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See you all next year!

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MAY 16, 2015 ALASKA NATIVE DAY FORT ROSS STATE HISTORIC PARK



Sea Otter Dart by Bill Holm

Two hundred years ago Fort Ross was a very busy place, and the settlement was almost self-sufficient in producing what it needed: ships were built, bricks fired, cattle raised, gardens tended, iron forged, and all things were traded with the Spanish. But one should ask: Who were these industrious workers? While the Russian leadership at Fort Ross is well known, it bears mentioning that Russians always numbered far fewer than the Alaska Natives and Native Americans. Of the Alaska Natives, there were many from Kodiak Island and several from the outer Aleutian Islands. These Alaska Natives contributed greatly to Settlement Ross, and our 2nd Annual Alaska Native Day will pay tribute to these influential people. We are particularly grateful to the Kashia for welcoming the Alaska Natives back to Metini to spend the day in celebration of this sacred land.



SCHEDULE

- 10:00** **Welcome** — Reno Franklin, Chairman of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians, welcomes the Alaska Natives to Metini (Fort Ross) (Sandy Cove)
- 10:15** **Su Nu Nu Shinal** dances (Ocean Terrace)
- 11:00** **Dr. Gordon L. Pullar — The Russian-Alaskan Creole, Then and Now** (Visitor Center Auditorium)
- 12:00** **Walk** to bluff & Sandy Beach Cove
- 12:20** **Iqyan race** (Sandy Beach Cove & bluff)
- 1:00** **Lunch** (Fort Compound)
- 1:30** **Crafts, baidar build and California sea otter interpretation** (Fort Compound)
- 2:00** **Fort Ross History Talk** (Fort Compound)
- 2:30** **Unangan dancers** (Fort Compound)
- 4:30** **Event Ends**

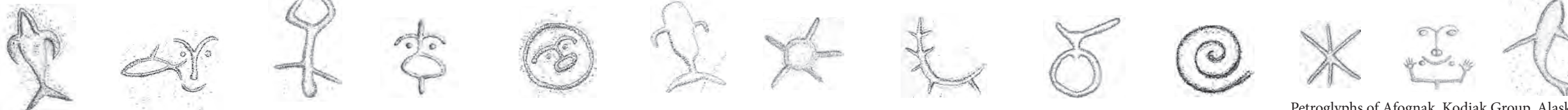
☻ **Dr. Gordon L. Pullar — The Russian-Alaskan Creole, Then and Now**
 Dr. Gordon L. Pullar is an associate professor emeritus at the University of Alaska Fairbanks where he served in both administration and faculty positions during his 22 year tenure. He has an intense interest in researching the ethno-history of Kodiak Island and his own family history that includes ancestry from indigenous people of Kodiak Island as well as Russians who worked in the fur trade in Russian America.

☻ **Anchorage Unangax Dancers**
 The Anchorage Unangax Dance group, led by Ethan Petticrew, includes members of all ages from nearly every village in Unangam Tanaa (the Aleutians, Pribilofs, Shumagins and Western Peninsula). To carry on this important legacy, Ethan and several original members of Atxam Taliġisnikangis (Atka Dancers) formed the Anchorage-based dance group. The group has been invited to perform all over Alaska, carrying on the tradition of their predecessor, Atxam Taliġisnikangis.

☻ **Su Nu Nu Shinal**
 Su Nu Nu Shinal, which means *Huckleberry Heights*, are Kashia Pomo and Coast Miwok Indians from California. These performers range in age from 7 to 62 years old, and some have been performing their traditional dances and songs for over 40 years.

☻ **Marc Daniels — Iqyan Builder**
 Marc has been building iqyan (Aleut kayaks) since the late 1980s, and now operates as True North Boats. Marc has been traveling throughout Alaska since 1993 focusing on Unangam (Aleut) communities on Aleutian, Pribilof, and Shumagin Islands where he leads boat building projects. He is committed to nurturing the revival of traditional skinboat building among the Unangan people, and has founded MakeAccess Iqyax Apprenticeships (www.facebook.com/makeaccess) to pass traditional skills on to new generations of Native Alaskans.

This Nigilax project will re-create an 1800s style Alutiġ open skinboat utilized at Fort Ross and along the California coast during that period. Russians called these vessels baidar, or baidara. In this multi-season project, Marc and crew use locally harvested fir wood and driftwood knees to construct the 22-foot Nigilax framework. Progress will be documented at www.fortross.org, on Alaska Natives at Fort Ross Facebook page and at www.facebook.com/truenorthboats.



Petroglyphs of Afognak, Kodiak Group, Alaska