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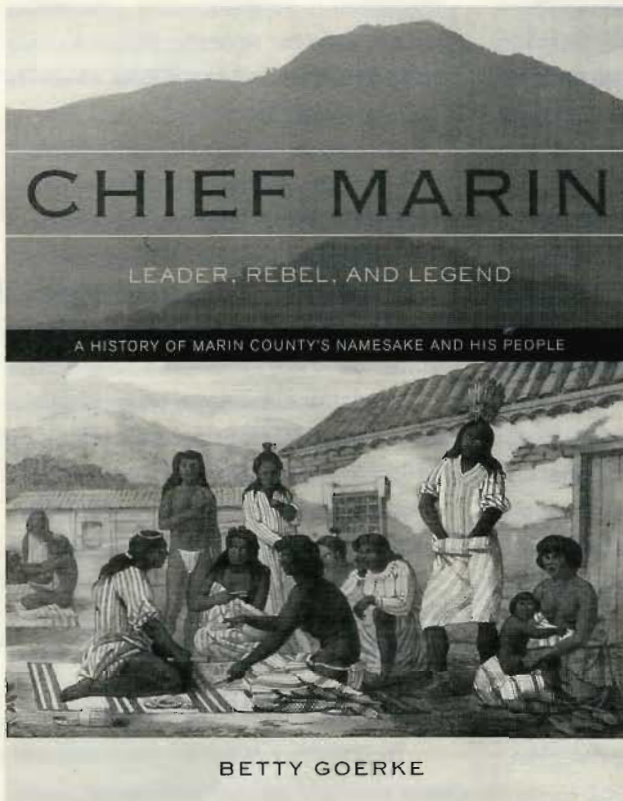
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Protection Committee

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The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria is a federally recognized tribe comprised of descendents of the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo. The tribe's ancestral territory includes all of present-day Marin County and southern Sonoma County. We have an active tribal government with a seven-member tribal council and several committees that meet monthly to discuss housing, education, health, membership, language, tribal gatherings, events and cultural issues.

The Sacred Sites Protection Committee is composed of tribal members who dedicate themselves to protecting our ancestors' remains and the landscape within our ancestral territory. It advocates for the protection of Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo cultural resources and human remains, and implements a four-part site preservation program that includes consultation, education, sacred site protection, and the management of inadvertent discoveries of our ancestors' burials as a result of soil erosion or construction projects. Our cultural heritage and sacred sites are part of who we are today. They represent our past and an enduring relationship to our ancestral territory that continues to provide meaning and sustenance for our lives.

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Betty Goerke will be speaking on Chief Marin at MAPOM's annual meeting, April 19, 7:00 p.m., at Miller Creek Middle School, 2255 Las Gallinas Avenue, San Rafael.

## Chief Marin Receives Recognition He Has Long Deserved

Goerke's new illustrated book, *Chief Marin: Leader, Rebel, and Legend*, published by Heyday Books will be available at local bookstores, and through MAPOM. The author has been a professor of Anthropology at College of Marin since 1972, and is a board member of MAPOM and the Marin Museum of the American Indian; in this article she introduces her book.

Chief Marin, a Coast Miwok Indian known as Huicmuse in his native village, lived from 1781–1839, and was a witness to a time of cataclysmic change, buffeted by events completely out of his control. Although he survived the diseases that felled most of his tribe, it is his strength of character that seems most notable. As a leader he successfully negotiated in three separate worlds, those of the Indian, the military and the mission, each with its own goals and rules.

During his first 20 years he lived a traditional existence practicing a spiritual way of life his ancestors had led for centuries. But in 1801, at age 20, he and his wife left what remained of their native village and went to Mission Dolores in San Francisco where they were baptized Marino and Marina. In the following years he

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## Chief Marin

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spent much of his time accommodating mission and military authorities: he participated in religious ceremonies at both Mission Dolores and the San Rafael mission, serving as a godparent at Coast Miwok baptisms and as a witness at Coast Miwok weddings; at Mission San Rafael he acted as an overseer and for a short period as major-domo in charge of all civic affairs; and even joined a military expedition at the behest of the captain at the San Francisco Presidio.

