300 YEARS OF FATHER SERRA

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PAINTING UNDER CONSERVATION

A HISTORIC MISSION CEMETERY TRIBUTE PRESENTED IN THE HISTORIC SALA

NEW! MISSION CLUBHOUSE KIDS HANDS-ON LEARNING EXHIBIT

NEW! BACKPACK PROGRAM FREE ON-SITE RESOURCES
The start of fall was marked with a meaningful tribute to former Board member of the Mission Preservation Foundation, Mike Hagan, at the Mission’s Annual Romance of the Mission gala. It was a joyful experience to publicly acknowledge this unique individual who has contributed greatly to the Mission as we see it today. During our event, many special people were brought together - from the leadership of the Board, to the generosity of The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel staff as well as special friends Jim and Sheila Peterson. The event was filled to the brim with the friendships of many community members.

All of this busy, positive energy resulted in creating a one-of-a-kind evening where over $220,000 was raised for preservation. It is no easy task to gracefully move 400 individuals from a reception to a concert and then to a dinner anywhere, and especially not here at a historic landmark. For those of us working and volunteering here, to successfully deliver this evening of elegance and purpose was our highest goal. And as director, I believe we exceeded that goal.

Every year at the Romance of the Mission event, I am awestruck by the beauty of the gardens filled with the lively and boisterous happiness of our guests. I am moved by the tempered demeanor of our experienced bell ringer who resonates history into the air. I am touched by the beauty of the stout ruins still standing today as a memorial to the past. And what I always observe is the shared love of couples who, upon being emotionally moved by the artist singing grandly in the ruins, lean in close to each other and reach for each others’ hands. And finally, what inspires me to continue working on these fundraisers is the impressive and collective service of our “army of elegance” - The Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel and the Mission team, working together as professionals, friends and stewards.

So, after ten years and 9 galas in the ruins of the Great Stone Church, delivering the Romance of the Mission event has not yet become just another item on my “to do” list. It’s still an experience, but not my experience – it is always our guests’ experience that matters. It is carefully crafted to protect and shape the Mission’s future. Days later, when the dust has settled and the memory of the event lingers, we always see that the many small acts of care and hard work, combined with the larger act of fundraising can continue to move mountains over time to ultimately save a historic landmark from neglect and invisibility.

It has been ten years for me here; the best ten years of my life and I thank all of you for joining us and supporting the Mission at the Romance of the Mission event and all year long as a member in our Preservation Society. I was happy to be a part of that evening, celebrating our friend, bringing friends together and experiencing under a smiling moon with my husband, the warm and gracious opening remarks of our Mission Preservation Foundation leader, George O’Connell, and shifting our gaze to the next ten years to envision what comes next.

Mechelle Lawrence Adams
Executive Director

Dedicated to Bertha Holquin
October 16, 1918 - September 22, 2013
Mission San Juan Capistrano’s museum art collection includes several paintings of “The Immaculate Conception.” Several of these paintings can be seen on display, but one has been kept in storage in recent years due to its extensive damage and fragile condition.

This painting was added to the exhibition, “Mission Treasures: Historical Collection Revealed,” late last year to illustrate the need for conservation of historic paintings. In May of this year, a couple visiting the Mission generously stepped forward to donate the funds needed to conserve this painting. The unsigned oil on canvas painting of “The Immaculate Conception,” c. the early 1800s, has been a part of the Mission’s museum collection for a long time though it is unclear exactly how long it has been here or in what condition it was in, when it arrived.

By the late 1900s, it was in poor condition and in desperate need of treatment. Mission staff contracted the services of local painting conservator, Susan Brown, who began restoring the painting in late July.

Though it will take time to complete the effort, the painting has already undergone a dramatic transformation. Ms. Brown has removed the painting from the frame and stretcher bars, thoroughly cleaned the backside of the canvas and is now working to stabilize the damage to the paint. She has begun to clean more stable areas of the painting, though there are many layers of dirt accumulated on the surface. As the wooden supports found on the painting were heavily damaged, a new museum quality stretcher has been custom ordered to support the historic canvas. The conservation is expected to be complete before the end of the year and the painting will be returned to the gallery shortly thereafter.

To stay up to date on current preservation projects, please visit our website at missionsjc.com.
Mission San Juan Capistrano is honored to present “Camposanto: A Tribute to the Mission Cemetery History.”

The Tribute will be on display starting Saturday, October 12th in the historic Sala Building, which is planned for conservation in the future, but has been made available for museum space thanks to the Gate House Preservation Project.

“Camposanto: A Tribute to the Mission Cemetery History” pays homage to the landmark Mission Cemetery which is located east of Serra Chapel. The camposanto which means “holy field” was a common term Franciscan padres used for cemetery. The Mission cemetery was in active use for nearly 70 years, the first burial most likely was in 1781, and the last around 1850.

