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Summer Fun at the Mission

Mission San Juan Capistrano invites you to join us for fun, affordable family events this summer.



Mission San Juan Capistrano will present its Music Under the Stars concert series beginning Saturday, June 13 and continuing on alternating weekends through Saturday, Sept. 5.

There will be concerts for everybody, all in the beautiful setting of the Mission Courtyard. Concerts feature dining and dancing to a variety of live music including Latin and World Music, Motown, Soul and R&B favorites, Pop, Rock and tributes galore!

The seven-concert series begins on Saturday, June 13 with the Mariachi Divas, the all-female mariachi group and 2009 Grammy winners. On June 27, a Jimmy Buffet tribute will be performed by Mark Wood and The Parrott Head Band. The July 11 concert features Face to Face: A Billy Joel and Elton John Tribute.

The Derek Bordeaux Group: Motown, Soul and R&B, the Right Way returns to the Mission on July 25;

and on Aug. 8, concert fans will be treated to A Hot August Night: A Tribute to Neil Diamond.

The Aug. 22 show features Alturas: Music of the Andes; and the series wraps up with the popular The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles.

Mission San Juan Capistrano's Music Under the Stars evening concert series is a great evening for family and friends and reasonably priced. Seating is available either at a reserved table or on your own lawn chair.

Southern California Plein Air Painters Association (SOCALPAPA). Be sure to visit the Soldiers Barracks to view the Art Exhibition and Sale. Open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Seven days a week, April 4 - July 14, 2009.

Mission San Juan Capistrano welcomes again the Capistrano Valley Symphony for a pops concert series, June 28, July 26, August 29 and September 20. Music begins at 6:15 p.m. Tickets: \$20 -\$75.

Enjoy inspiring Sunday Performance Series on Sunday afternoons at the Mission from noon to 2:00 p.m., July 19, August 16, September 27, & October 4.

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*The purpose of life is not to be happy - but to matter, to be productive, to be useful,
to have it make some difference that you have lived at all. ~ Leo Rosten*

I have come to know many people who seem to know that “the purpose of life is to matter and to have it make a difference.” Among those that have left an impression on my heart and a lasting impact on the Mission are such folks like Dr. Bob Schafer, a tireless octogenarian who worked in the archives cataloguing data with our Diocesan archivist. Margaret “Maggie” Hoffman the septuagenarian who arrived weekly to prepare letters of response to inquisitive fourth grade students.

Another figure I will always remember is Tony Forster, a Foundation board member who was a “larger than life” community figure, and the keeper of all history that was San Juan Capistrano. He was a jokester who enjoyed his deep connection to the Mission. His grandfather (Don Juan Forster) once owned and lived in the Mission until ultimately President Lincoln deemed the sale of the Mission null and void and returned its control to the Catholic Church. Several years ago - prior to his passing, Tony left me a voice mail saying he was having his attorney investigate Abraham Lincoln’s actions on behalf of his heirs. As a concerned executive director, I hurriedly called him back to urge him to reconsider this threat. When he answered his phone he guffawed, knowing he had fooled me. He promptly let me know that he was “just joking”. That was Tony, a lot of fun, and of course, always dedicated to history.

Finally, Richard O’Neill was a man who gave generously not only to this mission, but to our country. He left a legacy of improvement, vision, and implementation. He enjoyed his Lakers, his beer, and support of good causes. He graciously accepted all invitations to support the Mission, attend events, and be a part of its preservation. The Mission was lucky to be on the roster of his concerns and to generate not only his personal support, but the dedicated support of the Ranch and the Viaje de Portolá. There was no doubt to me that Mr. O’Neill understood Orange County history was still being made, and that at its foundation was a small town called San Juan Capistrano with a mission that needed support.

These individuals lived their lives in a way that made a difference. As I reflect on how history is made, I always land at the same conclusion, it’s people that make history and a difference.

We have a responsibility to those who have lived, and those who have yet to be born - a responsibility to keep the Mission vibrant, relevant, and accessible. I encourage people to be like Dr. Bob, Maggie, Tony, or “Uncle Richard” - get involved with the Mission, and make a difference that lasts beyond a lifetime.

