



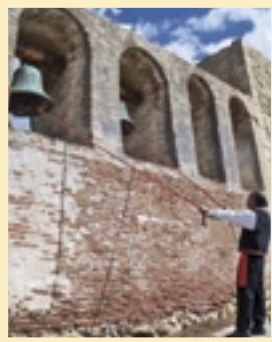
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Mission San Juan Capistrano invites you to Return Home with the Swallows

2009 will be a busy year at Mission San Juan Capistrano. Beginning February 2nd, U.S. history enthusiasts are invited to visit the Mission as we unveil the inaugural **Ladies of Lincoln's Era Exhibit**, highlighting 12 influential women of the 1860s. On March 12, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. the Mission will host a day of Civil War era events including games and **Lincoln Era lecturers**. Mr. Kevin Jones, costume curator of the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in Los Angeles, will present "Darkly Adorned: Mourning and the Civil War," and Ms. Martha Morrison, an expert on American quilts and textiles, who will present "The Threads of Truth, Honoring the Creators of American Quilts." Guests can enjoy children's author, Karen B Winnick, author of *Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers*.

The Mission's biggest annual celebration, the **Return of the Swallows**, kicks off March 19. Enjoy the traditional ringing of the Mission bells; performances by Mission School children; Renée Bondi's singing of Leon Rene's 1939 hit song, "When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano;" and a reading from the new book, "The Year the Swallows Came Early" as well as a chance to meet its author, Kathryn Fitzmaurice.



**ST. JOSEPH'S DAY FESTIVITIES
AND SERRA PANTRY
FOOD DRIVE
THURSDAY, MARCH 19
10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

This year is to include an **Italian Celebration** of food, art and music, featuring 40 Italian-themed vendors on March 21 & 22. Visitors can buy a custom painted Italian bowl, eat freshly grilled Italian sausage, or sit by the koi fountain and listen to Italian music. The historic Mission bells will again be rung on both days of the Italian Celebration.

In keeping with the tradition of **St. Joseph's Day**, visitors are invited to bring canned food for Serra's Pantry, which will be distributed to the needy.

As a partner with the Orange County Department of Education's Imagination Celebration, come visit the Mission on May



AN ITALIAN CELEBRATION OF THE SWALLOWS RETURN

**PREVIEW SATURDAY
MARCH 21
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

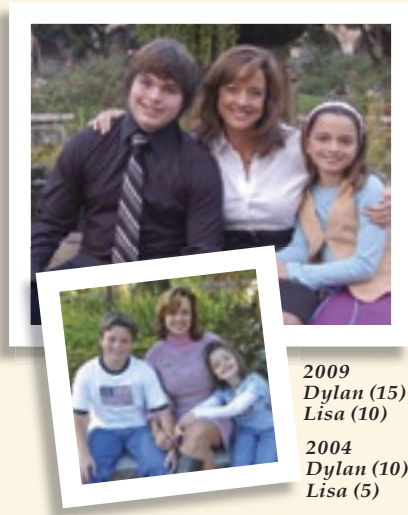
**SUNDAY
MARCH 22
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

16th for "Carp" Diem: **Koi Culture**. Visitors can enjoy presentations about koi, view paintings of the fish in the Mission's fountains by noted artists and watch interpretive dances as they portray the grace and beauty the koi evoke. Featured for the day will be Richard Wainwright's colorfully illustrated book, *Royal Koi & Kindred Spirits*. Activities for children include making an origami (paper) koi and creating a watercolor koi wash.

There will be no shortage of music at the Mission this year, as the popular

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*If you want to see time fly by quickly,
merely look into the eyes of your children.*



2009
Dylan (15)
Lisa (10)

2004
Dylan (10)
Lisa (5)

When I arrived as executive director in 2003 my son, Dylan, was 10 and my daughter, Lisa, was 4 years old. We had just finished (or survived) making Dylan's mission project the year before and Lisa was not even in school yet, attending pre-school part time.

Flash forward over 5 years. The children have grown, developed and changed so much. A lot has happened since my arrival for the Mission. For instance, the Great Stone Church project which went on for a long time was finished with energies directed to carrying out much needed new projects. In creating a new agenda, the Mission Preservation Foundation completed its long planned campaign for Conservation of the Serra Chapel. All the funds were raised, professionals hired and coordinated, and the conservation work painstakingly carried out. Today the Serra Chapel stands in pristine condition ready for Dylan or Lisa's children in the years to come. New programming in areas of education, new site management initiatives, additional conservation and preservation treatments were all carried out with fantastic results and to much public appreciation.

