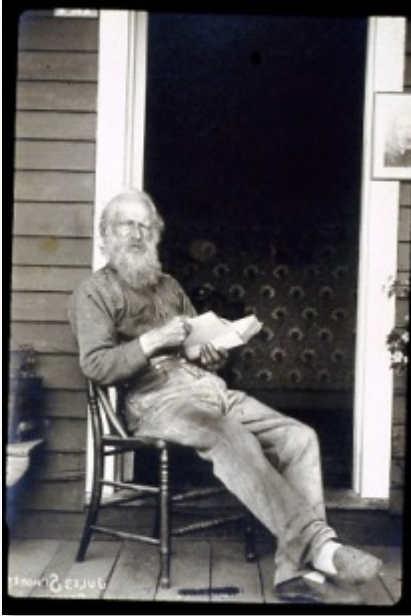


Jules Simoneau: Obstinate Dreamer and Friend of Stevenson

What brought him to California and finally to Monterey?



You may have heard of **Simoneau Plaza** in historic downtown Monterey, or the former **Simoneau's French Restaurant**, a gathering place for artists and writers in the 1870s, or **The Simoneau House** on Van Buren Street, now part of Middlebury Institute for International Studies.

Who really was **Jules Simoneau**? A gold-digger? A drifter? A French cook? When and where was he born, why did he leave France and when did he sail to California? To commemorate Stevenson's arrival in Monterey 139 years ago this August, Monterey State Historic Park Association and the Robert Louis Stevenson Club of Monterey will present a lecture on Simoneau.

Our speaker **Claudine Chalmers**, an historian and native of France, spent many years tracking down the elusive Frenchman who presided over the birth of California's first *plein air* art colony and earned everlasting fame when he saved the life of the then penniless Robert Louis Stevenson. She will set the record straight about this wandering Frenchman.

Location: Stevenson House, 530 Houston Street, Monterey

Date: Saturday, August 25, 2018

Time: 4-6 pm

Price: \$15 General Admission, \$10 for MSHPA and RLS Club members

Wine and light refreshments are included

Tickets may be purchased at Custom House Store, Custom House Plaza, 10am-4pm; or by check payable to MSHPA, and mailed to Lindy Perez, P.O. Box 51504, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 (include email address and phone number). Tickets purchased by mail can be picked up at Stevenson House on day of event.





Seating is limited. Tickets will not be sold at the door.