



Antelope Horn

Newsletter of the Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.
Member of the Conference of California Historical Societies
November 2025

Meetings:

Regular Meetings:

- 3rd Tuesday of the month (except July, August); 5:30 pm.
- Rosamond Public Library - 3611 Rosamond Blvd, Rosamond, CA

Board Meetings:

- 4th Thursday of the month as needed; 4 pm; all are welcome, email for directions to location.

Hello to all our Kern Antelope Historical Society Members and Friends.

- ❖ **What: Regular Meeting**
- ❖ **When: Tuesday, November 18th (3rd Tuesday)**
- ❖ **Time: 5:30 pm**
- ❖ **Where: Rosamond Public Library, Rosamond, CA**
- ❖ **Speaker: Alisa Lynch - “Ten Thousand Lives and Ten Thousand Stories” of Manzanar**

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Wishing everyone a
Happy Thanksgiving this year!

And remember to vote, if
you haven't already, this
Tuesday, November 4th.



Alisa Lynch - National Park Service Retiree to Speak at November Meeting

We are very excited to hear from our next guest, Alisa Lynch, who will be talking about Manzanar, a relocation center in the Owen's Valley.

“Alisa Lynch retired from a 34-year career with the National Park Service in September 2023. Over her 22 years at Manzanar, she led the development of interpretation, exhibits, education curriculum, publications, special events, oral history, audio/video and social media. She worked closely with Japanese American, Tribal, and local communities to preserve the site and share its stories.

Alisa also assisted with planning efforts for Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, Bainbridge Island in Washington, Minidoka in Idaho, and Tule Lake and Eastern California Museum in California.

Earlier in her career, Alisa served as a Park Ranger at Yosemite, Big Bend National Park in West Texas, and Mount Rainier National Park, Washington. Her career took her to Independence Hall in Philadelphia—the birthplace of the U.S. Constitution—to Manzanar National Historic Site—where the Constitution’s guarantees were denied to thousands of American Citizens.

Alisa will share stories of the “Ten Thousand Lives and Ten Thousand Stories” of Manzanar and highlight the experiences of more than 100,000 annual visitors today.”



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Photos provided by Alisa Lynch from Manzanar National Historic Site in California



Loyalty Exhibit



Merritt Park



Suitcases



... with Archie Miyatake



... with Rose and Grace

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"Buses line up on a Los Angeles street to take Japanese American evacuees to camp." (NPS Photo)

Japanese at Manzanar

December 7th, 1941 - the day Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, which launched the United States into World War II. In February, 1942 Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which established Military Areas and the removal of anyone who might threaten the war effort from those areas. People of Japanese ancestry had just days to prepare to leave, selling, renting or just abandoning homes, farms, business and possessions. Families were assigned numbers and, under guard, they were moved to seventeen temporary assembly centers (racetracks, fairgrounds, etc.) in Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona. Eventually they were settled on one of ten sites throughout the west. Manzanar, in the Owens Valley, was one of these relocation centers. The relocation was complete by November of 1942.

The first to come to Manzanar were men and women who volunteered to help build the camp in March, 1942. About two-thirds of those interned at Manzanar were American citizens by birth. Many of the rest had lived in America for decades but, by law, were denied citizenship. (1913 Alien Land Law) Many had relatives who were in serving in the U.S. Army. Although the residents had schools, churches, temples, clubs for kids, were allowed to farm and build gardens, ponds and such, and even published a newspaper, the Manzanar Free Press, it was far from ideal. One of the biggest problems was the lack of privacy. Also, people from Los Angeles were not used to such hot, dry summers, and freezing temperatures in the winters. And the winds blew most of the year, blowing dust into their homes until they could cover knotholes in the floorboards, and later installed linoleum.

