MEET THE HERITAGE TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Just outside the gates of Mission San Juan Capistrano -- an historic icon whose stories and characters crafted the narrative of Southern California's early beginnings -- is the home of one of the most unique living histories in all the state.

Take a walk through downtown San Juan Capistrano, and the tapestry of Orange County's birthplace comes alive in its historic districts and features such as Los Rios, the oldest neighborhood in the state; the proud Capistrano Depot train station; and the artifacts, adobes and structures are all reminders of the early settlers in town.

To tell the story of San Juan, the Mission San Juan Capistrano in 2015 founded the Heritage Tourism Association to help provide the Mission's 300,000 annual visitors and local residents with information about the history and culture of the city's historic district.

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CAMINO REAL BELLS -- MARKERS OF HISTORY

Ever Wonder About Those Famous Bells?

The El Camino Real's cast iron Mission bells, perched along State Routes 101, 82, 37, 121, and 12, were first erected in 1906. By 1913, more than 450 of the markers were installed along the historic route, according to the Caltrans El Camino Real Bell Project site.

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SWALLOWS, "WELCOME HOME!"

Mission San Juan Capistrano, world famous for its annual return of the swallows every year, has suffered a gradual decline in the birds nesting on-site over the years due to urbanization. UNTIL NOW! There currently is a cliff swallows nest in the East Corridor near the Serra Chapel entry, and rough-winged swallows have been spotted nesting in the ruins of the Great Stone Church, a popular spot for the swallows many years ago.

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All Eyes On: The Train Depot, circa 1800

You might say for more than 120 years the romance of taking the train to old San Juan has never waned.

The difference today might just be a little more comfort. Air conditioned trains, three course meals upon arrival at Trevor's at the Tracks, a coffee at Ellie's Table, and desserts at 3:16 Bakery. What's not to like?

Add the romantic lore of San Juan's historic train depot, and you have one of the finest railroad stops anywhere in the country.

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The San Juan’s Los Rios Historic District

Take a walk along the pathways of the historic Los Rios Historic District and it's like taking a step back through the first few pages of California's history.

A century-old Olive tree reaches into the sky. Rumbling trains roll to a stop at the train depot, and butterflies flutter about a garden outside the Montanez Adobe, one of 40 mud-clay adobes built in 1794.

Los Rios Street, Spanish for “the rivers,” was originally called “Calle Occidental” or “West Street” indicating its location west of the Mission San Juan Capistrano. Several historic homes and structures still remain intact where early Native Americans, Spanish soldiers and families settled. The district was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983, and is one of the few truly distinct and unique historic districts in all of Orange County.

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Summer Blooms at Mission San Juan Capistrano

Visit the historic downtown.

Shop. Eat. Stay and Discover historic downtown San Juan Capistrano.

Historic San Juan Capistrano Train Depot, Spring 2017

Pick Up Your Free Downtown Map & Discounts at The Mission Store!

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A few years back, when the Mission Preservation Foundation endorsed the concept of forming the Heritage Tourism Association, we worked hard to first figure out new ways to better tell San Juan’s history with Mission visitors. We figured that the Mission saw over 500,000 visitors annually, and I realized that we had to get the story out. We thought putting information in the hands of our guests could work to improve and better support the economic viability and sustainability of the area merchants and non-profit entities alike.

As a result, we started the HTA as means to tap into limited resources to better market our historic downtown as a destination. We truly felt that locals could be better served if there was a dynamic marketing piece that pointed everyone in the direction of shopping, dining and discovering all that the area has to offer. As a result, the HTA has created a downtown map and community events calendar showcasing all of the members located within walking distance of the Mission. Soon after we worked at getting that same free map placed into Orange County area hotels and airports in order to help attract more visitors to the area.

This might have looked easy on face value, but in reality it was challenging and yet very worthwhile. Continued on page 6.

**TRAIN DEPOT Continued...**

The San Juan station is one of Amtrak's most unique, as it is housed in a vintage boxcar. The rail began in 1887 to connect Los Angeles and San Diego, and the depot was simply a small cube with a bell tower, telegraph office, waiting room and storage room for the train. In 1994, the San Juan Historical Society documented the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad built a station in 1894, and San Juan's depot was heavily marketed to attract East Coast and Midwest residents to move west, according to Amtrak's Great American Stations Project.

