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Call for Papers and Presentations

March 24-27, 2022 Anza Society International Conference

Banámichi, Sonora, Mexico

Since 1995, the Anza Society has welcomed individuals in academia, agencies as well as those interested lay historians to share their knowledge of Anza at our many conferences. Please feel free to share this invitation to present with colleagues and friends with an interest in Anza, who may consider presenting.

The Board of Directors of the Anza Society, Inc. invites scholars and interested lay Anza enthusiasts to submit proposals for papers and presentations dealing with the life and times of Don Juan Bautista de Anza, born in 1736 in Fronteras, near Arizpe, close to the present Mexico-U.S. border, in what is now the Mexican state of Sonora.

The Anza Society is dedicated to preserving the Anza legacy and its importance to understanding the history of the northern Hispanic frontier in what is now northern Mexico and the U.S. Southwest. Juan Bautista de Anza's life was very influential in shaping the social, geographic, and historical realities we experience today. For this conference, we are especially interested in the already established Native American cultures; how they contributed to Anza's explorations and participated in the complex relationship of conflict and cooperation which took place among different groups, as well as their influence on the missionaries' farming, irrigation and land care.

Anza served in the Army of New Spain, and is renowned as an explorer and administrator. He was one of the founders of Spanish Alta California, blazing a 1200-mile trail during an epic journey across the desert from Sonora to California in 1775-1776. On this expedition he led a group of settlers, without losing a single person, to what is now San Francisco and established the first settlement there. In 1779, as governor of the colony of New Mexico, he led a mixed group of presidial soldiers, vecinos (settlers), Pueblo Indian, Ute and Apache allies in a bold campaign into what is now the state of Colorado. He defeated the Comanche Indians who were led by their chief, Cuerno Verde. This famous victory is credited by historians as decisive in preserving New Mexico as a strong Spanish and Mexican enclave in what is now the U.S. Southwest.

Papers and presentations should be on subject matters having to do with a biographical, historical, military, social, anthropological, and geographical nature which would serve to create a comprehensive understanding of Anza as a historical figure. Along with a focus on Anza, emphasis can be on the context of the Spanish colonial empire, the Spanish and mestizo people who populated it, their interactions with native peoples, and the lasting impact of New Spain in this region.

Deadline for receipt of Abstract: January 15, 2022 with completed Papers presented at conference

- Papers presented should include integrative reviews or original reports of substantive new work or, of work that has been expended by the original author.
- Content should be relevant to the period and the geographical locations.
- PowerPoint presentations are welcome; presenters are urged to present their content in this illustrated manner.
- Submissions will be reviewed for relevance, conceptual quality, innovation, and clarity of presentation.
- Papers presented may be published by the Anza Society with the consent of authors and will be available via the Anza Society website.
- Presentations should be limited to 30 minutes plus Q&A.

Include the following with your abstract:

- Title
- Description (about 250 words)
- Biography (about 250 words)
- Photo (of presenter)

Please submit abstract by email to:

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