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SUMMER 2016

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12 years
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NEW ART WALK TOURS
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NEW ITEMS ON DISPLAY AT
MISSION TREASURES EXHIBIT

Mariachi de Uclatlan,
Los Angeles, CA
Second Place
Open Category Winner
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Executive Director’s Message
The Mission's A Place of Hope and Good Will

It was a day of great meaning and insights for me. As I walked the Relay for Life track with my 4-year-old son Jack, I looked far into the distance and throughout the entire event grounds I saw members of the Mission’s Relay for Life team proudly wearing their team t-shirts, not only giving their time, monies, energies, and enthusiasm to the cause, but giving inspiration to me.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is not a dusty tired, fatigued old place in its late chapter of life. It is a vibrant, renewed place that inspires hope each and every day. The Mission is tethered to the past by being a representation of it, but is also a place that in the 21st century has new and modern meanings and interpretations.

For me, the power of this place is visibly seen in the spirit of those that serve as stewards. And it is a view that is best enjoyed from afar.

See you on the path,

Mechelle Lawrence Adams
Executive Director, Mission San Juan Capistrano

As a result of our efforts, our very own non-profit family was successful in raising over $4,000 to support another non-profit. The fact that we could generate support for another entity in an entirely different area of non-profit service, says a lot about the people working or volunteering here.

P.S.
With appreciation and gratitude to Christine Robinson and Laura Freese, who gave their energies to ensure our first effort ran smoothly and professionally with an impact.
Thank you.
And thank you to each and every team member.
From the Archives: New Additions for the Mission Treasures Exhibit

Mission San Juan Capistrano recently added two historic oil paintings and a rare newspaper highlighting 1940s U.S. history and the Mission’s place in the news of the time.

Did you know? The Mission’s historic art collection includes several of Charles Percy Austin’s paintings including the newest to be featured, “A Padre Reading” dated April 20, 1924. Not only did Austin create numerous paintings of the Mission, he was also chosen to illustrate Father O’Sullivan’s book, Capistrano Nights, printed in 1930, he helped to paint details on the walls of the Serra Chapel and even lived on the property from time to time.

The other historic painting now on display is “The Penitent Sinful Woman,” by an unknown artist from the late 19th or early 20th century. A penitent Mary was a popular image among Catholics during the time of the protestant reformation because it inspired great spiritual devotion.

Also on display in the exhibit is a Los Angeles Evening Herald newspaper dated March 19, 1942, just months after the attack on Pearl Harbor which reports news from the events of World War II and the return of the swallows to Capistrano, both sharing a spot on the front page.

Plan a visit to Mission San Juan Capistrano to experience the newest additions in the “Mission Treasures: Historical Collection Revealed” exhibit, open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free with paid admission or membership.
The Battle of the Mariachis Festival

Mission San Juan Capistrano’s annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival has become one of the most renowned and highly sought-after mariachi festivals on the West Coast.

The Battle of the Mariachis Festival draws youth mariachi groups, talented beyond their years, from across Southern California and beyond to compete on stage before a panel of distinguished mariachi experts. Guests enjoy a full day in the beautiful Mission courtyard of riveting performances and excellent food, all in celebration of the traditions of mariachi music.

This special tradition at Mission San Juan Capistrano would not be possible if not for Erma Jean (EJ) Tracy and her late husband, Tom. EJ has been a generous supporter to the Mission over the years including underwriting to make the Battle of the Mariachis Festival possible.

The Battle of the Mariachis Festival was a dream first brought into reality by Mission leadership in 2005. The continuation of the festival was uncertain, until EJ’s generous commitment to underwrite the festival starting in 2006 to honor Tom, posthumously who passed away the same year.

“T’m not surprised because the Mission Preservation Foundation is the most superb group I have worked with in all the time I have been involved on the Board,” EJ said. “In the town of San Juan, I have had people come up to me that I don’t know and say, ‘Are you Mrs. Tracy? We just love what you’ve done for San Juan with the mariachis.’”

