

# Cepotahal The People of the Salinan Tribe Tol. 22 No 10 October, 2022

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# Salinan Heritage Garden

The Salinan Heritage Garden is shaping up! The volunteers dug, raked, planted, new drought tolerant and native plants, along with some foraged wild seeds of elderberry, milk thistle, and a few others that we expect to "take over" the space into a unique native garden in the future.

Huge thanks to Les Montgomery and Don Pierce, who engaged with Billy Thomas and Mike Briggs to deliver and install a beautiful old oak log, and some fantastic boulders, giving the garden space the structural bones to really feel more like the native habitat envisioned for the garden.

Future plans include replacing the diseased and messy nonnative trees with native trees and educational signage.

Submitted by, **Shaunie Briggs** 













November 12, 11am - 5:30pm at El Chorro Park at the Poppy Day Park

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The park is across from Cuesta College Brings Raffle items to share and lounge chairs for your comfort, no chairs are provided.



# Salinan Tribal Members!

We are looking for your individual and family stories about our people that may be shared in public, via the production of various printed materials and other media, sponsored by a budget from the Morro Bay Waste Water Reclamation Project.

Contact Robert Piatti, editorial lead, via email at quiggyllynn@gmail.com for more information and to share your stories.



# **October Elder Birthdays**

# 10th

Michael Molina was born in Paso Robles California to Geraldine Pierce and George Molina. He is the grandson of Leslie Pierce and Jean Cole.

# 10th

William D. McCormack was born in King City California to Bennie F. McCormack and Wanda Watts. He is the grandson of Soila Asuncion aka Susie Boronda and Benito A. McCormack

# 16th

Ricardo Armas was born in San Luis Obispo California to Louise Weeks and Juan Armas. He is the grandson of Antonia Encinales and Henry Weeks.

### 25th

Cecelia Basilius Digges (Rossi) was born in Salinas California to Josephine Rossi and Gilbert Digges. She is the granddaughter of Charles Digges and Juanita Laguna.



**Events Continued:** 



Oct. 8th at the Maritime Museum in Morro Bay from 10am-4pm We will have a merchandise and information table set up at the event.



# San Luis Obispo County Archaeological Society

Oct. 22nd San Luis Obispo County Archaeological Society is putting on Archaeology Day "San Luis Obispo through the years" at Mission Plaza in San Luis Obispo 11am-4pm.

We will have an informational table set up at the event.

If you would like to be actively involved at either event, contact Patti at the tribal office for questions at 805-464-2650





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Alert
Tribal Concerns:

In regards to the reunification of Morro Rock, The Salinan Tribal council responded to the Army Corp of Englineers concerning the return of pieces of the rock that were taken, from Lesa'mo' (Morro Rock) years ago. We stated that it was an inefficacious act, as the replacing of rock could not bring Lesa'mo' back to its natural Monumental state.

Lesa'mo' (Morro Rock) is well within our territorial boundaries, which are within the county lines of Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties. Allegedly other entities are trying to claim territory within our boundaries.

It grieves the Salinan Tribe greatly, having a foreign tribe celebrating at one of our sacred sites and then to see such an article as the one dated 8-21-2022 in the Tribune, as this is, and has been a sacred site of the Salinan Tribe since our beginning. Our tribe has been in this territory for thousands of years, which is well documented by historians since the 1500s. Other groups claim within our territory is illegitimate and without standing, until they can show factual proof of authenticity.

Salinan Tribal Elder,
Kenneth J. Pierce

Please find Below a letter written by Lorraine Escobar stating in detail what has become of great concern to our tribe and others.

Hello,

I am sending this to you (among many others) to spread awareness of the epidemic of tribal identity theft by fake Indians, race shifters, pretendians, and frauds. This is not just happening in Los Angeles County but it is happening all over the United States and Canada. It's a human rights issue that can no longer be ignored. We need to educate our institutions, the federal government, and agencies obligated to interact with real Indians. Tribal governments, true Mative American Indians, and our allies need to be involved. We need to educate our institutions, the federal government, and agencies obligated to interact with real Indians. Tribal governments, true knieve and canada. It's just one episode of the experience I am having from ongoing abuse being heaped

## **Article Continued:**

I don't have an attorney nor can I afford one, but I am doing the best I can in this 4-year-long lawsuit. I have won several issues but he continues to use the judicial system to harass me. He won't stop. But, meanwhile, I have found that I am not alone. Many others are taking on the task of vetting the self-identification of these cultural thieves

and frauds even to the risk of their careers and financial stability. Then there are the tribes that are talking openly about this serious social issue. In the words of Ben Barnes, of Shawnee Nation, "It is time for righteous indignation." I agree. It is time to rise up to protect our history, our stories, our identity, and our tribal communities.

If you would like to see a wonderfully informative video given by staff at Michigan State University, I highly recommend watching the first episode of "Unsettling Genealogies," on youtube.

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyY0egN0cd4) It will enlighten you if not blow your mind.

If you know like-minded persons who might like to be informed on this issue, please, feel free to pass this along.

Sincerely,
Lorraine Escobar, Certified Genealogist
Tribal Member and Genealogist, Esselen Tribe of Monterey County



# **Future Events and Activities:**

Becoming actively involved with tribal gatherings and events will keep our tribe educated and enthusiastic about the learning process. Please make time to go to different events that effect our tribal culture and heritage.

There will be a listing of outside events on the website soon that lists events or meetings relevant in today's current events or activities, in regards to the Native American culture that may be happening in California as well as other states that effect the Indigenous people of our nation.

We welcome all new ideas, If you have any projects, recipes or activities handed down by your ancestors and would like to share them with the Tribe, we are excited to hear about them. We hope to have many events and gatherings, fun filled events and activities for our children and grandchildren for many years.

Please contact Patti at the tribal office if you have anything you would like to share or if you have questions call: 805-464-2650 or Ken Pierce at 559-392-1950



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# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	Maritime 8 Family Fun Day Maritime Museum Morro Bay 10am-4pm
9	Happy Birthday Elders Michael Molina & William D. McCormack	11	Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	13	14	15 Archaeology Day 11-4 Mission Plaza SLO
16 Happy Birthday Elder Ricardo Armas	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Happy Birthday Elder Cecelia Basilius Digges (Rossi)	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month			

## THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENT.

# PLEASE USE INFO@SALINANTRIBE.COM TO EMAIL THE OFFICE WE ONLY LIST THE BIRTHDAYS FOR TRIBAL ELDERS.

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# C'epoz'aha' The People of the Salinan Tribe

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

Ule, 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.

Ue, 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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