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CHRISTMAS AT THE MISSION
A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS
2013 SUMMER CONCERT SALES
One year ago, the Mission Gate House Preservation Project was about to start its first phase of construction. We were lacking the funds to complete the project, and were not sure if Phase II could happen. It was a “wait and see,” but “get going” kind of time.

One year ago I had two children, Dylan (19) and Lisa (14). Then on December 14, 2011, an epic year was about to begin.

Our stellar team of Mission staff, and Foundation leaders hosted a “ground breaking” event to signify that construction of Phase I was starting. The press attended and the morning was “just perfect.” Following that ceremony, my husband and I left to be gifted with our newborn little boy Jack Adams. My Board Chair and friend, George O’Connell, proclaimed the day “a historic one for the Mission” and it was. It was also one for me personally. On that day, the entire 2012 came rolling in and forward.

Several months later we finished the first phase, on schedule and on budget. We celebrated.

We raised more money with George and Tony’s (and the entire Board’s) leadership.

We forged ahead. And while we did, I ran home to change diapers, and celebrate the new life in my home and love in my heart. My older children laughed out loud at the funny developments of our Jack and my husband got to experience a baby in his life for the first time.

Architects, engineers, sign designers, soils engineers, framers, cement experts, and archaeologists visited me in my dreams as I worried and considered details sometimes too small to mention out loud. Crosses, bells, and swallows took flight as we started construction of Phase II in June 2012. By that time Jack was sitting up, rolling over, and firmly grasping our hearts with his tiny hands.

By fall, concrete was being poured, framing was going up and the Mission team celebrated good friends - Jan and Warren Siegel - (at the Romance of the Mission gala) for their dedication to preservation.

An anonymous donor stepped up and our financial goals were starting to near a finish line. By that time Jack was crawling and we were getting a little more sleep at home. The things now keeping me awake at night were not a baby, but an arch’s height, a bench design, a stamp in concrete, a wood stain color, raising funds, and opening a store.

By then Jack was forever ours with no looking back legally or otherwise.

At this year’s end, we near the finish line of the construction phase, and what I take from 2012 is the memory of the Gate House making significant progress and moving fast through its development just like my baby son Jack. By July 2013, when we open our new Museum Store, I know I’ll look back and long for those early days of our project planning, just as I’ll look at Jack and wonder how time flies so fast.

To all for making this year significant in so many ways, thank you. Thank you for believing in me, my team, and the promise of the future.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2013!

Mechelle Lawrence Adams
Executive Director, Chief Preservation Officer
Museum Highlights

“When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano”

For many, the sentimental hit “When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano” was their first introduction to Mission San Juan Capistrano. Written in 1939 by songwriter Leon René, the song has been performed by numerous artists ranging from Pat Boone to Elvis Presley. Several versions of the song have even reached top-slots on music charts. Mission San Juan Capistrano honors the man who put them on the map in a small exhibit at the west end of their administration building. While the Leon René Music Room has long been a fixture at the Mission, this November it was re-designed to better tell the story of the famous song. The Leon René Music Room features artifacts generously donated by the René family and includes the songwriter’s piano, photographs, and sheet music for the famous song as well as new interpretative panels and lighting. The Mission hopes to introduce younger listeners to this iconic song that has played an important part in the Mission’s history and popularity.

Become a Docent

Docents make history come alive for children and adults each year. Over 52,000 students visit the Mission annually and nearly 20,000 enjoy a docent guided tour. If you love history, and enjoy interacting with people of all ages, we invite you to join the Docent Society!

To become a docent, you must participate in four training programs, complete one-on-one mentoring and observe several docent tours. For more information, or to register, contact Pat March at (949) 234-1322 or email pmarch@missionsjc.com

Open House:
January 8, 2013
10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Docent Training Classes
January 12, 19, 22 & 26, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Mission San Juan Capistrano is pleased to announce the 2013 line-up for its popular Music Under the Stars summer concert series. Ticket sales for the 2013 Music Under the Stars summer concert series are just a few short weeks away.

Season table packages go on sale February 4-12 online by visiting www.missionsjc.com.

Table and general admission tickets go on sale February 13-28 for Mission Preservation Society Members only. Members receive discounted rates and advance purchase benefits. Members may purchase online or by calling (949) 234-1317.

On March 1, all sales become open to the public.

For more information on how to purchase, please visit www.missionsjc.com or call (949) 234-1321.

This year’s concert series line-up includes:

**July 6, 2013:**
The Long Run: *Experience the Eagles* with opening act Fortunate Son: *Tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival*

**July 20, 2013:**
Jumping Jack Flash: *Celebrating the Rolling Stones*

**August 3, 2013:**
Hot August Night: *Tribute to Neil Diamond*

**August 17, 2013:**
Atlantic Crossing: *A Tribute to Rod Stewart*

**August 31, 2013:**
The Fab Four: *The Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles* with DJ Peter Papadopoulos and Go Go Dancers

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**Ninth Annual Battle of the Mariachis**

Table reservations for the 2013 Ninth Annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival go on sale January 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Thanks to the generous support of the Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Family Foundation, this highly anticipated festival features a full day of live musical performances and great food as Mariachi performers compete for cash prizes before a panel of judges.