EJ and Tom’s love for mariachi music has nostalgic roots back to their honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas and raising their five children, Cynthia, Christina, Katherine, Kilian and Thomas Jr.

“Tom just had an interest in music and mariachi was one of them,” EJ said. “We used to listen to it back in Michigan and Tom had several records.”
Congratulations to the 2016 Festival Top Winners!

Mission San Juan Capistrano's 12th annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival on May 14 was sold out and made possible thanks to the generous support from the Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Family Foundation.

Congratulations to the event's top winners:

**First Place - Youth Category ($1,500)**
Mariachi Corazon de Tucson, *Tucson, Arizona*

**First Place - Open Category ($1,500)**
Mariachi Nuevo Capistrano, *San Juan Capistrano, California*

**Second Place - Youth Category ($1,000)**
Sinfonia Mexicana Mariachi Youth Academy, *San Bernardino, California*

**Second Place - Open Category ($1,000)**
Mariachi de Uclatlán, *University of California, Los Angeles*

**Tom Tracy “Shining Star” Award ($250)**
Ivette Sanchez, *Mariachi Herencia, Corona, California*

**EJ Tracy “Shining Star” Award ($250)**
Millie Garcia, *Mariachi Real de la Vina, Delano California*

**People’s Choice Award**
Top voted Mariachi Group on Facebook
Mariachi Los Santos, *Santa Ana, California*

**Spirit of San Juan Capistrano**
Community Award
Youth Category: Mariachi Corazon de Tucson
Open Category: Mariachi Nuevo Capistrano

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EJ continues to be an avid supporter of the Mission San Juan Capistrano's Battle of the Mariachis Festival. “It’s not only because I love the music, but there’s something else important in this equation. And that is it’s for the young people,” she said. “Young people need to be known and to be accountable. Here are these young people working so hard. I think it’s a wonderful thing to donate to.”

Mission San Juan Capistrano is grateful to the Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Family Foundation for their incalculable investment to making this one-of-a-kind tradition possible each year.
Mission San Juan Capistrano will honor the Ladies and Gentlemen of The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel during the annual Romance of the Mission gala on September 16 as part of the special annual event raising preservation funds.

“The Mission Preservation Foundation believes that the decades of support from the Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel is best seen in the visual beauty and preservation of the site enjoyed today” said Mechelle Lawrence Adams, Executive Director of Mission San Juan Capistrano. "We are proud to celebrate the collective efforts of The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel and look forward to delivering a very special evening of elegance and purpose while they receive a well-deserved recognition for helping to ensure Mission San Juan Capistrano stands uniquely as the most beautiful mission in the state," said George O’Connell, Mission Preservation Foundation president.

In addition to supporting the Mission's preservation efforts through their ongoing partnership with the benefit gala, The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel General Manager Bruce Brainerd serves as a Mission Preservation Foundation Board member and gives a great deal of support to the landmark.

“Over the years, the Ladies and Gentlemen in culinary and food and beverage have been an integral part of the Mission’s annual gala and their creativity and talent truly shine at this event,” Brainerd said. "I am extremely honored and proud that the Mission board has selected our Ladies and Gentlemen as the honorees this year."

The highly anticipated event sells out each year and begins at 6:00 p.m. on September 16 with a reception in the Mission’s Front Courtyard followed by a concert in the Ruins of the Great Stone Church featuring American Idol Season XIV runner up Clark Beckham. A candlelight four-course plated dinner hosted by The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel follow immediately after the concert.

TO PURCHASE AN EVENT TICKET OR FOR UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES CALL (949) 234-1323 OR (949) 234-1311

Reservations for the all-inclusive evening are $350 per person and may be made by contacting Development Director Barb Beier at (949) 234-1323. Underwriting opportunities are also available.
Family Summer Fun!
Crafts, Camps and Activities!
Space limited!

