

Early California Days

The **Costa Mesa Historical Society** is pleased to announce that historian **Richard Duvall** will be our speaker on **Sunday May 21, 2017** at our annual **Early California Days at the Diego Sepulveda Adobe in Estancia Park!**



Richard Duvall has always been interested in local history. He recalls the day his interest sparked, while on a 4th grade field trip to Mission San Juan Capistrano. Over the years he amassed a collection of books and research materials. By the early 1980's Richard began to really dig in. His research took him to the archives of Mission Santa Barbara and led him to begin writing a book in the early 1990's about California history, from the Portola Expedition of 1769 to statehood, with a focus on Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana, its Adobes and families, in the area that is now northern Orange County.

Richard enjoys sharing his knowledge of early California history with museum visitors. In addition to serving as a lead docent for many years with the Diego Sepulveda Adobe, he has been involved with the Irvine Historical Museum, Santa Ana Historical Society, the O'Neill Museum of San Juan Capistrano, and the Ramon Peralta Adobe in Anaheim Hills among others.

Among his media appearances, Richard participated in a 2008 episode of *California's Gold* hosted by Huell Howser focusing on the early days of Costa Mesa.

Richard will be speaking to us about the significance of the Diego Sepulveda Adobe, the history of the area, the archaeology, and the mayordomo's role in the Adobe's construction.

So come bring a friend as we learn about this fascinating history in your own backyard!



1pm: Tours of the Adobe Begin
1:30pm: Speaker Presentation
2:30pm: Tours of the Adobe continue

Event runs from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, presentation at 1:30. **Free admission** and refreshments. The adobe is located at **1900 Adams Ave.** (turn north onto Mesa Verde Dr West., left on Boa Vista Dr, left into Estancia Park). For further information call (949) 631-5918 or visit www.costamesahistory.org or go to [facebook/costa mesa historical society](https://www.facebook.com/costa.mesa.historical.society)

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