See you on the path,

Mechelle Lawrence-Adams
Executive Director, Mission San Juan Capistrano

Madeline Martin Swinden Joins the Mission Preservation Foundation Board



Madeline Martin Swinden

Mrs. Madeline Swinden accepted the invitation to serve on the Mission Preservation Foundation Board of Directors, this spring. Mrs. Swinden is a long-time supporter of the Mission, serving as co-founder of the *Friends of the Mission* in 1997. She was also a founding chair of the Mission Benefit Gala fundraiser, *Romance of the Bells* in 1998.

Tony Moiso, president of the Foundation, remarked, "Madeline has volunteered her time and talent for so many years at the Mission, it makes good sense to invite her to serve as a board member. It is obvious she has a special place in her heart for the Mission because she is a dedicated Mission volunteer, committed to its preservation and understands that it takes everyone to save the Mission. I'm happy to work alongside her on the Board to make the Mission an even better place for future generations."

Pastor Art Holquin Received a Papal Honor from Pope Benedict XVI.

The Mission San Juan Capistrano Campus received reason to rejoice when it was learned that Father Arthur Holquin has received a Papal Honor from Pope Benedict XVI. Father Art was named a "Chaplain of His Holiness" with the honorific title of "Monsignor" last January.

While this honor does not change his status as Pastor of the Mission parish and Rector of the Basilica Church, Monsignor Art Holquin, together with eight other priests in the Diocese of Orange, was singled out for his dedication and outstanding service to the Catholic Church in Orange County.

As a Chaplain of His Holiness, Monsignor technically will become a member of the Papal Household and is privileged to wear distinctive ceremonial garb reflecting this papal honor. In formal occasions, he will wear a black cassock trimmed in fuchsia piping with fuchsia buttons and a special sash called a fascia of the same color. *Continued on page 4*



Reverend Monsignor Arthur A. Holquin

MISSION PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

The following individuals lend time, talent, and financial support by serving as Foundation Board members.

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Pastor Art Holquin

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Responding to this unexpected honor, Monsignor said: "I am humbled by this special honor given to me by our Holy Father. As I celebrate my 35th anniversary as a priest on May 25th, this becomes an added blessing for me and my family."

Additionally, Monsignor stated: "I am very grateful to our Bishop, Tod Brown, for recommending me for this honor together with several other brother priests in our diocese. His friendship and support over the years continues to be a special gift for me in the priesthood."

While Monsignor assumed all the rights and privileges of this Papal Honor at the time of its announcement in January, the formal Investiture Ceremony took place on May 22nd with a special parish celebration on Sunday, May 24th, the eve of Monsignor's 35th Anniversary as a priest.



Summer Fun at the Mission *Continued from page 1*

Through the generous support of the Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Foundation, the Mission presents the Fifth Annual Mariachi Festival, a celebration of the talent, interpretation and inspiration of young musicians from across Southern California.

Please join us in the beautiful Mission Courtyard for a day full of live musical entertainment, cultural merchandise, bilingual puppet shows, children's art activities as led by students of Laguna College of Art & Design, workshops provided by instructors from Mariachi Academy of Carson, and of course, authentic Mexican food.

See page 7 for a complete list of all the great concert and family events!

Supporters of the Mission

Gifts Given in Honor/In Memory from January 15, 2009 to May 10, 2009:

Ms. Lee Stafford, In Memory of Douglas Stafford

Gifts Given From January 15, 2009 to May 10, 2009:

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**Our award winning
audio tour will
be offered in
Vietnamese
this July!**

Historic Painting and Frame to Undergo Conservation

By Catherine Hayes, *Museum Conservator*

Through the generous support of donors, the Preservation Department was able to proceed with a much needed conservation treatment of the painting "The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary" displayed within the Serra Chapel.

Dating to the 18th century, the painting is believed to have been acquired by the Mission during the founding period somewhere between 1776 and 1821 and is part of the Mission's collection.

During the 1920's restoration of the Serra Chapel the image was installed within an ornate plaster frame and embedded within the north west wall of the Serra Chapel.

