Summer Fun Activities, events, concerts and camps for the whole family!

ALSO:
NEW PRESERVATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER
BATTLE OF THE MARIACHIS FESTIVAL SUCCESS
MISSION COOKBOOK RECIPES PERFECT FOR GRILLING
Guests are often surprised to know how many people work at the Mission. I believe we run lean. Perhaps the real answer lies in knowing what people do.

For instance, most of our crew are assigned to care for the grounds (custodial, maintenance, and security). This leaves the rest of us to develop public programming, host education programs, and raise funds to ensure the long-term sustainability of the site. For us all, no matter what our jobs are, it’s about making sure the Mission remains relevant in a time when there are so many choices of things to do. If gorgeous grounds generate respect for the Old Mission, then we need to make sure there is ongoing preservation. If children and family programming make the Mission more palatable for a weekend visit, then we need to offer it. If museum exhibits that are more engaging for our visitors generate a desire for them to return, then we need to fulfill that need. In other words, we need to give the people what they want.

To achieve these goals, here’s some inside information on who else helps make it all possible:

Our Membership Department is run by one staffer. She tirelessly pushes us all to share the value of membership, and its positive impact in ensuring continual preservation. Membership continues to grow year after year because more people care enough to join knowing that doing so makes a lasting difference.

Speaking of preservation, our Preservation Department is comprised of one full-time person. He works whatever hours it takes to bring a project to completion. Most recently, he delivered the West Wing Building upgrades right in time to host the “Zorro Unmasked” exhibit. His to-do list is always full and right now he is shifting his gaze to the coming fall and readying the site for change in use, weather, and ensuing seasonal needs of the site.

Our Museum Department has two hard-working staffers dividing their time between caring for objects now on display, inventorying items not on display, and developing museum exhibits as funding allows. They are also responsible for special conservation projects such as conserving historic paintings, benches and finding the right consultants to help us carry out special projects as needed.

Our Events Department oversees more than 100 events annually. The team is comprised of three people, each with their own job description intertwined with one another and the larger organization. They successfully manage all the corporate rental events, public events, school and Parish events, sell and mail concert tickets, oversee set up for events, and even put together our very successful preservation opportunity drawings. In between all of these demanding tasks, they sit in meetings, answer calls, monitor budgets and assist with marketing. In this case, one plus one plus one is more than three.

Our Accounting Department of less than two oversees the incoming gifts and revenue to the historic Mission, while keeping more than $3 million in annual expenses and income straight, ensuring timely payment of bills, and upholding the public’s trust in each and every transaction. Our staff is committed to getting it right, 365 days a year.

Our Volunteer Department is made up of one person. Our Volunteer Manager takes each volunteer to heart. When a volunteer is ill or injured, she knows them by name and how to reach their families. Several months ago we lost a beloved volunteer, Mrs. Dorthea Purdy, a long-time docent who failed to show up for an assigned tour two days in a row. It was so unlike Dorthea to miss an opportunity to teach the students about the Mission. Our Membership Coordinator called our Volunteer Manager to share her concern that Dorthea had not arrived to the tour. In turn, our Volunteer Manager—who was enjoying a well-deserved day off—showed up to Dorthea’s locked home, rushed to get a key from a neighbor, and found her on the floor. She got Dorthea to the hospital immediately. Sadly, we lost Dorthea, but our department of one out-shined any other organization’s larger non-profit volunteer department I could ever think of.

Finally, another department to know is our one-woman Education Department, who by June 30th will have single-handedly taught more than 14,000 students in our Mission Matters programming this year alone. That’s a lot of teachers, chaperones, and students to keep happy and to also provide an inspired learning experience. Our Education Manager is backed up by our one-woman Bookings Department, who will have nearly flawlessly scheduled more than 70,000 students for this school year. Together, these two outstanding individuals dependably provide top-notch service whether or not they’ve gotten their break for the day.

I could go on with how each department at the Mission is small, hard-working, tireless, and willing to wear many hats to get a job done. It is my observation that while one person can make a difference, many can make history. Thank you for helping us to make history every day at Orange County’s only mission.

Mechelle Lawrence Adams, Executive Director
New Preservation Board Member

MICHAEL PUNTORIERO

Mission San Juan Capistrano is pleased to welcome Michael Puntoriero to the Mission Preservation Foundation Board of Directors. Through his friendship with current Board members Bill Cvengros and Michael Hagen, Mr. Puntoriero, Managing Director and CFO of Allianz Global Investors of America L.P., joins us after having served charitably for more than nine years on the boards of Big Brother and Big Sisters of Orange County and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Orange County.

