



# Peña Adobe Historical Society

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## **'ALTA CALIFORNIA' EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE PEÑA ADOBE IN VACAVILLE**

On Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Peña Adobe Historical Society will be hosting the "Alta California 2009 Culture Capital of America" at the Peña Adobe Park in Lagoon Valley. This event is free and open to the public and will feature local historian, Leo Huitt, President of the Peña Adobe Historical Society and Peña descendent, as the Honorary Alcalde, or mayor, for this local "Culture Capital." As Alcalde, Huitt will welcome the mounted Alta California Riders and will receive the Culture Capital flag and will supervise its inaugural raising at the Peña Adobe.

The award Alta "Upper" California 2009 Culture Capital of America is a call-to-action for Solano County residents, along with 50 cities and counties statewide, to open up the local windows to increase worldwide learning of our cultural heritage. The award is the gift of a window in history, given by the Organizing Committee of the America500 Birthday Extravaganza (2007-12). The public is invited to participate in this ceremony to increase awareness of the area's history and culture and to champion the preservation and dissemination of knowledge about local history.

Built in 1842, the Peña Adobe has been the setting for defining California events. This once-in-history celebration highlights the historical contributions of the Vaca and Peña families to local, regional and national history. In addition to the mounted riders at the event, there will be musicians, costumed representatives of various historical groups and storytellers from the surrounding areas.

The Adobe and museum will be open for guided tours on the day of the event from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at noon in the Park. There is no admission to the park or to the event. Experience history!

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