Eighty years of display within the Chapel had affected the stability of the artwork. Paint

losses and holes within the canvas were emerging, and the entire painting was becoming discolored by dust accumulation. Pressure from accumulated debris behind the painting had created several bulges along the bottom front of the painting. After inspection, it was evident that the painting required intervention.

In May, the painting and its frame were removed from the west wall for cleaning and repair. Paintings conservator, Aneta Zebala, who also conserved the Chapel's Stations of the Cross paintings, is performing the treatment. Both the painting and its frame will be returned to the Serra Chapel in July, 2009. It is due to generous gifts by private donors that this painting can be saved.



Above image of the artwork within it's frame prior to conservation.

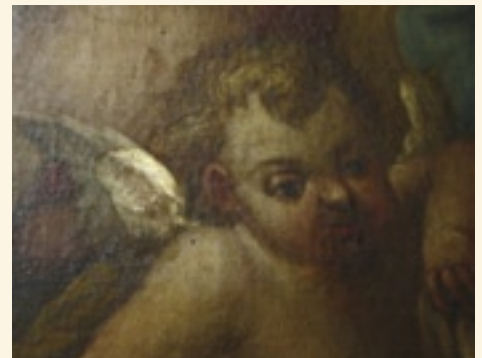


Image of a cleaning test site. See how after the cleaning, the angel wing reveals the true color and richness of the original artwork.

WINTER, 2009 NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

The Sacristy Rehabilitation Before & After Photo



Before ~ October 2003

After three years of continuous conservation efforts, electrical and mechanical upgrades a completed historic Serra Chapel is ready to enter into another 100 years of services.



After ~ December 2008



Romance of the Mission Benefit Gala Concert and Dinner

Presented by the

Mission Preservation Foundation

Friday, Eleventh of September

6:00 p.m. - Pre-Concert Hosted Reception

*7:00 p.m. - Scrumptious Dinner Graciously Served By
The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel*



The one-of-a-kind concert experience features musical artist- BENISE. Rarely is an artist capable of touching the hearts and souls of people of all ages, cultures, and diverse musical backgrounds as BENISE. Armed with his Spanish guitar and an amazing world-class band of musicians, BENISE pushes the boundaries of traditional Flamenco/Spanish guitar. The evening also includes recognition of the contributions and dedication of Patricia Bates, Orange County's Supervisor, in achieving significant milestones in the Mission's preservation.

This year's Romance of the Mission Opportunity Drawing will feature an exquisite Charles Krypell aquamarine bracelet and matching ring with pear shaped aquamarine framed by pave set diamond by Traditional Jewelers. Underwriting opportunities available (949) 234-1323.



BENISE

Jacque Nunez, Educator of the Year for 2009

The Annual California Conference on American Indian Education named the Mission's own Jacque Nunez their 2009 Educator of the Year. Jacque is the Mission's program director for Indian Summer Camp, where she presents *Journeys to the Past*. She celebrates her heritage by showing children how to appreciate culture, diversity, and California's heritage. Congratulations Jacque!



California Mission Resource Studio Now Open!

For students, parents and teachers seeking information on all 21 California Missions. The studio offers timelines, research materials, mission brand rubbing plates and workspace for researching. Open daily from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and free with admission.

Welcome New Employees!



Juan Martinez
Guest Services Representative



Ellen Greene
Guest Services Representative



Saturday, June 13
MARIACHI FESTIVAL -
"BATTLE OF THE MARIACHIS"
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This festival includes live musical entertainment, cultural merchandise, children's art workshops, mariachi vocals and ballet folkloric dance.

Saturday, June 13,
MARIACHI DIVAS CONCERT
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The Grammy award winning ladies of the multicultural mariachi group, Mariachi Divas perform with opening act - The Winners from the 5th Annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival.

Saturday, June 27,
MARK WOOD AND THE
PARROT HEAD BAND
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. A Jimmy Buffet Tribute. This versatile group covers everything from Calypso, Reggae, Country, Rock and Salsa as they pay tribute to the ultimate Island Man - Jimmy Buffet.

Saturday, July 11
FACE TO FACE: A BILLY JOEL
& ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Reserved tables for the July 11th show now SOLD OUT. GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE. Take two great piano players with celebrity looks, add a rock-n-roll band, and get ready for a spontaneous and fun tribute to the hits of Elton John and Billy Joel.

