



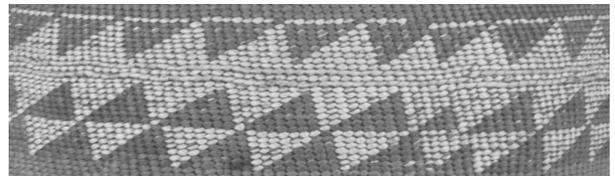
## Stabilization Project Update

By Peggy Ronning, AV Indian Museum Curator

Bowe Contractors got back to work on the museum stabilization project on October 7, 2009. They completed the foundations under the east side of the museum building. As of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the roofing portion of the project was well underway. The shingles have been removed from the east side of the building. New felt is installed, and the framing for the second roof is in place over the felt. Insulation has been blown inside the walls of Kachina Hall, the Southwest Room, and the Gift Shop. The electrician is installing new emergency lights and smoke detectors. After the electrical work is completed, Bowe Contractors will finish the shear walls in the Great Basin and Antelope Valley Rooms.

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*Stabilization in progress  
Photos by Peggy Ronning*

## Report on CALPA Annual Conference-Part 2

By Betsy Matheny, Secretary, FAVIM Board of Directors

Part 1 of this article was in last quarter's FAVIM Newsletter. It reported on the conference programs. This part of the article will concern the field trips that conveyed the wide diversity of the State Parks in the Santa Cruz area.

Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>, after registration a field trip the Santa Cruz Mission State Historical Park was featured. A tortilla making and eating demonstration along with a tour of the mostly restored Adobe was the centerpiece of the evening. The original Mission church is long gone and the Mission Adobe was actually part of the barracks that the Mexican Army lived in during the Mission Period. This was later turned into a multiple family housing complex. The last remaining member of one of the families that lived there donated the badly crumbling building and the land to the State for a park.

On Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> an evening trip to the Wilder Ranch State Park was featured. Wilder Ranch is a small scale working ranch that is visited by the local schools and has an interpretive program of crafts and typical ranching activities such as hayrides and blacksmithing from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

On Saturday one of the morning sessions was on the State Parks and the California Schools Districts video teaching program called the Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students or (PORTS.) PORTS allows a Park Ranger to interact with an individual classroom in California. There is a main studio at Seacliff State Beach and satellite broadcasting facilities in Anza Borrego State Park and Paradise Cove State Beach. A live demonstration of the program at Seacliff State Beach was held during the afternoon. With a few more resources, this program could be extended to many more of the State Parks and would be one more way for schools to save money on field trips but greatly expand the students exposure to our Parks.

The usual wrap-up Banquet was held the evening of Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Getting to the dinner was a truly unique experience. A recreation of an historic train trip that Teddy Roosevelt took during his presidency to the Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park started the evening. The Roaring Camp Railroad wound its way through the redwoods into the hills above Santa Cruz. Dinner, speakers, awards, a raffle and an auction concluded the evening.

Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> started with a trip to Little Basin in Boulder Creek. This is to be the latest addition to Big Basin which is our first State Park. The property was originally owned by Hewlett-Packard and was used as a company retreat-vacation area. Many of the Hewlett-Packard engineers built their own rustic cabins to stay in. Access in and out of the Little Basin complex is quite restricted due to a very narrow, winding road which would cost millions to improve to modern standards and would entail cutting down too many trees. After our States financial picture is much improved, the problems of access into the area and deciding how best to utilize the improvements that Hewlett-Packard built will have to be decided upon.

## Children's Books Coming

By Jodie Crites

I order children's books for FAVIM and until the Indian Museum opens, I put them at the California Park Headquarters office. People come in for one thing or another and while there, buy things that are displayed. I have recently called Meadowlark Media (a supplier of American Indian books and videos) in Missoula, Montana to get a current catalog. They assured me they have gotten in a whole new batch of children's books (reading and coloring books) for me to choose from. My intention was to order some books and possibly videos in time for holiday purchasing.

