

October 2017: Pomo Honoring Month

Free October Events Honor Indigenous Pomo People Talks, Exhibits and Dance Connect Modern Issues and Tradition



Molin Malicay



Pomo Youth Dancer
photo by Christine Cobaugh

Free community events highlight the history, traditions and current contributions of Sebastopol's indigenous people during **Pomo Honoring Month in October**. Hosted by the local Pomo Project, activities include a talk by Sonoma County resident and nationally known **Native American educator and historian Molin Malicay** and Indian activists on issues facing contemporary Native Americans, a ceremonial Pomo dance performance, an exhibit at the West County Museum and an original radio performance.

See the schedule of events below and online on Facebook at [Pomo Project of Sebastopol](#).

8th Annual Pomo Honoring Month FREE EVENTS for October 2017

Friday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.

The Issues Facing Indians Today

Presenters: Molin Malicay and Rose Hammock

Stream live online at kows92-5.org

Sunday, Oct. 8, noon

Pomo Youth Dancers

Sebastopol Farmers Market, Sebastopol Plaza
An annual Sebastopol tradition of ceremonial Pomo dances by youth and adults in traditional regalia.

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1-4 p.m.

Batikletcawi Was Here Exhibit Opens

West County Museum, 261 S. Main St.,
Sebastopol

A new, ongoing, permanent exhibit honors the Pomo people whose ancient village was on the banks of the Laguna de Santa Rosa in Sebastopol.

Museum Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

Native Wit and Wisdom, by the American Dream Players

Stream live online at kows92-5.org

Quotes from native Indian leaders past and present with lyrical native flute music.

Monday, Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m.

Contemporary Cultural Issues for Native Americans

Presenters: Molin Malicay, Rose Hammock and Joe Salinas

Santa Rosa Central Library, 211 E St., Santa Rosa

- Malicay, a Pomo Indian elder from Lake and Sonoma counties, will speak on
- *California Indians and the Spanish Missionary Period*, revealing a more realistic view of the Indian community.
- Hammock, a Pomo Indian from Covolo, will speak about the tragic issue of suicide by Native youth.
- Joe Salinas, a Pomo Indian from Kashia, will present on traditional and current *Pomo Indian Dance and Religion*.

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About Pomo Honoring Month

Pomo Honoring Month is organized by local volunteers from the Pomo Project to foster awareness of Pomo history and traditions, support Pomo people having an active voice in contemporary challenges, and value collaboration with all Pomo people toward reconciliation and understanding.

For 13,000 years, Pomo people have lived in Sonoma County. The site of their village, Batikletcawi (*where elderberry grows*), was on the bank of the Laguna de Santa Rosa, where Sebastopol now stands.

A 2010 Sebastopol City Council Resolution designated October Pomo Honoring Month, saying: "The Pomo maintained a harmonious relationship with ecology of the area, including knowledgeable and respectful harvesting of animals, plants, and mineral resources..." and "their wisdom and crafts traditions hold important values for our community...." The resolution encourages "business owners, educators, artists and all our citizens to participate in making each October an occasion for joy, learning, and prosperity."

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