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GATEHOUSE LEGACY OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

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What Next, and Why?

With the completion of the Gate House Project comes a new chapter in Mission history. For me, the next decade will focus on retaining what is old or authentic while realizing new ways of creating access to the past.

This means providing more specialized tours, sharing our artifacts, providing opportunities for the public to see preservation up close and in person. Our focus will continue to remain on undoing errant treatments to this site, finding new interpretive measures to convey the meanings of the past, and making sure each guest – whether a student, traveler or local – leaves inspired about what they just saw or learned. As Director, I am focused on finding ways to make history come to life while setting a serious tone and ensuring that we protect and promote this landmark’s religious and historic meaning.

History does not remain history if it is not shared. I learned this lesson first hand when the meaning of the Mission’s 1919 original gate house was lost because the building was neglected and was solely used to store people’s personal items instead of telling a story. In our original assessment of what constituted the Gate House Project I really had no idea that we would end up incorporating this precious building into the Plan. I was surprised to discover the building had been the original ticket booth that Father O’Sullivan had made when he put a wall around the Mission, charged an admission fee, and carved the space out as special from the outside world. We had planned to work around it until we discovered its original purpose. With that discovery, we were faced with some serious choices about what to do.

In realizing the Gate House Project, we brought back this original use in a meaningful manner discovering hidden murals, doors, and an amazing stone foundation. We found out that the building was the last unreinforced masonry building on the grounds. As a result, when rehabilitating the building, we decided to stay true to the structure’s original use and avoided faking that the ticket booth was from the Mission’s 18th century founding period. Instead we focused our work on respecting and reflecting the structure’s period of significance, that of the 1920s and 30s. Our sign program utilized this time period as well. Instead of installing a flowery and majestic script style font for our signs, we researched the era of the 1920s and looked at the Mission’s original signage and determined that a font from that era was appropriate. We even incorporated the 1930s statement “Worth a Visit” found on early signage on this building.

It would have been more convenient and simply easy to revert to instilling a rehabilitation that conveyed a 1770s tone. But that would be revisionist, and irresponsible. And the results speak to the fact that it was all worth doing right.

These kinds of considerations must be made daily when caretaking a site, repairing a painting, or telling a story.

I look forward to continuing to fulfill the promise of the Mission in the years to come. In my mind, the Mission will become a stronger national landmark with places like its historic Sala building being used as museum space, original gate house continuing to serve as the gate house a hundred years later, and traditions like bell ringing happening daily. In the coming months, we will see the opening of our new Mission-operated store, the conservation of the Sala and so much more.

Thank you for your support, I look forward to seeing you at the Mission this summer,

Mechelle Lawrence Adams
Executive Director
Chief Preservation Officer

"Worth a Visit" entrance sign, circa 1930s
Museum Highlights

In early 2013, the Mission San Juan Capistrano Preservation Foundation set out to uncover and save the historic early 20th-century decorative interior finishes discovered on the walls of the 1919 Gate House Adobe.

Contracting with May Painting Conservation Inc. to uncover and conserve the delicate lime wash finishes, the five-month project involved the removal of years of inappropriate over-painting, stabilization of historic finishes, and reintegration of missing details using compatible and similar materials.

All repairs were carried out in accordance with accepted conservation practices, and the Standards for Rehabilitation of the Secretary of the Interior.

The successful completion of this project ensures that the historic 1919 Gate House Adobe will be preserved for future generations. Enjoy the murals next time you enter the Mission.

SDG&E Donation

Mission San Juan Capistrano is proud to announce a generous donation from San Diego Gas & Electric.

Duane Cave, External Relations Manager for SDG&E, recently presented a check for $10,000 to Mission San Juan Capistrano Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence Adams for the Mission’s Adopt-A-Class program.

“SDG&E has been a long-standing supporter of Mission San Juan Capistrano’s efforts to provide inspired learning experiences for California fourth graders studying the mission system,” Lawrence Adams said. “Because of their generosity, one thousand low-income students who might not be able to afford a field trip will be able to experience the beauty and majesty of the Jewel of the missions. We are grateful for their partnership and significant investment in our programming to benefit children.”

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Join the fun this summer at the Mission for weekly craft activities, summer camp programs and our annual Adventure Sleepover - Night at the Mission (ages 6 - 12 recommended).

