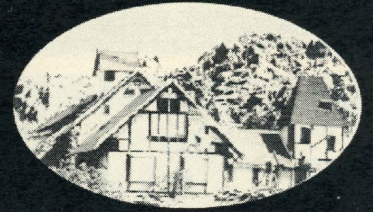


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## 2017 American Indian Celebration Report

BY MUSEUM CURATOR, PEGGY RONNING  
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Everyone enjoyed the AVIM American Indian Celebration on October 21 and 22. We had 346 visitors on Saturday and 402 visitors on Sunday, a total of 748 visitors for the weekend. Last year we had 792 visitors.

FAVIM board member Cydnee Ashmore (Diné) shared her pow wow experience and connections in the Native community to bring the event to a higher level. She recruited professional Master of Ceremonies Michael Runningwind (Seneca/Chiricahua Apache) to oversee activities in the dance arena. In addition to keeping things moving, Michael called for a variety of dances, all of which he explained to the audience. Cydnee also recruited Brendon Youngbear Urdanivia (Navajo/Tewa) and his drum group Buffalo Creek to provide Northern Traditional Style songs for the dancers. Thanks to the recruiting efforts of Cydnee Ashmore and museum volunteer Raven Magpie-Rivera, 16 dancers joined us for the Celebration this year, including grass, men's traditional, women's traditional, women's fancy, and jingle dancers.

Our local southern California peoples were also represented. Chumash storytellers Ted and Dennis Garcia provided the blessing and shared traditional songs and stories. Fernandeno Tataviam President Rudy Ortega Junior, his two young sons, and tribal member Ray Rivera

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shared their language, songs, and stories with visitors on Saturday.

On Saturday, family and friends held an honoring ceremony for Paul Begay (Diné) who was killed in a tragic accident on Highway 14 in May, 2017. Paul's son, Sean Paul Begay, provided a moving and inspiring tribute to his father. Paul was known to museum visitors as the artist who made the beautiful gourd dreamcatchers sold in the museum gift shop, and he staffed the family jewelry booth at the Celebration while his wife made fry bread. Paul grew up on the Navajo Reservation in Monument Valley, but he lived in the Antelope Valley for many years while working as a Registered Nurse for Los Angeles County.

Cecelia Begay's busy crew worked hard all weekend making frybread and Indian tacos for our appreciative visitors, many of whom attend the event just for the frybread! FAVIM board member Betsy Matheny operated the beverage booth with help from the Tomo Kahni volunteers: Phyllis Comstock, Jerrie Cowan, Sally Curran and Cynthia Waldman.

FAVIM board members Don Borchers, Lynn DuPratt, Susy Martin, and Kathy Moore sold raffle tickets and FAVIM memberships.



Thunder Garcia



Alex Littlebow and Richard Myers



Christopher Hixenbaugh

The Celebration ended on Sunday with the FAVIM raffle. The grand prize was a spectacular beaded purse made by Raven Magpie Rivera. It was won by Cydnee Ashmore.

Returning vendors included Cecelia Begay and her daughter Shannon Santellan, Angel and Ana Crisal, Judy Einboden, Matthew and Marc McMasters, Connie Marie Ramos, Carla Tourville, and Michael Chas Williams. We welcomed new vendor Michele Hart of Sacred Creations. Torres Martinez Tribal TANF, the California Native Vote Project, ANYA the Native American Club at Antelope Valley College, and the Anthro Club at Antelope Valley College provided information. Mike Thompson and Matt Ashmore returned to provide flint knapping demonstrations.



Raven Magpie Rivera



Katianna Warren and the raffle grand prize

The other raffle prizes included a wooden butterfly carved by Ed Einboden that was won by Ranger Matt's wife, Angie Williams. Judy Einboden donated a pine needle basket, which was won by Waunette Cullors, and a gourd coin purse, which was won by FAVIM Board Member Lynn DuPratt. Volunteer Jim Quinn won a small leather pouch.



Kaelene Ashmore

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who made the event possible. FAVIM board member John Martin expertly managed the PA system in the dance arena again this year. He also served as the event photographer! He was assisted by Caitlin Ashmore who rounded up photo releases from all the dancers.

Darrell Walters, Lana Laughlin, Elsie Purdy, and Anne Kittlitz answered visitor questions in the Museum. Michiko Shimizu, Ann Williams, and Jim Quinn oversaw the Touch Table exhibit.

They were assisted by Antelope Valley College Martinez, Stephanie Gutierrez-Martinez, Carina Hamblin, Roman Loera, and Michael Sibley and the Lake LA Queen's Court.



