



Mapping the Pacific Coast: Coronado to Lewis and Clark

The Collection

The maps of the Quivira Collection are the product of the European Renaissance and Enlightenment, demonstrating how European cartographers attempted to synthesize and publicize new geographical data being gleaned from European discoveries and explorations of the Americas. All are printed maps, the earliest being woodcuts and most being copperplate engravings. The names of the mapmakers and the cities of publication provide a representative sampling of the history of cartography in Europe from the middle of the sixteenth until the end of the eighteenth century. The collection is the product of 40 years of collecting by Henry Wendt.

Important Connections

With the recent bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition, Mapping the Pacific Coast can be seen as the prologue to the quintessential American journey. It was the process of exploration, European struggles over the Americas and interactions with Native Americans that eventually defined the American frontier. The maps trace that process on the west coast, from early charts bearing wild speculation and myth, up to the time that Lewis and Clark were poised for their journey. Even then, the two explorers were challenged by dubious notions that had existed for centuries. While not a "Lewis and Clark Exhibition", Mapping the Pacific Coast reveals the legacy they confronted in their remarkable expedition.

Mapping the Pacific Coast is organized by the Sonoma County Museum in collaboration with Henry Wendt.

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EXHIBITION DETAILS

Beginning 2005

CONTENTS

- 31 Framed Maps (1544-1802)
- 8 Books (1778-1802)
- 6 Framed Illustrations (1790-1798)
- 4 Enlarged maps (digital prints on fabric)
- 4 Navigational instrument replicas
- 7 Text panels

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTENT: Audio tour (Additional \$1,000 licensing fee), Catalog (\$15 ea for quantities of 20 or more)

PARTICIPATION FEE: \$2,500 for a 12- 16 week booking period, plus incoming shipping. Longer booking may be available for an additional fee.

RUNNING FEET: 210

SCHEDULING/CONTENT INFORMATION

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