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Nervous, the conductor asked the “deputies” to ride in the back of the train and when it stopped in San Juan, a group of outlaws rode up to the train, took control of Larry and his deputies at gunpoint, and rode off with the two suspects.

No one still knew what was happening, and chaos and pandemonium broke out. What was going on? Who were these folks? Turns out, Larry and friends thought it was a fun way of ushering in and celebrating the return of the Swallows to the Mission, and it took quite some time for him to explain the entire charade to anxious bystanders and passengers.

To learn more about the town’s legends and stories, or to sign up for a tour, visit the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society webpage at sjchistoricalsociety.com

**Save the Dates!**

St. Joseph’s Day & Return of the Swallows Celebration @ the Mission Monday, March 13, 2018 Annual Swallows Day Parade by the Fiesta Association Saturday, March 24, 2018

**MISSION PRESERVATION FOUNDATION**

The Mission Preservation Foundation is a proud supporter of the historic downtown and supports the unique identity of the area.

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**MISSION BASILICA SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO**

Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano is a beautiful spring day.

**A BIRD’S EYE VIEW OF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO**

BY MECHELLE LAWRENCE ADAMS

Michele is a 27 year resident of SJC, former SJC Economic Development Manager and Planning Commission member.

As the Chair of the SJC Cultural Heritage Commission, she has been Executive Director of Mission SJC since 2003 working for the Diocese of Orange and the Mission Preservation Foundation. She is proud mother to three SJC-raised children.

Pick up free information on Native American history at the Mission to learn more.
A Special Place: San Juan Capistrano’s World Famous Library

San Juan Capistrano is a town with protected hillsides, the oldest residential neighborhood in California and a former regional building, which combined help to make the City truly unique. Old and new places that contribute to the community’s unique identity is the San Juan Capistrano Regional Library, which is the town’s rich history thanks in part to its distinctive architecture, interior furnishings and natural environment, and the overall design—renowned architect Michael Graves.

More than a library, the building was built in 1983 at a cost of $1.6 million and features hallways, nooks and reading rooms unlike any other including books in typical libraries. The library’s popularity also is a challenge for its space. On any given day, the activity and vibrancy of the town’s library is apparent.

Walk through the halls on a weekend and you will see the kids and students researching projects or catching up on homework at the stations, polish resumes or search for employment.

Friends of the Library President Maureen Gebelein said the library’s importance to the public, students and kids is timeless.

“We are an integral part of our community because they transform lives,” she said.

The library was designed by Graves, a professor of architecture at Princeton University and likely best known by the general public for his whimsical take on household furnishings and interior features, and the man behind a library housing books and tables in the Mills Act. Graves submitted his design to the community for consideration, and if selected, would be the first library in the downtown area?

“Let’s thank God for the Cultural Heritage Commission,” said Jan Siegel, who is also a member of the Historical Society and gives walking tours of the district. “Without that watchdog, it was always a battle. People always wanted to come in and do things.”

Some things have changed for the better; historical motherhouses have been restored due to the Mills Act tax relief, a park and parking lot were built and a much-needed parking lot was constructed at the western end of the district.

New additions are welcome to historians such as Porter. Through the years, the district has had some unnoticed treasures and neighborhoods, including at one time the City’s trash pickup service and lot, an RV storage facility and a giant metal dinosaur tower over the petting zoo.

Today, the RV storage lot is long gone, as is the trash facility. Businesses throughout the district have mostly offered their services in a respectful way in keeping with the character of the district, historians say.

In 1978, after nearly two years of trying to figure out how best to guide the future evolution of Los Rios, the city finalized the Los Rios Specific Plan, a document with a goal of recommending a preferred blueprint for growth and land use of the historic district.

Nearly two decades later as more ideas came before the City – from an artist’s village to park space – City Council members decided to update the original specific plan to better codify rules, regulations and future development.

During several public workshops, members of the Los Rios Ad-Hoc Committee gathered to hear concerns, desires and complaints surrounding the historic nature of the area, its historical diversity and rural character. City planners wrote.

