



# T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe  
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Hello tribal members,

This is the beginning of the fall season, even though it has been really hot all over California. There are a few things that are fun to do as a family and tribal member.

If you are near the coast, it is a good time to collect bull kelp heads to make rattles. They don't have to be dry. To dry them, cut it as long as you would like it to be, keeping in mind that you are still going to add a handle to the end.

I wash mine to get the salt off of the outside then fill with dry sand or raw rice, to absorb the moisture inside the bulb. Hang them to dry if you can so that they keep their round shape.

I changed the sand every couple of days to give the sand time to dry out. Then reuse the dry sand. Keep the bulb full while it dries. Once dry they can be stored until you are ready to use them to make rattles.

While at the beach, look for shells and drift wood to use for a handle. Keep in mind how big around the opening will be. They need to be close in size. When dry you can use pebbles, dry corn, rice or other small objects to put inside to make the sound you want. Glue the handle in the hole and wrap with sinew or leather strips where the two meet.

Spend time alone walking on the beach searching for treasures or have your kids or grandkids join in the fun. Shells to decorate the rattle with, work well if they have a small hole in them.

This is also the end of elderberry season, If you are in the cooler climates. Go out and collect berries and make jelly or elderberry syrup before they are all gone.

Enjoy the end of summer  
Submitted by Colleen Brown



The TANF office in Atascadero has school backpacks they are giving away to tribal members who need them. Call Kerri at 805-464-2255 to pick up one.

## Salinan Tribal Members!

We are looking for your individual and family stories about our people that may be shared in public, via the production of various printed materials and other media, sponsored by a budget from the Morro Bay Waste Water Reclamation Project.

Contact Robert Piatti, editorial lead, via email at [quiggyllynn@gmail.com](mailto:quiggyllynn@gmail.com) for more information and to share your stories.



## September Elder Birthdays



### 2nd

John Piatti Jr. was born in San Luis Obispo California to Johnnie Piatti and Doreen Bickmore. He is the grandson of Margaret (Maggie) R. McCormack and Petro F. Piatti.

### 4th

Judith Andersen (Pierce) was born in San Luis Obispo California to Edward J. Pierce and Virginia C. Deleisseques. She is the granddaughter of Edward Romeo Pierce and Maria A. Bylon.

### 6th,

Anthony Williams was born in Hollister California to Anthony Williams and Carmen Gutierrez. He is the grandson of George Williams and Gertrudis Flores.

### 9th

Janet Roberson (Villa) was born in San Luis Obispo California to Lloyd Phillips Villa and Mary J. Holzer. She is the granddaughter of Miguel Villa and Ines Carmel Filipponi.

### 13th

George D. McCormack was born in Salinas California to Benito A. McCormack and Soila Asuncion AKA Susie Boronda. He is the grandson of Frank B. McCormack and Maria (Mary) Aloysius Govers. He is also the grandson of Maria Loreta Robles and Jose Boronda.

### 14th

Daniel Lopez was born in San Joaquin California to Rebecca Elena Montelongo and Rosario L. Lopez. He is the grandson of Gertrudis F. Flores.

### 16th

Bonnie Pierce was born in San Luis Obispo California to Elvira (Vera) D. Martini and Ernest (Skinner) Pierce. She is the granddaughter of Katherine (Kate) McCormack and Edward Romeo Pierce.

### 19th

Coleen Brown (Montgomery) was born in Morro Bay California to Gertrude (Girley) Pierce and Eugene H. Montgomery. She is the granddaughter of Katherine (Kate) McCormack and Edward Romeo Pierce.

### 26th

John McCormack was born in King City California to Benito McCormack and Soila Asuncion AKA Susie Boronda. He is the grandson of Frank B. McCormack and Maria (Mary) Aloysius Govers. He is also the grandson of Maria Loreta Robles and Jose Boronda.

# **SALINAN TRIBAL COUNCIL POSITIONS Outlined**

TRADITIONAL LEAD: Mary Rodgers

Cultural Protection & Preservation Lead: Mary Rodgers and Robert Piatti

Duties: MLD's, Repatriation process, volunteers working with the, NAHC, Planning dept., Coroner, Forest Service, FHL, BLM, & volunteers to set up Museum and Tribal artifacts.