“I hope to be an active contributor to helping preserve the Mission for my two boys (ages 8 and 11) and their children,” stated Puntoriero. “My wife Adriane and I, very much care about the history of San Juan Capistrano and the Mission and want to do what we can to maintain the ‘Jewel.’” To learn more about Mr. Puntoriero, please visit www.missionsjc.com.

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Thank You

MONIQUE F. REA

We thank artist Monique F. Rea for her beautiful art featured in promoting St. Joseph’s Day and the Return of the Swallows Celebration. Her artwork titles include: “Cliff Swallow Totem” and “Cliff Swallows and Nests Site.” For more information about the Swallows art featured, please visit her website www.mfartwork.com.
West Wing Unveiled: “Zorro Unmasked”

Thanks to the recent upgrades to the West Wing Museum building, the Mission can host the “Zorro Unmasked” exhibit through the Labor Day weekend. In order to safely house these highly-valued and rare items, including original Zorro-related film posters, books and costumes, many improvements had to be made to the 1970's building. Although to most the building appears historic, there are really just a few remnants of historic building fabric intact, such as the wine vat in the current Spanish room, or the arch in the south end of the building. For the most part, this particular building is considered a reconstruction on a historic site. This makes it a perfect venue to host short-term museum exhibits.

The air conditioning, temperature and heating were stabilized, security measures upgraded, and access improvements were completed this past May, just in time for its sneak preview on May 26.

The “Zorro Unmasked” sneak preview event showcased the Mission’s efforts to curate its own story about the famed masked figure, starting with his debut in pulp fiction. Zorro rose from pulp fiction, starring in the *Curse of Capistrano* book by Johnston McCulley, to ultimately become a film and big screen super hero.

Like other superheroes of our time, the character of Zorro has been portrayed by many actors from Douglas Fairbanks, Tyrone Power and Antonio Banderas on the big screen to Guy Williams on television. This new and exciting exhibit showcases these performances in a vintage theatre inspired setting. The exhibit space creatively shows a short film showcasing great action scenes from film and television. On display are pop culture items dating to the 1950s as well as the original “pitch book” presented to Walt Disney to suggest he produce a television series about Zorro. Original costumes from Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta-Jones are also on display along with a host of fun film props and photos. Children will enjoy seeing the Zorro inspired toys and gadgets from their grandparents’ time.

George O’Connell, President of the Mission Preservation Foundation, said it best at the sneak preview event, “We want people to love the Mission and to come back time and time again. This exhibit, along with all of the preservation work and other museum work, doesn’t happen without the support of our friends and those who care. It's because of their support that we can do these kinds of things and introduce the Mission to a whole new generation.”

The “Zorro Unmasked” exhibit is produced by permission of Zorro Productions, Inc. There will be Zorro-inspired children’s activities on Sundays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. during the exhibit run, as well as a lecture about Zorro from Sandy Curtis, Ph.D. author of “Zorro Unmasked, the Official History” on July 31 at 11 a.m. Space is limited for this lecture; RSVP today by calling (949) 234-1375.

For information about the preservation work on the West Wing Museum building or to plan ahead for a visit to see “Zorro Unmasked,” visit our website at www.missionsjc.com. The exhibit is free with paid admission and to Mission Preservation Society members, daily from 9:00-5:00 p.m.

Display in the exhibit featuring original film props from *The Legend of Zorro* film, 2005

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2010 Romance of the Mission

GALA UPDATE

The Mission Preservation Foundation Announces the 2010 Romance of the Mission Honorary Chair and Concert Artist.

Soprano Robin Follman, a concert artist and Orange County native, has a devoted following. Her repertoire includes opera, concert and oratorio work in North America, Europe and Asia. Her performance the evening of September 10th will be her first in Orange County in nearly two years. “It is such a joy to have the opportunity to sing in Orange County again and at one of the most special treasures it holds: the Mission San Juan Capistrano,” Follman said. “This hidden jewel inspires art in all forms, especially music. I am thrilled to be singing at the Mission’s annual fundraising event this September in such a gorgeous venue and for the Mission’s generous supporters and friends.”

