

Activities scheduled for city's bicentennial celebration

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SANTA CRUZ — A series of historic lectures on the roots of Santa Cruz will serve as a prelude to the bicentennial weekend in early October.

The lectures will be every Thursday night from Sept. 5 through Oct. 3 at the Louden Nelson Community Center, 301 Center St.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, a parade and celebration to mark the city's 200th birthday will start at 10:30 a.m.

While the celebration is going on at San Lorenzo Park Saturday afternoon, there also will be festivities at Mission State Historic Park, where the newly remodeled Mis-

sion Adobe will be open.

From noon to 4 p.m., docents will offer demonstrations of Native American and Hispanic crafts, as well as tours of the adobe.

The day will end with a fireworks show over the bay, and a Bicentennial Ball featuring the Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra playing at the Civic Auditorium.

Parade organizers expect up to 120 entries to wind through downtown on its way to the daylong celebration at San Lorenzo Park.

"It's shaping up nicely," said Dorothy Franks, who is coordinating the parade for the Bicentennial Committee. "Many different cultural groups have been invited."

Ten marching bands, the Wells

Fargo stagecoach, a flatbed float with an antique pump organ sponsored by Calvary Episcopal Church, a Fort Ord performance group and numerous equestrian entries already have promised to be there, said Franks.

The deadline for signing up is Sept. 20.

The lecture series, called "Santa Cruz: The First Hundred Years," is a benefit for the Santa Cruz County Historical Trust and the city's Museum of Natural History.

The cost is \$20 for all five talks, or \$5 each. Seniors or students can get in for \$16 or \$4.

Here's the run-down on the series:

- On Sept. 5, Malcolm Margolin,

who wrote "The Ohlone Way," will talk about Indian life 200 years ago.

Patrick Orozco, an Ohlone descendant and chairman of the Pajaro Valley Indian Council, will offer traditional songs and dances.

- On Sept. 12, David Hornbeck, an historical geographer at California State University, Northridge, will discuss "The Mission System: How it Functioned and did Santa Cruz ever fit in?"

- On Sept. 19, local resident Edna Kimbro, a mission and adobe specialist, will lecture on "Secular and Profane: Founding the Santa Cruz Mission and Villa Branciforte."

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- On Sept. 26, historian Sandy Lydon of Cabrillo College, will discuss "The Yankee Invasion: The Burial of Santa Cruz's Hispanic Roots."

- On Oct. 3, there will be two lectures.

The first will be by Larry Felton, an archaeologist with the state Department of Parks and Recreation. He will discuss "Archaeological Evidence of the Perseverance of Native American Cultures at Mission Santa Cruz."

The second talk will be by Gil Sanchez, an architect and adobe restoration specialist, whose talk is titled "Mud, Sweat and Tears: Restoration of the Mission Adobe."

Tickets are available at the Historical Trust, city museum or, if still available, at the door.

On the evening of the celebration, Oct. 5, the \$30,000 fireworks display will be sponsored by Plantronics and the Santa Cruz Seaside Co.

It will begin at 7:30 p.m. on the Main Beach. There will be no admission charge.

The Bicentennial Ball at the Civic Auditorium begins at 9 p.m. and will last until 1 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12.50 at the door. Proceeds benefit Friends of Parks and Recreation.

Other events being tied into the 200th birthday celebration include:

- A "People of Santa Cruz County" photo exhibit at Loudon Nelson from Sept. 5 through Oct. 3.

It will include photos spanning 100 years from the archives of the city's Natural History Museum and the county Historical Trust.

The exhibit is open free of charge.

- A "Behind the Scenes Historical Tour of the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk" is set for Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The cost is \$8 and proceeds will benefit the Historical Trust.

- Historical bus tours on Sunday, Oct. 6, depart from Loudon Nelson at 10 a.m., and from the County Courthouse at 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The tours, led by John Lane, a staff member of the city's museum, will trace the routes of padres and pioneers, as well as teach about early industries, railroads and summer beach tourists.

The cost is \$7.50 for residents, \$11.50 for non-residents and \$5.75 for senior citizens.

- Historical walks on Sunday, Oct. 6, around the mission grounds and downtown Santa Cruz begin at 10 a.m. and noon.

Local historian and author Ross Gibson will lead the tours, which are sponsored by the Historical Trust.

There is no charge.

For more information about the bicentennial, or to help the committee plan for it, call Lisa McGinnis at the city Parks and Recreation Department, 429-3477.