Saturday, July 25
THE DEREK BORDEAUX GROUP
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Motown, Soul & R&B. Back by popular demand - Derek Bordeaux has a voice that "melts" combined with a dance-energy that moves you. His band has the bonafide chops to pull off any of the classics from Motown, R&B, Blues, Soul or Jazz Standards.

Saturday, August 8
HOT AUGUST NIGHT
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. A Tribute to Neil Diamond. Also back by popular demand - Dean Colley's baritone voice and amazing band lights up the stage as he takes us back to Neil Diamond's classic 1970s stage show. His performance is complete with all the glitz and glamour of the original "hot August night."



Sunday, July 19
MEN'S BARBERSHOP BY
BEACH CITIES HARMONIZERS
Noon and 2:00 p.m. Enjoy traditional American music performed by the Beach Cities Harmonizers, members of the International Barbershop Harmony Society.

Sunday, August 16
DANCE BY BALLET FOLKLORICO
DE SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO
Noon and 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 22
ALTURAS
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Music of the Andes. If you haven't seen them before, be sure to buy your tickets early, as they sell out annually. Alturas describe their sound as "a colorful world of music."



Saturday, September 5
THE FAB FOUR
The Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles. 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. They are back again this year, better than ever! This fabulous foursome looks, sounds, walks and talks like the real thing - The Beatles. This year's show opens with a performance by their talented crooner friend - Bill Horn. And of course, "Ed Sullivan" is also returning this year to welcome the boys onstage. This show is a multimedia spectacular, complete with video footage of the original group, reproduction costumes, spot-on impersonations and more. It's a really big show!



Sunday, September 27
CONTEMPORARY DANCE BY
ARCHITEXTURE DANCE
Noon and 2:00 p.m.

EVENT HOTLINE (949) 234-1315

Volunteers Needed
We need volunteers to help support our story time, crafts, old fashion play days and a series of ceramics camps. If you would like to assist, please call Pat March at (949) 234-1322 or e-mail pmarch@missionsjc.com.

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Carolyn Kilcline (949) 234-1375

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(949) 234-1306 or
Doug Pricer (949) 234-1318

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Gardening Angels, Artifacts
Council, Women's Guild,
Mission Youth Leadership
Pat March (949) 234-1322



**Mission Summer Fun Activities & Camps For Kids
(and their parents too!)**

Kids will enjoy and (parents will appreciate) the Summer Fun FREE activities Mission San Juan Capistrano has to offer! Crafts every Tuesday, story telling every Wednesday, and old fashion toy making and games every Thursday.

FREE CRAFT DAYS

Make a mini adobe house, a lasso rope, or an old fashioned toy! Every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., June 23 - August 25

FREE STORY DAYS

Every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., June 24 - Aug. 26

FREE OLD FASHION PLAY DAYS

Old fashion toy making and games. Every Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., June 25 - August 27

CERAMICS CAMP

Students make pinched and coiled pots, decorative tiles, primitive statues, throwing on wheels, as well as glazing their work! Two week sessions: I) June 22 - 26 & June 29 - July 3, and II) July 6 - 10 & July 13 - 17

INDIAN SUMMER CAMP

Presented by Educator of the Year: Jacque Nunez. A camp celebrating culture, diversity, and California's heritage! One week session: I) June 22 - 26, and II) August 31 - September 4

NIGHT AT THE MISSION

Bring the family and sleeping bags for an adventurous historic sleepover! Event includes dinner, a flashlight tour, games, crafts, and pancake breakfast. July 17 - 18, July 31 - August 1, August 14 - 15

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE MISSION!

Treat the family to a summer night under the stars and watch *Night at the Museum II: Battle of the Smithsonian*, September 25.

EVENTS ALWAYS AT THE MISSION

**CALIFORNIA MISSIONS
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Wednesdays • 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

CURIOSITY CARTS
Tuesdays • 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NATIVE AMERICAN WEAVING DEMONSTRATIONS
1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month • 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Second Saturday each month • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MISSION WEAVER
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Third Wednesday of each month members show card for a free \$5.00 credit at Mission Gift Shop

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