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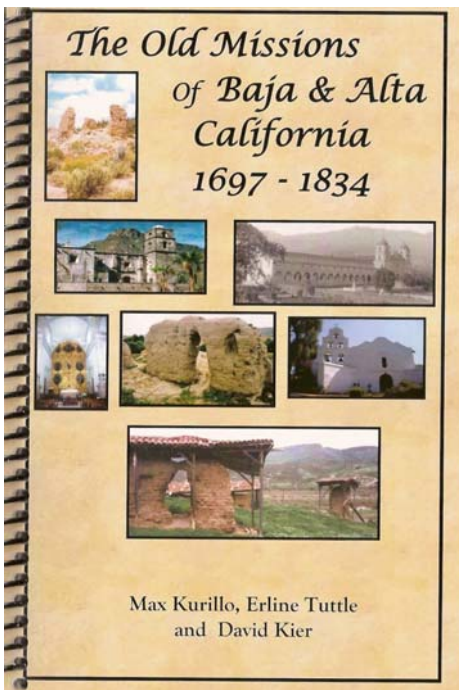
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The Old Missions of Baja and Alta California, 1697-1834

Lecture by Max Kurillo with David Kier



(SANTA BARBARA, CA)—The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is proud to present **Max Kurillo with David Kier: *The Old Missions of Baja and Alta California, 1697-1834*** on **April 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Presidio Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park** (123 East Canon Perdido Street).

Max Kurillo, author of *The Old Missions of Baja & Alta California 1697-1834*, and Baja California adventurer and co-author David Kier will present the story of the founding of all 48 missions of Baja and Alta California. Learn about where the missions were founded, how they inter-connect, and why they faded away.

A reception and book signing will follow the lecture. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Co-sponsored by the Santa Bárbara Mission Archive-Library.

Max Kurillo Kurillo worked for the US Navy and US Army in six countries. He is a graduate of Metals Engineering Institute. A co-author of six books on various aspects of California history, his work includes

visiting and photographing all the missions in Baja and Alta California and his articles appear in various local and professional publications. He resides in San Diego.

David Kier Camping and four wheeling in Baja California has been a passion of David Kier, starting as a child in the family Jeep. At age 15, David published his first Baja guidebook and a second was published the following year. David enjoys helping travelers and continues to research Baja's rich history and write travel articles. In 2012, he teamed up with history authors Max Kurillo and Erline Tuttle to write *The Old Missions of Baja & Alta California, 1697-1834*. David maintains the website www.vivabaja.com to share his travels.

CALENDAR LISTING

Max Kurillo with David Kier: *The Old Missions of Baja and Alta California, 1697-1834*

DATE & TIME: Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Presidio Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park
123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara

COST: Admission: \$10; Free for SBTHP & SBMAL Members

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit www.sbthp.org or call (805) 965-0093

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ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)—The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) has works to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara's 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks and purchased the neighboring building that housed Jimmy's Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara's Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra and his family—the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. In 2011, SBTHP was awarded the Trustees' Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County's distinct history.

Learn more at www.sbthp.org.