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Out of the plan came land use goals, housing policies, rules for operating a business, a new road- way circulator plan and detailed guidelines, describing such things as what houses, fences, parks, signs, lights and other items were allowed.

Today, town leaders are again grappling with what the district will look like and feel like in the future.

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FACTS ABOUT Mission San Juan Capistrano

Do You Know?

• Serra Chapel is the most historically significant chapel in California.

• Serra Chapel is the only recording California Mission chapel where Saint Junipero Serra once celebrated Mass.

• Mission San Juan Capistrano was founded the same year the Declaration of Independence was signed, in 1776.

• Mission San Juan Capistrano is the seventh of 21 California missions established during 1769-1823.

• Mission San Juan Capistrano is Orange County’s only mission.

• Resident priest, Father St. John O’Sullivan, started the tradition of celebrating the return of the swallows on March 19, St. Joseph’s Day.

• The Mission’s docents provide guided tours to over 74,000 school children who visit annually.

• Mission San Juan Capistrano honors its founder, Saint Serra with a daily bell ringing. The bells are rung seven times at 8:00 a.m. to symbolize Serra’s role in establishing Mission San Juan Capistrano as the seventh of nine missions he would establish before his passing.

• Masked crusader Zorro, first debuted in a short story called “The Curse of Capistrano,” written by Johnston McCulley in 1919. The setting of the story was the small mission town of San Juan Capistrano.

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The goal was to keep visitors in town longer following a Mission visit.

Throughout historic downtown, you’ll find the businesses, historic points of interest and members of the Heritage Tourism Association.

Members vary from bakers and restaurateurs plying their trade in side historic homes and buildings to the town’s trio of downtown wineries, to nonprofit nonprofits eager to share the stories of old San Juan.

The historic districts are also home to unique Native American history, the Legend of the Swallows, a historic train depot, an equestrian heritage, a renowned library and many outstanding community curated adobes and historic buildings. The culture is strengthened with festivals, concerts and art shows - all within walking distance from one another.

Members include:

- We Olive & Wine Bar, artesian oils and gourmet food in the 1920 Ferris Kelly Building
- Mission Fine Arts Gallery, original fine art from local artists in the 1920 Ferris Kelly Building
- The Bookstore, generally-used books in the 1983 Michael Graves designed library
- O’Neill Museum, home of the Historical Society in the 1870 Garcia/Pryor House
- Trevor’s at the Tracks, American fair in the 1894 Capistrano Depot.


Walking Tour Guides & Discounts at The Mission Store!


deluxe bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, team roping and tie-down roping. Cowgirls will compete well at the Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo can see their stock shoot up and down as they Are scheduled to participate the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) this December in Las Vegas.

San Juan city council members approved the summer trolley service Mexican food.

The two free trolleys will operate from 5 – 10 p.m. Fridays; 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturdays; and 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sundays. For trolley route, visit www.missionsjc.com/trolley

The beautiful City of San Juan Capistrano presents the Free Weekend Trolley

The Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo began in 2001 to honor California’s western heritage and as an “invitational rodeo” quickly grew to attract the nation’s top rodeo cowboys and cowboys in the country.

In its 17 years, the rodeo has also raised nearly $2 million for the Shea Therapeutic Riding Center, CHOC Mission Hospital, Camino Health and other south Orange County organizations.

“Hosting the Rodeo is our way of honoring our Western heritage, one which we feel privileged to share,” said Moiso.

“The Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo allows us to keep our region’s cowboy culture alive while perpetuating the old cowboy tradition of ‘passing the hat’ in support of a sick child or needy friend.

“Why’s that the proceeds for this year’s Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo will, once again, benefit local charities. This year, we hope to attract the largest turnout yet as we promise to deliver a fun-filled, family-oriented event.”

Learn more about the Rodeo at www.RMVrodeo.com.
ILSE BYRNES: A Legacy to Behold

Ilse Byrnes stands at the doorway to the Montanez Adobe and watches the passersby take in the history of the Los Rios District, a place she has devoted her life to preserve.

