

# T'epot'aha'l

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## GRAFFITI REMOVAL AT MORRO ROCK

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Morro Rock, part of Morro Bay State Park, is many things to many people. It is both a California State Historic Landmark and an ecological reserve. In addition, and perhaps most importantly, it is a sacred place to the people indigenous to the shores of the Estero Bay area. To many others with no particular tribal affiliation it is special as well a place (once detached from the mainland) to unwind, to detach oneself briefly from the worries and stresses that life throws at us.

Around the middle of May 2010, graffiti appeared on the ocean side of Morro Rock. A second occurrence was noticed about two weeks later. California State Park Rangers took a crime report, but had little hope of catching the perpetrators without catching them in the act.

Public outrage exhibited itself on many fronts, and on Wednesday June 9, around 30 people convened at Morro Rock to work on removing this terrible [blight] from the rock. The group consisted of State Park staff; Harbor Patrol staff; Morro Bay Police Department volunteers; members of the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce; Morro Bay city councilman, Noah Smuckler; concerned members of the general public; and seven members of the Salinan Tribe, Gary Pierce, John Burch, Ed Pierce, Patti Dunton, Pam Flood and Vera Pierce.

Graffiti removal, fortunately, is something with which we have had little experience at Morro Rock. We tried a number of methods for removal including wire brushes, sandblasting, pressure washing and biodegradable cleaning agents. What seemed most effective was the use of "needle scalers" powered by a compressor. These tools were provided by Ed Pierce. Sandblasting and cleaning agents were also found to be effective.

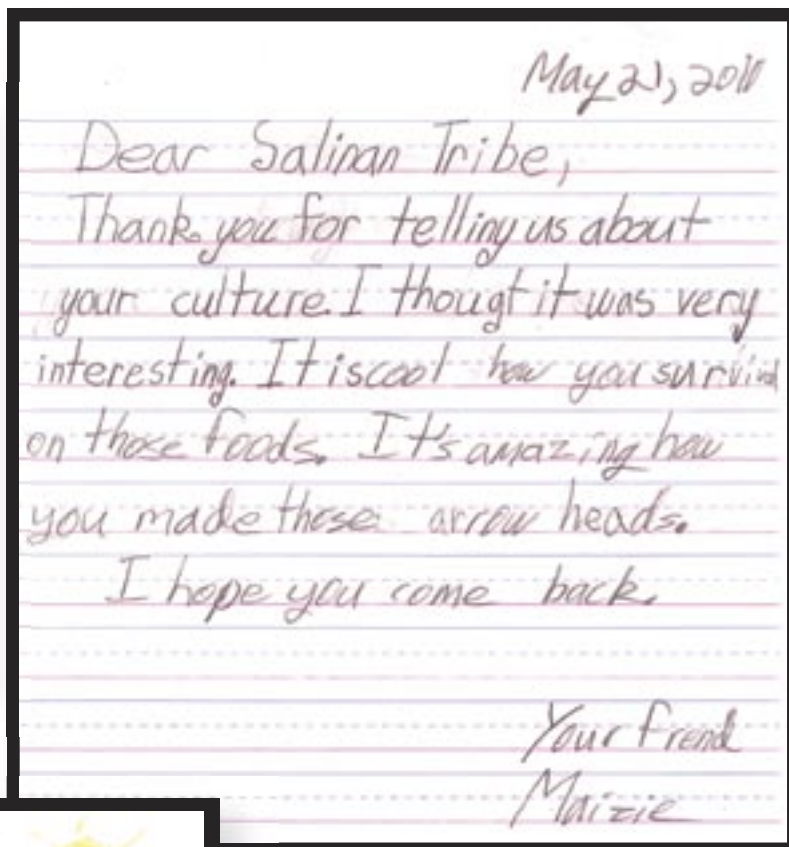
The first cleanup day was successful in that we learned a lot about what will and will not work and in the process removed approximately half of the offending graffiti. It also brought together people from many parts of the community who share the common goal not only of completing the clean-up but also deterring future incidents. It was truly heartening to see that so many people cared enough to come out and help.

A second clean-up day has been scheduled for June 23 and more will be scheduled if needed.

ENDNOTE: The story is not over. The perpetrators of this travesty actually videotaped themselves in the act and posted it on "YouTube" this will greatly help the State Park Rangers and Morro Bay Police Department in catching and prosecuting them. More to come!!!



## Tribal updates



### School Presentation a big success

Dayna Sciocchetti, Gary Pierce and Patti Dunton gave a presentation to Cappy Culver Elementary School near Heritage Ranch in Paso Robles on May 19th. Chris Molina filmed the presentation for the tribe in hopes of putting together an educational video that will be available to schools and other educational facilities. Here are some of the Thank you notes we received from students.

Reminder that all card holding members can go the Santa Ynez Clinic for in house Medical and Dental.  
The Clinic phone number is 805-688-7070.

**Tribal Opportunity** to sell traditional and contemporary items at the San Luis County Museum. Dan Carpenter, Museum financial director is looking for tribal members interested in selling their traditional or contemporary items in the museum gift shop. The museum is willing to buy or consign your items. He is wanting to honor the Native Americans of this area. If you are interested please call Dan at 805-543-0638 ext. 12 and he will set up a meeting with you and the museum's buyer. What a great opportunity to educate the public about the people of the Salinan Tribe.



