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- What:** *Native/Spanish Contact Commemorative Event: Native Plant Garden Tour and discussion of Native American/Spanish contact*
- When:** Saturday, March 31, 2007
- Time:** 11 am to 1 pm
- Where:** Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Avenue, Oakland, California 94601
- Admission:** Free to the public

A series of public events will be held throughout the East Bay to commemorate Juan Bautista de Anza's expedition through Northern California in 1776 and the resulting Spanish-Native American contact. At the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, Native American and Peralta family descendents will lead a site walk through the site's Ring of Native Plants, opening a dialogue about the history of their encounter on Ohlone land, which later became the Peralta rancho, covering 45,000 acres of land where seven modern cities now stand in Alameda County. Participants will explore themes around the healing power of historical awareness and the natural world upon which all our cultures rely. Artists and historians who helped create the Native Plant Garden will take part in the dialogue, voicing their perspectives. Artists will present the art works in the garden that are dedicated to the native peoples of the East Bay and which unfold native use of plants species. The event concludes with a culinary sampling of traditional Ohlone acorn soup and special hot chocolate and tamales of the Mexican era in California.

This event is sponsored by Friends of Peralta Hacienda Historical Park and the Vinapa Foundation for Cross-Cultural Studies. **Please call 510-532-9142 for more information.**

For a listing of other Native/Spanish Contact Commemorative Events in March, please visit <http://vinapafoundation.org>