

# MISSION CHRONICLES

Information for Locals

*Presented by Mission San Juan Capistrano*

## CELEBRATE THE ACJACHEMEN PEOPLE'S CULTURE AND HISTORY AT THE MISSION

***Did you know?*** Mission San Juan Capistrano celebrates and preserves the Native American or the Acjachemen (Ah-HAWSH-eh-men) people's history in a variety of ways.

Visitors can experience Native American history by walking the grounds and exploring the following: "Native American" room, the grinding stone, the Padres' kitchen, the Padres' sitting room exhibit, Mission Treasures exhibit, Mission Clubhouse, the Rancho room, the Legacy of Saint Serra exhibit and more.

Mission San Juan Capistrano also highlights its history through a wide variety of bell ringing events and traditions. The last full blooded Acjachemen bell ringer was Jose de Garcia Cruz (1922), or "Acu." Today's bell ringers represent the diversity of the Mission's history. Michael Gastelum and Nathan Banda are joined by long time Mission employee Rafael Gutierrez for most official bell ringing ceremonies occurring on feast days, festivals and special occasions.

Join us every first and third Wednesday for our Native American Basket Weaving from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Central Courtyard. Volunteer basket weavers provide demonstrations of their basket weaving traditions on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Several of the volunteer weavers are of Ajachemen descent.

Our efforts to educate and honor the indigenous people that contributed to the Mission's history will continue to evolve. Our commitment to the preservation of their culture, past and present, will always remain a priority.

*For more information about the contributions of our Native American community visit the Mission and ask for your free "Native American history information card."*

## *Save the Date!*

**Friday, September 16, 2016 • 6:00 p.m.**



The Mission Preservation Foundation invites you to attend

***Romance of the Mission Benefit Gala***  
**Honoring the Ladies and Gentlemen of**  
**The Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel**

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