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Newsletter of the Miwok Archeological Preserve of Marin, a 501c(3)

## A Tribute to One of MAPOM's Founders: Professor Betty Goerke

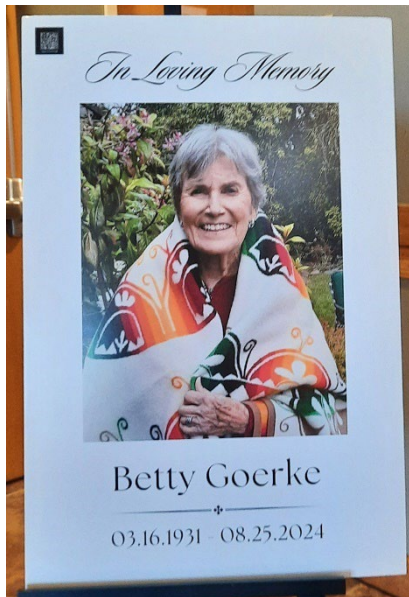
By John Littleton

Vice Chairman, MAPOM

Years ago, as I seriously began the study of anthropology, I sat in one of Betty Goerke's classes and was thrilled to have the door opened to Marin County's indigenous culture and history. I think she zeroed in on a willing student and we immediately connected around local pre-history.

As a founding member of the Miwok Archeological Preserve of Marin (MAPOM), Betty led the way shining a light on the thousands of years of Native history. MAPOM had been offering a series of classes on the those and related subjects. These efforts were well received by the public and the scope of the enterprise now required someone to coordinate and plan the expanding program.

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### MAPOM Co-Founder Makes the Journey

Betty Goerke, anthropologist, writer, educator, musician, philanthropist, MAPOM co-founder, and overall amazing person makes her journey.



### Little Dancer Shows his Moves

California Indian Dancers bless the land at a Ceremony held at 'Etcha Tamal. *Photo by Elissa Simons*

## Land-Back Land Blessing Held

By Elissa Simons

Olamentko Band of the Coast Miwok Tribe

Through the amazing generosity of Marin County and Bay Area citizens and organizations, "Land-Back" became reality for the Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin. The remarkable fundraising effort purchased 26 acres of unimproved land directly on the ancestral village site of 'Etcha Tamal in Nicasio, California. *Continued on page 2*

# Letter from the Editor

*Sky Road Webb*

*Oppun Towish!* We want to thank you for picking up this copy of *The Acorn*, and hope you will enjoy it.

There is an update on the 2025 Marin Powwow; the next event will be held at the College of Marin. Great development. The Coast Miwok Tribe of Marin has been busy hosting ceremonies on their Land-Back property in Nicasio. The Dominican University continues to support the Native community by sponsoring a ceremony for Indigenous Peoples' Day. This edition also features a few interesting editorials and reflections.

The sad news: our beloved Betty Goerke, co-founder and gracious matriarch of MAPOM, has taken the journey to the Happy Hunting Ground. She will be missed.

Our MAPOM organization which was formed in 1970 is a membership-type of non-profit. Much of our revenue has come through annual membership dues. Please become a new member or renew your membership. Those dollars help so much. Plus, members get to be a part of something really cool.

And if you feel so inclined, please consider donating generously directly to MAPOM, so we can continue to provide this periodical and other publications, provide educational opportunities, build traditional structures and exhibits, and support the preservation of Coast Miwok cultural heritage.

*Walli Towish! Muk-'am Ka 'I-ni-'iko*, "Wishing the Great Good to All of You, My Relatives."

## *Land-Back Blessing held at 'Etcha Tamal*

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After months of tending to and getting to know the land, it finally felt ready to honor publicly. On May 4, 2024, the Council hosted a gathering of family, friends, and tribal relations who wanted to share in celebration and offer blessings to the Coast Miwok ancestral home.

This was to be the first ceremony to be held at *'Etcha Tamal* since the late 1880's. The forecast called for a rainy, cold day with the potential to cause a cancellation of the whole event. But as people started arriving the sun made its way out to greet the dancers.

*'Etcha Tamal* was blessed by the steps of the *Huckleberry Heights of Kashia, Patwin Dancers, Tuolumne Singers*, and the *Sonoma County Pomo Dancers*.

There was an abundance of delicious food, including traditional dishes like venison and acorn, and plenty of coffee.

