Upcoming Events

The Art of Gary Cort
November 7th - December 1st
Monday-Thursday
noon to 2 pm
5 pm to 7 pm

Veteran's Day Parade
November 11th
9:00 am
Downtown Porterville on Main Street
Cheer the PC Float!!

Vietnam Veteran's Panel
November 9th
11:45 am - 12:30 pm
PC Theater

Vietnam: My Experiences as an Army Nurse
November 10th
7 pm - 8 pm
PC Theater

PC Music presents
The Messiah
December 4th
7:30 pm
PC Gymnasium

November, 2011

PC Latina Leadership preview UC Merced

October 15, 2011 - The Porterville College Latina Leadership students and staff made the trek north to UC Merced for the fall open house, also known as Preview Day.

The group from PC took advantage of the opportunity to see various campus information booths the fair provides regarding services, clubs, volunteer opportunities and academic organizations. The tour event, along with the interactive transfer admissions workshop, and student panel gave prospective students an informative window into UC Merced. The PCLLN group ended the day at a School of Natural Sciences reception, which provided the opportunity to meet the staff, faculty and the dean of the college.

The combination of a welcoming campus and the small campus feeling at UC Merced reminded everyone of Porterville College and made for a memorable day. PCLLN members were thrilled to have embarked on their first campus trip and look forward to visiting another university next year.

left to right: Elizabeth Ceja, Patty Serrato, Sara Arrelano, Roxanna Colunga, Monica Duran, Maria Roman

New County Fire Chief PC Grad

October 18, 2011 - Porterville College alumni Joseph (Joe) Garcia was sworn in as Tulare County's new fire chief on October 18th, succeeding Steve Sunderland. Mr. Garcia was chosen the most qualified from among 55 candidates in a tough hiring process.

Fire Chief Garcia, 58, launched his career as a paid-call firefighter in 1974 for the county's Terra Bella fire station. He also worked as a licensed psych tech and received an associate degree in psychiatric technology from Porterville College in 1981. He also worked in for the Porterville State Hospital (PDC) Fire Department for the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and was hired in 2006 as the division chief for the Tulare County Fire Department. Later, he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from University of Phoenix in 1990.
Another local connection is that Joe Garcia is brother to Porterville City Fire Chief Mario Garcia. "I couldn't be more proud of my hardworking brother. I guess we have firefighting in our blood," said brother Mario, "And, it's great he has roots at Porterville College and is supportive of our Fire Academy goals for PC students."

KCCD Board Meeting held at Porterville College

October 6, 2011: *Chancellor Sandra Serrano and the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on the PC campus. The visit provided opportunity for good interaction between board members, PC Administrators, faculty and staff. Following an informative luncheon the KCCD Board Meeting filled to standing room only.*

Blind Picnic Gives Insight

August 13, 2011-What is fondly referred to as the "Blind Picnic", twenty-four students spent the day learning about and experiencing the world without sight. The group of second semester psychiatric technician students enjoyed something of a break in their rigorous schedule and participated in this challenging vision impairment awareness activity.

They blind folded participated in a variety of activities, including running relay races and enjoying a potluck lunch while blind folded. This event is designed to provide students with greater understanding and empathy for individuals with vision impairment.

left: Jenna Sherrill experiencing a few minutes of isolation
upper right: Bree Leal and Desiree Leon partner together.

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"Not My Mother's Quilts" Art Show WOWS

October, 2011 – During October the Porterville College Art Gallery showed an exhibition of nontraditional quilts by local artists. The seventeen (17) artists in this exhibition displayed a broad range of subjects and approaches to the classic quilting medium (along with one cake artist). The artists were: Leslie Sobieralski, Juantia Cairns, Rose Johnson, Priscilla Girard, Charlotte Rogers, Karen Taber, Anna Koelewyn, Kristin Eilers, Nanette Blumer, Margaret Smith, Beth Shaffer, Janice Minyard, Rebecca Haley, Wanda Dunavan, Sue Rowell, Candace Boulton, and Joy Aiello - Cake Artist.

Quilt artist Anna Koelewyn also adds, "Through the use of traditional and non-traditional fabrics and materials, I began my journey into the art quilting world. This has opened a new world of self-expression and release for me".

Art Prof. Jim Entz points out "Happy Games" by artist Charlotte Rogers)

Halloween Hip-Hop in the Quad

Staff members (L-R) Diana Cabrera, Virginia Gurrola, Jennie Brisson and Cecila Mendez perform JUMP ON IT dance on Halloween Celebrations

CDC Science Day

On CDC Science Day the young minds from the PC Child Development Center were treated to energetic chemistry and scientific demonstrations by Buzz Piersol, Professor of Chemistry, with help from Chris Vanni and the ASPC.

