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MISSION PRESERVATION FOUNDATION BOARD PROFILE

The Mission Preservation Foundation is pleased to announce that Mrs. Erma Jean (“EJ”) Tracy has become the newest member of the Mission Preservation Foundation Board of Directors. She and her late husband, Tom, have been generous benefactors to Mission events and preservation projects. Their donation supports the Mission’s Mariachi Festival. In 2007, Mrs. Tracy served as a judge at the festival and presented The Tom Tracy First Place Award.

Mrs. Tracy was born in Pontiac, Michigan. Active in sports, she was named to the All-American field hockey team. She attended the University of Michigan, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Art. She held various offices while a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. After graduating in 1966, she was employed as a clothing buyer for Davidson’s in Birmingham, Michigan.

She married Thomas J. Tracy (who died in 2006) in 1967 and moved to California. They settled in Santa Ana, where they raised their five children: Cynthia, Christina, Katherine, Kilian and Thomas Jr.

Mrs. Tracy’s interests include Native American culture and the American West. She shared this interest with her husband. The family’s foundation supports Native American youth in North Dakota and Montana through scholarships to Regis University in Denver, Colorado. In addition to her generous support of the old Mission and Mission San Juan Capistrano Basilica, Mrs. Tracy has actively supported several schools and universities, and St. Joseph’s Hospital in Orange, including their upcoming Cancer Center and Mental Health Services.

“Mission San Juan Capistrano is an important part of our history, not only in Orange County but California,” Mrs. Tracy remarked. “I’m pleased to join in efforts to save the old Mission and share its story with others.”

Tony Moiso, President of the Mission Preservation Foundation, commented, “We’re very pleased that EJ has accepted our invitation to join the Board. She brings a great energy, enthusiasm, love of California and mission history and a desire to share it with others. I very much look forward to working with her.”

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Where are the Swallows?

Each year our receptionist Mary receives hundreds of calls from all over the world, asking her, “Where are the Swallows? Am they there yet? What time will they be there?”

The answers seem simple, as Mary answers, “The birds are on their way” or “They haven’t told us what time!” After experiencing a little humor about the birds, we all ask out loud, “Just where are those birds?”

The fact is that the City of San Juan Capistrano is home to the world famous swallows, and they do come back, but sadly, they seem to get distracted along the way. Perhaps the once thousands of swallows dwindles to a few, distracted during their travels by new development, a shinier home, and the opportunity to enjoy a more convenient location at a nearby creek.

So how is it that the birds can pass the Mission by?

Perhaps we blame all the changes in the environment, the development, the growth induced traffic related impacts. Or perhaps the birds’ distraction is much like those folks who live in Orange County or even California who unknowingly take the old Mission for granted. Perhaps like the birds, we need to remind the public that the Mission is still theirs too.

The fact remains, that Mission San Juan Capistrano remains the Orange County’s jewel, its most historic site, and only mission. Mission San Juan Capistrano is a place of thriving history, activity, and abundance. It is a place where life memories are made, where people can think in peace, learn, and be inspired. It is not a passive experience to visit, but rather a place where history continues to be made and celebrated. This explains the success of such recent projects as our cookbook and the audio tour. Once here, it’s easy to care. It’s the getting here that is difficult.

Our team works tirelessly to protect the meaning and identity of this very special place, to preserve its legacy, keep it in pristine condition, and ensure that a visit to the Mission is worth while.

We aim to inspire – to inspire repeat visits, support, and to not be displaced by something newer, shinier and more convenient.

Happy Swallows’ Season! Join us.

Michelle Lawrence
Executive Director, Mission San Juan Capistrano

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SUMMER CERAMICS CAMP
Three week-long camps available for children ages 8-14; sign up for one, two or all three weeks. Class limit - 30 children.
June 23 - 27, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. each day, $120
June 30 - July 3, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. each day, $120
July 7 – 11, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. each day, $150

FESTIVALS & SUMMER PROGRAMS

MARIACHI FESTIVAL - BATTLE OF THE MARIACHIS
Saturday, May 3, 2008 10:00 am – 2:30 pm
Battle of the Mariachis. Daytime Mariachi Festival featuring mariachi competition in the Central Courtyard. Food and vendors. Members free.

