MOUNT DIABLO INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

PRESERVATION THROUGH EDUCATION

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Major Milestone for the Education Center!

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Momentum is building — and we have exciting news to share!

The California Department of Finance has officially approved the plans for the Mitchell Canyon Education Center, and we are now moving directly into the public bidding

process to select a contractor. **This is a major milestone, and it wouldn't have been possible without your generous support**.

Here's what to expect in the months ahead:

Month	Milestone
May - June	CA Dept. of Parks & Recreation prepares bidding documents and clarifies construction management roles
June - July	Construction contract open for public bidding (for two months)
End of July	Low bidder identified
Late summer – early autumn	Contract awarded (pending full construction funding) and contract details finalized
Late Autumn	We hope to break ground!

Meanwhile, exhibit planning is well underway, because the educational **displays and programming are what will truly bring this building to life.** We will be launching a campaign to fund exhibit fabrication and installation in a few months, so please stay tuned for that next chapter.

Honors for MDIA

On another celebratory note: the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce **honored MDIA with its Legacy Award, recognizing 50 years of community service**. We are proud to accept this recognition on behalf of everyone who cares for Mount Diablo.

Left to right: Dan Sandri, MDIA Board Member; Angela De La Housaye Ashley, Chair, Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce; Mike Brandy, MDIA Board Member (holding the award). April 23, 2026.

Upcoming Events

Walk: Wildflower Pollinator Walk
May 23
9am-12:30pm
Explore flowers and bugs in Mitchell Canyon

Walk: Wonder Hike
June 10
Wonder and wander in Mitchell Canyon

Hike: Summer Solstice Saunter
June 20
7-9:30 pm
Enjoy sounds and sites of the early evening

Sat, Jul 18
10am - 4pm
Summit Museum

175th Anniversary of Mount Diablo Initial Point Celebration at Mount Diablo Summit

As America celebrates its 250th anniversary, a significant historical commemoration will take place atop Mt. Diablo to mark the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Mount Diablo Initial Point on July 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Presented by Mount Diablo State Park, the Mount Diablo Surveyors Historical Society, and the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association, the public is invited to drop by and explore antique and modern surveying equipment, visit informational booths, and enjoy hands-on activities highlighting land surveying activities and the settlement and development of this region of the American Far West. Learn More

Click here for a listing of more upcoming events!

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