



# T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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## San Salvador Event

*A Big Thank You To All Volunteers*



Doreen Piatti, Pam and Lynn Flood

The San Salvador event in Morro Bay was a collaborative effort between The Salinan Tribe and The Morro Bay and San Diego Maritime Museum. This remarkable occasion was made possible by the unwavering commitment and tireless contributions of our dedicated volunteer crew. Special recognition goes to Donny & Tamara Pierce, Jessica & Mary Rodgers, Pam & Lynn Flood, Doreen, John, and George Piatti, Yvonne Davis, Sharon Thomas, Suzanne Taylor, DeeDee Perry, Josh Cody and Shaunie Briggs.

Our showcase featured Salinan story boards, artifacts, and merchandise, and a diverse range of offerings, including captivating demonstrations and hands on kelp bulb rattle making and rock painting activities for children.

Doreen Piatti's exquisite homemade elderberry jelly was offered to attendees on Pam Flood's homemade bread, which was made with Ken and Mary Ann Pierce's hand processed acorn flour.

Sue Taylor Pierce and her books were available.

Robert Piatti curated a pop-up booth showcasing art and antiquities, enriching the experience with his profound insights into Salinan wisdom and maritime artifacts available for purchase.

Our tribe gifted The Maritime Museum with an original framed photograph by Mary Ann Pierce, capturing Salinans extending greetings to the San Salvador replica in 2016 visit.

This immersive event attracted over 10,000 visitors, enabling us to share the essence of our culture in an engaging and memorable manner.





Donny, Tamara Pierce and Shaunie Briggs



Pam and Lynn Flood



Les Montgomery, Shaunie Briggs, Josh Cody and Ken Pierce



Jessica, Mary Rodgers and John Piatti



Robert Piatti with Judy Anderson and Jannie Wreden



Josh Cody





Shaunie Briggs, Patti Dunton, Mary and Jessica Rodgers

August 19th 2023, The inaugural launch of "Contemporary Indigenous Voices of California's South Coast Range" marked a remarkable achievement, characterized by seamless execution and resounding success. The five short films, totaling 45 minutes in duration, deeply resonated with the audience, accompanied by compelling demonstrations and a thought-provoking panel discussion. During this discussion, participants openly shared their insights and wisdom pertaining to topics such as land, climate change, and culture.

Tribes represented: Tribe of the Nation, Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan-Ohlone People, Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, the Rumsen Ohlone Tribal Community, Esselen Tribe of Monterey County, and the Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties and Salinan T'rowt'raahl tribal community.

The event garnered an impressive public turnout, generating a wave of positive feedback. Patti Dunton, Mary & Jessica Rodgers, and Shaunie Briggs represented The Salinan Tribe.

The day concluded with a shared dinner, fostering a sense of camaraderie and contentment among attendees. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to the indigenous participants who graced the occasion.

Special appreciation is extended to the Santa Cruz Museum of Arts and History for hosting the exhibition and to California Humanities for All Grant Project for their support and partial funding. The role of Fiscal Sponsor BenitoLink and the generosity of other sponsors cannot be overstated, as their contributions were pivotal in making this endeavor a reality.

The photography component of the exhibition is open to the public Aug 26th-27th  
Or online at: <https://www.santacruzmah.org/exhibitions/contemporary-indigenous-voices>

Admission to all events is free of charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – opens at the de Young Museum on October 7, 2023 and runs through January 7, 2024, with opening day programming on October 7th. This exhibit, co-curated with Christina Hellmich, Curator in Charge of the Department of the Arts of Africa, Oceania and the Americas, represents 10 cultural groups indigenous to California's South Coast Range and is supported and partly funded by California Humanities.

- \* Exhibition open October 7, 2023 to January 7, 2024
- \* Opening Day October 7, 11-2pm
- \* de Young museum, San Francisco, Kimball Education Gallery, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
- \* <https://www.famsf.org/exhibitions/contemporary-indigenous-voices>
- \* Free to the public
- \* Supported and partly funded by California Humanities



This August, Salinan Elder John Burch joined our ancestors around the great bonfire in the west. John served on the tribal council for many years, including Traditional Lead. Since he was a young man, he always fought for Native American Rights. Later, on behalf of the tribe he spent many years in Sacramento getting laws changed. John was a true man of the Earth and felt most comfortable outside in nature hiking. He loved to pass along our Salinan Culture and was involved in many activities, he helped make advances for our tribe, including protecting our spiritual and potential rights. Rest in peace brother.

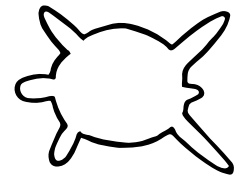


**Mark your Calander:**

**General Meeting at Del Mar Park**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**12-3pm**



**Pot Luck and Bring your favorite Chair**



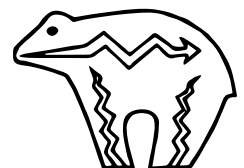
We have a new T-Shirt design and it will be available at the general meetings it will also be on the website soon for viewing.

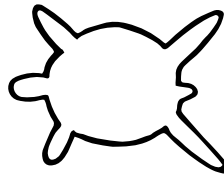
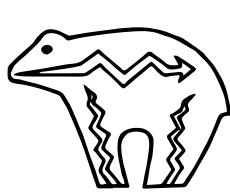
The following sizes are available,

Women's – Sm, Med, Lg

Men's – Sm, Med Lg, xLg, xxLg, xxxLg

We also have hooded sweatshirts





## **The Council Election Is Approaching Soon**

This is an election year. If you plan on running for a council seat in this year's election you can drop off, send or email your letters of intent to the Tribal office starting September 17, 2023. They must be received no later than October 15, 2023. The earlier you get them in, they can be printed in the October and November newsletters. Remember you must be a qualified member at least 30 years of age. And for those elders wanting to run for an elder seat, you must be at least 65 years old. The terms of office are 4 years for council and 2 years for elder's council. The current council terms that are up this year and need to run are Sharon Thomas, Pamela Flood, Yvonne Davis, Patti Dunton, Robert Piatti, and John Piatti Jr. And for elders' council Yvonne Ayala, Kenneth Pierce, and Leslie Montgomery.

November 1-3, 2023

### **NATIVE AMERICAN HONOR FLIGHT**

Their way of saying to all Native American Veterans, one more tour with **HONOR!**

All Native American Veterans eligible to participate in Honor Flight to Washington DC will be honored for their service in the Armed Forces.

- \*Call and provide DD214 and they will assist you with the application.
- \*Ask about the Guardian Application for non-veterans.



## **PLEASE GET INVOLVED**

We would hope to see more involvement from our members. We have events coming up, if you would like to be involved and volunteer for specific Events, please contact the Tribal Office at 805-464-2650.

If you would like your newsletter emailed please contact the Tribal office with a current and valid email address, or send to [editor@salinatribe.com](mailto:editor@salinatribe.com)

We are making some changes, newsletters sent usps will be black and white, emailed will be in color.





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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.



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# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	14	15	16
17 *Tribal General meeting 12-3 pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month						

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

**\*General Meeting at Del Mar Park, Morro Bay 12-3pm**

**PLEASE USE INFO@SALINANTRIBE.COM TO EMAIL THE OFFICE**

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

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