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Antelope Valley  
Indian Museum



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## FAVIM Annual Meeting 2019

BY MUSEUM CURATOR I, PEGGY RONNING

On June 29, FAVIM members, Park volunteers, and Park staff met in Joshua Cottage for the FAVIM annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation party. FAVIM provided wraps, salads, and beverages, and volunteers and staff brought deserts to share.

FAVIM President Don Borchers introduced his fellow FAVIM Board members:

- Vice President John Martin
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- Secretary Darrell Walters
- Membership Chair Lynn DuPratt
- Historian and Corresponding Secretary Anne Kittlitz
- Gift Shop Chairs Susy Martin and Cydnee Ashmore



FAVIM Board of Directors 2019  
(Cydnee Ashmore not pictured)

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Museum Curator Peggy Ronning thanked the volunteers for their critical assistance with museum tours, special events, and interacting with visitors on weekends.

Volunteers Jeannine and Rich Byer, Lynn DuPratt, John and Susy Martin, Sheryl Powell, Elsie Purdy, Darrell Walters, Ann Williams received certificates documenting the hours they donated to the museum. In addition, Jeannine Byer earned her 1000-hour bar, and Michiko Shimizu earned her 100-hour bar. Volunteer James Quinn wasn't able to attend the party, but he earned his 750-hour bar.

The highlight of the meeting was Kat High's presentation on creating a food garden with native plants. Kat High is a Native Californian of Hupa descent.



Kat High's presentation

In addition to presenting practical suggestions on how to start a native food garden, Kat provided motivation in the form of delicious salads, side dishes, and deserts made from native plants. Kat's mesquite pecan cookies, yucca flower freschetta spread, and cattail salad were especially outstanding.

Kat's five most important garden suggestions are:

1. Group plants according to their water needs.
2. Use drought tolerant or native plants. These can be grown in raised beds, or even in containers.
3. Install sprinklers, drip emitters, and timers.
4. Improve your soil with compost.
5. Use mulch to reduce water use and prevent weeds.



Honey Mesquite Beans



**Save the Date - Annual Celebration**  
BY MUSEUM CURATOR I, PEGGY RONNING

This year, the museum's American Indian Celebration will be October 19 and 20, 2019. Come out to enjoy Native music, art, and food.

Get your frybread fix at Cecelia Begay's Indian Taco booth. Visit with artists Cathy Bellas, Judy Einboden, Connie Marie, Maria Martinez, pueblo potter Rowan Harrison, and Mike Thompson. Danza Azteca Xochipilli will share their Aztec culture through dance and art.

**Antelope Valley Indian Museum**  
15701 East Avenue M, Lancaster, CA 93535

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Story tellers  
Artists  
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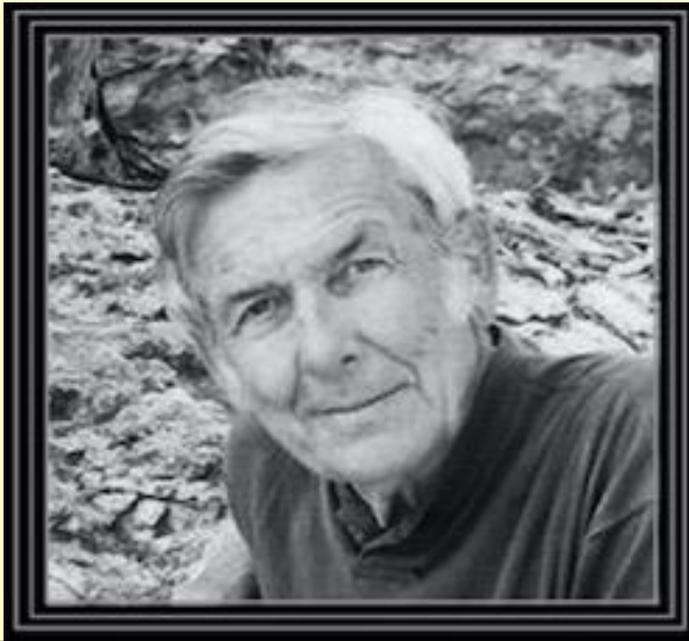
A Drug and Alcohol Free Event



## Memorial - Cy Crites (1924 - 2019)

BY FAVIM HISTORIAN, ANNE KITTLITZ

We were sorry to learn of the passing away of Cy Crites. Cy lived and worked in the Antelope Valley for many years. During those years he was active in many volunteer organizations.



FAVIM Past President Cy Crites

In 1998, he trained as a docent at the Antelope Valley Indian Museum. He led tours for school children, and eventually he served as the FAVIM Board President from January 2005 to December 2010. While he was president, the museum was closed for renovation. During this period the Board produced a book about the history of the Indian Museum which was published just before it reopened in 2010. Its is still sold in the museum gift shop.

Before his work at the Indian Museum, Cy lived a very full life. He served in the US Navy in 1943 and eventually graduated from Tulane University. This is where he met his wife, Jodie. They had a long 67-year marriage. Jodie was also a member on the FAVIM Board until they both moved out of the area.

He will be missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.



FAVIM Past President Cy Crites cutting the ribbon to reopen the museum in 2010 (with Peggy Ronning, Charlie Cooke, and Kathy Weatherman)



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FAVIM raises funds to support Projects and Activities at Antelope Valley Indian Museum.

Membership is renewed each September, except in the case of Life Membership.

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