Tribal Law Lead: Bruce Flood and Kenny Pierce

Duties: Lead the set up of the Tribunal council, lead the Membership criteria work, Code of Conduct and other handbook procedures, membership listing, and Tribal Scholar list.

Tribal Practice Lead: Mary Rodgers

Duties: Lead the organizing of tribal dances, language, history, songs, traditions, traditional council resources, writings and cultural center.

Tribal Interest Groups Lead: Yvonne Davis and Leslie Montgomery

Duties: Lead the organization of the Men's, Women's, Elder's, and Youth groups, crafts. Community and Supporters of the tribe.

Tribal Educational Lead: Donald Pierce Jr.

Duties: Lead work to organize classes in tribal life, California, Indian life, transition to adult life, music belief systems for California Indians, and be a resource to any member who is interested in exploring belief systems within the tribe.

Tribal Communication Lead: Dayna Sciocchetti

Duties: Lead for the tribal secretary, meeting minutes, action item follow up, scheduling invitation, history, picture, scrap book, and other archive resources.

Contemporary Council Lead: Gary Pierce

Administrative Resource Lead: Gary Pierce and Sharon Thomas

Duties: Lead for the financial officer, equipment, inventory, taxes, bookkeeping needs of the tribe. Upkeep on the non-profit.

Public Law Lead: Gary Pierce and Bruce flood

Duties: Lead the work to liaison with government agencies. Federal Recognition work.

Social Services Lead: Yvonne Ayala

Duties: Lead work to obtain housing, organize a food bank, and obtain health care, elder care, medical care. Obtain family counseling resource, drug and alcohol counseling services and domestic violence.

Fund raising Lead: John Piatti Jr.

Duties: To raise funds for tribal activities. Collecting donations for the tribe.

## Continued:

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Social events Lead: Pamela Flood

Duties: Lead the work for the gatherings in the tribe, camping, and the tribe's name on involving money, earnings, and donations. The Indian conferences, Pow Wows, and other Tribal Events.

Public Educational/Leadership Lead: Deanna Perry

Duties: Lead the work for youth training, leadership skills, structure work, job training, CPR or other tribal classes, public speaking, public education, library research.

Communication Lead: Michael Woody

Duties: Lead work newspaper articles, Indian or other PR presentation, website work. Write letters lobbying, flyers, posters, publications out to public from tribe.



**Native garden work day,  
Morro bay  
Water front,  
Next to maritime museum.**

**September 10th. Saturday  
9am to 11am.**

**Actions:  
Plant, rake, clean, visit.  
Bring food, drinks, family, friends, ...**

**Nacitone Museum**



**Tri Tip Sandwich  
Take out**

**\$ 15.00**

includes Sandwich, Chips and Rice Crispy Cookie  
for purchase water and soda

BAKE SALE- HOME MADE BAKED GOODS

**September 10, 2022**

**11 am to 2 pm**

**at Nacitone Museum**

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# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 Happy Birthday Elder John Piatti Jr.	3
4 Happy Birthday Elder Judith Andersen (Pierce)	5	6 Happy Birthday Elder Anthony Williams	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Elder Janet Roberson (Villa)	10
11	12	13 Happy Birthday Elder George D. McCormack	14 <b>Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm</b> Happy Birthday Elder Daniel Lopez	15	16 Happy Birthday Elder Bonnie Pierce	17
18	19 Happy Birthday Elder Coleen Brown (Montgomery)	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Happy Birthday Elder John McCormack	27	28	29	30	1

Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month

**THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENT.**

**PLEASE USE INFO@SALINANTRIBE.COM TO EMAIL THE OFFICE**

**WE ONLY LIST THE BIRTHDAYS FOR TRIBAL ELDERS.**

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# T'epot'aha'l The People of the Salinan Tribe

REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY. AND BRING THEM Ta'ma (HOME) SAFE.

## Vision of the Salinan Tribe

We, as the Salinan Tribe, follow the way of our ancestors as we walk the path of our heritage toward becoming complete individuals. We exercise our rights as a sovereign entity. We continue to reawaken our culture. Each and every tribal member has an equal voice.

We, as the Salinan Tribe, commit to honoring the rights of each and every tribal member to practice our spiritual, individual, or religious beliefs. We remember and honor our ancestors, elders, and children now and for all generations to come.

We as the Salinan Tribe, continue to gather as a tribal family.



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