

Seaweed, Salmon, and Manzanita Cider: A California Indian Feast
A new travelling exhibit at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum

The Imperial Valley Desert Museum is partnering with the Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation to host ***Seaweed, Salmon, and Manzanita Cider: A California Indian Feast***. This new statewide traveling exhibition from the Grace Hudson Museum and Exhibit Envoy will be the Museum's largest traveling exhibit to date, and the first exhibit of its kind in Imperial County in over thirty years. The exhibit, which opens on Saturday, August 16 and runs through Saturday, October 11, features traditional foods important in the lives of Native Californians including fish, shellfish, meat, fruits, and acorns.

The exhibit contains historic and contemporary framed photographs of California Indian peoples gathering, preparing, and enjoying traditional food; large format framed contemporary photographs of California Indian food resources; and informative text panels. For visitors to take home, there are tear off recipe pads of some ways to enjoy California Indian foods. The IVDM has included food related artifacts from its collections such as projectile points, throwing sticks, and abalone shells to supplement the exhibit. A collection of woven baskets and winnowing trays is on loan to the museum from John Eagle Spirit Elliot of the Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation for visitors to enjoy during these eight weeks.

Exhibit Events

Events held in conjunction with this exhibit will begin with an Exhibit Opening celebration on Saturday, August 16 from 2-5pm. Opening Day, Saturday August 16 will be free to the public thanks to event sponsors Imperial Valley Aggregate and Gibson & Schaefer Inc. Member fundraising events introducing local foods will be held throughout the duration of the exhibit. An open to the public event, *Shawii* Day, Saturday October 11 will have Native American food demonstrations and tastings focused around *shawii*- a staple food made from acorns. For more information please go to our website at www.ivdesertmuseum.org or contact us at ivdmuseum@gmail.com.

Museum Admission

Admission to the Museum for this exhibit will be free for Members, \$5 for non-

members.

Museum Hours

The Imperial Valley Desert Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, from 10am-3pm, located at 11 Frontage Road, Ocotillo, California off Interstate 8.