# Tribal updates

## Art Show in King City

This is a great opportunity to show the creativity of the Salinan Tribe.

All art works requested by local native artists; Paintings, Drawings, Poetry, and many other forms of Arts & Crafts. The exhibit will run from July 12th to September 10th. All interested artists please contact Mauricio Cancholla at 831-385-0347 or Paula Martinez at 831-320-2337 ASAP.

Location of exhibit is at the King City Art Museum.



Stone Art By  
Trudy Sylvester



Arrowheads By  
Don Pierce

### July 11 General Meeting

Will be held at the Del Mar Park in Morro Bay. We will be having a Horseshoe Tournament. Starting at 10:30AM with a Rib BBQ at 12:00 Noon Sharp. Members are ask to bring side dishes.

#### Agenda Items:

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| 1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting. | 7. Financial Report       |
| 2. Summer Solstice Report                     | 8. Code of Conduct Update |
| 3. Graffiti cleanup Update                    | 9. Art Show Report        |
| 4. Margarita Village Update                   |                           |
| 5. Federal Recognition Update                 |                           |
| 6. Fundraising Ideas                          |                           |

The office will be closed Monday July the 5th. The Business Meetings are held the 7th and the 21 at 6:30.

### Community Service Work

The Tribal council and the board of directors of our non-profit the Salinan Heritage Preservation Association have agreed that individuals, especially tribal members, needing to do community service will now be able to do community service for the tribe. This is a good way to give back to your tribe while giving back to the community. If you have any questions please call the office at 805-460-9202.

REMEMBER! Write or email the office with any articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month for the upcoming Newsletter. All photographs must be original scanned and sent to [pgi@sti.net](mailto:pgi@sti.net) we will not use copy machine pictures. Check us out at: [pgigraphics.com](http://pgigraphics.com)

### Business Meeting Protocol

Tribal business meetings start at 6:30 pm The first 10 minutes are reserved for open comment from tribal members or can be used by council members for input on a personal matter that they may want to bring before the council. To reserve this time you must call the Tribal office by Monday before the next business meeting. If the matter needs further attention it will be put on the agenda for the following week or when time allows.

# Tribal updates continued

## Salinan Tribe and SHPA General Meeting Minutes

Del Mar Park, Morro BAY, Ca. 93442

Sunday June 13, 2010

12:00-3:00 p.m.

This meeting was audio taped

### I. Housekeeping and Old Business

- a. Approval of minutes from last meeting (no minutes as last meeting was held at the annual fundraiser and BBQ at the San Luis Obispo Gun Club)
- b. Annual Fundraiser Report-We made approximately \$5,000.00 on it.
- c. School Presentation at Cappy Culver Elementary-Dayna reported that all went well. The students were excited and learned a lot. Thank you cards, letters and little projects were sent to the Tribal office. Patti Dunton, Gary Pierce, and Dayna Sciocchetti gave three nice presentations to a group of approx. 165 elementary students. Chris Molina videotaped it.
- d. Margarita Village update-Mary Rodgers is lead now on the project. She will be scheduling days to work on the huts. She needs lots of help. Patti Dunton talked with Karl Wickstrom about a possible museum out there. The Ranch has recently attained a collection of Native American artifacts and would like a place to put them for viewing. They still need some Salinan stuff so if anyone would like to make things for it contact Patti.
- e. Monitoring update-Monitoring will pick up as soon as the Los Osos sewer project gets going.
- f. Federal Recognition Update-Chris Molina gave an update and discussed 3 different obstacles that we are looking to overcome.

### II. Financial Report

- a. Bank Balance will be available at the next meeting.

### III. New Business

- a. Summer Solstice-Monday June 21, at 3p.m.-We need wood, and people to set up the wind break. The drummers will be there.
- b. Graffiti clean-up Morro Rock-They had a cleanup day but will be having another soon.
- c. Fiesta-September 27, 2010
- d. Tribal representation-The lone wolfs need to stop. They are just hurting the tribe not helping it. Do not represent the tribe unless you run it through council first. There will be consequences, as we are working on a code of conduct at this time.
- e. New community service hours are available with the tribe. Contact the tribal office.
- f. The King City Museum has invited us to put some of our artwork in their displays.
- g. The next general meeting will be July 11, 2010 at Del Mar Park. We will be having a rib BBQ and a horseshoe tournament that will start at 10:30.





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REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) SERVING IN THE WAR. AND BRING THEM Ta'ma (HOME) SAFE.

## Vision of the Salinan Tribe

We, as the Salinan Tribe, follow the way of our ancestors as we walk the path of our heritage toward becoming complete individuals. We exercise our rights as a sovereign entity. We continue to reawaken our culture. Each and every tribal member has an equal voice.

We, as the Salinan Tribe, commit to honoring the rights of each and every tribal member to practice our spiritual, individual, or religious beliefs. We remember and honor our ancestors, elders, and children now and for all generations to come.

We as the Salinan Tribe, continue to gather as a tribal family.



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# July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Happy Birthday Elder Gary Pierce	2	3
4	5 Office will be closed	6	7 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	8	9	10
11 General Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17 Happy Birthday Elder Richard Pierce
18	19	20 Happy Birthday Elder Michael Digges	21 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	22	23 Happy Birthday Elder Lorraine Brodnick	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Tribal business meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month

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