Franciscan padres kept detailed records of each person who died and was buried at the Mission. The leather bound Burial Register the padres used, lists over 3,400 individuals between 1781-1850. The cemetery tribute features each name listed in the Burial Registers by year, which include baptized Native American men, women and children, as well as Spanish padres, soldiers and their families.

The tribute also features information on the history of Spanish Colonial burial practices during the Mission period (1776-1834), disease and population decline of the Mission Native American community, the cemetery’s first burial of Monsignor St. John O’Sullivan in 1934, as well as a pictorial timeline of how the Mission cemetery visually changed over time.

The cemetery tribute, funded by private donations and membership proceeds, is a temporary display while investigation of the Sala Building’s needs are assessed for its eventual preservation. The Mission Preservation Foundation is currently raising funds to conserve the 18th century building.

Most recently, the Sala Building was used as a gift shop, but has previously been used as a chapel, a private residence for the Forster Family (1845-1865), a padres’ dining room, living quarters for Mission craftsman, and a temporary soldier’s barracks, through its long history.

If you would like to become involved in the Sala conservation campaign, please contact Mission Executive Director, Mechelle Lawrence Adams at 949-234-1311.

“In this holy place lie the bodies of those who built the Mission, may their souls rest in peace.”

Inscription from Cross Stone Monument erected in 1924
Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Romance of the Mission benefit gala featured a spectacular concert by actress/singer Susan Egan and estimates net proceeds at over $220,000. Over 400 guests were on hand to experience an elegant evening under the stars highlighted by honoring longtime Mission San Juan Capistrano supporter and former Mission Preservation Foundation Board member Mike Hagan. Event proceeds will further the preservation of historic Mission San Juan Capistrano including the initial investigation work necessary for conserving the historic Sala Building.

Guests entered the black tie affair through the beautiful Mission Gate House entry with access to the new Mission Store. Cocktail hour in the lush front gardens was followed by a stunning concert in the ruins of The Great Stone Church by Tony Award nominee performer Susan Egan. Mission San Juan Capistrano Executive Director Mechele Lawrence Adams was joined by Mission Preservation Board President George O’Connell to welcome guests and recognize the extensive support and commitment of 2013 honorary chair Mike Hagan.

Attendees then stepped through the historic Resurgam displaying artifacts from the Mission’s collection into the Central Courtyard for a gourmet plated, four-course candlelight dinner masterfully prepared and served by The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange Bishop Kevin Vann led the invocation prior to dinner. During a short program, gala committee members were recognized by Don Dorkowski and The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel’s General Manager Bruce Brainerd and Mission Preservation Board member Connie Spenuzza drew opportunity drawing winners for a Ritz-Carlton get-a-way; vintage pendant, ring and earrings by Barbara Parkers, Inc.; a diamond cross by Roberto Coin; and a “Shop and Sip” event at the Mission Store.

Beautiful candlelit tables featured floral arrangements in Romance of the Mission branded collectors champagne boxes filled with flowers reminiscent of Mission flowers. Each guest received collector’s edition Mission San Juan vintage postcards provided by Citizen’s Bank.

For more information about the benefit gala or the Mission Preservation Foundation, contact Barb Beier at (949) 234-1323 or visit missionsjc.com.
Mission San Juan Capistrano will host a celebratory event on November 24th to honor the legacy and contribution of Father Junípero Serra on the 300th anniversary of his birth.

Father Serra (1713-1784), known by every fourth grader studying California's history, founded the first nine missions in California, including Mission San Juan Capistrano. His historical significance to California is even represented in the U.S. Capitol Building’s statuary Hall. Father Serra represents California as one of the two most historically significant people to represent the state.

Serra was a man of uncompromised optimism. His personal motto was “Always look forward, never look back.” Despite hardships, lack of supplies, squabbles with military and government leaders, Father Serra was able to establish nine missions and convert 5,000 Native Americans to Catholicism before his death in 1784.

His legacy and contribution can be experienced firsthand while visiting Mission San Juan Capistrano. The founding document monument and the Mission’s sacramental registers bearing his signature, are on display for guests to view. Historically significant Serra Chapel, which was named in his honor, is the only remaining church in California in which Father Serra celebrated Mass and administered the Sacraments of Confirmation. Simply walking and exploring Mission San Juan Capistrano allows guests to follow the footsteps of Father Serra (see page 6). During Father Serra’s last visit to Mission San Juan Capistrano, October of 1783, he likely stayed in the South Wing building, and celebrated Mass in the newly built Serra Chapel.

Throughout 2013, Mission San Juan Capistrano has been celebrating the 300th anniversary of his birth with a new opening tradition, educational programming, and planning a celebratory event on his birthday November 24th. Each morning at opening, the Mission’s largest bell is rung seven times at 9:00 a.m. in honor of Father Serra founding Mission San Juan Capistrano as the seventh of the nine missions he personally founded.

