

# T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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## Salinan Tribal Gathering

The Annual Salinan Tribal Gathering will be held Saturday October 19th starting at noon. We're going to have raffles and barbecue provided by the tribal Council. The event will be at the Patterson Hunting Cabin off of Jolon Rd. The location is 69125 Jolon Rd, East of Lockwood Ca. Please bring Adult and children items for the drawings.

### ANNUAL SALINAN MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MISSION SAN ANTONIO

Saturday October 26th, beginning with the All Souls-Day of the Dead Mass in the church at 1:00 pm, followed by the procession to the cemetery for the Memorial Service. If you want to be part of the opening procession please be there by 12:30. Not required to wear regalia. Please join us after the church service as we honor our ancestors at the cemetery. Refreshments will be served in the garden after the ceremony at the cemetery. For more information contact Traditional Co-Lead Mary Rodgers at 805-674-1525.

### Upcoming Tribal Elections

Tribal Election time is here again. Any Baseroll tribal member at least thirty years of age, wanting to run for a Tribal Council seat, must have their letter of intent to run in the Tribal office starting September 15th and ending October 15th. Current Tribal Council needing to run this year is Yvonne Davis, Sharon Thomas, Pamela Flood, Susan Latta, Fred Segobia and Robert Piatti. Current Elder Council seats needing to run this year are Don Pierce Sr. and Yvonne Ayala. As a Tribal council member you will be expected to attend monthly business meetings, general meetings and help with the yearly gathering and fundraiser, along with your council duties. If you have any questions concerning the election please contact the tribal office.

Xayatspanikan, Patti Dunton, Tribal Administrator

## Memories from the Elders

These are some of my childhood memories concerning the Toro Creek Indians.

My father was born May 27, 1904. His mother, Maria Antonia Baylon gave birth to him under the apple tree near the cabin where they lived. My mother spent a lot of time at the Indians while she was married to my father. She remained friends with them for year after she and my father divorced.

I can remember seeing the three Indian men as they came into town. They appeared to be much larger than they were. After all, I must have been four or five when I first saw them. Apparently, they didn't have access to a car so they walked from Toro Creek to Morro Bay. They always came to our house to visit when they came to town. Mom always prepared a meal for them. On one occasion, I was sitting on the couch and looked up at the window to see these two black faces peering in (they scared the holy S\*\* out of me) Jose, Ramon and Kileno, always dressed the same; big black floppy hats, black jackets over jeans and beat up, cracked leather shoes and no socks. I found them mysterious and frightening, even then I knew we were related somehow.

One of my Dads cousins used to take us up to Toro Creek. He had an old Model A coup and they would put my sister Patty and me in the rumble seat, wrap us in a blanket and off we'd go. We picked apples and pears for Mom to can. I remember Felicita, her husband Andrew Fasting, their daughter Anna Herrera and her husband Marion.

Some of the stories that were told are still vivid in my mind. I would have liked to have been with my father when he set on that hillside with his rifle, shooting in front of the sheriff's car when he came to evict the old ones from their homes. This kept the law at bay for a short time but eventually the Indians lost that battle. How can you fight a man with deep pockets and the law with open hands?

The last time I remember going up to Toro Creek it was like going into a lost land. The trees were unattended, everything overgrown with weeds, no sigh of a living thing, even the birds were silent. I wish this memory would be gone like everything else.

Shirley Pierce Macagni

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**Don't forget** to donate to save one of our Sacred Sites from being developed "Eagle Rock." (Cerrito Peak). They can go to the Morro Bay Open Space Alliance website and click on save Cerrito Peak and there is a link to donate.

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We are now printing the newsletter in full color. Please submit any information or recipes that you want posted in the newsletter by the 15th of each month to the tribal office or directly to [pgi@sti.net](mailto:pgi@sti.net).

## **Salinan Tribe Members Perform Deer Skinning and Harvesting at Cal Nat Camp**

Elder Don Pierce, Sr. and John Piatti, Jr., of the Salinan Tribe, recently put on an exhibition skinning and harvesting a local Black Tail Deer as part of traditional skills workshop in conjunction with the California Naturalists Regional Rendezvous, an annual program gathering of people involved statewide in various forms of outdoor education. The event was held on a pleasant coastal Saturday in August at Camp Ocean Pines in Cambria.

“As our ancestors did, we’re looking at harvesting the entirety of this animal, wasting nothing if possible”, led Piatti, as the animal was brought forth. “Of course we’d rather be using an animal we had hunted and provided ourselves, but we’ll make do.” Using both contemporary and traditional tools, contrasting steel blades with obsidian cutting stones, and a steel-forged single-tree suspension compared to a shaped wooden limb, the men displayed for an outdoor classroom of more than 30 how such tools were and are still used to skin and harvest deer. The middling sized doe animal was provided to the program by the California Fish & Game, after it had to be euthanized due to an accident it had suffered in a barbed-wire fence. The animal was frozen prior to the presentation, making for a challenging session to harvest the creature for leather from its hide, the ligaments to produce sinew, and the venison meat. Still, Pierce and Piatti proved up to the tasks.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to witness firsthand how a game animal would provide for local people, both sustenance and raw materials for tool making,” said Chris Cameron. A former director for 17 years of the Cal Nat program, as the members themselves call it, before retiring, Cameron still teaches sessions at the camp, and is a licensed master falconer. His most vocal supporters on this day were two beautiful Peregrine Falcons, tethered nearby on ground perches. Cameron himself was pleased to be gifted with the sinew.

Among the crowd of interested participants were several State Park employees from the Big Sur region, University of California educators, and a few private citizens just looking to expand their own knowledge of our relationships with the natural world. One man, Mike Hubbartt, was raised in Illinois but came to California in military service in the 1970s and fell in love with the state. He now works as a California State Parks interpreter at the Lake Orville State Recreational Area in the Northern California Sutter Buttes.

“So many great, beautiful places, with so many stories to be told, Hubbartt said. He said it is a tricky balance to share knowledge and not take away from the specific cultures and people to which the stories truly belong. “At our best, we relate the truths and remember to respect each other.”



John Piatti Speaking to the group

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Don Pierce Sr



Don Pierce, John Piatti, and Chris Cameron



Examples of camp replica tools of traditional people by Chris Cameron



Peregrine Falcons

Copies of the book "The Ancestors Speak" by baseroll member Suzanne Taylor are now available for sale at San Antonio Mission gift shop and the Carnegie Library gift shop in Paso Robles, proceeds from these sales benefit both the Tribe along with the Carnegie and Mission.

We have a new T-shirt design.  
It comes in black and gray.  
Prices are Youth size s-m \$12.00,  
Adult - sizes s-xl \$15.00  
and 1xl-3xl \$20.00.



# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <b>Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm</b>	10 Happy Birthday Elder Michael Molina	11	12
13	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Elder Ricardo Armas	17	18	19 <b>* TRIBAL GATHERING</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25 Happy Birthday Elder Cecelia Basilius	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month						

**THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENTS.**

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**WE ONLY LIST THE BIRTHDAYS FOR TRIBAL ELDERS.**

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REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY. 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.