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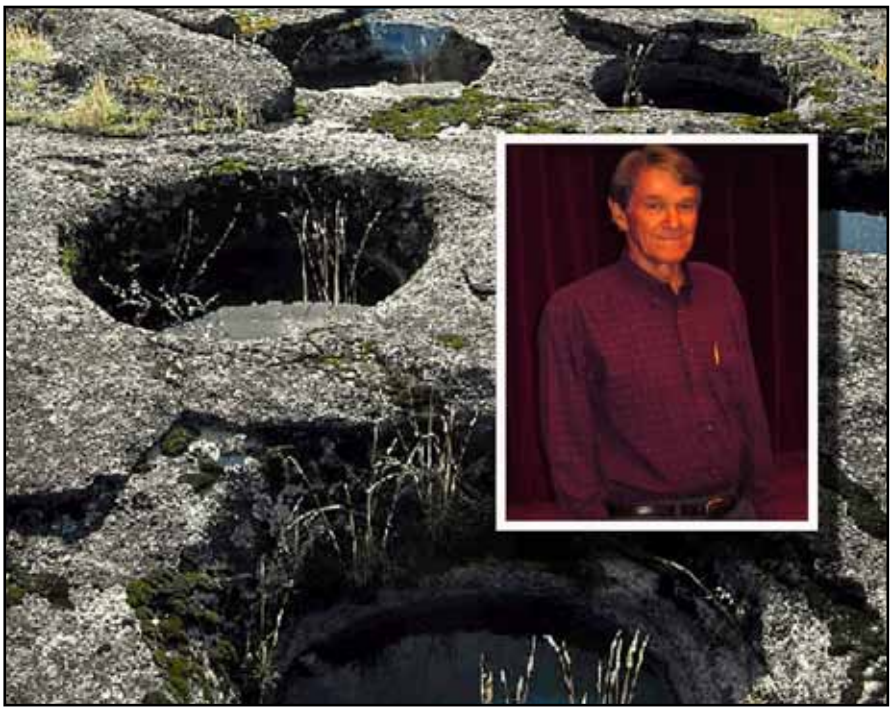
C.H.A.P Cultural Historical Awareness Program

Porterville College's Cultural and Historical Awareness Program presented two well-attended programs in October.



Native American Granite Cisterns in the Sierra Nevada

October 14, 2011: Guest speaker Dr. James Moore presented a fascinating program on " Native American Granite Cisterns in the Sierra Nevada, co-sponsored by The Southern Sierra Archaeological Society. He discussed the region's 200-mile long belt of bathtub-size granite basins extending north at mid-elevations along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. Dr. Moore further examined how the native culture used the unique man-made formations that have baffled early pioneers to California. The localized archeological topic attracted many local residents to this successful event.

The Gay Rights Movement Comes of Age in the 70's

October 19, 2011: Professor of English Ann Marie Wagstaff presented "The Gay Rights Movement Comes of Age in the 70's". She examined the catalyst event of the Stonewall Rebellion, to the rise of lesbian feminism and the death of Harvey Milk, with many multi-media images.

Upcoming C.H.A.P. events focused on the 1970's include;

Vietnam Veteran's Panel

Wednesday, November 9
(11:45 am–12:30 pm)

featuring local veterans recounting their experience in the Southeast Asia during 1970's.

Vietnam: My Experiences as a Army Nurse

Thursday, November 10
(7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.)

by Nancy Chadwell a Lt. Colonel for 20 years in the Army Nurse Corps. Nancy has incredible stories of Vietnam, The TET offensive, war zone nursing and the meaningful work to soldiers and war victims.

October 15, 2011: *The Porterville College Choir, under direction of Music Dept Director David Hensley, had a busy month performing at various campus sites, including the KCCD Board Members luncheon, while preparing for a special performance supporting the 13th Annual Porterville Family Crisis Center's Vigil awareness event "Voices of Hope".*

Bring In Christmas... Musically

Notable News

Pirate Madness Rages!

October 20, 2011 – Just before fall sports arrive, MADNESS ensues on the PC campus. The 4th Annual Pirate Madness event drew a wild crowd ready to celebrate. It started off with the ASPC hosting a crazed tailgate party in the parking lot, complete with candy bearing coffin ghouls. In the PC gym hundreds of students, parents and community fans cheered this fourth installment of Athletic Director Eric Mendoza's sports spectacle. The list of events engulfed two action-packed hours, including performances from local youth dance groups, youth uniform dressing races ASPC members, a rap artist, and even a hip hop performance by staff members. The spotlight introductions and performances by the mens and womens basketball team featured a light show, choreography, and blasting music shaking the bleachers.

The athletic prowess challenges included the three-point shoot outs, long distance basket shooting for free tuition and competition between the volleyball and baseball teams, which set the stage for the slam dunk extravaganza which did not disappoint. The pictures tell the story best.

Coach Dave Kavern gets the crowd going.