunted Adobe

There was plenty of excitement at the Caledonia Adobe on the night of October 28th, with ghosts of all shapes and sizes in attendance, along with close to 300 real people as well. We can't thank all of our volunteers enough as well as our "ghosts" from the Paso Robles High School Drama Department. Our own administrator, Joyce Herman, filled in as story teller and the Mystical Ray-Anne was kept quite busy. Lots of goodies were gobbled up. For more pictures of the fun please visit our Facebook Page or Instagram Account. Pictured above are our board members Jean Ross and Kathy Brown trick or treating.

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## **Administrator Joyce Herman Retiring!**

After over 40 years working with the Friends of the Adobes in restoration, preservation and administration, Joyce Herman has decided to hang up her tile. Her tireless energy and love of the Caledonia has kept the walls from crumbling and the people returning. We know we will still be able to count on her when we need her but will try to allow her to get some much deserved rest. We love and appreciate her more than words can say.