



# Nacitone Foundation

**Lockwood, California**

"Enrich Your Future and Discover the Past"

**Second Quarter 2022**

## Presidents Message

Several weeks ago while researching my grandmother's family tree I was ask why I needed to know this information. My answer was simple. I wanted to know where they came from. What their lives must have been like and what hardships they went through so that I can enjoy such a good life. To know failures and success that our ancestors went through just to get us here at this present time. For many of us our ancestors walked or rode on not so comfortable wagons or ships to settle in a wild land. As I researched the movements of the many names that came west in the 1800's it occurred to me that many of them moved here from back east following the same paths ending up in San Francisco. Working a few years then after reading about new lands opening up to homesteading. They would venture out to an isolated place to meet with the local government land agent to go over properties that could be homesteaded. There were also a few that had some cash to buy a piece of land outright. They would have to make shelter, plant crops and raise livestock. Fight off wild predators such as mountain lions, bears and coyotes who fed on their livestock, and improve their property to survive. Many of them did not make it. My research has led me on many google searches following names from my family's past, such as Dayton's, Ray's, Liddle's, Bushnell's, Dunnaway's, San's, Smith's, Weferling's, Wood's . Many more names come into play. There are books sold at Nacitone wrote by local writers that are also a huge help. I encourage you to drop by and look at some to the books for sale. This last week while taking a ride with an old friend on his ranch that overlooks the entire Nacimiento and San Antonio watershed Area and the Salinas Valley all the way to Pozo area to the South. We look down onto the dry Lake San Antonio south of the old town of Pleyto. Our discussion turned to the mission era when a band of several thousand Indians from the central valley of California came into our area to attack the missions. After the attack on mission San Antonio the Spanish soldiers and some of the mission Indians caught up with the attackers and had a battle where the lake is now. The attackers were chased back to the Central Valley. There is a great book to read about this. The Lands of Mission San Miguel by Wallace V. Owens. There are several more good books about local history. We have local authors that make good reading. Pioneers of Bryson and the Sapaque Valley by Betsy Wood, Images Of San Antonio Valley by Susan Raycraft and Ann Keenan Beckett, Salt of the Earth Published by the Rustler Herald, Sisters Olive Wollesen and Rachel Gillett have several books along with good reading from several books written by Joe Botts Sr. Hungry Flats East of Lucia and The Pleyto Hills are two of his books. One of my favorite books is Ambush Arson and Murder on the Nacimiento as told by Senator Henry Lynch. I encourage you to check these authors out. I am sure I have missed someone. Let me know if you know of other local history books that we could offer our guests at Nacitone. As always Nacitone is open the first Saturday of each month.

Thank you to everyone who is preserving the past  
Donald Gillett, President Nacitone Foundation Inc.

### Dates to Remember

Museum Meeting Time – 6:30 pm      Museum Monthly Meetings- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
Museum open 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month – 10 am to 4 pm or by appointment

### COMING EVENTS

**Tri Tip Take out - September 10, 2022**

**Book Signing at MCARLM in afternoon – King City, September 11, 2022**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clam Chowder Feed- November 5, 2022**

Web page - [www.nacitonefoundation.org](http://www.nacitonefoundation.org)

## San Antonio Camp

This LPNF campsite in the SEQ Sec.32 T21S R5E is located on the N bank on the upper reach of San Antonio River from which it takes name. It is on San Antonio Trail and is located within the Ventana Wilderness Area just SW of the private lands of Salsipuedes (Avila) Ranch. The 1934 land status book of USFS places San Antonio Camp in the SWQ Sec.6 T22S R5E and identifies a Lower San Antonio Camp in SEQ Sec.33 T21S R5E.

## San Antonio Trail

This Trail in LPNF extends and ends at or near Indians Road and North Fork San Antonio River. It takes its name from the San Antonio River which follows and crosses.

Ref. Names & Places of Monterey County

(LPNF-Los Padres National Forest)

Maurice & Ruth Getzelman

1915



*Recognize these children and their Grandmother?*

Find out in our next newsletter

## The Work Continues

*The directors have been working long and hard hours to obtain items donated to the museum. We are grateful to receive prized items.*

*The director furnish their time, vehicle, and fuel.*

*We have recently received collectables from Howard Strohn that were part of his family for several generations. We have received equipment from Butch Heinsen and Bud Riewerts.*

*These directors will be found working on week days and weekend. They usually working in silent mode (other than the aches & pains as they are of elder age).*

*Thank You!*

*You are the glue for the foundation*

## Book Signing

The new **King City** book will be out soon and the Jernigan's and Howard Strohn will be at the MCARLM Museum in King City to sign books.

September 11, 2022, in the afternoon.

The book is part of Images of America series by Arcadia Publishing

## Newsletter

*We are pleased to announce that Millie Dodd a Nacitone member will be taking over the newsletter.*

Thank you, Millie

## Lamb Raffle

**We are selling tickets for a Lamb**

*Nacitone would like to thank Carl & Helen Camany and Melissa and Jason Foslien for graciously donating a Lamb.*

**Cut and wrapped**

**Do not have to be present to win**



It's the friends  
we meet along the way  
that help us appreciate the  
journey

## The Dinner Bell

This Dinner Bell was an original fixture on the famed Pinkerton Ranch near Lockwood, California.