**CRAFTS FOR KIDS:**
June 24 through August 30, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Mondays: Lasso/Jump Rope
Tuesdays: Miniature Adobe Brick House
Wednesdays: Cornhusk Dolls/Action Figures
Thursdays: Mini Coiled Clay Pot
Fridays: Arrowhead Necklace
$3.00 per child in addition to admission;
$1.00 for Mission members

**CERAMICS CAMP (2 Week Session):**
Come join the fun and play with clay! Students will learn both ceramic handbuilding techniques and how to throw clay on the wheel.
Session I: July 8 - 12 and July 15 - 19, 2013
Session II: July 22 - 26 and July 29 - August 2, 2013
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
$330 for non-members; $300 for Mission members

**ADVENTURE SLEEPOVER-NIGHT AT THE MISSION:**
Join us for an adventurous sleepover of camping overnight on Mission grounds for kids with their parents. The sleepover includes dinner, activities and breakfast the following morning.
Friday, July 12 through Saturday, July 13, 2013
$70 for non-members, $60 for Mission members, and $55 per individual in groups of 4 or more.
Mission San Juan Capistrano hosted St. Joseph’s Day and the Return of the Swallows Celebration on March 19, a festive event that began with Mass at Mission Basilica and continued with festivities on the historic Mission grounds throughout the day.

While the day featured so many of the usual St. Joseph’s Day activities like the ringing of the historic bells, live musical and dance performances, Mission Basilica School traditional student performances and activities for children, one of the day’s highlights involved simply walking through the preserved and renovated Gate House entrance.

And of course, the day involved focus on the return of the swallows, which was highlighted by a guest lecture from swallows expert Dr. Charles Brown and the Mission’s new “Swallows Walk and Talk” tour offered daily at 1:00 p.m.

Mission Swallow Policy Statement:
Our signature swallow consists of an illustrative fork tail swallow, in-flight. This type of swallow art is unique to the Mission San Juan Capistrano brand because of its popularity in the 1930s and usage in vintage and historic memorabilia. The American public, and even the world at large has come to associate the Mission San Juan Capistrano landmark as the home of these famed birds. When the Mission portrays the literal swallows, we use the photographic, authentic and real life image. In graphic form, we use the romantic version, fork tailed, in-flight swallow.

Visit www.missionsjc.com for the FREE swallows story

State of the Swallows

When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano is more than a legendary song written decades ago, it is a goal of Mission San Juan Capistrano.

According to Dr. Brown, urbanization has resulted in fewer sightings of the birds during their annual migration from Argentina each spring in recent years. But cliff swallows expert Dr. Charles Brown came up with an idea last year that is making a difference.

Under Brown’s direction, the Mission established a vocalization project that will attempt to lure the swallows back to the Mission during the nesting months. The project involves speakers playing cliff swallow courtship calls that are placed behind the statue of Father Junipero Serra on the Mission grounds.

The project proved successful last year after the onset of the program. After the recordings began to be played, cliff swallows were spotted feeding overhead at the Mission several times, and a few cliff swallows flew in to investigate the recorded sounds.
Mission San Juan Capistrano will host, with the generous support of The Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Family Foundation, the Ninth Annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival on Saturday May 11, 2013 in the beautiful Central Courtyard from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Don’t miss this full day of live musical entertainment and great food as Mariachi performers compete for cash prizes before a panel of judges. Cost of general admission to this Signature Event is $10.00 for adults, $9.00 for seniors (60+) and $6 for children (ages 4-11). This event is free for Mission Preservation Society members. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Gate House or on event day.

Reserved tables also available for purchase. Starting this year, active Mission Members receive 10% off their reserved table purchases. To purchase tables, visit missionsjc.com or call (949) 234-1300.

Panning for Gold and Adobe Brick Making

Special spring break activities at the Mission started April 2nd and continuing through April 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Activities include Panning for Gold and Adobe Brick Making. Try your luck at finding gold in our custom-designed Mission trough. We supply the pan and the “gold” – you roll up your sleeves and pan your way to riches. Or build your own authentic Adobe Brick.

The cost for Spring Break Activities is $3.00 for Non-Members or $1.00 for Members. Also available is the Panning for Gold/Adobe Brick Making Bundle: $5.00 for Non-Members; $3.00 for Mission Members.

APRIL 2 THROUGH APRIL 12, 2013 • 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Romance of the Mission

In Friday, September 20, 2013, Mission Preservation Foundation will host this year’s Romance of the Mission Benefit Gala, honoring Mike Hagan, former Mission Preservation Foundation Board Member.

This year’s gala features concert artist Susan Egan performing in the Ruins of the Great Stone Church followed by a beautiful candlelight dinner by The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel in the Central Courtyard of the Mission.

Underwriting and ticket payment plans available, please call Barb Beier at (949) 234-1323 or email bbeier@missionsjc.com.

