

CALEDONIA ENTERPRISE

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Who are Friends of the Adobes?

Friends of the Adobes, Inc. is a nonprofit 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

California State 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, with a research library in the works. Picnic spots and restrooms are available. If you haven't yet visited, please come by! The Adobe is open Friday through Sunday from 11 AM to 4 PM. Take the San Miguel exit on Highway 101 (eight miles north of Paso Robles) to 700 S. Mission Street, San Miguel.



Estrella Adobe Church

California State Historical Landmark No. 542

The Estrella Adobe Church, the first Protestant church in northern San Luis Obispo County, was built in 1878 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 opened for a memorial service annually (on Memorial Day weekend), but you are welcome to visit the grounds any time. The church is located on Airport Road in Paso Robles, two miles north of Highway 46 East.



September 27: CALEDONIA DAYS

Please join us at the Rios-Caledonia Adobe as we step back in time on Saturday, September 27, to enjoy bygone ways of bygone days.



This special event, from 10 AM to 4 PM, will feature Dutch oven cooking and tastings, barbecued food, music, skilled artisans and craftsmen, displays of small engines, local rock enthusiasts with their collections, and more!

In fact, if you are interested in participating in Caledonia Days through Dutch oven cooking, old time arts and crafts, a display of a historical collection, or as a vendor of local produce or baked goods, please call (805) 467-3357.

Caledonia Days is sponsored by Friends of the Adobes, and The Native Sons of the Golden West, San Miguel Chapter.

(See page 4 to learn more about Dutch ovens)

Friends of the Adobes needs YOU!

Here are four ways you can support Friends of the Adobes in our efforts to preserve our area's history:

Memberships

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, and watch for your renewal letter later this fall.

Gift Purchases

The Rios-Caledonia Museum's Gift Shop offers truly unique antiques and collectibles as well as fascinating books. (Many books have been recently restocked.) You just might find the perfect gift for someone, perhaps even for yourself!

Donations

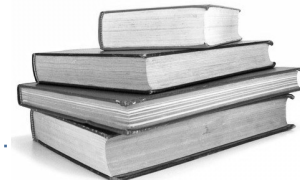
Monetary donations or donations of items to sell in the Museum's Gift Shop are always very much appreciated!

Volunteerism

Volunteers are always appreciated! In addition to helping as docents, in the gift shop, and at special events, we also need helpers for clerical tasks, exhibits, fundraising, research, landscaping, website updates, publicity, and special projects. If you have a special talent or are willing to help in any way, please contact Joyce at (805) 467-3357, or email her at hermanjah@tcsn.net.

Rios-Caledonia RESEARCH LIBRARY Update

By Barbara Bilyeu



The research library being developed around Wally Ohles' personal library which was left to the Rios-Caledonia when he passed away, is taking shape nicely! Thanks to donations from the Questers and members of the Friends of the Adobes, we are now able to cover the books with clear book jackets to preserve their dust jackets, mend books in need of repair, and perform other library-related tasks in order to make the collection, currently almost 800 books, ready for researchers to use. We are making good progress and look forward to addressing the numerous files and binders of miscellaneous information Wally accumulated—much of which is research treasure! Two fine bookcases were built by Frank Graves for the library and look good in the adobe building which was once the Information Center. The collection centers around California history and includes many works on our local area as well as American Indians, which was one of Wally's major interests. Stay tuned for more progress updates!

Who are THE QUESTERS?

If you have been a member of Friends of the Adobes for very long, you know The Questers have been great friends to us! Not only have they provided monetary support, such as when the Estrella Adobe was repainted, but they also give of their time and energy. Each spring Questers clean the Estrella Adobe Church in preparation for the annual memorial service in May, and they also provide delicious refreshments at the service. Thanks for everything, Questers!

So who or what are The Questers? The Questers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the study, conservation, and presentation of historical objects. Questers support preservation and restoration of artifacts, memorials, landmarks, historic buildings and other items that keenly exhibit our heritage. In California there are 31 chapters and over 485 members. The local chapter is the Agua Caliente Chapter, #1359. And so, now you know!