When we ask ourselves "does our work matter?" I think about how it really does here at the Mission. For example, in these difficult economic times, and thus subsequently difficult personal times for many people, the Mission remains a respite. The Mission continues to be a sanctuary behind the walls of the OC. The Mission provides emotional shelter, inspiring education, and a sense of tradition and community intertwined. And yet for all its meaning and purpose, this place of peace often goes unnoticed or uncelebrated by those who have unknowingly come to see it as a place that will always be there.

The fact remains that our children grow up and grow out. Old structures wither, fade, and erode. Some old buildings become reinvented or worse yet, torn down to make way for something new. We pray our children remember their childhoods and the good times as they make way for their own progress and attempt to reach their dreams. We hope that buildings and spaces like the Mission are not forgotten in favor of something newer, flashier, and hi tech.

Perhaps if we re-think our experiences as parents along the way, we can ultimately be better at redirecting our appreciation about what defines time well spent, what is even the concept of time, and why we care about leaving behind a legacy by preserving the past.

In a flash you see that once cherished baby face replaced by the smirk of an adolescent, and realize that while you just finished surviving making your second mission model project. We need to remember that time is unstoppable, and all that remains to represent our time is what we leave behind.

If we do our jobs right, we leave behind a generation who cares, and something for them to care about.

Happy New Year,

Mechelle Lawrence-Adams
Executive Director

Remember Mission San Juan Capistrano in your Planned Giving

To join the Mission's Landmark Circle contact Barb Beier, Development and Marketing Manager at 234-1312 for information on becoming a part of a group of committed individuals who support the longer range goals of continuing and sustaining needed education and preservation programming through their planned giving commitment.

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Gifts Given in Honor/In Memory

From September 2, 2008 thru January 14, 2009

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Serra Chapel Conservation Project "The Sacristy Rehabilitation"

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

As part of completing the Serra Chapel Conservation Project the Mission desired to greatly improve the functionality of the Chapel 's Sacristy by redesigning the cabinet layout to better serve the priests in their preparation of the daily Mass.

Architectural Resources Group working in close cooperation with priests, sacristans, and Mission staff designed new cabinets for vestments, books, and liturgical items. Handcrafted by The Wood and Iron Factory of San Diego, California to strict specifications, the finished cabinets are stunning. Constructed of red oak luxuriously stained with a deep mahogany, outfitted with specialty door pulls and matching hardware, the just under ten foot tall cabinets complete the tiny Sacristy located just behind the Chapel's 17th century Retablo.

With every project detail examined in depth and special attention focused on quality control, uniformity in fabrication, and proper installation, the caliber of craftsmanship achieved by the contracted parties involved is paramount.



October 2003



December 2008

The work tasks of the Sacristy rehabilitation also included:

- Fabrication and installation of a complete set of custom cabinets designed to properly store all liturgical items.
- Installation of new electrical conduit to replace older obtrusively routed conduit and movement of Chapel lighting dimmer module.
- Painting and cleaning of non-decorative ceiling and walls.
- Window Restoration, removal of black out panels and installation of glass panes.
- New coat of paint to non-decorative areas of the walls and ceiling areas.

All of the older vestment cabinets were removed from the Chapel Sacristy and remain in the Mission's museum collection. This was the final plan of conserving the Serra Chapel and because of generous donors the project ended on time and under budget.

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The following individuals lend time, talent, and financial support by serving as foundation board members.

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"Special places help us realize we are all special people. Where else does that come across more than at the Mission, which is rich in history, rich as a melting pot of old and new world, and rich in symbols of the capacity of the Human Spirit."

Wylie Aitken, Board Member

Mission Honors Employees, Volunteers at 2009 Appreciation Luncheon

Mission San Juan Capistrano honored its staff and volunteers for outstanding service at the 2009 Volunteer and Employee Appreciation Luncheon at the El Adobe Restaurant in January. Special guests at the event included Tony Moiso, President of the Mission Preservation Foundation, and City of San Juan Capistrano council members Dr. Londres Uso and Laura Freese.

2008 Outstanding Service Award for Preservation - **Pamela Hagen**

2008 Outstanding Service Award for Education - **Mitzi Birdsell and Bea Torres**

2008 Outstanding Service Award for Inspiration - **Ann Thiel**

2008 Special Volunteer Recognition Awards - **Jeanette McGregor**

Mission Benefit Gala Committee - **Diana Arrigoni, Barb Beier, Georgiana Hales, Dr. Mozelle Sukut, Madeline Swinden**



(L to R) Barb Beier, Dee Vukelich, Roger & Venus Franceschi, Bea Torres, Ann Thiel, Mitzi Birdsell, Jeanette McGregor, Jacinto Mendez and Mechelle Lawrence-Adams, Mission San Juan Capistrano Executive Director.