In addition to the daily bell ringing, a new Sunday Serra Chapel tour has been offered to guests interested in the history of Serra Chapel and its connection to Father Junípero Serra. This November 24, 2013, Mission San Juan Capistrano will host a 300th birthday party in his honor. The celebratory event will feature a historic bell ringing ceremony, complimentary station tours by volunteer docents, children’s activities, and a special Mass in Serra Chapel.

Please be a part of this celebratory year, by experiencing Mission San Juan Capistrano and Father Serra’s legacy in California.

Join Us! Father Serra’s Birthday Tribute
hosted in collaboration with The Docent Society
Sunday, November 24, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 3:00pm

All day
Father Serra Informative Video Screenings
9:00-10:00 Padre’s Breakfast
11:15 Serra Chapel Tour
11:40 Bell Ringing Ceremony
12:00 Ringing of the Historic Bells
12:15 Birthday Cake Served

And many more special activities, please check the website for details at missionsjc.com
Follow Father Junípero Serra’s Footsteps at Mission San Juan Capistrano

Serra Chapel
Completed in 1782, and the only church that remains in California in which Father Serra celebrated Mass. View the 18th century silver processional pieces and Stations of the Cross painting collection.

South Wing Building
Completed through the early 1780s, Father Serra most likely stayed within one of the rooms during his 1783 visit.

Mission Treasure’s Exhibit
Features Sacramental registers in which Father Serra signed and dedicated for the Mission’s use. The exhibit also displays “The Serra Vestment,” an 18th century vestment Father Serra likely used when celebrating Mass in 1783.

Founding Document Monument
This monument features the declaration Father Serra wrote which officially established Mission San Juan Capistrano on November 1, 1776.

El Camino Real
Simply driving along Interstate 5 follows the original route Father Serra walked from mission to mission, it was known as El Camino Real or the Royal Highway.

Special Store Christmas Hours for Members!

Mission Store will open one hour early at 9:00 a.m. for Mission Members only to do their Christmas Shopping on the following upcoming Saturdays: November 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and December 7th, 14th, and 21st.

Experience landmark shopping featuring many handmade items from around the world that include jewelry, home decor, faith inspired and much more!

Sign up for your wish list registry today!

Net proceeds from purchases at the Mission Store help protect the religious and historic significance of Mission San Juan Capistrano, and further educational programs, exhibits and preservation efforts.

The Mission Store promotes local, national and international artisans.

All “active” members receive a 10% discount on most merchandise. Thank you for supporting California’s historic landmark #200 and museum by visiting the new store.
Join us for
Christmas at the Mission
Saturday, December 7th
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Christmas at the Mission
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New Employees Welcome to the Mission

Gabriela Castro, Mission Store Sales Associate
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New! Backpack Program to Explore Free On-site Resources

Backpacks with information on all 21 California missions are now offered to students, teachers and parents studying the California missions and are available for checkout during their visit to Mission San Juan Capistrano.

The backpack program is designed to help students researching their mission reports so they may better build mission models, make powerpoint or video presentations or complete other school projects. Each backpack features a specific mission with timelines, research materials, and mission brand rubbing plates. There is a backpack available for on-site checkout for each one of the 21 California missions.

New Hands-On Space For Kids!

In November, Mission San Juan Capistrano opens a new clubhouse for kids to learn and participate in hands-on activities such as weaving a Native American basket using a basket model that is as big as a kid!

Other hands-on activities include spinning the Wheel of Mission Jobs, where kids will discover their role in the Mission community. Every individual did jobs or chores to help keep the Mission running. Padres and soldiers taught the Acjachemen new jobs like farming, ranching, candle making, leather making and many more jobs.

Visitors can also build roman arches with miniature blocks. Arches are a main part of Mission history and can be seen along the corridors, within the Great Stone Church, and the bell wall. The new Mission San Juan Capistrano Clubhouse will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Winter Break Kids Activities

Special winter break activities at the Mission beginning December 23rd and continuing through January 3, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Crafts include: lasso/jump ropes, miniature adobe brick houses, cornhusk dolls/action figures, mini coiled clay pots and arrowhead necklaces.

The cost for Winter Break Crafts is $3.00 for Non-Members or $1.00 for Members. There will be no crafts offered on December 24 or December 25.
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Give the Gift of Membership
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 opening 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 at the Mission.

Ralphs is giving up to $2,500,000 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.

Due to the change over in the Ralphs system, beginning September 1st, participants who registered before August are required to re-register for the new term at www.ralphs.com or in-store.

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

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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
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12:00 p.m.

Christmas at the Mission
Saturday • December 7, 2013
5:30 pm - 8:30 p.m.

Holiday Kids Activities
Monday - Friday
December 23, 2013 - January 3, 2014
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Guided Tours
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Saturdays • 11:15 a.m., 1:00 and 2:15 p.m.
Sundays • 11:15 a.m., 1:00 and 2:15 p.m.

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Weekends • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Koi Fish Feeding
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Tuesdays & Thursdays
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10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.