Long time Mission San Juan Capistrano supporter Gilbert G. Aguirre, Executive Vice President of Ranch Operations at Rancho Mission Viejo, has accepted an invitation to serve as the 2010 Romance of the Mission Honorary Chair. Mr. Aguirre’s generous gifts to the Mission have contributed to recent conservation efforts including the Serra Chapel Conservation Project and South and West Wing museum upgrades. His additional community involvements have been many. Currently, he is President of the Donna O’Neill Land Conservancy, Rancho Mission Viejo’s 1,250-acre preserve; Board Member of San Juan Capistrano’s J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center; and a Founder-Director of Capital Bank in San Juan Capistrano, California.

The Foundation is offering supporters the opportunity to purchase their tickets ($300 per person) via a ticket pledge plan allowing payments over the next few months. Individuals can make their payments via credit card or check now, with the full payment completed before September 10, 2010. For details, please call Pat March at (949) 234-1322.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the 2010 Romance of the Mission will benefit the Mission’s museum development and preservation needs. For underwriting opportunities call Development Manager Barb Bier at (949) 234-1323.

Explore the Lewis & Clark Exhibition

UPCOMING EXHIBIT

The Mission will debut its next temporary exhibit, “Lewis and Clark Revisited – A Trail in Modern Day” this November in the West Wing. Following in the footsteps of explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark as they searched for the Northwest Passage, contemporary photographer Greg MacGregor traces the historic 19th Century journey west to see the route as it exists today. On display for a limited time.
Mission San Juan Capistrano held its Sixth Annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival on Saturday, May 22. This popular event, attended by nearly 5,000 enthusiastic fans, featured talented Southern California mariachi bands which competed for cash prizes before a panel of judges. The event was made possible thanks to the generous support from the Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Family Foundation and held in the Mission’s Central Courtyard. Festivities included a day full of live mariachi music, authentic Mexican food, a Ballet Folklorico dance workshop, a Mariachi 101 workshop and a puppet theater with performances throughout the day.

6th Annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival, approximately 5,000 people attended

Orange County Department of Education

ENDORSES MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Every year, over 50,000 students visit Orange County’s only historic mission to learn about California history and all of California’s missions. Your support of the Mission’s education programming helps to keep the Mission around for the next generation of students, so thank you!

Mission San Juan Capistrano offers award-winning audio tours in multiple languages and also provides educational “passport” booklets, engaging exhibits, and Living History day featuring volunteers dressing in period attire. Students and parents will also find information about all of the missions in the California Missions Resource Studio, free with admission. There are “free with admission” weekend and summer time student activities, as well as numerous free resources on the website, all designed to extend the classroom learning beyond the field trip experience. All of this educational programming with the 4th grade California Social Science Content Standards, (4.2 #5).

As a proud supporter who believes that education takes place every day, all day long, I hope to run into you at Mission San Juan Capistrano and invite you to experience inspired learning right here in Orange County.

- William M. Habermehl, Orange County Superintendent of Schools

PERFECT FOR SUMMER GRILLING!

Enjoy delicious recipes from the San Juan Capistrano community for your next summer barbecue, from the award winning 208-page hardcover Mission cookbook, “The Bells are Ringing – A Call to Table.” This book is filled with early California artwork from the Irvine Museum, beautiful photographs and sidebars that tell of history relevant to Mission San Juan Capistrano. It was awarded National First Place Winner of the 18th Annual Tabasco Community Cookbook Awards. Purchase at the online gift shop for $20 (plus s&h) at www.missionsjc.com or at the Mission main entrance.
Summer Fun Activities
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Ceramics Clay Camp
Session I: June 21 - July 2
Session II: July 6 - July 16
Session III: July 19 - July 30

Music Under The Stars
2010 Summer Concert Series
Saturdays • June 26, July 10,
July 24, Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 4
All concerts 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Free Summer Kids Activities
June 22 - August 26
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesdays: Craft Day
Wednesdays: Garden Day
Thursdays: Toy Day

Gold Panning
Saturdays • 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Zorro Curiosity Cart
Sundays • 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Adventure Sleepover:
Night at the Mission
July 16 - July 17
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.

There are many rewarding opportunities to become involved
and support Mission San Juan Capistrano
For volunteer information please contact Pat March
(949) 234-1322 or visit www.missionsjc.com

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UPCOMING

Lewis and Clark Exhibit
Coming November 2010

Romance of the Mission Benefit Gala Concert & Dinner
Friday • September 10, 2010

Docent Training Classes
Saturdays • September 18 & 25, October 3 & 10 • 9:00-12:00 p.m.

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