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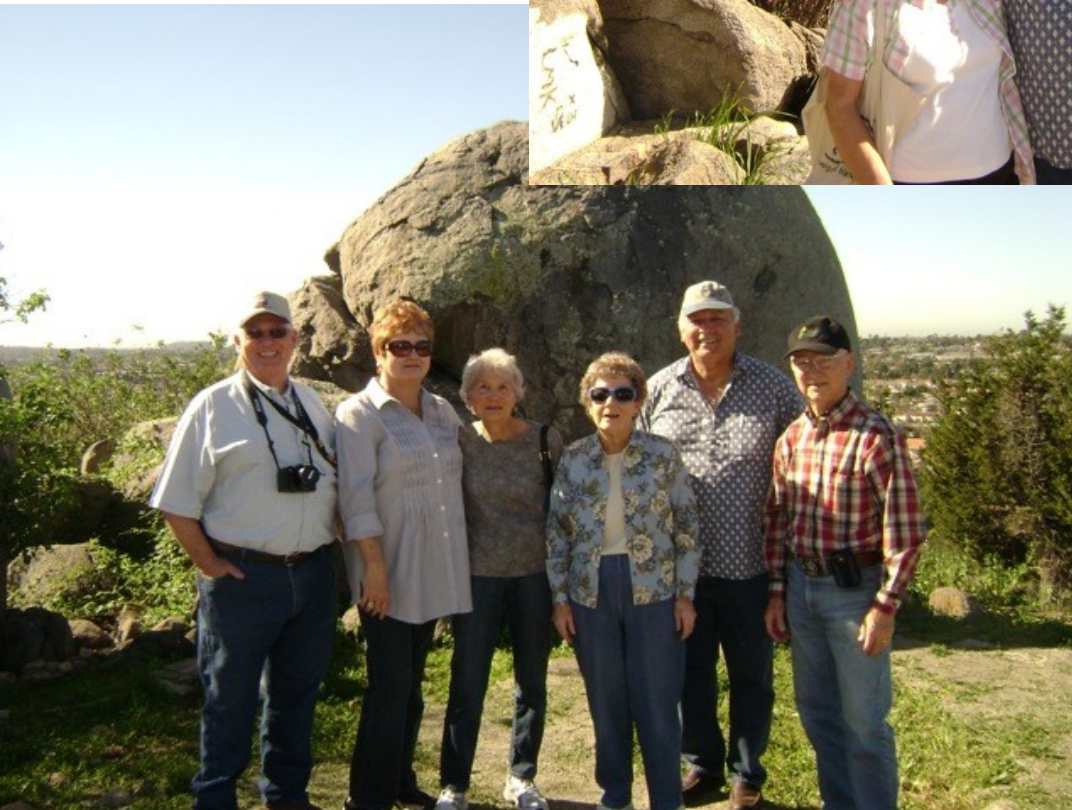


Rancho Guajome Adobe County Park

Docents Treated to Indian Rock Tour

Captain of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, Mel Vernon, welcomed Rancho Guajome docents to “Indian Rock” . The ancient ceremonial site is considered a sacred place by the Luiseno people. Since few such sites exist anymore or are endangered (due to development and vandalism) it is even more meaningful that the

tribe allowed us to visit the site and learn about its significance. Thanks to



Mel and the other members of the tribe for allowing Rancho Guajome docents to visit this important site.

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Kautz Name Explored

Susan Coutts Springstead gave me a number of issues of a California Coutts family newsletter. I don't know if it's still being published. But this particular issue is of interest in its reach of the family history back into Germany, and the derivation of the name: This is verbatim:

CALIFORNIA'S COUTS COUSINS

Volume 2 August, September, October NUMBER 7, 1999

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Descendants of the Coutts Family

ORIGIN OF THE KAUTZ NAME

In a recent correspondence, the origin of the Coutts name came up. In my research I have seen that it means "giant owl," but this researcher said that it was "cats". I ask for more clarity from my researcher pals and they sent the following:

I've not seen just a "Kautz" name in anything I've worked with...the name means "cat"

Subj: Re: Origin of the Kautz name? From: (Earl Kissling) Barb, There appears to be no direct translation into English for the word Kautz, according to our German-English dictionary. Your correspondent said it translated into cat. That German word is Katze (no u) = cat. The word Kauz (no t) or Kauze (no t) means odd fellow,

from Dr. Jerry Colling

strange bird, or screech owl.

Subj: Origin of the Kautz name? From: (Robert L. Williams) My records show the name Kautz means "screech owl" Barb Williams

End of article from the newsletter.

