



Joaquin Moraga Adobe Newsletter

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FJMA Reaches Funding Goal for Adobe Purchase!



Moraga Historical Society presents check to FJMA
(L to R) Bobbie Landers, Dave Trotter, Susan Sperry, Kent Long, Tania DeGroot & Jeff Boero

You made it happen! The Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe have now raised in excess of the \$500,000 required to purchase the Moraga Adobe, giving us a good head start for costs we will incur to outfit and open the museum. Special thanks go to the **Moraga Historical Society** who presented FJMA with a check on August 24th, completing their total contribution of \$100,000 raised towards this project!

Having reached this critical milestone, we are now putting our efforts into working out many details like electricity, lighting, landscape plans, and flooring. Various historical aspects are being revised to suit the Adobe's future as a museum rather than an HOA club house, which was the plan if FJMA hadn't been able to raise the funds.

We have been fortunate to consult with both **Architectural Resources Group** and **Dr. Ruben Mendoza Ph.D.**, a CSU Monterey professor and renowned expert on adobes. In doing so we have learned just how special our Adobe really is. It is an excellent example of Monterey Colonial architecture of the 1840's, with its stylized pediments, wooden entablatures, and double hung windows.

We are now working with Orinda landscape architect **Bruce Jett**, who has generously offered his services to create an improved landscape design. A special area in the garden will be created for personalized pavers to be displayed and for donor acknowledgments. The engraved pavers are selling fast, so we are making room for more as we plan our landscape design.

At the Adobe site, construction continues. The new outbuilding with bathrooms and a storage room has been built. New wooden post supports are currently being installed at the Adobe front porch. J&J Ranch is hopeful the Adobe rehabilitation will be completed mid-2022 at which time the FJMA will be deeded the property.



Moraga Adobe - October 31, 2021

Beginning the Next Phase, Creating a Great Museum!

Starting this September, a newly formed FJMA Museum Committee has been meeting to plan the interior of the Adobe. We have finalized a floor plan with three rooms being furnished in 19th century Rancho style furnishings, a separate room for historical displays, and a rotating special exhibits room. We are happy to have found an artisan who specializes in making reproduction furnishings and items from the Rancho period that will be perfect for our museum!



Moraga Adobe 3D Floor Plan

In September, FJMA members visited the restored Boronda Adobe in Salinas, built about the same time as the Moraga Adobe. Dr. Ruben Mendoza gave us a special tour and highlighted the similarities to our 1841 adobe.

Interested in volunteering? Email TeresaLong@MoragaAdobe.org for more information.



Boronda Adobe Visit, Salinas - September 2021

Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe, PO Box 872 Orinda, CA 94563

Letter From Our President

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Dearest Adobe Supporters,

The past year has seen so much progress on the Moraga Adobe project that it's truly hard to believe. At this time last year, we had only raised about 60% of the \$500K required purchase amount, and the future of the Adobe was still quite uncertain. But the tremendous outpouring of your generosity in late 2020 and throughout this year has not only pushed us past that critical goal and beyond, it has allowed us to broaden our focus to all the details and decisions that will make the Adobe a great place to visit for years to come!



Kent Long

I want to personally thank everyone who stepped up this year to save the Adobe. Without all of you, this never would have been possible!

Our wonderful volunteers, including many new faces, have been working hard finalizing all the rehabilitation details and landscape plan with J&J Ranch, and our new Museum Committee has been researching and planning interesting and interactive exhibits to both tell the history and convey the feel of life in the Rancho days. This a really exciting time to be part of creating a new museum and bringing this important historical landmark back to life.

To honor all our generous donors over the years, a plaque will be installed at the Adobe to recognize our contributors. Donation recognition tiers will be based on the total amount donated since our founding in 2009, leading up to the planned dedication next year.

With the rehabilitation of the Adobe making great progress, we are thrilled to begin the steps to finally open the Moraga Adobe for all to enjoy. Thanks for all your support, and I look forward to seeing you at the Adobe sometime soon!

Kent Long

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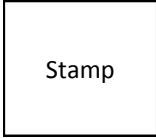
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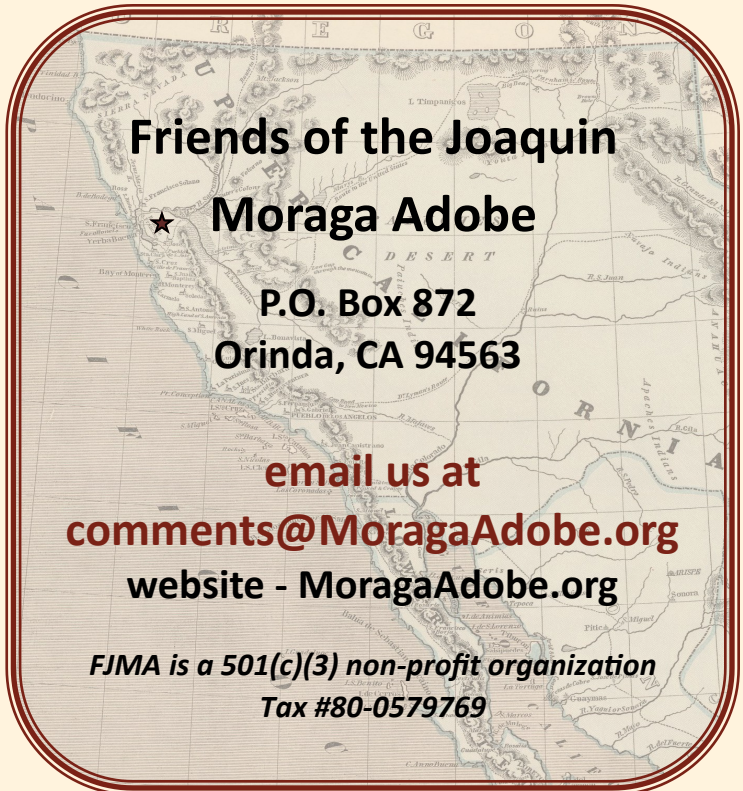


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*Thank You for Saving
Our 1841 Adobe!*



August 2021— (R to L) Kent Long, Margaret Beck, Bobbie Landers, Lance Beeson, Ron Louis, Tania DeGroot, Jeff Boero, SB Master



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