

## **QUESTERS FALL STATE COUNCIL MEETING - CAMBRIA**

*We are so excited you will be joining us in Cambria at the Cambria Pines Lodge from Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>!*

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

1. At our **Friday night Reception** in the Peacock B Room, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm our President, Libby Hinze, has asked that each Chapter focus on P&R projects they have worked on. Chapters can create a poster or table top display of photos and information on your project(s). **If you intend to display one, please email Sheila New, Fall Council Meeting Co-chair, at [sgnew@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgnew@sbcglobal.net)**
2. At the **Saturday morning Council Meeting**, discussion and a vote will be taken on whether we continue to hold two (2) Council Meetings per year or reduce to one (1) Council Meeting per year. Do not miss the opportunity to express your opinion. Only one (1) vote per Chapter.
3. At the **Saturday night dinner**, we are reintroducing “Show & Tell” so buy or bring your treasure!
4. If your chapter intends to sell anything, and it has been approved ( see page 2, **please email Sheila New, Fall Council Meeting Co-chair, at [sgnew@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgnew@sbcglobal.net)**, so they will have a space and time for you to sell your item(s).

***Don't forget to book your hotel room at the Cambria Pines Lodge by Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Toll-free: 800.966.6490***

### ***A BIT OF CAMBRIA HISTORY***

The earliest inhabitants were the Chumash indigenous people, who were primarily fishermen. Other settlers were attracted to the area due to the fertile land, water and lumber. Several mining companies, including the Oceanic Quicksilver Mining Company, boosted the local economy by employing over 300 people to mine the mercury ore (also called cinnabar) starting in the 1860's. Mercury/cinnabar was used to extract gold and silver from ore and, during the Civil War (1861-65), it was used in the manufacture of detonating devices.

Cambria went by many other names before it's current name: Santa Rosa, Roseville, San Simeon and “Slabtown”. There are various stories about how it got it's name!

## ORGANIZED TOURS:

### *CAMBRIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

The **Cambria Historical Society** docents are hosting a tour of their home, the historic 1870 Guthrie/Bianchini house at 2251 Center St., Cambria, and the gardens. The tour will be followed by a stroll by other historic East Village homes embracing many architectural styles (all close to the Cambria Historical Society). They are kindly offering this tour on Friday morning from 10 am to 12 noon and again on Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. **The cost is \$20 which includes a donation and a book about Cambria.** Pre-registration required.



### *CAMBRIA PINES LODGE NURSERY & FLORIST*

The staff at the Nursery & Florist, on the grounds of the Cambria Pines Lodge, are giving a talk on plants and flowers, providing refreshments and also a discount on plants purchased. **Free admission.** Pre-registration required.



## SELF-GUIDED TOURS

### *ELEPHANT SEALS*

The Piedras Blancas Rookery is the only **elephant seal** rookery in the world that is easily accessible, free, and open to the public every day of the year. No reservations are needed. The rookery is located 16 miles north of Cambria on CA Hwy 1. These animals are BIG and worth the trip!



## ***HEARST CASTLE***

If you have not visited **Hearst Castle in San Simeon** (10 miles from Cambria), a National Historic Landmark and a California Historical Landmark built between 1922 and 1939, we recommend you book in advance. There are several tours available but, for a new visitor, the *Grand Rooms Tour* gives the real flavor of this incredible “castle”. **This is a self-guided activity. Book 60 days in advance.** [Hearstcastle.org/tour-hearst-castle/daily-tours/](http://Hearstcastle.org/tour-hearst-castle/daily-tours/)



## ***MOONSTONE BEACH***

The Moonstone Beach Boardwalk in Cambria is No. 3 on the list of 8 best beach walks in California that will provide the most beautiful ocean views.



## ***SCARECROW FESTIVAL***

The **October Cambria Scarecrow Festival** encourages artistic creativity and visibility through the creation and annual public display of scarecrows located throughout East and West Cambria. Drive around to see them and take photos! This is a free activity.