Members, if you have young children in your family... stop by the Park office off of 15th street near J-8 and check out the Indian books, jewelry and other articles there.

## FAVIM Board Promotes Adopt-A-Room Fundraiser

By Cy Crites, FAVIM President

FAVIM was informed that the California Park System was no longer able to pay the wages of the maintenance employee.

We had a fundraising meeting to try to figure out ways for FAVIM to come up with these fees without depleting our endowment fund.

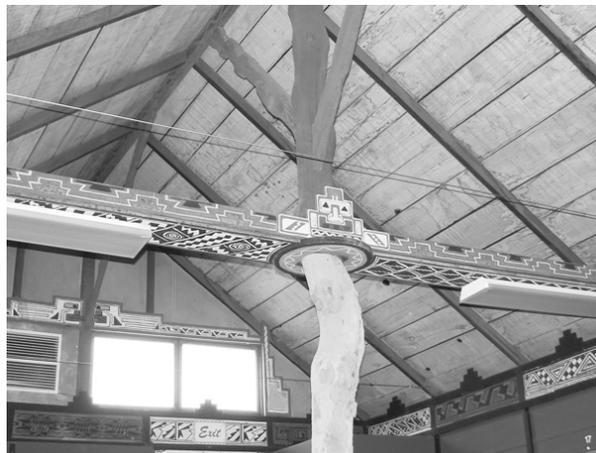
Our Curator, Peggy Ronning, came up with the idea of asking that people / organizations adopt a room in the museum and pledge a yearly amount.

Peggy has enclosed a pamphlet describing this idea in the newsletter.

I urge FAVIM members to be the first to support this endeavor.

You will be receiving progress reports in future newsletters.

Peggy also reported work has resumed on the Museum. Great News.



*Please adopt a room and help the AVIM*

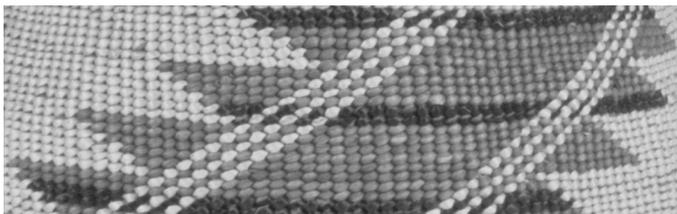


## New Adopt-A-Room Fundraiser

By Peggy Ronning, AVIM Curator

You will find an insert in this newsletter for FAVIM's new Adopt-A-Room fundraiser. Due to budget cuts, State Parks lost funding for the museum's Maintenance Aide. State Parks asked FAVIM to help save this critical position. FAVIM developed the Adopt-A-Room Program to raise money for this unexpected cost. Please consider adopting a room at the Antelope Valley Indian Museum to help us preserve the collection and protect it from pests.

If you have friends who might be interested in helping, please contact FAVIM to ask for more Adopt-A-Room brochures. If you are a member of a club or service group that you think might be interested in supporting the program, FAVIM and museum curator Peggy Ronning would be happy to make a presentation to your group. A podcast about the program is also available upon request.



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Your membership is important! It needs to be renewed each September, except in the case of a Life Membership. Please make your membership checks payable to Friends of the Antelope Valley Indian Museum (or FAVIM) and mail to P.O. Box 1171, Lancaster, California 93584. FAVIM raises funds to support projects and activities at the Antelope Valley Indian Museum. If you are not yet a member and would like to support the Museum, receive a quarterly FAVIM Bulletin and a 10% discount on Gift Shop purchases, please send your name, address and check to the return address on this bulletin. The Gift Shop is currently located in the State Park Office at 43779 15<sup>th</sup> St. West in Lancaster, during Museum closure.

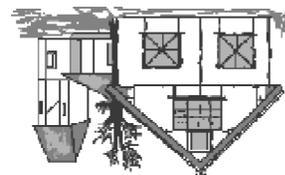
Dues are:

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Family	\$20	Patron	\$ 50
Life	\$200		

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