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California Pioneer Heritage Foundation National Art Competition Now Scheduled!

With the wildly successful art competition that was held at the Folsom Historical Museum, a new, larger competition is scheduled! Now is the time to submit your art for entry!

A Call For Entries

The California Pioneer Heritage Foundation announces its 2013 art competition. The theme is "California Pioneer Spirit in Art." This juried exhibit is open to all California residents 18 years of age and older. The rules and entry form for the competition can be found on our website, <http://californiapioneer.org/art-competition-2/2013-rules>. Various media are welcome including, but not limited to, painting, sculpture, drawings, textiles, ceramics, photography, and printmaking. Cash prizes totaling \$1,700 will be awarded to winning artwork with a special award of \$250 for best art depicting the Mormon influence in early California history. The deadline for entries is April 26, 2013 when digital images (or photographs of artwork) are due for prejudging. Accepted artwork will be exhibited in the California Museum in Sacramento from June 5 through September 1, 2013.

Cannon Go Boom!



Gearing Up for 2013!

The California Pioneer Heritage Foundation is a non-profit 203(c) organization. Under its direction there are several facets that help identify historical sites and artifacts, preserve existing and locate new historical artifacts, build accurate historical documentation which is available on the website www.CaliforniaPioneer.org and promotes historical activities.

Part of the promotion of historical activities is done through the Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneer group and the Mormon Pioneer Band. Both of these outreaches are under increasing demand from a number of organizations and locations to attend and present their interpretations of historical events and music.

The Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneer group travels all over California and Nevada presenting in their own unique, period correct style, the story of early California history. This isn't the history that is normally taught in the text books or in the classrooms, but it is true and accurate history that did affect the incorporation and future of Alta California.

In many of their demonstrations, a replica of one of the cannon that was purchased from Capt. John A. Sutter, of Sutter's Fort, is fired. An example of this is shown in the photo to the left. This photo was taken in Coloma last October, for Coloma Gold Rush Live.

This event is held each October in the spot where gold was discovered by James Marshall, who worked for Capt. Sutter and started the world wide gold rush to Coloma. The finding of gold is new to most, but most don't know that there were six discharged Mormon Battalion men there to witness this historic find.

How did they get there? What was the Mormon Battalion? What was the significance of their presence and other LDS members that was so important to the expansion of the United States acquiring all of Alta California and fulfilling President James K. Polk's vision of Manifest Destiny? How were they involved in the spreading of the message that gold was discovered? Who was the first, and only, President of the Republic of California?

All this and more is explained and demonstrated to the public, free of charge, by the volunteers of the Sierra Nevada Mormon Pioneers. But the Foundation needs your help to continue this and more. Please join the California Pioneer Heritage Foundation.

Want To Learn More About Our Local History?

History That Isn't Taught In Text Books Or Schools?

Take A Historical Bus Tour & Help Fund the CPHF!



Introducing ... NorCal History Tours

In a couple of months the CPHF will be launching the first History Bus Tour. If you had difficulty answering the questions in the Gearing Up For 2013 segment above, you find the answers to those questions, and many more on this fun, interactive, and informative bus tour.

You'll start off in Old Town Sacramento where you will meet Sam Brannan, the first millionaire in California, and the man that Brannan Street in San Francisco was named after.

Travel back in time to Sutter's Fort and learn about the little told history which surrounds it and meet Thomas Rhoads, an original member of the Donner Party. Find out how he escaped the ill-fated demise of others in his party and how his family contributed to the rescue of the few survivors.

Then to historic Folsom and visit the museum and drive by two historic homes that were moved from Mormon Island before the waters of Folsom Lake buried them forever.

Meet Henry Bigler, in Coloma, who was present when gold was discovered in the tail race of the saw mill. Then on to Pleasant Valley and learn about the Mormon Emigrant Trail and Sly Park.

Seats are limited so be sure to book your reservations for this inaugural trip NOW by calling 916-985-8984. Snooze & lose!

- Ride in air conditioned comfort
- Lectures by guide on route
- Fun trivia quizzes with prizes
- Learn little known historical secrets
- Hear the 'Rest Of The Story' about the Mormon Cabin
- Interact with period dressed docents in first person
- Be the first to sign up for an advanced copy of the book "Murder at Tragedy Spring!"

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BRIGHAM YOUNG
SAYS
I WANT YOU



For the **U.S. ARMY**
MORMON BATTALION
U.S. ARMY OF THE WEST 1846

In Council Bluffs, Iowa, when the Army of the West sought volunteers from the saints being driven out of Nauvoo, Ill. to fight in the war with Mexico, their first reaction was disbelief. How dare the U.S. Army ask them to join an army that did nothing to protect their homes and families from vigilantes in New York, Ohio, Missouri and Illinois? But President Brigham Young asked them to join and prophesied, *“that the names of those who joined would never be forgotten.”* Help us to continue to fulfill this prophecy by volunteering and donating. The CPHF is a non-profit foundation and solely exists by your donations.

Until the next circuit: www.ThePioneerPostman@gmail.com