



The Peña Adobe and Mowers-Goheen Museum
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For Immediate Release

The Peña Adobe Historical Society will be hosting their monthly Open House at the Peña Adobe Park in Vacaville, on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The park is located at Peña Adobe Road off of Interstate 80.

President of the Rush Ranch Educational Council, Rebecca Mannion will be demonstrating natural dyes on Saturday at Peña Adobe from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Rebecca, Past President of the Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society will exhibit the technique for making indigo dye. There are several plants that will produce blue, but indigo produces the most desirable hue. All blue natural dyes are very different than modern dyes used today. In the past, the transforming ingredient was fresh air!

Indigo dye bath looks like a witch's brew, a kind of greenish milky mixture, and the wool doesn't actually turn blue until removed from the dye bath allowing the air to activate the color. Other blue dyes include blue flowers and berries as well as mustard which all require the same process.

Rebecca joins Rush Ranch's Little Bear, who will be on hand to share Native American tools and artifacts. Visitors to the Peña Adobe Park will tour the California Historical Landmark #534 Adobe, built in 1842 and the Mowers-Goheen Museum. Docents will be on hand to answer questions and provide insight into Vacaville's past.

There is no charge for admission into the historical park and no RSVP is necessary. For questions in advance, call (707)447-0518. For same day information, call (707)470-9975.

Continuing in our effort to promote this local historic treasure, the Peña Adobe Historical Society opens the doors of the Adobe and the Mowers-Goheen Museum the first Saturday of each month February thru December from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested in private tours, volunteer opportunities, or more information e-mail us at penaadobe@gmail.com or visit our website www.penaadobe.org.