

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

Lifelong Learning Center

Our program offers lectures on specialized topics to provide life-long learning opportunities for those who are seeking enrichment opportunities. Our lectures are taught by Los Medanos Professors who are experts in their field and passionate about the topics they are addressing. Lectures are typically 2 hours in length and are taught on a variety of subjects including history, economics, art, politics, current events and more.



Website, information, registration and payment:

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❖ **A History of Eastern Contra Costa County from Native American Occupation to 1900. –**

#: SP22-04 ID:

Part 1 of 2 - Start Date: 2/15/2022 Days: Tu Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

\$39.00

Instructor: Carol Jensen

Location: LMC Brentwood Campus - BRT-303



Left: Native American image – Credit to: Painting by Grace Hudson, 1898, The Coyote's Coming, collection of the Grace Hudson Museum and Sun House, City of Ukiah, CA. Right: John Marsh House – Credit to: the University of California at Berkeley, Bancroft Library

Description:

Communities include Brentwood, Byron/Discovery Bay, Oakley, Knightsen and Bethel Island. Course topic areas include Naive Americans, Spanish/Mexican period settlement, John Marsh, agriculture, Balfour, Guthrie & Co., architecture and rural communities. This survey course covers the early history, anthropology and post-Mexican era development of area. Participants with family contributions to local history are particularly encouraged to join the class. No texts are required for the class. A reader/reference guide to local, and Sacramento and San Joaquin River Delta is provided for further reading and viewing.

- ❖ **A History of Eastern Contra Costa County Communities from 1900 to 1970** - #: SP22-05 ID: Part 2 of 2: Start Date: 3/1/2022 Days: Tu Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM \$39.00
Instructor: Carol Jensen Location: LMC Brentwood Campus - BRT-303



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Description:

Communities include Brentwood, Byron/Discovery Bay, Oakley, Knightsen and Bethel Island. Course topic areas include dry farming and introduction of irrigated agriculture, emigrant migration, Balfour Guthrie & Co., recreation and suburban community development. This is a survey course covering the 20th Century history, anthropology and economic development of the area. Participants with family contributions to local history are particularly encouraged to join the class. A reader/reference guide to local, and Sacramento and San Joaquin River Delta is provided for further reading and viewing.

- ❖ **Imagining the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Voices Across Centuries.** - #: SP22-02 ID:

Start Date: 2/24/2022 Days: Th Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM \$39.00
Instructor: Robert Benedetti Location: Online

Description:

Journey through the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta. We begin with native voices, then travel with Spanish explorers. Next we hear from Rancheros before from those searching for gold. As these riches dwindle, agricultural land is contested. Inventors describe machines to tame the Delta. Town folk talk of growing communities, labor tensions and ethnic enclaves. With prohibition, visitors celebrate escape. Then WWII disturbs the Delta. After the war, marinas become the hubs of conversation. Soon the region's water and habitats take center stage. Looking to the future, some imagine nature forcing new settlement pattern. Throughout, we encounter the famous and those lost to history, but each voice helps to define the Delta's "sense of place."