Mission Badge for Scouts Groups Now Available

Mission San Juan Capistrano now offers a badge for boy and girl scouting groups. Scout leaders can sign up their troops for a group tour and Mission Matters program at Mission San Juan Capistrano, and earn a special Mission San Juan Capistrano badge. Tours can be either self-guided or led by a Mission docent. Scouts' self-guided tours can take advantage of the Mission's new *Saved by the Mission Bell: A Child's Journey through California History* audio tour for students.



The badges are available at \$2.50 each, in addition to the cost of a tour and/or Mission Matters program. To book a scout program contact Kathleen Witkowski at (949) 234-1306 or kwitkowski@missionsjc.com.



Helen Gavin of Dana Point elected as Docent Society's new President for 2009.

Mission's Docent Society Elects Dana Point Woman as New President

The Mission's Docent Society recently elected Helen Gavin of Dana Point as its new President for 2009. Ms. Gavin has served as a docent since 1988. She enjoys volunteering, she explained, because "I like learning about history, I like my fellow docents, and I like giving tours to 4th graders." Gavin added that she is a 7th generation Californian. Her great, great, great, great grandfather was born into the family of a Spanish soldier and baptized at Mission San Carlos in Carmel in 1780. Additional Docent Society officers elected for 2009 include: Karen DeBellis, Vice President; Laurie Jacobs, Secretary; Johni Pittenger,

"Visiting the Mission San Juan Capistrano is a gentle stroll through California history."
Connie Spenuzza, Board Member

Volunteers Needed for Educational Programs

Volunteers are needed to staff Mission San Juan Capistrano's "curiosity carts" and assist with educational programs.

Curiosity carts offer learning for students and visitors interested in seeing items up close, including branding irons, spurs, horseshoes, hides, candles, pottery shards and objects used by the Native Americans. For information about becoming a volunteer, contact Pat March, (949) 234-1322 or pmarch@missionsjc.com.

"The Mission is a very important part of the history of California and the United States. It is a wonderful way to introduce the younger generations to their past that they can personally experience."

Lula Halfacre, Board Member

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Thanks to Jean Hillie, our top docent with 100 tours in 2008!

Mission Celebrates Women's History Month with Ladies of Lincoln's Era Exhibit

Mission San Juan Capistrano is pleased to introduce its new Ladies of Lincoln's Era exhibit, highlighting 12 of the most influential women of the 1860s, February 2 – March 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in the Rancho Room. The exhibit features quilts made by women of the 19th century, biographies and photographs of the 12 courageous women, depictions of the Civil War field hospitals, and an interactive element that encourages young women of today to leave their mark. The Mission's Artifacts Council researched and created the exhibit based on a few of the many women who made a difference in American history during the Civil War.

Ladies of Lincoln's Era Lectures, Activities & Discounts

Thursday, March 12, 8:30 – 5 p.m.

Free admission is offered on March 12th for any child (aged 3-11) who brings an American Girl Doll.

10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. - Megan Dukett, Education Manager for the Mission, will lead two interactive workshops for children on games of the 1860s.

11:00 a.m. - Kevin Jones, costume curator for the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, will present a lecture and presentation, *Darkly Adorned: Mourning and the Civil War*.

12:00 Noon - Children's author and illustrator, Karen B. Winnick, will present her book *Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers*, based on a true story and a slideshow on her historical research.

1:00 p.m. - Martha Morrison, an expert on American quilts and textiles, will present *The Threads of Truth*, honoring the Creators of American Quilt

Mission San Juan Capistrano Audio Tour Wins First Place Honor

Mission San Juan Capistrano's *Voices of the Mission* audio tour received first place in the National Association for Interpreters (NAI) Media Awards Ceremony at the annual conference in Portland, Oregon in November. *Voices of the Mission*, was one of four audio tours nominated for the award, the other nominees included the Smithsonian Institute's National Gallery Walking Tour, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and Eastern Sierra Institute for Collaborative Education's Roadside Heritage Tour. The Mission has the honor to stand among other first place recipients like Mount Rushmore, the Statue of Liberty National Monument and the USS Midway.

Mission San Juan Capistrano collaboratively worked with Antenna Audio, the leader in audio tour media production. Antenna Audio produced audio tours for the USS Midway in San Diego; the Louvre in Paris, France; and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The new *Voices of the Mission* audio tour is available in English, Spanish, French, and German.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!



