



**Pieces of History: Prehistory & History of Rancho Peñasquitos** was co-edited by Lynne Christenson Newall (retired County Historian) and Mike Kelly (Secretary of the Friends). It compiles the archaeological and historical reports based on more than 20 years of archaeological digs and investigations at Rancho Santa Maria de los Peñasquitos by three archaeologists (Steve Bouscaren, PhD; Susan Hector, PhD; and Lynne Christenson Newall, PhD.) and one historian (Steve Van Wormer, MS).

Rancho Peñasquitos is one of the premier historic and archaeological sites in San Diego County. People lived here for over 7000 years and left much behind for researchers to find and interpret. Archaeologists and historians spent over 20 years conducting research to uncover the Peñasquitos story. This research continues today with more archaeological digs by additional archaeologists.

These explorations uncovered exciting and intriguing results. How do we know people lived here for over 7000 years? What was found beneath the ranch house that proved it was the oldest in Peñasquitos Canyon? What study proved it was the first Rancho in San Diego County?

This book discusses and provides results of most of this research and details the lifeways of the people who lived at Rancho Peñasquitos. You can purchase this book from either Amazon.com or directly from the Friends at [www.Penasquitos.org](http://www.Penasquitos.org). The suggested donation is \$20 plus \$3 shipping and handling. Profits go to the San Diego County Parks Society.