It was a beautiful day to give thanks to the land and our ancestors, and feel the warmth of our relations' support. We are forever grateful to our donors that believed in us and the importance of returning land to its rightful native stewards, and to the community that is continuously learning what it means to live on unceded land with indigenous neighbors.

Clappie says, "Always listen to the  
Captain of the Roundhouse"



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## A Tribute to Betty Goerke

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Betty asked me to take on the paid job and I jumped at the chance to become more involved. With a wink in her eye she said, "Well now you'll have to join the MAPOM Board." I've been there ever since.

The recreated Coast Miwok Village, *Kule Loklo*, at Point Reyes National Seashore served as an ideal outdoor classroom with the Park's support. We titled the series: "The California Indian Studies Program through the College of Marin." It offered a Certificate of Completion to those who had attended at least four of the classes. Both Native and non-Native instructors such as Julia Parker, Lucy Parker, Betty Goerke, Tsim Schneider, Ed Wille, Sky Road Webb, Alicia Retes and myself filled out the roster. Great gang of good people.

Betty's book, Discovering the Native People of Point Reyes was published in 2012. Additional important works included Chief Marin, Leader, Rebel and Legend, printed in 2007 and a children's book called Adventures of Two Coast Miwok Children in 2020. Gracious as always, Betty gave a copy of Adventures to all third grades teachers in Marin.

Her contributions to the long-term history of this place remains a touchstone for deeper understanding of Marin's story. (Can you guess where this County's name came from?)

As quoted from a memorial piece by Krissy Waite in the September 4, 2024 issue of the *Marin Independent Journal*, Krissy wrote:

"In 1971, Ms. Goerke began teaching anthropology and archeology at the College of Marin, where she stayed for over 30 years. She led students on archeological digs and field trips - including a trip to France to see cave art in the original Lascaux caves and trips to Mexico, Guatemala to study sites."

Krissy went on to quote tribal chair Greg Sarris who wrote that Betty was: "An absolutely remarkable person whose interest in the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria's culture contributed so much to preserving our history."

She will be missed.

And so many accolades. But the bottom line remains that this dedicated scholar served to enlighten all of us to the truths, the values and the significance of the indigenous experience here in our homeland. Betty Goerke's books are still in print or in local libraries. *Check 'em out.*

***"The secret of our success is that we never, never give up."***

**Wilma Mankiller**



**Professor Betty Goerke - 1931-2024**

## REFLECTIONS

### *An Editorial*

By Donna Shoemaker  
Treasurer, MAPOM

Reflecting on how I got involved with MAPOM takes me all the way back to my childhood.

I grew up on a farm in upstate New York, six miles south of Seneca Lake in Haudenosaunee Territory (Iroquois) territory. My refuge was the creek, the swamp, the fields and pastures where I spent as much time as I could exploring, learning and experiencing the myriad of lives that lived outdoors.

I would spend hours investigating the birds, the deer paths, the salamanders and crayfish that lived in the creek and would watch the woodchucks and squirrels, the black walnut trees, the elms ... everything that had to do with the outdoors. I felt at home there.

My brother and I would look for signs of the people who had lived here before there was ever a farm or a paved road. I could feel the presence of the people that had originally lived on this land and was fascinated with the thought that they knew every inch of it ... knew all the animals and birds and plants, and the seasons. They knew how to use all the natural things that abound on the land. I felt somehow that I was connected to them. They understood and cared for everything around them and knew when and how to respectfully harvest what they needed for food, homes, clothing, medicine. I tried to imagine what it would be like to meet them and learn from them.

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# Reflections

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Later in life I came to California, to Marin, and soon learned that there had been many people, called Coast Miwok, who had lived here for millennia, long before waves of Euro-American settlers, lured by Manifest Destiny and the Gold Rush, had begun shoving their way into the home territories of the original peoples of Marin.

One of the local newspapers had weekend event/activity postings, and when I saw one about a Saturday workday at a place called *Kule Loklo*, I knew I had to check it out. It was fascinating to see the replica Coast Miwok village that had been created, and heartwarming to meet the dedicated volunteers who tended it, several of whom were members of MAPOM.

It was from them that I learned about MAPOM's mission: "to help identify, preserve and protect the cultural and physical resources of the Coast Miwok, indigenous peoples of Marin and southern Sonoma Counties. We seek to provide the public with accurate information about this tribe's rich history and current events."

