

CALUSA CHRONICLES

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Writes-With-Pen gives her introduction to this April issue. Do you have an idea for a future issue? Remember, this is your monthly magazine for and about local Calusa tribe living. She welcomes all letters to the editor and your commentaries.



Visiting the Plains..... pages 5-6

Our cover story includes diary entries of Moccasin-Foot’s one-year trek to visit our Apache brothers of the Plains. Read first-hand accounts of his teepee living and his dining on cactus fruits [1].



Victory Over Ponce De Leon.....pages 7-8

This month’s news article, written by our local reporter Soco, gives account of the most recent attack attempted by the White Man. Learn of Calusas’ bravery and triumph.



Chickee Chic.....page 9

The latest trends in decorative thatching techniques [2] and painting pigments mixed especially for cypress frames. Built-With-Beauty shares her latest home modeling secrets.



Blessings.....page 10

The Calusa spiritual leaders gathered recently to share with the tribe at large the Creator’s message to them regarding how to best reject the White Man’s religion [3]. Be sure to read and heed their words of wisdom.



History.....pages 11-12

Keep the spirit of your Calusa ancestors alive by documenting the oral tradition. Read accounts of deceased heroes in this regular section of the magazine. This month’s stories are dedicated to legends and myths. Oohh, mystery!



References.....page 15

Find out where to locate the resources used for this issue so you can dive in deeper!

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Living As One

CALUSA CHRONICLES magazine does not typically conform to a monthly theme. As I review the various articles for this month's issue, however, I cannot help but notice one emerge. From cover to close 'living as one' seems to be the common thread woven throughout the pages of April's edition.

Abroad and at Home

The strand begins with this month's cover story submitted by Moccasin-Foot. He recently returned from a lengthy visit to the Plains where he lived as one of our Apache brothers, which is quite different than how we live here on the coast. For the delight of our voyeuristic viewers, Moccasin-Foot reprints many of his personal diary entries. What is dry-climate teepee living like? Are their cactus fruits as tasty as our mullet? [1] To find out, turn to page five.

There you will also find out about his latest venture - living as one with his new wife, Feather-Foot. See photos of their beautifully re-decorated chickee [2]. Learn their techniques as Built-With-Beauty shows you how on page nine!

With the Other

They are not the only ones learning to live together.

On page ten, gain insight into how we can peace-

fully co-exist in one world with the white man without coming under the influence of his religion. Calusa spiritual leaders relay messages directly from the great Creator. [3] If you missed the recent pow-wow, don't miss this inspirational article!



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One Victory

Thanks be to the Creator for our united-as-one strength in forcing the Spaniards back to Puerto Rico. [4] February's violence could have been the end of tribal life as we know it, but with the fearless leadership of Chief Caalus, the Calusas remained "totally impervious." [5] Read all about it on pages seven and eight. This is one more victory for our tribe!

One More Thing

Remember, CALUSA CHRONICLES is our home-tribe magazine. I welcome your letters, comments, and ideas for future issues. Until then, may you savor this one.

Writes-With-Pen, editor

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