

1769-1850



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In the spring of 1772 a Spanish expedition traveled through California's San Ramon Valley, led by Lt. Pedro Fages and Father Juan Crespi. This was the first documented meeting between the Valley's native people and the European invaders. The interchanges between the Indians' ancient culture and the Spanish world view shaped California's history for the next 80 years.

Learn more about this period in our Valley's history at the current exhibit. Highlights include:

- ➔ Indian artifacts
- ➔ Statue of St. Francis from 16th century
- ➔ Spanish artifacts
- ➔ Vestment from 19th century Mission San Jose
- ➔ Model of Mission San Jose
- ➔ Saddle bag from 1970 Bicentennial re-enactment of first Spanish Expedition to California
- ➔ Maps showing the San Ramon Valley Ranchos
- ➔ Vaquero (cowboy) equipment
- ➔ Various hands-on opportunities which contrast Spanish and Indian culture: foods, fabrics and furs, trade items

Los Amigos de Anza Visit the Museum on Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Los Amigos de Anza will travel on horseback to visit the Museum, using the Iron Horse Trail, on Sunday, March 18, arriving at 2:00 p.m.

These equestrians provide re-enactments of the famous Spanish DeAnza expedition that came from Mexico to the Bay Area in 1776. They dress the part and work to promote knowledge about California's Spanish colonial period and the Anza Trail.

Led by Juan Bautista de Anza, the original expedition included the first colonists who were soldiers and their families and Franciscan missionary Pedro Font. They founded the San Francisco Presidio and Mission Dolores. The National Park Service has a national trail, called the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, which begins in Mexico, comes through Contra Costa County and skirts the delta and strait.



Los Amigos de Anza

AUTHORS TO SPEAK ABOUT THE HISPANIC ERA

Saturday, February 24
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Malcolm Margolin, publisher of Heyday Books and author of *The Ohlone Way*, will bring several Heyday books to the Museum. His firm has republished many classics of this period and is publishing new titles each year. He will bring the most recent *News from Native California* magazine.

Naida West has written two popular historical novels, *River of Red Gold* and *Eye of the Bear*. She will bring the books and talk about them with visitors.

Gail Faber and Michele Lasagna have written curricula for California Indians and Missions as well as two children's books, *Pasquala, the Story of an Indian Girl* and *Clara Rides the Rancho*.

The Branch Line

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley in the Depot

Branding at the Museum

Saturday, April 14,
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Long-time rancher Don Wood will set up a branding station outside of the Museum.

Don has small branding irons with the insignia from Mission San Jose, Jose Maria Amador and Antonio Peralta.

He will brand leather samples for visitors. While ranchers would have heated their branding irons over a fire, he will use propane.



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