In 2007 I became a member. It felt so right to join a group of folks who were dedicated to honoring the original peoples of Marin. It connected me immediately to the deep feelings I had experienced in my childhood. Since joining MAPOM, I have been honored to get to know, learn from, and work with the wonderful folks who are the descendants of the Coast Miwok.

It feels that I am coming full circle ... answering the feelings that I have held in my heart since the beginning.

*Donna Shoemaker is an active MAPOM member and sits as Treasurer for the MAPOM Board of Directors.*

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## George Forman, Esq., receives Turtle Island Award

By Sky Road Webb  
Editor

The Marin American Indian Alliance presented the Turtle Island Award to George Forman of Nicasio at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Marin Powwow on March 17, 2024, held at the Terra Linda High School gymnasium.

The Turtle Island Award is given annually to those who have made a major environmental contribution to this land which is known as Turtle Island to many American Indian tribes.

George was honored with a peyote stitch beaded turtle medallion and a framed certificate stating:

*This **Turtle Island Award** is presented to **George Forman, Esq.**, in recognition of a lifetime of achievements and endeavors to steward and protect the environment; and for landmark legal advocacy in defense of the pure sovereignty of Native American Tribes, who are the traditional and careful stewards of this beautiful and bountiful land. **George Forman** has used sacred paper medicine to win in the Courts the return and recognition of aboriginal rights for fishing, hunting and*

*gathering, rights for self-determination, rights for historically recognized Tribes to exist after unlawful termination, rights for Tribes to seek economic development, and rights for Tribes to stand as Sovereign Nations within the borders of the State of California. **George Forman** has demonstrated through his exemplary life's example how one should inhabit, care and advocate passionately for "Turtle Island," which many Native Americans call their home here in North America, and is hereby recognized and honored by the Marin Powwow Committee and Marin American Indian Alliance, this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2024.*

Forman graciously received the award and took an honor lap around the arena. "I am wearing the same suit that I wore to the California Supreme Court Hearing for the *Broisclair vs. Superior Court Case*," he said.



### George Forman Honored at Powwow

George Forman, attorney and advocate for Native American Rights is honored with the distinguished "Turtle Island Award" at the Marin Powwow held March 17, 2024.

*Photo by Mishaa DeGraw,  
Courtesy of probonophoto.org*

Clappie says,  
"Always remember to make an offering before gathering medicine"



# Maria Copa Honor Dance held at *'Etcha Tamal, Nicasio*

By Elissa Simons  
Councilwoman, Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin  
The Coast Miwok Tribal Council hosted the *Maria Copa Honor Dance* at *'Etcha Tamal* in September, 2024. The *Maria Copa Dance* has traditionally been held at the *Kule Loklo* Coast Miwok Village, in Point Reyes National Seashore.



## ***Dancing is Praying***

Above, California Indian Style Dancers in Flicker-feather bands and feather capes, Lady Dancer in traditional top-notch headdress, and children in full regalia bless the newly acquired land for the Coast Miwok Tribe in Nicasio, at a Ceremony held in the Spring of 2024. **Photos by Elissa Simons**



The dance was named after Coast Miwok Tribal Councilman Dean Hoaglin's grandmother. Dean Hoaglin, who founded the annual Maria Copa Honor Dance in 2008 said:

*"It goes without saying how much of a blessing it was to be with other Coast Miwok relatives and families at this year's "Maria Copa Honor Dance" on our ancestral lands at Nicasio. This is something that has been a part of our prayers and vision since we first came together as a tribe."*

Maria Copa was a revered tribal elder, healer and keeper of traditions. Coast Miwok people are a historically matriarchal society, in which the mother's tribe and village is identified. Women held leadership roles and chose which men would get to hold leadership positions.

John Simons, Coast Miwok Tribal Council-man, commented on the events held at *'Etcha Tamal* in 2024:

*"We, the Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin, have worked together through the rain, an abundance of tasks, and other adversities to hold our two celebrations. The dancing, tribal unity and strength were on full display at both the Land Blessing and Maria Copa Dance. Our shared lineage binds us, and with each blessing and celebration, we grow. Rooted in the land and supported by each other, we seek to foster a rich culture for future generations."*





# 3rd Annual Marin Powwow planned for Sunday March 23, 2025 at College of Marin

By Sky Road Webb  
Marin Powwow Committee Member

**It official. The Marin Powwow will be matriculating in the Spring!**

The first annual Marin Powwow was held in 2023, at Miller Creek Middle School. The 2024 powwow was held at Terra Linda High School.

