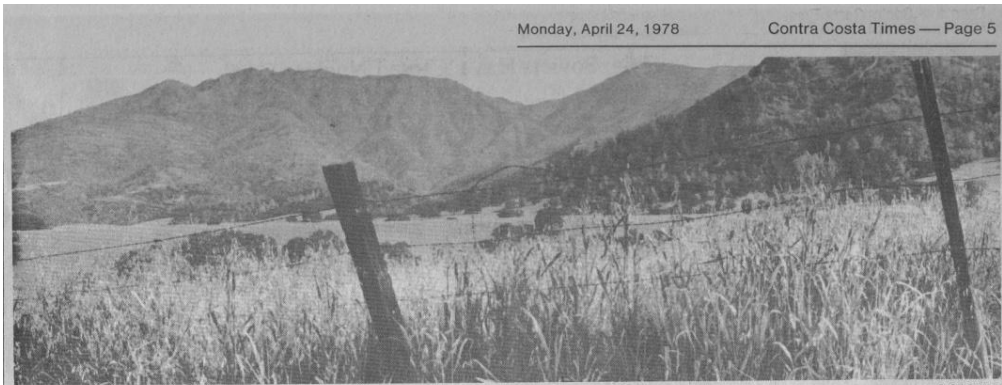




Mount Diablo

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A view of "California State Historical Landmark No. 905" — Mt. Diablo — from Mitchell Canyon Road.

An Honor for Mt. Diablo

Mt. DIABLO — One of Contra Costa's most prominent geographical landmarks is now officially a state historical landmark.

The 3,849 foot peak was proclaimed California State Historical Landmark No. 905 Sunday in ceremonies co-sponsored by the San Ramon Valley Historical Society and the state Department of Parks and Recreation.

On hand to celebrate the milestone in local history were state Sen. John Nejedly, R-Walnut Creek; Egon A. Pedersen, honorary chairman of the day and Dr. Mary Bowerman, "the student of the moun-

tain."

Pedersen was honored for his efforts to make the mountain an historical landmark. Bowerman, who made a study of Diablo's plant life for her master's degree, was also honored during the ceremony.

Others in attendance were Alfred Jones, president of the San Ramon Valley Historical Society and master of ceremonies, and the Air Force band.

Mt. Diablo has long been a focal point for the successive generations of Contra Costans — both native Americans and present-day Californians.

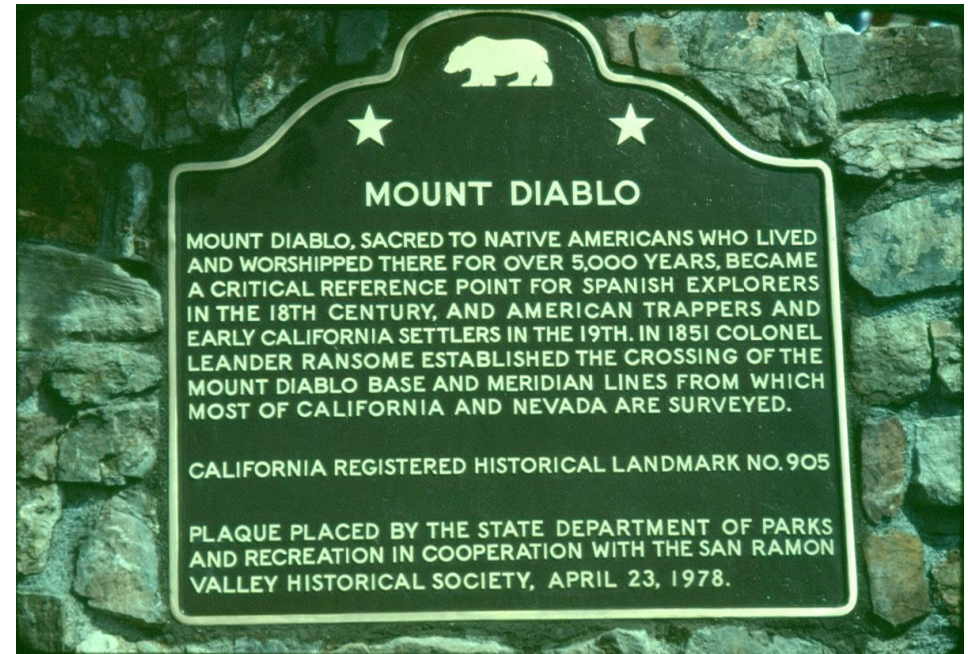


Egon A. Pedersen, honorary chairman of the Mt. Diablo Historical Landmark Committee, left, with Dr. Mary Bowerman, "the student of the mountain" who did her thesis on the plant life on the mountain.

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MOUNT DIABLO

MOUNT DIABLO, SACRED TO NATIVE AMERICANS WHO LIVED AND WORSHIPPED THERE FOR OVER 5,000 YEARS, BECAME A CRITICAL REFERENCE POINT FOR SPANISH EXPLORERS IN THE 18TH CENTURY, AND AMERICAN TRAPPERS AND EARLY CALIFORNIA SETTLERS IN THE 19TH. IN 1851 COLONEL LEANDER RANSOME ESTABLISHED THE CROSSING OF THE MOUNT DIABLO BASE AND MERIDIAN LINES FROM WHICH MOST OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA ARE SURVEYED.

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