Make Mission San Juan Capistrano your family's destination this summer and plan to join in any of the following:

**CRAFTS FOR KIDS:**
**July 4 through August 26, 2016**
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday)
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday)
Mondays: Gold Panning
Tuesdays: Adobe Brick Making
Wednesdays: Cornhusk Dolls/Action Figures
Thursdays: Mini Coiled Clay Pot,
Fridays: Arrowhead Necklace
Saturdays and Sunday: Gold Panning, Adobe Brick Making & Arrowhead Necklace
$5.00 per child in addition to admission; only $1.00 for Mission Members

**MISSION CERAMICS CAMP (2 Week Session):**
Come join the fun and play with clay!
**Session I: July 11 - 15 and July 18 - 22, 2016**
**Session II: July 25 - 29 and August 1 - 5, 2016**
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
$330 for Non-Members; $300 for Mission Members
To reserve your space: email kwitkowski@missionsjc.com, call (949) 234-1306 or sign up online at missionsjc.com
**RESERVE NOW! SPACE LIMITED!**

**AN ADVENTURE SLEEPOVER NIGHT AT THE MISSION:**
**Friday, July 15 through Saturday, July 16, 2016**
$75 for Non-Members; $70 for Mission Members; $65 per individual in groups of 4 or more
To reserve your space: email kwitkowski@missionsjc.com, call (949) 234-1306 or sign up online at missionsjc.com
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**Weekend Summer Kids Package Only $12 (value $16)**
Includes: General child admission, Panning for gold, Adobe brick making and arrowhead necklace. Purchase online today at missionsjc.com

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**Restrooms Under Improvement**

The Mission will be updating the appearance and utility of the restrooms and perimeter wall facing Ortega Highway located at the South East corner of the landmark.

The project includes:
- Cleaning, repointing and stabilizing brick masonry
- Installing new lime based parapet cap
- Removing inappropriate cement repairs
- Making Adobe and plaster repairs
- Installing new fixtures and plumbing
- Termite treatments and stabilizing perimeter wall
- Installing lighting upgrades and improved signage

Total budgeted costs for the project is $109,866 which is funded by private donations, Mission Preservation Society membership, and net proceeds from operations and the Mission Store. The project will be completed by this September.
"Sheep Grazing Mission San Juan Capistrano."
1897. John Gutzon Borglum

Thank You to our Adopt-A-Class Scholarship Program Supporters

Our remarkable 57,577 students, teachers and chaperones visited Mission San Juan Capistrano during the past 2015-2016 school year for field trips. Of those, nearly twenty percent, or 10,579, were able to take a curriculum based field trip to the Mission thanks to private donations that funded the Mission’s Adopt-A-Class program.

The Adopt-A-Class program began in 2005 to enable low-income children to take part in the fun and learning that a field trip to Mission San Juan Capistrano can provide. The vision behind the Adopt-A-Class program was to create a pool of restricted funds that would allow the Mission to provide free tours based upon a school’s financial need.

The goal is to provide an inspired learning experience about early California history at the world’s most beautiful mission in an engaging and interactive way.

To help the Adopt-A-Class Scholarship Program, please donate online at www.missionsjc.com or contact Development Director Barb Beier at (949) 234-1323 or bbeier@missionsjc.com.

New Tour Offered!
The Mission Art Walk

Mission San Juan Capistrano now offers its new "Art Walk" tour. Our free Art walk tours are offered on the third Friday each month from 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

During the tour, guests are guided by volunteer docents who highlight several rare paintings related to the Mission’s history within the Serra Chapel, the Spanish Colonial Room, and the Mission Treasures Exhibit.

The Mission has conserved 32 paintings since 2004, and the tour provides visitors with great appreciation of the collection.

The Art Walk tour is free with paid admission to the Mission or membership and no reservations are required.

However, for groups of 15 people or more, please call Group Bookings at (949) 234-1306 to schedule a private group tour in advance.

Group tours are subject to an addition to admission and are one and a half hours long. Pricing is $8 per adult. This tour program is subject to demand and may be expanded at a later date.