"Shhkkk, shhkkkk, shhhhhhh," the rattlesnake sound of the rain stick inside the adobe rattles after its pick up by a visitor. Byrnes quickly walks inside to greet a couple visiting from the East Coast. She explains the history of the adobe, and one of the visitors notes how cold the walls are. Although it is warm outside, the adobe’s mud walls keep the inside cool, she explains.

For more than 40 years, Byrnes has documented the town’s timeline, cataloged its history and guarded its identity. Ask around San Juan, and many would suggest that Byrnes has been perhaps the city’s greatest protector when it comes to historic preservation to date.

"Ilse is one of the most significant San Juan Capistrano historic preservationists in the last four decades," said Tom Ostensen, executive director of the Mission San Juan Capistrano.

I'm personally excited because, when I came here in 2003, the swallows had pretty much deserted the area, Byrnes says. However, "I’m afraid the swallows may not be noticeable. But there are rough-wings, because cliff swallows prefer to re-use existing nests where possible, as this saves time and energy in building a nest from scratch," Dr. Brown said the "return of the cliff swallows" could be due to a variety of factors.

"It is hard to say what brought them in, likely a combination of the restoration efforts and the acutally increased numbers of the rough-winged swallows," he said. "They may have been here before we documented them, natural populations, and seen the nests, and this may have stimulated them to see what we’re doing."

"Hard to know for sure, but if I was to pinpoint one thing, I’m afraid the swallows are the rough-wings, because cliff swallows are often attracted to them. Live animals will always be more effective than any picture or description," he said.

While the cliff swallows are the birds that have become legendary in relation to the Mission, the rough-winged swallows are new to the Mission, he said. "I think a little, analyze a little and you’ll see them," he added.

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"I've seen adobes smashed, some of the nice old mansions bulldozed, things destroyed that to me were historically significant and important to protecting the town," she said. "There’s a disrespect by certain developers," For now, Byrnes is mostly content speaking to visitors in Los Rios, serving her district as a volunteer and helping protect the town.

"Slow down! As long as I can think of, the town has been one where I can walk a little, I’ll keep going," she said. "I feel like I’ve done my very best to protect it. I don’t think the generations will have learned a little more about preservation," she said.

Ilse Byrnes was named “Woman of the Year” in 2005 and her husband Dr. Roy Byrnes is a two-time San Juan Capistrano City Councilman and retired physician.

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We actually have brought swallows back to the Mission, and it’s exciting because they are nesting in horizontal cracks and crevices of a vertical wall. Likely, they have found such a crevice there in the wall that is right here. Through decades, she has voiced her respect by certain developers.

Urbanization over decades and decades has given the cliff swallows and rough-winged swallows new homes in the Los Rios Street, which are highly social and nest in colonies, rough-winged swallows are solitary, they find more than one pair together.

Ilse Byrnes at the opening of Ellie’s Table, Egan House, Spring 2017
Downtown San Juan Capistrano has a homegrown wine festival for wine tasting over the past few years. The opening of award winning Five Vine Wine Bar by Andy and Suzy Fisher back in 2014, the stage was set.

Recognizing an ideal location near the train station, Kyle Franson, HTA Founding level member, also invested in rehabilitating the Queruo West Building, working with Eric Altman to realize his dream of preserving the tired building and establishing a quality experience. Their joint effort resulted in a remodel of the failed multi-modal parking area, with much needed visual improvements.

More recently, local wine maker Ed Subielski joined the historic downtown when he took over as owner/director of We Olive & Wine Bar located in the 1900’s era Ferri’s Building.

Together, the three entities and their operators have made huge in-vestments of time and resources to create a walkable wine tasting environment that augments the unique identity of downtown San Juan Capistrano.

Each wine stop has its own wine list, and offerings unique to them. With enthusiasm for his efforts, Kyle Franson that, “After 28 years of a successful finance career, the chance to own my own business, something I love is really a lot of fun.”

Randy Fisher of Five Vines notes that in owning a San Juan business, “We have found some fantastic customers in our friends and the healthiest marketing is, of course, word of mouth and friends telling friends.” (Voted “San Juan Capistrano Business of the Year, 2016” by San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce.)