But he also spent jail time at the Presidio, and gave the priest at Mission San Rafael cause to request extra soldiers from the presidio to control his alleged insubordination.

Nevertheless, in his later years he returned to Mission San Rafael where he died and was buried with full honors from the priest. He was so respected

by his military adversaries that General Mariano Vallejo chose to honor Marin by naming a California county after him.

Among my sources for uncovering the story of Marin, was General Vallejo's 1850 rationale for naming Marin County after Chief Marin, which appeared in the first Senate proceedings of the new state of California, a story he expanded in his later *Historical and Personal Memoirs*.

However, Hubert Howe Bancroft, author of the multivolume *History of California* of the 1880s, characterized the writings of General Vallejo and his contemporaries as a "strange mixture of fact and fancy," and effectively stifled further scholarly research on Marin.

Bancroft either ignored or didn't have access to other sources, which are critical to the understanding of Marin's complex life: the mission records from San Francisco and San Rafael, letters

between priests and military, official documents in Vallejo's personal papers, newspaper articles of the 19th century, and Maria Copa's recollections in 1931 about her grandmother's relative, Marin.

Marin was significant. All existing sources have considered him to be a historical figure of some importance. Through one man's experience we can follow the journey of the Coast Miwok people from a peaceful existence in their native villages to the desperate times when white settlers stole their land and their livelihood.

Even after Marin's death and the arrival of the Americans, when Indians were devalued and belittled, they had not lost their tribal identity. Their successful modern struggle to win federal recognition for their tribe is a testament to their continuing strength and identity as Indians.



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Membership rates are listed in the publisher's box at left. Please renew today to keep on receiving our newsletter, together with the California Indian Skills Classes flyer.

## Traditional Indian Skills Classes

MAPOM'S Spring class series at Kule Loklo in Point Reyes National Seashore begins April 21, and continues through mid-June. Join MAPOM to make

sure you get the class flyer, or check our website [www.mapom.org](http://www.mapom.org). Outstanding teachers travel from all over California to bring you rare expertise, presented in a beautiful outdoor setting. Former students: you have the opportunity to serve as a monitor at these classes in exchange for attending a free class as a student; contact Sylvia at 479-3281 if you are interested.

## 27th Annual Big Time Festival

This year's Big Time at Kule Loklo will be held on July 21, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. There will be traditional Native American dancing, ancient skills demonstrations, and arts and crafts for sale. Free admission and parking at the Bear Valley Visitor Center, from where Kule Loklo can be reached via a half-mile trail. Presented in partnership with the National Park Service and the Point Reyes National Seashore Association. MAPOM will also be represented at a table.

# With Respect & In Memory of Beverly Christine Marrufo

May 14, 1945 – January 7, 2007

Beverly Christine Marrufo passed away on January 7, 2007 from complications connected with diabetes and a recent stroke. For many years, Beverly shared her knowledge with students through the traditional skills classes at Kule Loklo, including the making of clapper sticks, and was a good and entertaining teacher.

It was also at Kule Loklo that her mother and other family members brought the Kashia Strawberry Festival to the public, and where her late husband Wayne Marrufo demonstrated the traditional deep-pit deer barbeque.

Beverly was born in Sebastopol, California, and resided on the Stewarts Point Rancheria of Kashia Pomo. She was the mother of four children (Wayne, Brian, Randy and Mylette) as well as a grandmother and great-grandmother.

## Sacred Sites

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Committee members represent the tribe when meeting with Federal, State, and local governments and as monitors at construction sites. We work with government agencies, businesses, academic institutions, archaeologists, and individuals to mitigate damage to sacred sites in Marin and Sonoma Counties, and protect Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo cultural artifacts in museums and other collections. For example, under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, we are meeting with various museums around the Bay Area to arrange for the return of Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo human remains and burial-related artifacts.