From Jerry Colling:

My German – English dictionary I used in 2 years of college German had no "Kautz" word, only "Kauz" as described in the article. So it appears that Kautz, which was the family name in Germany, was a name, and nothing else. The German pronunciation of "Kautz" is exactly as we pronounce "Couts." Many foreign names were "anglicized" as immigrants came through Ellis Island. It would be interesting to know if any of the Tennessee Coutts family used "Kautz" for a while before changing it to "Couts." I'll ask Arthur Coutts about this when he visits Guajome January 22nd. He recently visited a Coutts neice in Tennessee.

Visit to Indian Rock Photos



Docent League of San Diego Announcement

Our first lunch meeting of 2011, Monday, March 14 at 9:30 am at the Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado, Balboa Park. There are 3 exhibits.-- Love of Textiles features haute couture garments from the 1960 thru 1980. Folk Art Treasures of Romania--rich and diverse artistic expression of this ancient territory. Also, Classic and Contemporary Native American Art. Giuseppe Fine Catering is preparing a special lunch for \$11.00 per person. We

will be eating in the Sculpture Garden of the San Diego Museum of Art. Our choices are ; Turkey with Arugula and Manchego cheese or Fresh Mozzarella Caprese with basil and Tomato. Since attendance is limited to 50 we need to get our reservation in as soon as possible-- hopefully at the Pit Stop. Remember you make your checks out to, Pat Obetz ,then she will send in one check.

Important Dates and Events @ RGA

Feb. 1st: Docent Appreciation Luncheon @ 11am @ the Pit Stop Diner in Oceanside!

Please sign up for weekend tours, we need tour guides!



Sign up now for school tours, weekend tours and gift shop shifts! Make it simple, just call the park or email us. 760-724-4082/ Jason.schwartz@sdcounty.ca.gov

Warm Weather and Trail Connections Increase Visitation

In January, we have seen a marked increase in park visitors for our weekend tours. In fact, on one weekend alone we saw over fifty visitors passing through to take a tour of the adobe and visit the grounds!

I'm thinking the warm weather and the new trail connection with the sports park has helped increase our visitation. Furthermore, even during the weekdays I've started to notice an increase in hikers, bikers, joggers and dog walkers; some passing by and other taking a look around the adobe grounds.

People are starting to discover the adobe on foot, rather than solely by car. Hopefully, this means that are visitation will continue to increase since our historic site is more accessible than it has been for many years. It would be nice to think that the adobe hasn't looked so welcoming since Cave and Ysidora welcomed visitors and passersby to the adobe over 150 years ago.

Pit Stop Diner Menu**YOUR MEAL BEGINS WITH**

Salad with Choice of Dressing

FOLLOWED BY YOUR CHOICE OF

Jimbo's Cheese Burger with French Fries

Pit Stop Burger with French Fries

Bacon Avo Cheese Burger with French Fries

Garden Burger with French Fries

Chicken Breast Sandwich with French Fries

BLT & Avocado with French Fries

Grilled Ham and Cheese with French Fries

Chili Cheese Dog with French Fries

2 Eggs Plate W/Bacon or Ham or Sausage

BEVERAGES

Coffee, Hot Tea, Hot Cocoa

Coke, Sprite, Rootbeer, Lemonade, Mr. Pib,

Powerade, Raspberry Iced Tea

Park Projects & Updates

Mary Cortmyer Restores Two Picture Frames

Our trusted restoration expert, Mary Cortmyer, has restored two more picture frames for the adobe.

Old Pergola Down, New One Going Up

The new pergola is taking shape and it looks like it's going to be a huge improvement. It will definitely serve as the focal point of the Victorian Garden. Caretaker David Duran has been instrumental in making sure we get it right.

Second Part of Luiseno Exhibit

The second half of the Luiseno exhibit is open to the public now. The tribe has done a masterful job of creating a first class exhibit, in a limited space. Some of the highlights include 500 year old pottery (*ollas*), photo exhibit, tools, ceremonial items, artifacts and much more.

Office Kitchen Finished

Our park office kitchen should be in *Sunset* magazine! Well, not quite, but it will definitely be a space that can be utilized more for docent and staff meetings.

ADOBE DAYS EVENT UPDATE

Get ready for a new event! We will be having **Adobe Days** at Rancho Guajome in June! Here is the event information and description:

Event Title: *Adobe Days*

Date: June 11th

Time: 10am-7pm (10-3 adobe, 11-7 farmer's market)

Admission: \$3 adults, \$1 children, 3 and under free

Description:

Adobe Days at Rancho Guajome will be a festival celebrating local history, rancho lifestyle, agriculture and art.

Hands-on activities will include adobe brick-making, a petting zoo, and crafts for kids. Interactive demonstrations will consist of blacksmithing, gardening and landscaping. In addition, there will be a farmer's market featuring dozens of local farms, nurseries, authors, artists, local organizations and craftsmen. Live music, performances, adobe house tours and a variety of tasty food choices will also be part of the event.*

*We are still in the early planning stages, so not all aspects of the event are finalized yet.



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