NEW AT THE MISSION TREASURES EXHIBIT

Mission San Juan Capistrano proudly presents its latest additions to the "Mission Treasures: Historical Collection Revealed" exhibit, two historic oil paintings and a rare newspaper highlighting 1940s U.S. history and the Mission’s place in the news of the time.

Did you know? The Mission’s historic art collection includes several of Charles Percy Austin’s paintings including the newest to be featured, “A Padre Reading” dated April 20, 1924. Not only did Austin create numerous paintings of the Mission, he was also chosen to illustrate Father O’Sullivan’s book Capistrano Nights printed in 1930, he helped to paint details on the walls of the Serra Chapel and even lived on the property from time to time.

The other historic painting now on display is “The Penance Sinful Woman,” by an unknown artist from the late 19th or early 20th century. A postcard Mary was a popular image among Catholics during the time of the protestant reformation because it inspired great spiritual devotion.

Also on display in the exhibit is a Los Angeles Evening Herald newspaper dated March 19, 1942, just months after the attack on Pearl Harbor which reports news from the events of World War II and the return of the.swallows to Capistrano, both sharing a spot on the front page.

Join us! Plan a visit to the Mission to experience the newest additions in the “Mission Treasures: Historical Collection Revealed” Exhibit, open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Mission Art Walk is a docent guided tour highlighting the art collection of rare paintings related to Mission history within the Serra Chapel, the Spanish Colonial Room, and the Mission Treasures Exhibit. Experience Spanish Colonial and Plein Air paintings as well as learn about Mission San Juan Capistrano’s goal and efforts in the conservation of its collection. Advanced reservations are not required.

- Free with paid admission to the Mission -

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