Starting this year, active Mission Preservation Society Members will receive 10% off their reserved table purchases.

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Celebrate the Season - Christmas at the Mission a Success

December started with a festive spirit, with Mission San Juan Capistrano welcoming over 2,200 visitors to enjoy the annual “Christmas at the Mission” celebration.

All the beautiful garden areas of the Mission were festively lit. Guests spent this magical evening visiting the Nativity scene, enjoying the sounds and sights of special Christmas musical performances, and tasting the delights of savory and sweet food and drink.

At Santa’s workshop children enjoyed crafts and made souvenirs to take home. St. Nicholas visited the Mission, bringing joy and posing for pictures. Entertainment featured dance, choir and mariachi performances from various local groups. Canned and boxed food donations to the local food pantry helped serve the less fortunate.

A great time was had by performers and guests who joined the Mission in celebrating the onset of the Christmas season. This celebration is a special tradition for us here at the Mission because it is our way of sharing some of the joy of this magical Christmas season. To all our guests and patrons, we extend our sincerest wishes that you each may have a Merry Christmas.

Save the date for the 2013 Christmas at the Mission scheduled for Saturday, December 7.

Give the Gift of Membership - Members Only Benefits

Membership with the Mission Preservation Society is a gift that will keep giving all year long.

For instance, members receive free admission to Mission San Juan Capistrano for a year, free guest passes, free summertime children’s activities, free admission to festivals, free audio tours, concert ticket discounts, 10% off gift shop purchases, advanced invitations to attend exhibit openings and private events, and recognition for their support in our Annual Report. As a member of the Mission Preservation Society, 100% of your support directly funds on-going preservation and conservation of Mission San Juan Capistrano.

EXCLUSIVE OFFER: Mission Preservation Society Members will receive 15% off all food purchases at the Mission Grill (excluding beer and wine) from now until March 15, 2013. Please present membership card at time of order. The Mission Grill is located directly across from the Mission and amenities include a heated covered patio and private party space.

For membership questions please call (949) 234-1300 or sign up online at www.missionsjc.com
Join the 2013 Club

Save the Birthplace of Orange County

Help save this historic landmark for future generations! Become a part of the 2013 Club by donating $20.13 one time or $20.13 a month for 12 months, $213.00 or $2,013.00. Make a difference by using the enclosed envelope to send your gift in today. Donations can also be made online at missionsjc.com/store/store.php

New Employees

Welcome to the Mission

Kurt Arndt, Guest Services
David Giali, Guest Services and Education Team

Thank You to Our Generous Supporters!  (Gifts given from August 11, 2012 - December 5, 2012)

Robert A Barich
  In Memory of June Ramos
  Karen and Byron Blanco
  In Memory of Taylor Blanco
Sharon and John Cortney
  In Celebration of Our One Year Anniversary
Sheila DeKalb
  In Honor of Duane DeKalb & Duane C. DeKalb
Wesley Drazil
  In Memory of ‘Elizabeth “Beth”’
Drazil
Arlene and Barry Fink
  In Honor of Jan and Warren Siegel
Alice Gastelum
  In Memory of Paul Arisso
Jack Goertzen
  In Honor of Janet & Warren Siegel

Mindy Lapetina
  In Honor of Jesus Christ
Mechelle Lawrence-Adams and Joe Adams
  In Honor of Eden & George O’Connell
Anthony and Christine Maleta
  In Honor of Elizabeth T. Wilson
Marilyn Man
  In Honor of Jan & Warren Siegel
O’Reilly Automotive, Inc.
  In Celebration of Grand Opening of O’Reilly Auto Parts
Mary Jayne Pugh
  In Honor of Mechelle, Barb, Kari Ann
  and all the Mission Staff
Mary Jayne Pugh
  In Memory of Verna Marie Itson
Teress and Jim Weber
  In Honor of Rose Tometich
Margaret Yorba
  In Honor of Bernardo M. Yorba
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Ralphs is giving up to $3,000,000 to non-profit organizations this year, and with your help, Historic Mission San Juan Capistrano can earn a share of it for preservation.

Every time you shop for groceries and swipe your card, the Mission will automatically start earning.

For any other questions contact Mary Jayne Pugh in the Development Department at (949) 234-1325 or mpugh@missionsjc.com or visit www.missionsjc.com/donations/ralphs.php


Artist Rendering of Future Gate House and Museum Store
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Names are published as records indicate.
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January 12, 19, 22 & 26 •
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Presidents Day Weekend
February 16 - 18 • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Panning for Gold & Adobe Brick Making

St. Joseph’s Day & Return of the Swallows Celebration
March 19 • 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Panning for Gold
Weekends • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Adobe Brick Making
Weekends • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Koi Fish Feeding
Daily • 12:45 p.m.

Curiosity Carts (Hands-On Learning)
Tuesdays & Thursdays •
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Wednesdays • 1st & 3rd of each month
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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