2008 FLOWER GARDEN & FINE ART SHOW
Saturday and Sunday, June 7 & 8, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
The annual garden show featuring plant vendors, art, food, and garden art lectures. This year’s event features a Fine Arts Show in conjunction with SocalArtPA.

FREE CRAFT AND STORYTELLING DAYS - JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST
Craft Days – Tuesdays, June 17 – August 26, 10:30 am – noon. Included in the price of admission. Make a mini-adobe house, a rope/lasso or an old-fashioned toy.
Storytelling Days – Thursdays, June 19 – August 28, 10:30 – 11:30 am. Learn about Fr. John O’Sullivan, the Great Restorer of the Mission; Capistrano’s Cliff Swallows; and Famous Stories of San Juan Capistrano. Included in the price of admission. Visitors are welcome to bring back lunch for after any of those programs.

ON-GOING EVENTS

Mission San Juan Capistrano offers attractions on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. Each attraction is included in the price of admission.

CURIOSITY CARTS – Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., visitors can enjoy history-related replica artifacts on “curiosity carts.” Carts include items such as branding irons, spurs, horseshoes, hails, candles, pottery shards and objects used by the Juaneno Indians to provide hands-on learning for students.

GARDEN TOURS – Wednesdays at 10, 10:30 and 11 a.m., the Mission’s volunteer Gardening Angels offer tours of the Mission’s gardens. Reservations for garden tours for groups of 15 or more available by contacting Regina Loxie at (949) 234-3139 or rloxie@missionsjc.com or Kathleen Witkowski at (949) 234-1306 or kwitkowski@missionsjc.com.

INDIAN BASKET WEAVING – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., volunteer Arjachem Indian basket weavers demonstrate weaving in the style of their ancestors.

LIVING HISTORY DAY – 2nd Saturday of each month, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mission’s history is portrayed by members of the Living History Society.

FEATURED ARTIFACT DISPLAY – The new exhibit will focus on the importance of historical documentation and preservation.
Mission Celebrates South County Communities

Mission San Juan Capistrano is proud to debut its Celebrating Communities program, inviting South Orange County residents to Mission San Juan Capistrano, by offering a 2 for 1 admission discount. (See schedule to the right.) Proof of residency (driver’s license, utility bill, etc.) required. This new program provides a free audio player for each of the visitors using the 2 for 1 Celebrating Communities discount admission rate. The audio tour can be heard on a hand-held player provided at the visitors’ entry into the Mission, or may be downloaded for free at www.missionsjc.com.

SOCALPA PA ART SHOW (Southern California Plein Air Painters Association) April 5, 2008 – June 24, 2008. Reception: Friday, April 4, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Soldiers Barracks. The exhibit features 60 colorful images of the California landscape by Southern California artists.

SOCALPA PA Outdoor Show and Sale April 5 – 6, 2008 – 10.00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Mission’s Central Courtyard. Twenty-five percent of proceeds from both shows will benefit Mission preservation.

Mission San Juan Capistrano Presents Saturday, May 3rd

Battle of the Mariachis

Mission San Juan Capistrano will present its 4th annual “Battle of the Mariachis,” in which competing mariachi bands will perform, on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mariachi performers will be given 15 minutes to perform while being reviewed by distinguished judges who are prominent community and business leaders. The first place band will receive The Tom Tracy First Place Award and a $3,000 cash prize, and will be invited to perform at special Mission events for the next calendar year. The second place prize is $2,000 and third is $1,000.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to purchase Mexican food and visit mariachi-themed vendors. The Festival is free to members and included in the price of a paid admission to the Mission. Individual memberships start at $30 per year; contact Mary Hill at (949) 234-1300 or mhill@missionsjc.com information on becoming a member.

Visit the Mission website for more details, www.missionsjc.com or call Sabrina Iray, (949) 234-1317. The annual event is made possible through a generous donation from the Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Family Foundation.

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