

North American Skál Congress

April 10-14, 2013

Presented by the Skál Club of Sacramento

See www.skalsacramento.org for details and registration.



Sacramento

Sights: The shops, historic buildings and riverfront of Old Sacramento.



The California State Capitol Building and Capitol Park.



SMF Skál to host 2013 Congress. Salons stocking up.

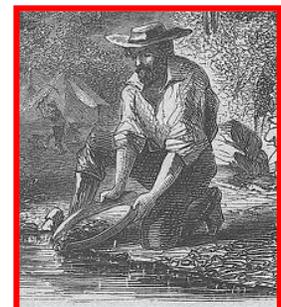
Sure, you've traveled the world and seen all the great cities, London, Paris, Rome Istanbul, Mumbai, Tokyo, Rio, LA, and NYC, but have you ever seen Sacramento? www.discovergold.org I mean really seen it. What are you waiting for? It's truly unique and for those of us who live here we know you'll love it.

Part of why Sacramento is unique is our history. It all started back in 1839 when a Swiss fellow named John Sutter wrangled a 48,000 acre land grant from the government. As you can imagine Sutter lived like a king, an Emperor really, and had a trading post called Sutter's Fort at the center of his empire (which has been preserved, and is near the heart of town where you can still visit it. www.suttersfort.org) But when gold was discovered, the rush was on and he lost everything. More than a half million fortune-hunters flocked here from all around the world and Sacramento boomed.

By 1854 it was the Capitol of the Golden State, and the final stop on the famous Pony Express. Soon the transcontinental railroad linked it with the rest of



the country. By the middle of the 20th century Sacramento had grown and while some parts blossomed others decayed. What we now call "Old Sacramento" had become run down. I recall the first time I saw it. It was a jumble of old buildings, narrow streets, alleys, and winos, but good fortune smiled when our Interstate Highway 5 was built isolating the "Old Part" from the rest of Sacramento. www.oldsacramento.com The neighborhood was soon redeveloped when more than 100 buildings were renovated re-creating the city's gilded age. It is now one of the city's top tourist attractions which you've just got to see in person to appreciate.



Please join us and sign up now! Many already have.