The College of Marin has invited the Marin American Indian Alliance (MAIA) to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Marin Powwow at their Kentfield Campus Gymnasium.

The Marin Powwow will be held Sunday, March 23, 2025. Everyone is welcome to this free, family friendly event.

Celebrating many traditions of indigenous peoples, including, but not limited to: *Gourd Dancing*, Intertribal non-competition Powwow style dancing, Northern and Southern style Drum and Singers, California Indian Style Dancing, Azteca Danza, and Hawaiian. There are even rumors that a renowned Hoop Dancer will offer a special ceremonial blessing at this year's event.



Above, Jim Goss, Cherokee and MAIA long-time member of the Marin American Indian Alliance offers a stoic Indian gaze.

*Photo by Terry Scussel  
Courtesy of probonophoto.org*



Above, Azteca Dancer prays in glorious plumage. Right, the Sonoma County Pomo Dancers get down at the powwow.

*Photos by Mishaa DeGraw  
Courtesy of probonophoto.org*







Left, Grand Entry of the Eagle Staff and Parade of Colors. **Photo by Steve Ziman.**

Above, David Moller, MAIA & Powwow Committee Member. **Photo by Terry Scussel.**

*Courtesy of probonophoto.org*

Like any proper powwow, Marin Powwow features many fabulous Native arts & craft vending booths, frybread tacos, snow cones, and informational booths with fine swag.

The dance arena will be blessed at 10:30 am. Open Gourd Dancing at 11am. Grand Entry at noon and 6pm.

Everyone is invited to attend MAIA's monthly potluck gathering on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 7-9:30pm at 9 Ross Valley Road in San Rafael, in the basement of the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church.

Check out the MAIA website for more information: <https://marinamericanindianalliance.org/>



Fancy Dancing at the Marin Powwow.

**Photo by Mishaa DeGraw**  
*Courtesy of probonophoto.org*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**3RD ANNUAL MARIN POWWOW**

*We-an-Tu-pe-Ka-ul \* Spring Dance*

**Sunday - March 23, 2025**  
11 am - 8pm

*New Location:*  
**College of Marin**  
Kentfield Campus Gymnasium  
835 College Ave.  
Kentfield, CA 94904

**Vendors, Drums, Dancers and General Information:**  
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# Coast Miwok Councilmember sees a Potential Partnership with MAPOM

An Editorial

By Jason Deschler

Councilman, Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin

The Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin was chartered in 2020 by headmen and headwomen representing the ancient bands and villages throughout the Coast Miwok traditional territories.

Pursuant to Public Law 93-638, the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance act of 1975, the Tribal Council formed the tribal organization, *Huukuiko* Inc., a 501c(3) non-profit. *Huukuiko* is the ancient name for the natives who have always lived in present day Marin County.

I serve on the Tribal Council as headman of *Sah-ta-ko Village*, also known as the San Geronimo Valley of West Marin County. I serve on the Board of Directors of *Huukuiko* Inc. as the Preservation Officer (Tribal Cultural Specialist/Tribal Archeology).

I also serve as a Cultural Advisor and work with the community of Marin County in many different areas of education.

Preservation of our cultural landscapes, the surrounding environment and the environment within is a priority for us.

As a cultural advisor and with the current experience in program development with other *MiWuk / Me-Wuk* tribes, I'd really like to see the laws being exercised in Marin County.

A couple of the laws I am talking about include:

**AB-1703** – the California Indian Education Act; California Indian Task Forces. (2021-2022). [The Legislature encourages local educational agencies (LEAs) to form California Indian Education Task Forces with California Indian tribes local to their region or tribes historically located in the region. LEA is defined as a school district, county office of education (COE), or charter school. – *Calif. Dept. of Ed.*]

**AB 1821** – Pupil Instruction: Course Of Study: Social Sciences: Treatment Of Native Americans. (2023-2024) [AB 1821, Pupil instruction of treatment of Native Americans: K-12 students will be taught historically accurate lessons on the mistreatment of Native Americans in California. Students will now learn about the California genocide during the Spanish colonization and the Gold Rush eras. – *The Sacramento Bee*]   
Read more at: <https://www.sacbee.com/news/equity-lab/representation/article293262544.html#storylink=cpy>

These are mandatory state laws and the public school system has a responsibility to them and are to include the local indigenous peoples (the original peoples of the land) in this program.

A goal of ours is to educate peoples in this matter and engage in the programs.