A sampling of the thank you letters from 4th grade students who visited Mission San Juan Capistrano in 2016
Shop the Mission Store’s Summer Buys

We invite you to shop at the Mission Store, your local landmark shopping experience which is open daily to purchase summer picnic items such as picnic baskets, pottery, specialty food products, cookbooks, glassware, hats and more. Also available for purchase at the Mission Store is an array of mission-related apparel, children’s items, devotional room, historical resources, holiday, home décor, jewelry and educational resources. The Mission Store also carries unique Mission San Juan Capistrano branded products and specialty food products.

Visit the Mission Store any day from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mission Members always receive a 10% discount on most merchandise.

Did You Know? 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. Thank you for supporting historic landmark #200.

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SUMMER 2016 PHOTOGRAPHY EXTENDED HOUR

For Mission Preservation Society "Photography Members" only

Reservations must be made in advance. Dates are subject to change and cancellation.

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Mission San Juan Capistrano's Relay for Life Team Raises Over $4,000

Mission staff, volunteers, and supporters joined together in honor of St. Peregrine to form the first ever Relay for Life team in the fight against cancer. In recognition that Mission San Juan Capistrano is a place of inspiration for caretakers and those fighting cancer, the team raised over $4,000 to donate to the American Cancer Society. “It was an honor to celebrate loved ones in this unique way of a non-profit supporting another non-profit,” said Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence Adams. It is with special thanks to the Mission Preservation Foundation and team leaders Christine Robinson and Laura Freese for getting the team together.

The Mission Team walked in honor of these special people comprised of survivors and those who fought bravely but lost:

Denise Archuleta • Leah Beal
Aurora “Cha Cha” Belardes • David Belardes
Nancy Bishop-Bailey • Waldo Boehner
Bito Borovinsky • Al Buncag
Mike Cleary • Robert Cleary
Carolyn Damon • Charles and Mildred Edgar
Nancy Endrizzi • Dr. Roger Franceschi
Steve Freese • Linda Lou Fossett
Tony Galt • Gregory Johnson
Alice Lambert • Archie Lambert
Richard Lange • Ivy LoZada
Carolyne Mulcahy • Mary Reals
Ray Ruddy • Barbara Sykes • Gene Sykes
Penny Tryon • Terrie West
Mary Witt • Emily

Joining Together in the Fight Against Cancer In Honor of St. Peregrine’s Chapel
STRETCH and STRENGTH
Class Series at Mission San Juan Capistrano

Thursdays • June 30, July 28 & August 25
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (1 hour class)
$10 participation fee supports American Cancer Society
www.missionsjc.com/stretchandstrength

Help the Mission!
Shop at Ralphs

Ralphs is donating 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. Sign up today at missionsjc.com/donations/ralphs.php

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Welcome to the Mission Work Family

Ana Castro
Mission Store Sales Associate
Mariel Velasquez
Mission Store Sales Associate

For employment opportunities:
Contact Nancy Davis at ndavis@missionsjc.com or (949) 234-1308
Thank You to Our Generous 2016 Club Members!

Nathan Banda and Mihal Sommers
In Memory of Barbara Banda

Suzan Berkley
In Memory of Harry Berkley

Suzan Berkley
In Honor of Carol and Don Dorkowski

Melanie and Thomas Conway
In Memory of Clarice Marie Conway

Becky Dahlen
In Honor of Jeffrey and Jason Dahlen

Preston Andrew Estrada
In Memory of Robert Bredecke

Valerie Flouton
In Memory of Yolanda Davey

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Linda and Nels Roselund

Eldrich Sacramento and Thanh Quach

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**Stretch & Strength Class Series**
**Supporting the Fight Against Cancer**
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
$10 per participant per class

**Music Under the Stars 2016**
**Summer Concert Series**
June 25 - August 20, 2016
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Summer Fun! Crafts for Kids**
July 4 - August 26, 2016
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Ceramics Camp 2016**
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Session II: July 25 - August 5, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Register online at www.missionsjc.com

**Adventure Sleepover: Night at the Mission 2016**
Friday, July 15 - Saturday, July 16, 2016
Register online at www.missionsjc.com

**Mission Fine Art Gallery Plein Air Paint Out**
August 1 & August 3, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Romance of the Mission Benefit Gala**
Friday, September 16, 2016
6:00 p.m.