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**MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO TO OFFER SPECIAL EVENTS  
IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PRESERVATION WEEK**

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (April 14, 2016) -- In recognition of National Preservation Week (April 24-30), Mission San Juan Capistrano will offer a variety of special events.

An Art Walk will be offered each day from April 25-30 at 2 p.m. The Art Walk will be a docent-guided tour lasting about 45 minutes during which visitors will learn about the collection of rare paintings related to the Mission's history, dating back to the 1700s.

The first Art Walk on April 25 will be free with paid admission to the Mission. The Art Walks from April 26-30 cost \$3 for adults and \$2 for children with paid admission to the Mission.

The Preservation Week promotion also includes a Spanish Colonial Lecture by a Mission Priest on Tuesday, April 26 at 10 a.m. Cost is free with paid admission to the Mission.

After Preservation Week, Art Walks will be offered one weekday and one weekend a month.

***About Mission San Juan Capistrano:***

*Known as the "Jewel of the Missions," Mission San Juan Capistrano is a historic landmark and museum that boasts of quality permanent exhibits featuring original artifacts as well as traveling and temporary exhibits on a wide variety of topics.*

*The site itself serves as a living outdoor museum with original buildings constructed by Native Americans in the 18<sup>th</sup> century including the Serra Chapel, Great Stone Church, and the original padres' quarters of the South Wing.*

*The Mission was founded on November 1, 1776 by Padre Junipero Serra as the seventh in the chain of the twenty-one California missions established by Spain, and is Orange County's only mission. Every year, over 50,000 students visit the Mission and engage in an inspirational learning experience via the Mission Matters programming, as part of their State required California history studies.*

*Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange and is supported by the Mission Preservation Foundation, which is comprised of business and community leaders committed to ensuring the long term preservation and viability of Orange County's only Mission. The Mission receives no funding from either the Church or the State of California and charges admission funds as a means of providing public access.*

*Mission San Juan Capistrano is located at 26801 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. Open Daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Good Friday afternoon. Admission is \$9 adults; \$8 seniors (60 years or over); \$6 children (ages 4 to 11); and children ages 3 and under are admitted free. Free audio guide with senior and adult admission. For more information, call (949) 234-1300 or visit [www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com).*