Joining MAPOM: After engaging in many conversations with board members of MAPOM, I was asked to join the Board of Directors in early 2024. I decided to join for many reasons, but 2 main reasons are:

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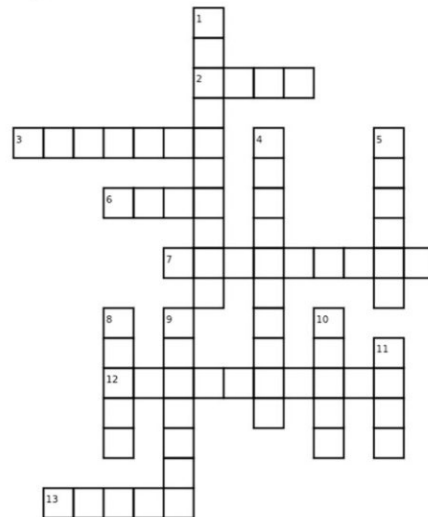


## “Wounded Knee” Makes the Journey

Norman “Wounded Knee” DeOcampo, Miwok spiritual leader and native rights activist made his journey to the Happy Hunting Grounds on October 2, 2024, at age 82. Ever true to his mantra, **“Protect the sacred sites,”** Wounded advocated for shell-mound protection and was instrumental in brokering the *Sogorea Te* Land Trust.

*Photo by Greg Iron*

## Coyote’s Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. a medicine
4. place for ceremonies
5. used to make baskets
8. Spirit of wisdom
9. feather from sacred bird
10. food from the oak tree
11. Spirit of strength

Across:

2. dinner
3. elderberry branch used to make sacred instrument
6. material used for housing clothing and more
7. legacy of the old ways
12. granite mortar
13. responsibility to do the right thing.



# Dominican University honors Indigenous Peoples Day

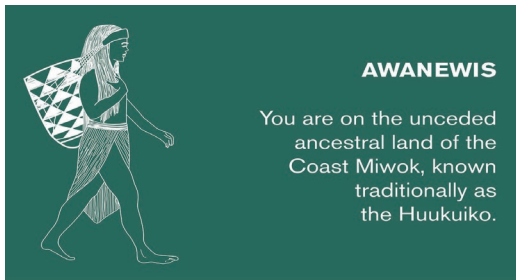
By **Elissa Simons**

MAPOM Board member

As part of the ongoing relationship with Dominican University in San Rafael, the Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin hosted an Indigenous Peoples Day event this year on October 14, 2024. Dominican has been a longtime supporter of the Council, providing an office space and fellowship in the form of the “Indigenous Partnership Circle.”

Louis Knecht, University Archivist, Reference and Instruction Librarian at Dominican, commented on the relationship the University has fostered with the Native community:

*“As an educational institution that conducts its programming on the unceded Coast Miwok village of Awanewis, it is essential that Dominican University of California has an ongoing relationship with the ancestral people of the land. The Indigenous Partnership Circle is tended to with goals that work towards incorporating Indigenous knowledge in curriculum, cultural revival, and healing. In connecting with members of MAPOM, including individuals of the Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin, events such as Indigenous Peoples Day show the sustained commitment between our university and the indigenous community. Such an event as Indigenous Peoples Day has allowed those in attendance to engage with the various community organizations that are integral to Marin County’s Indigenous advocacy, well-being, and lifeways.”*



Above is the new signage at D.U., acknowledging that the land the campus sits on was part of *Awanewis*, an ancient Coast Miwok village. The name comes from ‘awan, for “red ochre” and ‘ewish, a type of basket. Ochre was used to seal baskets for water jars. Loosely translated: Red Ocher Water Jar.



Joe Sanchez, Coast Miwok Tribal Elder, joining the round-dance at the D.U. Indigenous Peoples Day.

**Photo by Vickisa Feinberg**

Months of preparation, planning, and hard work culminated in a day truly worthy of celebration. The evening started off with a ribbon cutting ceremony introducing signage on campus identifying it as unceded Coast Miwok land, a historic moment for the University. Supporters from all over Marin County came to see speakers, check out informational booths, and listen to a women’s drum circle.

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The **Unole All-Women’s Drum** sing at the DU IPD. Facing from the left, are: Camila Luz, Regina Weldon, Mary Kitchens, and Barbara Clifton-Zarate.