All the LATEST NEWS

Brochures: We have a very attractive and informative new brochure about the Rios-Caledonia Adobe, thanks to the efforts of board member Gary McMasters (who designed the brochure) and a generous grant received from the Hind Foundation, which covered the printing costs. You can find more information about the grant at the Hind Foundation website, by doing a search on the following page:

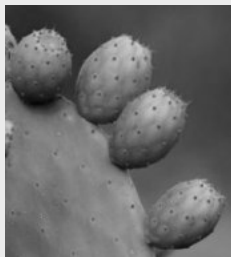
<http://www.hindfoundation.org/Grantees>

White Washing: Most of you know that the County of San Luis Obispo has owned the Rios-Caledonia Adobe since 1964 and that restoration and maintenance of the Adobe has been a cooperative effort between Friends of the Adobes and County Parks. The most recent maintenance project by County Parks was the slurring and white washing of the Adobe's east side, and it looks great! The north side will be done next, after the roof is inspected to confirm that it can support the scaffolding that is required for the job.

Kitchen display: Plans are in the works to rearrange the north end of the Rios-Caledonia Museum and Gift Shop to make it into a kitchen display, which will include the beautiful antique stove already in that space. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

Visitors: We continue to have many visitors from around the state, country, and world. Most recently some Kiwis (residents of New Zealand) dropped by!

CACTUS JELLY is coming!



This year's supply of our very popular cactus jelly, made from local nopales

fruit ("prickly pear") will be available in November in the Rios-Caledonia Museum's Gift Shop. Last year's batch was sold by Christmas, so don't miss out this year! And keep in mind that it makes for a very special gift and a jar would even fit nicely in the toe of any Christmas stocking.

THANK YOU to our generous supporters!

- ☆ *The Hind Foundation:* For their generous grant which paid for our beautiful new brochures!
- ☆ *Barbara Bilyeu:* For her expertise in the ongoing work of organizing the research library. (Barbara has been assisted by Joyce Herman and Linda Elmerick.)
- ☆ *Frank Graves:* For construction of the two sturdy bookcases for our research library!
- ☆ *John van Harmelen:* For volunteering during his summer school break, giving tours and more.
- ☆ *Richard Triplett:* For volunteering in the Gift Shop and as a greeter.
- ☆ *Harry Wolf:* For his generous donation, given to us at the Estrella Adobe Church service.
- ☆ *Pastor Amy Beveridge:* For graciously officiating at the Estrella Adobe Church Annual Service in May.
- ☆ *Anna and Red Hohman:* For their indispensable help with the Model A and Model T Car Show in June.
- ☆ *All who attended the Estrella Adobe Church Service and/or the Car Show:* Thank you for showing your support by sharing these events with us!

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DUTCH OVENS... did you know?

A Dutch oven is a heavy cooking pot (usually cast iron) with a lipped tight-fitting lid. Cast-iron cookware was loved by colonists and settlers because of its versatility and durability.

When the young American country began to spread westward across the North American continent, so did the Dutch oven. A Dutch oven was among the gear Lewis and Clark carried when they explored the great American Northwest in 1804–1806. The pioneers who settled the American West also took along their Dutch ovens.

Dutch ovens are particularly well suited for long, slow cooking, such as in making roasts, stews, and casseroles. But, most any recipe that can be cooked in a conventional oven can be cooked in a Dutch Oven.

Want to know more about Dutch Ovens? Come to Caledonia Days on September 27 at the Rios-Caledonia Adobe! *(See page 1 for more info.)*

October 25: Adobe CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Be sure to visit the "spooky", darkened Rios-Caledonia Adobe between 7 and 9 PM on Saturday, October 25, for a unique (and free) candlelight tour. Luminarias will illuminate the path from the parking lot to the Adobe and you will be provided with a candle to light your way as you wander. Ghost stories will be told and refreshments will be provided. Who knows what else might happen if ghosts are involved! Don't miss it!

