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## 2011 ANZA DAY CELEBRATION



*Saturday, October 22nd, 10 am to 4 pm*, Tubac Presidio State Historic Park presents a living history in motion celebration of the Native American, Mexican and Spanish Colonial periods in Tubac. Highlights include a colorful re-enactment of Juan Bautista de Anza's expedition from Tubac to the Pacific where he founded San Francisco in 1776. Enjoy historic vignettes, period costumes, Folklorico dancers, Mariachi band, basket weaving, flower making, and printing demonstrations, face-painting and other children's activities, food and a Ted Ramirez concert! Fun for the whole family! **Free admission.**



## *Busy Summer at the Presidio!*

The Tubac Historical Society welcomes back everyone who escaped the Arizona heat for cooler climates, world travel, family reunions, beaches, and mountain cabins! Despite the summer heat, the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park was action-packed and attendance was good. Director Shaw Kinsley and the wonderful volunteers organized 19 events that attracted 2,377 visitors from May to September and generated increased revenue. With the help of the dedicated volunteers, the facilities and grounds were restored. The park is beautiful, exhibits are refurbished and expanded, and the history is wonderful. 2011-12 promises a full schedule of events. Bring your family for unique, entertaining, educational experiences. Admission: \$4 Adults; \$2 Youth (7-13); children free.



**World Premiere of Anza Expedition Documentary**  
**Saturday, November 12, 2011, 4-6pm**  
**Tubac Presidio State Historic Park**



The National Park Service is proud to partner with the Tubac Presidio for the premiere viewing of *“Legacy of a Journey”*—a new documentary that tells the story of the Anza Expedition of 1775-1776. The film features the late Don Garate in the role of Juan Bautista de Anza, a role Don perfected over many years as ranger and historian at the Tumacácori National Historical Park.

The history of the Anza Expedition connects to timeless themes such as emigration, opportunity, diversity, hope, and faith.

To showcase this new documentary, the Tubac Presidio will host a gala with wine and light refreshments, period costumes and park tours. Be among the first to view this historic film! Tickets are \$25 and proceeds benefit the Tubac Presidio. **For reservations:** call 520-398-2252, email [info@ths-tubac.org](mailto:info@ths-tubac.org) or return the enclosed reservation form.

**Tubac Schoolhouse Reunion**



*Are you in this photo? We'd love to have you join us!*



*Old Tubac Presidio 1885 Schoolhouse*

The Old Schoolhouse on the grounds of the Presidio was actively used from 1885 to 1965. The Presidio is planning a school reunion and is looking for former students, yearbooks, photos and other memorabilia. If you or a family member attended school in Tubac before 1966, we would like to hear from you. Reunion: **Sunday, October 30, 2011, 2 - 4 pm**. For more information, please contact Margaret Ybarra Gallego, 520-245-5795, or Shaw Kinsley, 520-398-2252 or email [info@ths-tubac.org](mailto:info@ths-tubac.org). Admission \$4 adult, \$2 youth (7–13), children free.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at the Schoolhouse Reunion on October 30, 2011 from 2 pm to 4 pm to collect information from former Presidio Schoolhouse students who attend the event. CALL **THS (520-398-2020)** OR **SHAW KINSLEY (520-398-2252)** TO VOLUNTEER.

## ***“CAVALCADE OF HISTORY” Art Exhibit***

The Alan B. Davis Gallery exhibits 16 paintings from the *Arizona Highways* “Cavalcade of History” collection. The canvas giclées of paintings by renowned Western artist William Ahrendt depict scenes from Arizona’s colorful history. **Open daily; 9 am to 5 pm.** Admission: \$4 adult, \$2 youth (7–13), children free.

### ***The Presidio of Tubac***

Many years before the Eastern shores of our nation were settled, the Spanish colonial *soldados de cuera* fought many battles to keep the land they claimed in the New World.

The Spanish *soldados* built forts or *presidios* from the Gulf of Mexico to the Sea of Cortez. One of the walled garrisons was established along the Santa Cruz River in Tubac. In 1736, following the discovery of silver by a Yaqui Indian miner at *Arissona*, a Catholic mission located southwest of Nogales, hundreds of Spaniards swarmed into the area to claim an “estimated 4,000 pounds of the precious metal”.

The Spanish silver hunters were another intrusion into the slower, quiet life-style of the natives. Finally, in 1751, the Pima chief-tain, *Luis Oacpicagigua*, led a “bloody rebellion” that decimated the Spanish settlements, killing “the priests, miners and farmers”.

In 1752, the Spanish fought to regain the area and Tubac was established. For twenty-four years, the *soldados* battled the even fiercer Apache tribes of southern Arizona. The more advanced Spanish weaponry was no match against the “skilled guerrillas”. Finally, “the guns rusted, the adobe walls crumbled” as Spanish and, eventually, Mexican occupation withdrew. Tubac remained, “the first military post in our state and oldest European settlement in Arizona”.

*Excerpted from an Arizona Highways article by William Ahrendt*



*Artist, William Ahrendt’s rendition of Tubac and the Presidio in 1775. This painting shows a typical scene from Spanish Colonial times; the painting is on view in the Visitor Center.*



### ***Frontier Printing Press Demonstration***

On **Sunday, November 6th, 12-4 pm**, Tucson professional printer and teacher, James Pagels, will demonstrate the 1858 Washington Press used to print Arizona’s first newspaper. He’ll answer questions about hand press printing, type setting, and other aspects of this marvel of industrial engineering. Admission \$4 adult, \$2 youth (7–13), children free.