New Mission Store

Mission San Juan Capistrano’s gift shop -- now known as the “Mission Store” -- will open to the public on July 13th. The Mission Preservation Foundation proudly celebrates an upcoming new addition to Mission history.

As part of the Gate House Preservation Project, the Mission Store retail use will be relocated out of the 18th century historic Sala building and to the street, making it easier for guests and visitors to access from both Ortega Highway and the Mission. The empty Sala building will undergo eventual conservation treatment and become additional museum and interpretive space.

The Mission Store will have a variety of products to offer visitors, members, and travelers including religious medals, artwork depicting saints and icons, ornaments, post cards, crosses, devotional items, garden themed products, vintage California items, architecture inspired items, swallows inspired items, world arts inspired items, silver and silver over gold jewelry, sustainable items, and items recycled and reinvented creatively for a second life. The store will feature seasonal and holiday items such as Christmas gifts, organic or natural materials items for clothing, caps, bags, wedding, baptism, anniversary gifts, frames, platters, candlesticks, and more.

The Mission Store will be self operated daily from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and will also sell admission tickets. Guests will exit via the Mission Store, and visitors may enter the Mission through the store with an admission ticket or membership. Members will receive 10% off of their purchases and invitations for special events. Additional discounts will be offered via shopping passes given throughout the year.

All proceeds will be directed to support Mission San Juan Capistrano.
New 4th Grader Resources
California Mission Report Packages

Every year the Mission sees thousands of 4th graders tour the grounds as they learn about the Mission, so we are no stranger to the needs of California students.

It’s not easy building a seven domed replica of the Great Stone Church out of sugar cubes, and even though we can’t help you with that glue gun, we’re always looking for ways to help out students working on their California missions reports. Mission San Juan Capistrano is itself a great interactive museum learning experience for students. Our California Mission Resources Studio is open daily and features information about all 21 California missions.

Now we’re pleased to introduce 3 new ways to complete your Mission Project over the weekend with our new 4th Grader California Mission Report Packages:

1) Student Package Experience - Includes student admission, FREE audio tour, access to our California Mission Resource Studio, the Passport Explorer and the mission resource book. Available on Saturdays and Sundays.

2) Special 4th Grader Q&A Session held every Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

3) Student Bundle Kit - For students unable to visit the Mission, the kit includes Mission San Juan Capistrano Report Workbook, adobe brick making kit, a medallion and the Passport Explorer.

In Tradition
Bell Ringing Daily

Visit the iconic bell wall and catch the tradition of bell ringing daily honoring the legacy of Friar Junipero Serra who founded the Mission in 1776, and is celebrating the 300th anniversary of his birth this year.

NEW EMPLOYEES
Welcome to the Mission

Justin Chow, Information Technology Coordinator
Katy Hess, Mission Museum Team
Swallows Walk & Talk

Daily at 1:00 p.m.

The arrival of cliff swallows to the Mission every March 19th is world renowned. Swallows migrate 6,000 miles from Goya, Argentina to San Juan Capistrano in large groups. Some cliff swallow colonies number more than 3,500 nests.

Join us daily for the Swallows Walk and Talk tour to learn the facts about cliff swallows, view the swallows vocalization experiment and hear the legend of the Swallows of Capistrano as told by Father St. John O’Sullivan, pastor of the Mission from 1910-33.

OFFERED DAILY AT 1:00 A.M.
PURCHASE TICKETS AT GATE HOUSE
- FREE for Mission Members -

Serra Chapel Tour

Every Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

In honor of Father Serra’s 300th birthday celebration, the Mission is offering guests the chance to enjoy a private tour of the Serra Chapel, the most historically significant chapel in California, every Sunday.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is one of the nine missions Father Serra founded in California. It is also the only California mission to name a church in Father Serra’s honor. Father Serra celebrated mass in Mission San Juan Capistrano’s newly built adobe church in 1783, just a year before he died. Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Serra Chapel, remains the only California Mission church that has survived in which Father Serra celebrated Mass.

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Music Under the Stars

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

Tables SOLD OUT, Lawn Tickets Still Available

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

Tickets on Sale Now

To purchase concert tickets, please visit missionsjc.com or call (949) 234-1321. Only 20 percent of tables and lawn tickets still available. Purchase today!
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www.elmagueysanjuan.com

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San Juan Capistrano, CA
949-240-8055
www.missiongrillsjc.com

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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

May Membership Renewal Drive

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

$5 OFF MEMBERSHIP OR FREE TOTE
WHEN YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN MAY AT THE MISSION GATE HOUSE. 
not good with any other offer. Expires May 31, 2013

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
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Daily • 12:45 p.m.

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

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