Megan Caughey,
Development Assistant
On Site Events Department

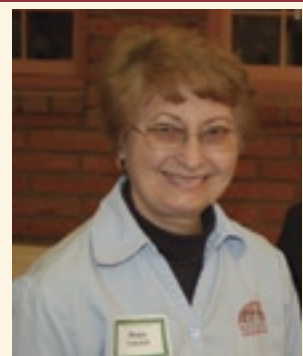


Elena Ramos,
Environmental Services
Technician

CONGRATULATIONS!



Jacinto Mendez receives
service award for 10
years of service.



Dee Vukelich receives
service award for 10
years of service.

2009 Events *continued from page 1*

Music Under the Stars summer concert series kicks off with the Battle of the Mariachis and Grammy nominated Mariachi Divas on June 13. Popular returning bands include Alturas, Derek Bordeaux Group, Hot August Night and the Fab Four. New in 2009 are performers recreating the music of Jimmy Buffet, Elton John and Billy Joel.

Season table tickets for Mission Preservation Society members go on sale March 16. Tables and lawn tickets for Mission Society members go on sale March 30. General sales open April 13th. Purchase your tickets ASAP, as the series sells out quickly.

Movie Night at the Mission also returns this year on September 25. Enjoy a family-friendly movie and refreshments in the Mission courtyard starting at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas at the Mission closes out the year's special events, with Christmas music, refreshments, and arts and crafts for children. For information, visit www.missionsjc.com or call (949) 234-1300.



Image: Circa, 1914

The Father Serra Statue Gets Special Treatment

The statue of Father Serra, which is today located near the bell wall, was erected in 1913 and dedicated to the first Father President of the California missions. The statue portrays a Franciscan friar pivoting a young Native American boy around by the shoulders towards his skyward pointing hand, and is symbolic of Father Serra's missionary devotion to guide native americans toward Christianity.

Over the last 95 years, the statue has undergone many changes and relocations, and the erosive effects of weather. The statue once included a large cross and the bow held by the Native American boy (currently replaced with a walking stick). With the loss of these items, the intended symbolic context was lost too. Past restorations involved resurfacing the figural element with various materials such as hard plaster, cement, and paint base coatings.



Father Serra statue "before" paint removal and cleaning.



Father Serra statue "after" paint removal and cleaning.

In December 2008, the statue received a cleaning treatment that removed the failing gray colored paint and resurfacing material installed in 1995. The goal was to reveal the original color of the statue. The cleaning also revealed there were portions of the Native American boy and the friar that were recast over time in an unknown white media.

Final conservation work is planned for the statue this year. There are also plans to return intended symbolic meaning and context to the sculpture by reproducing and installing a cross similar to the one seen in the above historic photo.

"The Mission San Juan Capistrano is a holy, historical and spiritual home for my soul. I always experience rejuvenation in my faith in the Serra Chapel, the Basilica and the Historical Grounds. My devotion for the preservation of the Mission for my children, grandchildren and all future generations is solidified each time I have the privilege to visit. We are very fortunate to have an earthly splendor that gives us a view of heaven."

EJ Tracy, Board Member



Conservation Work Begins on Processional Cross and Candlesticks

Conservation work has begun on a processional silver cross and two candlesticks used in religious services at historic Mission San Juan Capistrano. The items date to the late 1700s. The conservation treatment on these significant items will be completed in mid-February and they will be returned to the Chapel at that time. Griswold Conservation Associates, the company performing the work, will clean and polish the items, and repair the scratches, dents, tears and bent components.

"Even though we are technically finished on the Conservation of the Serra Chapel Project, there are a few remaining items of artwork of historic significance that will be able to be repaired due to us completing the larger Chapel rehabilitation on time and under budget," remarked Mechelle Lawrence-Adams, the Mission's Executive Director. "This conservation work will help restore them to their original splendor, to be better enjoyed by Mission visitors, students and worshippers alike."

NEW EXHIBIT



**NEW EXHIBIT: Ladies of Lincoln's Era
February 2 – March 31, 2009 Rancho Room**

The Ladies of Lincoln's Era Exhibit highlight 12 courageous women of the 1860s, a period which forever changed American history. Included in the exhibition are quilts made by the women of this era, a copy of a Lincoln signed document, a Civil War field hospital vignette, and an interactive element encouraging today's youth to leave their mark.

**LECTURES: Ladies of Lincoln's Era Lectures and American Doll Event, too!
Thursday, March 12, 2009 (See page 5 for details.)**

11:00 a.m. - "Darkly Adorned: Mourning and the Civil War" presented by Kevin Jones, Museum & Galleries Curator for the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising Museum in Los Angeles.

12:00 p.m. - *Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers* presented by Karen B Winnick, a historical children's author.

1:00 p.m. - "The Threads of Truth, Honoring the Creators of American Quilts" Slide Presentation by Martha Morrison, quilt expert.

