

Fullerton Public Library Presents

# Collecting Indian Baskets

Speaker Justin Farmer  
Tuesday, November 3  
7:00 p.m. with Q&A to follow  
Free Admission



Justin will give a brief history of his experiences in collecting baskets and the knowledge a collector should have regarding Indian tribes. Literature regarding basketry and the materials used to create them will be discussed. Justin will be available to look at any baskets a person may wish to bring and answer their questions. (Appraisals will not be offered.)

Justin began collecting Indian cultural items seriously in the early 1970s. The next 20 plus years he amassed a collection of 215 “Mission Indian” baskets, 50 pieces of local pottery, 1,000 artifacts, and 20 Indian cradles. After retirement in the early 2000s, he could no longer curate the collection so it was acquired by the Pechanga tribe near Temecula. From the sale of that collection he established The Justin Farmer Foundation, devoted to issuing financial assistance to Indian students.

Justin Farmer is native to Julian, in San Diego County, CA and is registered by the US Bureau of Indian Affairs as a “Mission” Indian. His grandmother was from the *Osuna* and *Thing* families of San Pasqual, near Escondido in San Diego County. His mother was born in 1896 in San Diego County and his father was born in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) in 1892. Justin was born in 1926 in a 50 year-old farm house near Julian.

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