Katianna Warren

I would also like to thank all the State Parks staff for their hard work during the event. Park Aide Caroline Gaete sold tickets at the gate. Interpreter Jean Rhyne staffed the museum gift shop. Maintenance workers Chris Pistone and Patty Skinner helped prepare the grounds for the event, kept the restrooms clean and the trash cans emptied during the event, and helped me to put everything away after the event. Supervising Ranger Matt Williams and new Ranger Kevin Overduin herded cars and kept the parking lot organized. They also provided much needed assistance setting up the event and putting everything away afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you at the event in October 2018!



### A Visit to H. A. Edwards House in Eagle Rock

Anne Kittlitz, Historian

Everyone familiar with the history of the AV Indian Museum knows that it was built by H.

Arden Edwards in 1928. But before he homesteaded his Antelope Valley site he owned a home in Eagle Rock, CA. Eagle Rock is located north east of Los Angeles, near Pasadena.

Recently his former home, that he named Happy Camp, was put for sale. This gave those of us interested an opportunity to visit it.

The Listing read:

- Designed by Architect and Artist Arden Edwards in 1910
- 1207 Kipling Ave. Eagle Rock. A Historical Cultural Monument
- 2 Bedroom, 1 bath 1,186 sq. ft.
- Described as “cozy, secluded, a bit funky”

It sounded so interesting! Arriving at the address, the house can barely be seen from the street, as it's built high on a very steep lot. Entering through a gate, we climbed the stone steps lined with many native plants. About half way up there is a charming sitting area to rest and look at the view.



Steps leading up to Edward's house

Upon entering the house, I was struck by the low ceilings in the living room. But I immediately noticed the decorative paintings on the columns, beams, ceiling and walls. It looked a lot like how Edwards has painted the interior and exterior of the Indian Museum.

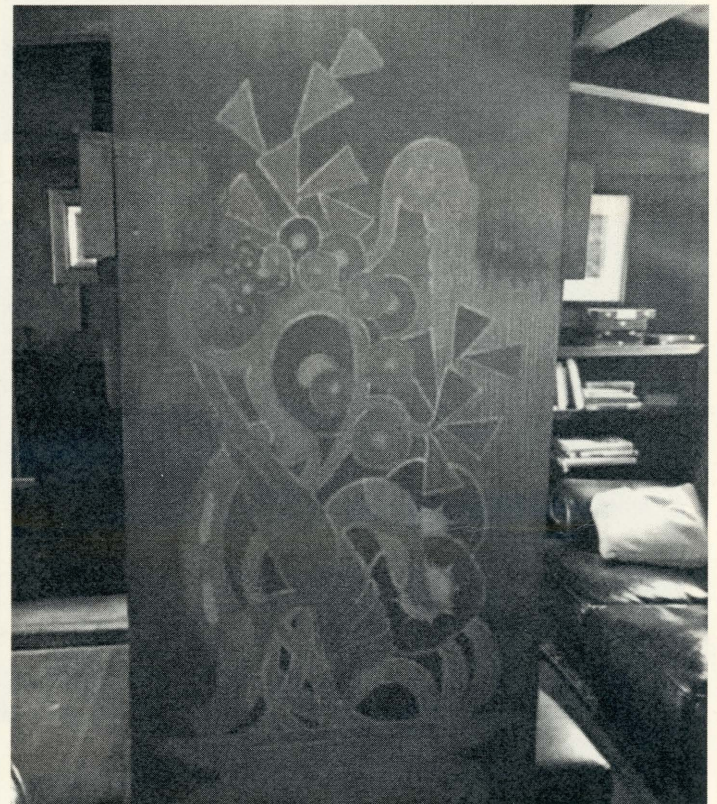


Anne enjoys the cozy living room

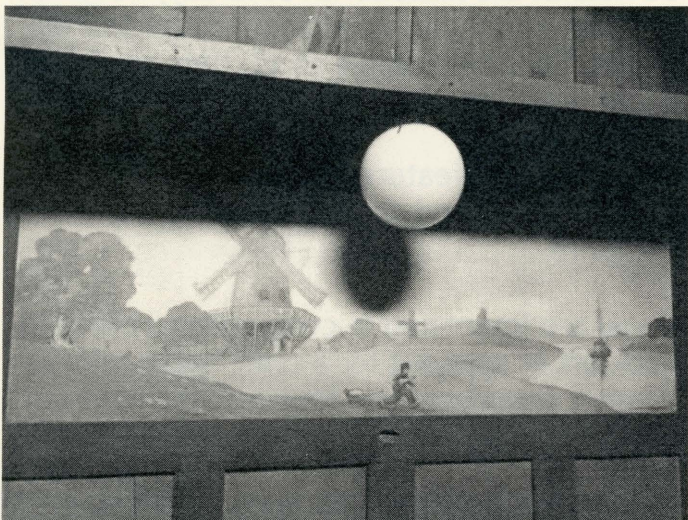
As I wandered from room to room the similarities were striking, there were several built in seating areas and even a narrow staircase to the upstairs bedroom. The views from the upstairs were wonderful, just like the views of the desert from the highest rooms at the Indian Museum. In this house all the rooms are small and cozy. And there are several outside sitting areas one with a fireplace.



