



# Antelope Horn

Newsletter of the Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.

PO Box 1255 Rosamond, CA 93560

April, 2018

## **Meetings:**

### **Regular Meetings:** 2nd

Thursday, monthly (except July & August).

### **Business Session:** 5 pm, at the

Wanda Kirk Library 3611 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA. All are welcome. Exceptions to this location will be announced in the newsletter and at our website.

**Program:** 5:30 pm, following the business session.

## **Coming Up:**

- May - Tentative - High School Student Presentation; Installation of officers.
- June - to be announced.

**KAHS Scholarship Fund -  
Deadline - April 20th -  
see pg. 4 - available to  
Seniors at Rosamond  
High Schools.**



**April Meeting:** There has been a schedule change for this month's program due to several factors. We are very pleased to have Jean Rhyne, State Park Interpreter I, from California State Parks, Tehachapi District, Mojave Sector, as our guest speaker, Thursday, April 12th at the Wanda Kirk Library in Rosamond.

Jean will be presenting information about Tomo-Kahni State Historic Park, located near Tehachapi. Tomo-Kahni was the winter home of the Kawaiisu people from the Great Basin area.

The Kawaiisu were peaceful hunter-gatherers, who roamed from the Tehachapi valley to the mountains and even the desert to gather supplies in order to survive the winter. They were known for their woven baskets. It is believed that they came to the Tehachapi area up to 1,500 years ago, as no artifacts are more than 1,500 years old and most are less than 500 years old.



In 1853, the U.S. government began to relocate natives of the area to the Sebastian Reserve at Tejon Pass, planning for them to become farmers so they would be self-sufficient. When they could no longer live as they were accustomed to they were slowly assimilated into white society.

Many people don't know about this California State Historic Park, created in 1993, and Jean will be sharing about Tomo-Kahni and the Kawaiisu people and talking about the tours which are only available in the spring and fall. Due to the delicate nature of the site, private tours, led by trained state park volunteers, are the only way to visit this unique park.

Jean Rhyne has been a natural and cultural history interpreter in the California State Parks of the western Mojave Desert for 12 years. She leads tours, coordinates the volunteer programs, and wears many other hats! She began her career in 1997 in the Monterey area, after getting her BA in Biology at UCSC. She grew up in the SF Bay Area, and now lives in Lancaster with her husband and twin 8-year-old sons.

The following is a story of how the Kawaiisu came to eat acorns, chia, etc.

"Coyote was thinking one day and realized there would be many people. Bug was worried that there would be too many people and they would have to eat dirt. Coyote said no, for if they did, they would eat up all the dirt. So Coyote decided The People should eat acorns, pinyon, chia and deer."

This and much more information is available from the website at: <https://www.parks.ca.gov>. Under "Visit A Park", look for Tomo-Kahni.



Please notice: if you are receiving a hardcopy (black and white copy) of this newsletter and would like to enjoy it in color, it is available at our website: [www.kahs1959.org](http://www.kahs1959.org).

**Tour Tickets for Tomo Kahni**

Tour fee is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6-16 (age 5 and under are free, but not recommended on tours). Tours are limited to 15 people and fill up fast so reservations are highly recommended, for an additional fee of \$10 per party. Please call the Tehachapi District office at 661-946-6092 for tour information and reservations. Tours available in the Spring and Fall only.



**Above:** spring wildflowers, clockwise: Wild Hyacinth growing in a bedrock mortar, Indian Paintbrush, Mojave Suncups, & Fairy Trumpets.

**At right:** looking north from the caves.





Right: bedrock mortars



Below: Kawaiisu pictograph - "they believe that "Rock Baby" lives in the rocks as he works on the pictographs in Tomo-Kahni. The Kawaiisu see changes in the pictographs and believe they change because Rock Baby is always working on them."



Above: the women may have sharpened their awls here while working in the shade.



Left: a favorite of the kids, viewed from the cave - The Rabbit.



### **Cataloging Workday - May 17th**

If you are interested in looking at old things, maybe even *dusty* old things (pictures, documents, artifacts and such) make plans to join us May 17th at Gretchen's Barn. Much of what belongs to the historical society has been stored at Gretchen's and we are not even sure what all is in there. It could be very interesting to say the least.

We will be starting at 9 am., Thursday, May 17th. Hope you can make it Watch for more information.

### **Reminder: Elections of Officers at April Meeting**

**The Nominating Committee, headed by Delores Julian, announced the slate of officers to be voted on at the April General Meeting. They are listed here for your consideration, per the KAHS Bylaws.**

President - Gretchen Winfrey,

Directors-at-Large - Chavonne Sladek, Dena

Vice President - Delores Julian

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Secretary - Janet Winters

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### **2018 KAHS SCHOLARSHIP - Still Time to Get an Application In!**

The Kern Antelope Historical Society is excited to announce that a \$500 scholarship is available for a senior graduating from Rosamond High School, Rare Earth School or Abraham Lincoln Alternative School.

Below are a few details about the project required:

- The topic must relate to the history of Rosamond, CA.
- Essay must be no fewer than 800 and no more than 1,600 words in length, double-spaced.
- The winner is required to do a presentation of the essay at the May 10, 2018 KAHS meeting.
- A few examples of presentation format could be a Power Point slide presentation, a video, a speech, or a pictorial view of the essay subject.
- Deadline for submissions is April 20, 2018.

Complete details available upon request from [info@kahs1959.org](mailto:info@kahs1959.org) or go to our website: [www.KAHS1959.org](http://www.KAHS1959.org). If you know of eligible seniors, let them know about the scholarship. Membership in KAHS is not required.





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## For Sale by KAHS

### Books - \$10 Each:

Here Roamed the Antelope  
Bears - Borax and Gold  
Along the Rails from Lancaster to Mojave  
The Antelopes Left and the Settle-ers Came  
In Love with Life in Lancaster (Hard Times  
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### General Meetings:

5:00 pm- Business Session, 5:30 pm - Program  
Second Thursday of the Month, September through June  
At Wanda Kirk County Library  
3611 Rosamond Blvd. Rosamond, CA 93560  
(Exceptions: June, September & December - to be announced)

### Memberships:

\$5 - Student & Military; \$15 - Individual; \$20 - Husband & Wife;  
\$30 - Family; \$35 - Businesses

The Kern Antelope Historical Society was established in 1959 for the purpose of learning and preserving the history of California, especially the Antelope Valley, which includes parts of Los Angeles and Kern counties. Speakers are invited to talk at our monthly meetings about aspects of our various cultures. Subjects range from Indians of the past to the Space Age. The Society offers field trips for members to significant locations in and around the valley throughout the year. Come join us to learn more about the wonders of this area we live in and also meet some new people.

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