The Pinkerton Ranch was sold to William Randolph Hearst and was leased & farmed by several families.

One of the last to farm this ranch was Dudley W. Moody and his wife Thelma M. (Wood) Moody. Thelma was the daughter of Sherman and Barbara Wood of Hesperia-Bryson. They farmed this ranch prior to San Antonio Lakes being built. When they moved off the Pinkerton, Thelma requested the bell and she said it was given to her by the Hearst foreman. They moved to Hollister, California and farmed a few short years.

They purchased the Dry Creek Ranch twelve miles east of Madera in 1947.

This bell was a permanent fixture on the Dry Creek Ranch at 22148 Road 600, Madera, California. Jim Fellows was given this bell by D.W. Moody for the Nacitone Museum before he died on May 4, 2003.



## DUTCH OVEN 2022

This year's Dutch oven was again a success. We had 93 cooks from 6 states, with 98 Dutch ovens being served, ranging in size from 8" to 22" deep, cooks ranging in age from 12 to 90 years old and 5 families with 3 and 4 generations with the adults and young adults cooking. There were 4 chuck wagons being presented and cooked off, Rawhide, cookie was Barbara Koester & family. (owned by Nacitone Museum) of Lockwood, Lester & Dawn Patterson of Lockwood, Pioneer Day Committee of Paso Robles and John & Buzz Jamrog of Parkfield. There were approximately 325 people present to enjoy the Dutch oven feed, Antique guns, Antique Bottles, Blacksmithing, Face Painting, Flinting, Gold Panning, Metal Detecting, Quilting, Indian Drummers and Jolon Station Band.

Nacitone Foundation & Museum want to thank all those who worked so hard before the event, during and cleanup. This event is an enormous undertaking and could not be done without the help of member, numerous friends, families, Cal Fire, Lockwood 4-H, Lockwood Boy Scouts.

We want to thank Lester and Dawn Patterson for their dedication and loyalty to Nacitone Museum with their generous contributions and long hours.



## Director

Claudia Wollesen has been voted Nacitone's newest director. She was born in King City, Claudia is 5<sup>th</sup> generation Californian in this area. She was raised in King City until the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, when the family moved to the Gamboa Ranch, formerly the Mansfield Ranch on Jolon Road. Attending King City High School, Class of '59 where she met and married Neil Wollesen. They had four children, Lynnette, Brian, John Paul and

Lorenz, who died as an infant. Lynnette is married to a Bradley native Jeff Harris. She has two grandchildren, Jennifer Harris and Jacob Wollesen. She has one great grandson Rayne Harris. Claudia's first jobs were with Hutton and Foley, J.C. Penny and Mansfield, Brashears and Metz before starting a family. Later she went back to work for King City Laundry and then back to Mansfield, Brashears and Metz. When Neil took over Olds Welding & Machine Shop, Claudia kept books for Neil at the shop and Napa Parts House. Claudia bought a computer and went into business for herself starting a secretarial service. She went to work for Mee Memorial Hospital, as their first data processing manager. She decided to move to John Day, Oregon. She worked in a restaurant and then a saw mill. After a time she moved back to California to Monterey, working for Bostrom Management, as an event and convention planner and then Naval Research Laboratory working there as an Administrative Assistant for 14 years. At age 65 Claudia decided to fulfill a dream, she bought a restaurant bar in Unity, Oregon, son John Paul and grandson Jacob helped her. She continued to work for the lab remotely for 6 months and traveling back and forth. After a few years Claudia retired and came to Lockwood. She is active with the SoMoCo Republican Women Federation as a member and treasure. She has been inspector for the voting polls. Claudia is no stranger to Nacitone. She has been an active member for a number of years and helped on many projects.

**Claudia, Thank you for being a part of something special.**

**Nacitone Officers**

President – Donald Gillett  
Vice President – Neil Wollesen  
Secretary - Kathy McCormack  
Treasure – Beverly Kovacs

**Directors**

Pam Davis - (805)714- 7588      Fred Forgnone – (831)682-2625  
Donald Gillett - (831)206-6255      Rob Johnson – (714)961-0257  
Kathy McCormack - (831)236-2062      Lester Patterson - (831)235-7358  
Bud Reiwerts – (408)842-4756      Neil Whitty - (831)818-5265  
Claudia Wollesen – (541)519-4043      Neil Wollesen – (831)596- 8548

**Memorial Bricks & Trees**

Order your personalized brick for permanent display on our patio.

You can use your name, family member or company, also add a logo

A 4”X8” brick is \$100, an 8”X8” is \$200 and a 12” X 12” is \$500

Logo and graphics are available.

For information Contact Neil Whitty- @ (831)818-5265 or email – [nwkenworth@gmail.com](mailto:nwkenworth@gmail.com)