

Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens

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Regarding the illustration:

“The Ascension of Chinigchinich into the Heaven of Stars” by Jean Goodwin. The woodcut illustration is from the 1933 edition of Chinigchinich by Father Gerónimo Boscana published by the Fine Arts Press in Santa Ana.

**Come Home to Povuu'ngna at Rancho Los Alamitos
Sunday, June 13, 2010
Noon – 4:30**

Free Admission

'Eyooyok Tovaar Shahoovayt (Mother Earth is Sacred)

LONG BEACH, CA -- Povuu'ngna is the sacred place of emergence of the Gabrielino/Tongva community. "Come Home to Povuu'ngna at Rancho Los Alamitos" as we honor the native people of the Los Angeles basin and consider how they remember their ancestors and care for their home today. Explore how memories of land and sea are revealed anew in the foods of native California, in its medicines, songs and dances, stories and art, and how the landscape of the past offers new sources of creative wisdom to a contemporary world seeking hope for future generations.

This special program is presented in collaboration with artists, dancers, storytellers and members throughout the Tongva communities. Join us for the processional honoring the ancestors, featured exhibits on California native foods and cultural materials, along with presentations of ancestral storytelling, dance, music and games that evoke the spirit of Mother Earth.

The afternoon will include hands-on arts and craft experiences such as Ti'at (canoe) construction, sand painting, design of dolphin crowns and scallop shell necklaces as well as a live raptor exhibit and storytelling that will engage and delight children. Families will learn about games and toys that helped the Tongva and Chumash children prepare for their roles in adult society.

Adults and children alike will enjoy demonstrations of modern day techniques of processing and preparation of California native plant foods. There will be sample tastings of acorn *wiiwish*, chia seed and yucca blossom and Chef Debbi Dubbs will demonstrate the use of cactus in a contemporary recipe.

Many more demonstrations and exhibits are in store for event participants. Download a copy of the event flyer and Chef Debbi Dubbs' recipe for Cactus Leaf Salad from the Rancho's website. To receive information or directions to the Rancho, visit www.rancholosalamitos.com or call (562) 431-3541.

Free parking for this event is at California State University Long Beach Lot 11 on Palo Verde Avenue, with continuous shuttle service to the Rancho. Shuttle buses are handicapped accessible.

Rancho Los Alamitos is owned by the City of Long Beach and operated by Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation as a public/private cooperative venture under the auspices of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. The site is open for tours Wednesday through Sunday from 1-5 p.m. School tours and Native American Children's Cultural Workshops are scheduled weekday mornings. Admission is free and parking is normally available on site. Enter through Bixby Hill residential security gate at Anaheim and Palo Verde. For information about the site, tours, or special events and programs, go to www.rancholosalamitos.com.

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