



*The Mission San Rafael Arcangel Preservation
Foundation Presents:*

A Lecture Series at the Mission

All lectures take place in the Mission San Rafael Arcangel
1104 Fifth Avenue in downtown San Rafael

Wednesday, June 3 from 6:30-7:30 PM

*Warm Bodies: Pueblos, Presidios, and Missions in
Alta California (1769-1823)*

George McKale

City of Sonoma, Town Historian

This lecture will include a series of vignettes linking common folk with major personages, in the quest to colonize Alta California. The historical characters are linked by Spanish concerns of controlling the northern frontier and the necessity to populate pueblos, presidios, and missions.

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 from 6:30-7:30PM

*The New Year Feature: A Mexican Republic Era Time
Capsule from Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park*

Breck Parkman

California State Parks Archaeologist

An unexpected result of the New Year's Eve Storm of December 31, 2005 was the discovery of a significant historic feature eroding out of Adobe Creek at Petaluma Adobe SHP. The feature was located within the boundaries of CA-SON-2294/H, the c. 1836-1846 residential site used by Mariano Vallejo's work force. The feature consisted of a cooking pit turned trash pit. The feature was essentially a time capsule of the early years of Vallejo's ranch. In addition to a large amount of faunal remains, the feature included a wide array of artifacts including ceramic shards of Mexican majolica, Chinese porcelain, and British stoneware and transfer-print whiteware, glass trade beads, clamshell disk beads and bead blanks, bone and shell buttons, a brass Phoenix button, a musket ball, lead shot, a gunflint, several obsidian projectile points, obsidian and chert debitage, a bone awl, a Spanish-style folding knife, cut nails, and other artifacts too numerous to list.

In this lecture, Breck will describe the artifacts, the circumstances of their discovery, and outline the State's ongoing efforts to better protect CA-SON-2294/H.

To learn more about the lecture series or the *The Mission San Rafael Arcangel Preservation Foundation* contact Teri Brunner at 454-8141 or tbrunner@saintraphael.com.