"As the war turned in America's favor, restrictions were lifted, and Japanese Americans were allowed to leave the camps. Church groups, service organizations, and some camp administrators helped find sponsors and jobs in the Midwest and the East. From all 10 camps, 4,300 people received permission to attend college, and about 10,000 were allowed to leave temporarily to harvest sugar beets in Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming." *Photos & information in this article from <https://www.nps.gov/manz/learn/historyculture/japanese-americans-at-manzanar.htm>*

Manzanar - Spanish for "Apple Orchard" - Before the Japanese Came

Although there were a number of Native American groups that considered the Owens Valley their home, at least for part of the year, it wasn't until gold and silver were discovered in the Sierra and Inyo Mts. that European settlers became interested in the area. Much of the land was cultivated to provide food for these miners and others who came in the mid 1800's. In the 1860's nearly a third of the native people were relocated to Fort Tejon, although later, many returned to their villages.

John Shepherd was one of the early farmers who eventually ended up with about 2000 acres. He and other area farmers raised mostly Winesap apples. In 1905, George Chaffey, an agricultural developer from Southern California, purchased Shepherd's ranch and subdivided it, along with other adjacent ranches. He founded the town of Manzanar, (Spanish for apple orchard) in 1910. "Manzanar was a very happy place and a pleasant place to live during those years, with its peach, pear, and apple orchards, alfalfa fields, tree-lined country lanes, meadows and corn fields," said Martha Mills, who lived at Manzanar from 1916 to 1920."

In 1913, the City of Los Angeles finished the Los Angeles Aqueduct, but that wasn't enough water to supply the "growing metropolis" of LA and in 1920 began buying out one Owens Valley farmer after another, and extended its reach northward into **Mono County**, including Long Valley" for the water rights, drilling wells on the valley floor. Eventually some farmers returned and leased their farms back from LA, but water was lacking and the school district was closed in 1934.

Manzanar remained uninhabited until the United States Army leased 6,200 acres (2,500 ha) from the City of Los Angeles for the Manzanar War Relocation Center (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manzanar,_California)



"Sports provided a welcome diversion at camp." Francis Stewart





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Annual Christmas Dinner & Meeting

- At the Turf Club at Diamond Jim's Casino
- Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 5:30pm, doors open at 5:00pm.
- Turkey & Ham Dinner & all the trimmings.
- Cost - \$30 per person, payment must be received by Thursday, Dec. 11.
- Hint: you might want to brush up on this years' newsletter articles for the Trivia Quiz.
- The Annual KAHS Raffle Fundraiser will be held that night.

- If you are able to donate something, please notify Char Taylor at 661-549-6529 or charlannegailtaylor@gmail.com
- Donated items must be at the restaurant by 4:30pm that evening.
- Also, please tape donor's name to bottom of item.



Armando Soliz - Honor Flights of Kern County

If you weren't able to attend our last meeting or would just like to watch and listen, again, to Armando Soliz talk about the Honor Flights of Kern County, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/7WtcOvU2TGE> These honor flights are so meaningful for those who go as veterans, as well as for those who go as guardians, it's well worth watching!



Check out the KAHS videos which are available on YouTube. Or visit the website for more information about Antelope Valley history. Copies of recent newsletters are available, as well as other information. Follow us on Facebook for reminders about meetings and other items of historical interest. You can always contact us by email.

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Membership Type	Dues	Amount Paid
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Family	\$35	
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- Club Year is June 1st through May 31st of the following year; new members, who pay after February 1st, pay only half. Newsletter delivered by email unless mailed version specifically requested.
- Zelle: use either the email or phone number to pay with zelle: info@kahs1959.org or use 661-609-8757.





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Great Depression 1925-1935*

WAVHS Books - \$20 (*\$18)

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Online Book: *Glimpse of the Prehistory of Antelope Valley*

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2025-2026

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Third Tuesday of the Month, September through June
5:30 pm - 2584 Felsite Ave, Rosamond, CA
(Exceptions: June, September & December -
Location to be announced)

Memberships:

\$5—Student; \$10—Active Military; \$20—Individual;
\$25—Couple; \$35—Family; \$35—Businesses

The Kern Antelope Historical Society was established in 1959 for the purpose of learning and preserving the history of California, especially the Antelope Valley, which includes parts of Los Angeles and Kern counties. Speakers are invited to talk at our monthly meetings about aspects of our various cultures. Subjects range from Indians of the past to the Space Age. Come join us to learn more about the wonders of this area we live in and also meet some new people.

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