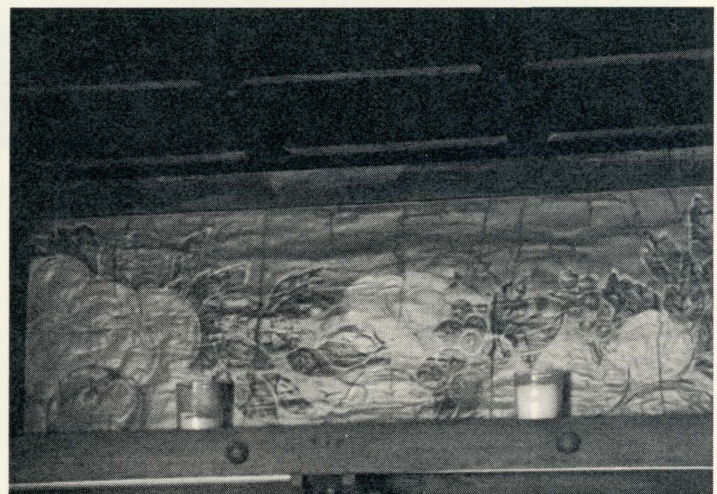
The dining room



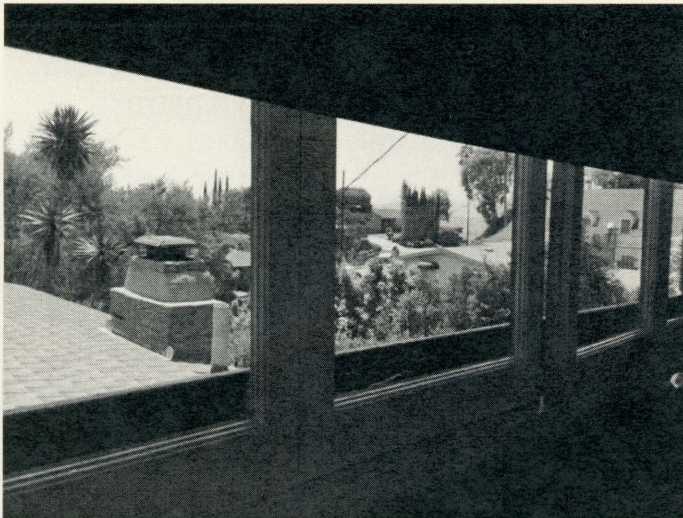
Art on a post in the living room



Edwards painted art deco on his walls.



Edwards painted art deco on his walls.



The view from the upstairs bedroom



A cozy outdoor patio



Nina Kittlitz and Anne Kittlitz sitting looking at the view

I can't help but think that what he learned from building and decorating this house he applied to the much larger house he built among the rocks of Piute Butte, now known as the AV Indian Museum.



### Save the Date

BY MUSEUM CURATOR, PEGGY RONNING

The 2017 Holidays on the Homestead event will be held at the museum on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5 to 8 pm. Admission will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids age 6 to 12. Kids age 5 and under are free.

The event will feature a holiday craft show, a chili cook-off, and cowboy songs by the campfire.

If you are interested in competing in the chili cook-off or applying for a craft booth, please contact organizer Jean Rhyne at the museum (661) 946-3055.





**Friends of the Antelope Valley Indian Museum (FAVIM) is online:**

- [AVIM.parks.ca.gov](http://AVIM.parks.ca.gov) : Click on “Join” for information about FAVIM, and about volunteering at the AV Indian Museum
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- [AVIM.parks.ca.gov](http://AVIM.parks.ca.gov) : Museum website with information about the American Indians of the Great Basin, Southwest, and California coast; events calendar; virtual tours of the museum; and search the museum’s entire collection online.
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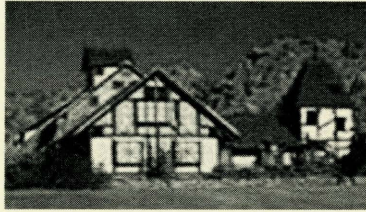
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