## ***Gastelum Family Roots in Tubac***

In the 18th century, the Gastelum family ancestors immigrated from the Basque region in Spain to Alamos in Sonora, Mexico when Mexico was still part of Spain.

In 1818, Ramon Gastelum moved to Tubac, a thriving mining/ranching community in what would become Arizona. By the late 1840's, Tubac had become a ghost town due to the Gold Rush in California and the fierce Apache attacks. The Gastelum family moved back to Sonora with their four children. Ramon's youngest son, Guadalupe, later returned to Tubac with his wife, Margarita Ochoa, and raised a family of 11 children, all American citizens as a result of the 1853 Gadsden Purchase. In 1920, three of Guadalupe's grown children, Bibiano, Leon and Santiago, purchased an old Model-T and headed for California where they settled in the small town of Carlsbad. A year later, Santiago traveled back to Arizona and settled down with his 3rd wife, Carmen, to raise their 12 children on his 160 acre homestead in Amado.



*Gastelum Family Reunion 2011, Carlsbad, CA*

This summer, 355 members of the Gastelum Family gathered for the reunion held in Carlsbad, CA. The eldest family member attending was 93-year old Nellie Gastelum (Guadalupe and Margarita's daughter); the youngest family member, 2-month old Mason. Future issues of the THS newsletter will include more Gastelum Family history.

*History: courtesy of the Gastelum Family*  
*Photo: courtesy of Metcalf Photography, Carlsbad, CA*

## ***Southwest Fiber Arts Festival***

On *Saturday, November 5th, from 10 am to 3:30 pm*, the Southwest Fiber Arts Guild will host their annual festival at the Tubac Presidio during Tubac's Fall ArtWalk. Featuring premier fiber artists and purveyors, "Make & Take" mini-classes, and fiber demonstrations. Meet the sheep, goats, llamas and alpacas that produce the fiber for the artists. Admission \$4 adult, \$2 youth (7-13), children free.



*Apache Hill Vendor*



*Alpaca*



*Shearing Wool*

*Photos courtesy Southwest Fiber Arts website.*

## New Past, Present, and Future Exhibition

The Tubac Historical Society has just unveiled an exciting collaboration between artifacts from the past of a local family and modern technology!

The Wingfield family's vast ranch once included the Guevavi Mission. This 17th C. mission was larger than the Tumacacori Mission, but is now a ruin. After the death of Geoffrey Wingfield in 2009, the Wingfield heirs decided to donate his private collection of artifacts found on the ranch to the Tubac Historical Society. This very generous gift is important for the protection and preservation of these historic items.



Wingfield Ranch 1930's

The artifacts are now on display in a special case at the Tubac Presidio Park Museum. They will be of deep interest to all visitors including youngsters. The collection includes beautiful Indian arrowheads and intricately painted pots and potsherds, as well as the stone crafted tools and grinding bowls used by various tribes. Metal tools and implements represent the later Spanish settlers. And there's MUCH, MUCH, MUCH more!

Modern technology in the form of a new *Virtual Exhibit* is made possible by a grant to THS from the Arizona Historical Society. With the funds, THS volunteer Patty Hilpert created an on-line exhibit depicting the Wingfield collection with a history of the family and the ranch as well as artifacts and photos from other private collections and the archives of the Arizona State Museum and the Arizona Historical Society. To view the Wingfield virtual exhibit, visit the Tubac Historical Society's website at [www.ths-tubac.org](http://www.ths-tubac.org).

***DID YOU KNOW?*** Modern day Tucson's official birth date is August 20, 1775, concurrent with the relocation of the Presidio de San Ignacio de Tubac to the Presidio de San Agustin de Tucson.

## *Ethnic Costume Exhibit at Museum*

In a special exhibit designed for the Tubac Presidio museum, the Castaneda Museum of Ethnic Costume of Tucson presents ***ENCOUNTERS***, a glimpse into the lives of the Yaqui, Seri, Tohono O'odham, and Yuma, four indigenous peoples the Spaniards encountered in the 1500's, and who are our neighbors today.

The exhibit features apparel, artifacts, dolls, and historic photographs from the collections of The Castaneda Museum and will be on display at the Tubac Presidio Park at the south end of the museum from ***December 1, 2011 until February 26, 2012.***

Exhibit is included in General Admission: \$4 Adults, \$2 Youth (7 to 13 yrs), Children Free

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## Membership

*WELCOME*

A warm welcome to new THS members.

**Anders Arvid Aman  
Arnulfo Hernandez  
Bob and Diana Warren  
Vicki Fisher**

**THANK YOU** to all who have paid their 2011 THS dues. We appreciate your support as we meet the challenge of managing the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park.

**Gentle Reminder:** In August, reminder letters were mailed to members for late dues. YOUR HELP makes a difference!

## New Life at Tubac Presidio State Historic Park

THS, with a host of volunteers have cleaned, repaired, weed wacked, planted, refurbished, painted, and generally brought new life to the Historic Park that we all love. Creatively displayed exhibits and historic paintings fill the once-empty Otero Hall. Monthly programs in the arts, music, book signings and community events attract new visitors. Bus loads of school children visit for tours and a glimpse of the past.

Through donations and research, the unique history of this area has been carefully catalogued by THS and displayed at the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park for future generations to study. The combination of THS historic preservation and sharing with the visiting public is a win-win for all.

New Park website: [www.TubacPresidioPark.com](http://www.TubacPresidioPark.com) by Vicki Fisher, a new Park volunteer and THS member from Rio Rico . Thank you everyone!