

Sonoma and Petaluma Adobe State Historic Parks

May 2018 Events



Vallejo Home Plant Sale ~ Beginning May 1, ongoing

Grow plants propagated from the Vallejo Home property! Some plants are direct-descendants of the Vallejo era. Offerings include various succulents, deer-resistant, and drought-tolerant plants. Suggested donations of \$1- \$7 go toward the new Landscape Plan for the Vallejo Home.

4th Grade Mission Era Exhibition ~ May 4 thru May 29, 10:00am-5:00pm

Visit the Barracks to see California history projects made by local 4th-grade classes. Mission models, workbooks, maps, and research projects are on display in the Theater Room. Free.

Exploring the Seasonal Marshlands of the Park ~ Saturday, May 5, Noon - 3:00pm

During the wet season a large part of the Park's open space turns to marsh and wetlands. See what types of plant and aquatic life exist in the pond areas. Look for the State Park vehicle with a green flag near the Vallejo Home driveway. Suggested: Wear rain boots or waterproof shoes. Free.

Campfire Program ~ Saturday, May 12, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Gather 'round the campfire in the historic Sonoma Barracks Courtyard. Join in the fun with a short talk, songs and, of course, a marshmallow roast! All ages, free of charge, steady rain cancels.

Lecture: John C. Frémont in 1846, Mexican California ~ Thursday, May 17, 7:00pm

Just what was Frémont doing in Mexican California in the spring and summer of 1846? Dave Brummet and Jim Danaher, "The History Boys," describe Frémont's movements and activities in and around Sonoma during the time of the Bear Flag Republic. The lecture takes place in the Mission chapel. Admission: \$10/general public, \$5/SPPARKS members, free for docents and staff.

Fireside Chat: Wildlife Encounters! ~ Friday, May 18, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Come to the Barracks Courtyard and gain a better understanding of the wild animals you encounter. What should you do if you encounter animals on the hiking trail? What happens when you find an injured animal around your home? What are those critter noises you hear around your neighborhood? Enjoy s'mores and create a wooden "animal power" medallion. All ages. Free.

Nature Hike ~ Sunday, May 20, 11:00am - Noon

Join this casual hike through portions of the park and the Montini Trail. This is a one-mile, slow-paced hike with minor elevation change. Sturdy shoes and water recommended. Meet at the Vallejo Home parking lot. All ages, free of charge.

Rancho Day at the Petaluma Adobe ~ Saturday, May 26 10:00am - 4:00pm

Meet the vaqueros, traders, cooks, and crafts people who lived in Mexican California. Make adobe bricks, rope with vaqueros, learn dances from the *rancho's* fandango, and play historical games. Bring a picnic and watch history come alive! Admission: \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for youth ages 6-17, ages 5 and under free. Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, 3325 Adobe Road, Petaluma.

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