As tribal monitors at construction sites, we work with archaeologists and construction companies to minimize damage to sacred or ceremonial sites, or damage to burials and village sites that might otherwise be destroyed by a careless backhoe. Monitors carefully

watch the excavation of soils as they are removed, and are trained to identify cultural resources based on soil colors and artifacts before too much of the site is damaged. Currently we receive as many as 50 requests a month from agencies, contractors or archeologists, asking for information on the location of ancestral villages or sacred sites. New housing developments, highway construction, and weather expose sacred sites and it is our duty to make sure that they are protected and respected.

In the future the Sacred Sites Protection Committee will continue to build relationships with Federal, State, County, and local governments so that everyone involved, including the tribe, will care for our cultural heritage. Organizations such as MAPOM lessen the burden of this task by educating non-tribal and tribal members alike about the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo, our culture, and our future.

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These contributions will help MAPOM during 2007 with exciting Indian skills classes, MAPOM scholarly publications, and support annual traditional events at the Kule Loklo village located at Point Reyes National Seashore. Thank you again for your continued support of MAPOM and its various activities!

*Tim Campbell, MAPOM President*



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## Who is MAPOM?



Miwok Archeological Preserve of Marin (MAPOM) is a volunteer based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, founded in 1970 as the result of community involvement in the study of Coast Miwok culture in Marin County. Our goals are to help identify, preserve and protect the cultural and physical resources of the Coast Miwok, the indigenous peoples of Marin and southern Sonoma Counties, and to provide the public with accurate information about the tribe's rich history and current events. Some of our activities:

- Promote scholarly research and publish books, such as *Indian Baskets of Central California* and *Interviews with Tom Smith and Maria Copa*.
- Present California Indian Skills Classes at the Kule Loklo Indian Village Cultural Exhibit in the Point Reyes National Seashore.
- Participate in Coast Miwok (Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria) events, and educational festivals at Kule Loklo such as the Big Time Festival .
- Support cultural programs, exhibits and lectures, such as the *2006 California Indian Conference*.



**Help support us!** We welcome new members and public input.

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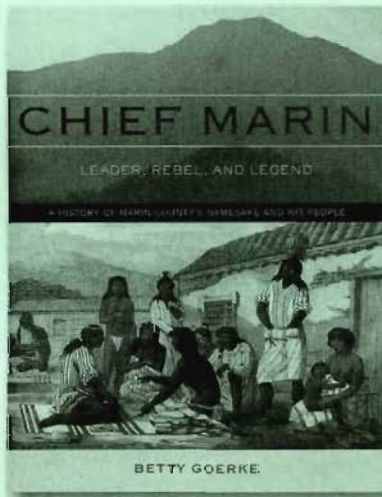
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*Promoting Accurate Knowledge of the Coast Miwok  
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Miwok Archeological Preserve of Marin (MAPOM) presents  
2007 MAPOM general membership annual meeting & guest lecture  
-the public is invited to attend-

# Chief Marin

## Leader, Rebel, and Legend



lecture by Author Betty Goerke  
Professor of Anthropology  
at the College of Marin

Betty Goerke will tell us about the fascinating life of Chief Marin, a Coast Miwok Indian known as Huicmuse in his native village, who was witness to a time of cataclysmic change, buffeted by events completely out of his control. As a leader he successfully negotiated in three separate worlds, those of the Indian, the military and the mission, each with its own goals and rules. Betty will illustrate her talk with slides from the world of Chief Marin. The scholar's new book *Chief Marin: Leader, Rebel, and Legend* will be available for purchase during the evening.

Thursday, April 19, 7:00pm  
Free Admission

Miller Creek School Library  
2255 Las Gallinas Avenue, San Rafael CA

Directions and map on reverse side. Refreshments will be served.  
The lecture will be preceded by a very brief annual meeting. MAPOM books will also be available for sale. For more information visit our website at [www.mapom.org](http://www.mapom.org) or call Sylvia Thalman at (415) 479-3287.