**Photo by Vickisa Feinberg**

# Potential Partnership

## An Editorial

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• First, there's is a request from the community of Marin County for cultural sharing. MAPOM had been holding these "classes" for some time, but since Covid, things had shifted. The board kept meeting and reorganizing and brought to my attention the need for more Coast Miwok presence. I, being a "fire-keeper", and holder of traditional knowledge, customs, and stories from a young age, would be an asset to MAPOM for this need and request. This would include education on the environment and TEK (Tribal Ecological Knowledge).

• Second, MAPOM (Miwok Archeological Preserve of Marin), could be a huge asset to the tribe. MAPOM was started in 1970 by Sylvia Thalman and Don Thieler, who were educated by Charles Slaymaker, an archeologist graduate student at San Francisco State University. MAPOM's original intention was to support archeological work to protect, preserve, record, and educate on Coast Miwok villages, landscapes and cultural resources. This intention was also an interest of mine from a young age. I took on tribal archeology training from tribal leaders, tribal cultural specialists and Dr. John Pryor, Department of Anthropology, Fresno State University, CA. It turns out that Dr Pryor, my mentor now for over 15 years, was a student of Charles "Charlie" Slaymaker in his beginning years and a volunteer at MAPOM.

The inspiration grew in me and I continued my training, becoming certified as a Tribal Cultural Specialist. I've become an ally and have worked with:

- The United Auburn Indian Community
- Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians
- Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk Indians
- Chicken Ranch Band of MeWuk
- Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation
- ...and now finally ...
- The Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin

I have now become a trainer, teaching Tribal Archeology/Tribal Cultural Specialist Training, with the help and lead of my mentor, Dr Pryor, and our new tribal-run state archeology firm, "CHAWSE'E ARCHEOLOGY." This is run by State archeologist and tribal member of the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation, Waylon Coats. This is run through SHPO, the State Historical Preservation Office.

### REMatriation

It is time for the Coast Miwok Peoples of Marin, the HUUKUIKO, to have a place to return to. It is time for our voices to be heard and respected.

### REpatriation

We want to preserve the last of what is left of our village sites and the artifacts within. We want to protect our cultural resources and the surrounding environment in and out. We want to work in a positive manner to also have items which belonged to our ancestors to be returned to the rightful descendants.

There are many laws in place that the Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin has the right to exercise. A partnership between MAPOM and the Tribal Council could help achieve the intentions of those laws in a good way.



To learn more about the Coast Miwok Tribal Council of Marin and the spiritual non-profit HUUKUIKO, INC, Please Visit: [Coastmiwokofmarin.org](http://Coastmiwokofmarin.org) Email: [coastmiwokofmarin@gmail.com](mailto:coastmiwokofmarin@gmail.com)

# Dominican University

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Coast Miwok Tribal Council elder, Joe Sanchez, said:

*"Celebrating Indigenous People's Day at Dominican University has become an important educational experience for both the descendants of the Coast Miwok people and the community at large. The University has played an important role in working together to acknowledge the importance of education and understanding the history and legacy of Marin's first people. I would like to extend my appreciation to:*

*Louis Knecht, Archivist; who has been instrumental in organizing the Indigenous People's Circle and his research in various archives*

*Stacy Poe, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; for her tireless support as an advocate*

*Nicola Pitchford, President of Dominican University; for offering the support of the University*

*Susan Clancy, for making signs that acknowledge that the University rests on unceded Coast Miwok land*

*Cynthia Taylor, US and California History Professor; for allowing council members Jason, Dean, Sky, and myself to participate as guest lecturers to expand and increase awareness of the past and to build strong relationships with her students and the community."*

Clappie says, "Always check on your Elders to make sure they have firewood and food!"





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Crossword Puzzle Key  
 Elderberry, a medicine  
 Willow used to make baskets  
 Clapper, elderberry branch used to make sacred instrument  
 Flicker, feather from sacred bird  
 Roundhouse, place for ceremonies  
 Grindstone, granite mortar  
 Acorn, food from the oak tree  
 Tile, material used for housing clothing and more  
 Bear, Spirit of strength  
 Deer, dinner  
 Eagle, Spirit of wisdom  
 Tradition, legacy of the old ways  
 Honor, responsibility to do the right thing

“We must protect the forests for our children, grandchildren, and children yet to be born. We must protect the forests for those who can’t speak for themselves such as the birds, animals, fish, and trees.” — *Qwatsinas (Nuxalk Nation)*

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Your annual MAPOM membership renewal is due now.

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Dominican University Hosts Indigenous Peoples Day*

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