Refreshments, re-enactments and Civil War era games from 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

RETURN OF THE SWALLOWS FESTIVITIES



**St. Joseph's Day Festivities and Serra Pantry Food Drive
Thursday, March 19**

Join us as historic bells are rung in honor of St. Joseph at 10:00 a.m. and Noon. In addition to an 11:00 a.m. press conference, this event features live music, entertainment by the children of Mission Parish School, and Renée Bondi singing Leon René's classic "When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano." A reading by Kathryn Fitzmaurice, author of "The Year the Swallows Came Early," guided tours, Mission trivia contests and Living History re-enactments round out the day!

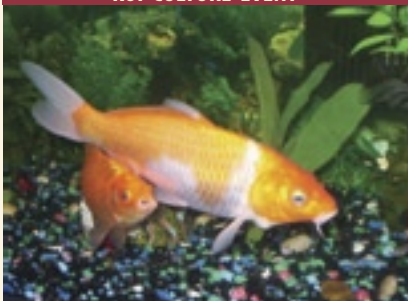
AN ITALIAN CELEBRATION



**An Italian Celebration of the Swallows Return
Saturday & Sunday March 21 - 22, 2009**

In honor of our sister city, Capestrano, Italy, Mission San Juan Capistrano will host two days of Italian vendors, food, music and art. Join merchants and entertainers from Italy, Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange County for a true Italian Celebration! Stroll the Mission grounds, shop for a custom painted Italian bowl, enjoy a freshly grilled Italian sausage or sit by the koi pond and listen to lively Italian music, provided by the bands, Roman Holiday and Pat Long's Big Band. The historic bells will ring at 2 p.m. Saturday and at Noon on Sunday.

KOI CULTURE EVENT



**Imagination Celebration, Carp Diem: Koi Culture at the Mission
Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Guests will learn about koi, have the opportunity to view paintings of the koi in the Mission fountains by various artists, make an origami koi, do a watercolor wash of koi, and watch interpretive dancers as they portray the grace and beauty the koi evoke as they swim through the water. The book *Royal Koi & Kindred Spirits* by Richard Wainwright will be shared along with beautiful watercolor illustrations. This event is hosted in cooperation with The Orange County Department of Education & Arts Orange County.

ART EXHIBITS



"Tranquil Beauty" - Steve Kell

**MISSION FINE ART GALLERY'S ART EXHIBITION & SALE
*Lasting Impressions***

Now through March 30, 2009 in the Soldiers Barracks Gallery. Lasting Impressions features the work of artists from the Mission Fine Art Gallery in San Juan Capistrano. Plein air paintings and photographs will be featured.

COMING SOON!

**Southern California Plein Air Painters Association
(SoCalPAPA) Painting the California Landscape**

April 4, 2009 – July 14, 2009 Soldiers Barracks Gallery 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily
Artists Reception: Friday, April 3, 2009 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Introducing 2009 Teacher Appreciation Days: 2 for 1 Admission For Teachers

In appreciation of California teachers throughout 2009, Mission San Juan Capistrano now offers two for one admission on second Saturdays through December 12, 2009 to teachers with valid identification. Education Programs teachers can enjoy with their students include:

Voices of the Mission, a self-guided digital audio tour, is available in English, Spanish, French and German. A hand-held audio player is given to each visitor, and offers a 45-minute tour with history, interviews, music, and sound effects interpreting Mission San Juan Capistrano. The audio tour may also be downloaded for free at www.missionsjc.com.

Saved by the Mission Bell: A Child's Journey through California History, is an audio tour designed for students, features the story of Mission bell ringer Acu, a misplaced man in California's history, who seeks the help of two modern-day 4th graders, Megan and Tommy, to return to his time in 1915. Along the way, the trio meets characters from the Mission's past who open the children's eyes to the change and challenges of the Mission.

Living History Days – Second Saturdays are also Living History Days at the Mission. Visitors have the opportunity to meet people from the Mission's history portrayed by members of the Living History Society. Each member carefully studies the background of his/her character and creates an authentic costume.



JOURNEYS
TO THE
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EVENTS ALWAYS AT THE MISSION

**VOICES OF THE MISSION
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Digital audio tour in English, Spanish, German and French
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FREE MISSION GARDEN TOURS

Wednesdays • 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:00 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.

LIVING HISTORY DAY

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

MISSION WEAVER

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY

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

"The reason we must preserve the Mission is the same reason any precious family heirloom should be preserved and refurbished - so that future generations can enjoy and appreciate their family's and country's history and heritage."

Lula Halfacre, Board Member

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