At We Olive and Wine Bar, Ed Subielski shares, “We take pride in the idea that customers can come in and enjoy a small bite and boutique wine, and at the end of their visit they take home a recipe card, and if they want, purchase the blood orange olive oil in the shop used to make the very recipe they enjoyed.”

To plan your wine tasting experience in SJC, take a look at HTA member listings on page 8. Plan to meet the Fishers, Subielski and Ed at We Olive, and you’ll experience unparalleled original service, seeing the history uniquely at each one. Reservations not required but encouraged.

To plan a wine tasting experience for your free HTA map to plan your downtown dining experience. Visit the adobe, “OK, where is the jail cell,” she said. “Then it becomes part of the story. Then it becomes part of the town.”

Over the past 20 years, downtown SJC’s retail setting has evolved to feature more restaurants ranging from the family/budget friendly to the trendier scene of keeping perishable food from going bad and not a lot of activity in the downtown. Who wants to do something for the preservation,” she said. “We realized there was so much history and there is so much history that we needed some place to put accused criminals and not a lot of activity in the downtown. We wanted to do something for the preservation,” she said. “We realized there was so much history and there is so much history that we needed some place to put accused criminals and not a lot of activity in the downtown.

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Architectural Walking Tours
(by Friends of the Library)
Saturdays at 10 a.m.
Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes
Location: Train Depot on Verdugo Street
$5 donation
Reservations required. For more information, please call (949) 218-4512 or (949) 493-0735

Historic Walking Tours
(by San Juan Capistrano Historical Society)
Sundays at 1 p.m.
Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes
Location: Across from Mission San Juan Capistrano at the Capistrano Trading Post
Free
The Historic Walking Tour visits two adobes built in the 1790s, Los Rios Street, a Victorian House and other historic sites.
No reservations required. For group reservations, call the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society at (949) 493-8444

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The following are offered at Mission San Juan Capistrano
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., daily

Daily Tour of Mission
Daily at 11:15 a.m. $3 per adult/$2 per child.
No reservation required.

Art Walk
Every Friday at 11:00 a.m. Free with admission.
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Swallows Walk and Talk Tour
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Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
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2017 COMMUNITY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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(No scheduled events)

FEBRUARY
San Juan Capistrano Annual Vintage Car Show Presented by the SJC Rotary Saturday, February 4 25925 Camino Del Avion www.sjcrotary.org
Taste of San Juan Presented by the Fiesta Association Thursday, February 9 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. www.swallowsparade.com

MARCH
El Presidente Ball Presented by the Fiesta Association Friday, March 17 • 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. www.swallowsparade.com
Mission San Juan Capistrano’s St. Joseph’s Day & Return of the Swallows Celebration Sunday, March 19 • 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 26801 Ortega Hwy www.missionsjc.com
Annual Swallows Day Parade Presented by the Fiesta Association Saturday, March 25 www.swallowsparade.com

APRIL
Annual Fiesta Days Presented by the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society O’Neill Museum on Los Rios Street www.sjhistoricalsociety.com
Preservation Week April 23 – 29 www.missionsjc.com

MAY
Eco Garden Expo Hosted by Goin’ Native Therapeutic Gardens Saturday, May 6 & Sunday, May 7 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. www.goingnative.net
Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Battle of the Mariachi Festival Saturday, May 13 • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 26801 Ortega Hwy www.missionsjc.com

JUNE
Summer Concerts in Historic Town Center Park Wednesday, June 21 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Free to the Public www.sanjanacapistrano.org
Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Music Under the Stars Summer Concert Series Saturday, June 24 • 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. 26801 Ortega Hwy www.missionsjc.com

JULY
Shakespeare in Historic Town Center Park Presented by Camino Real Playhouse www.caminoareaplayhouse.org
Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Feast of Saint Junipero Serra Historic Bell Ringing Saturday, July 1 • 12:00 p.m. 26801 Ortega Hwy www.missionsjc.com
Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Music Under the Stars Summer Concert Series Saturdays, July 8, July 22 • 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. 26801 Ortega Hwy www.missionsjc.com
Summer Concerts in Historic Town Center Park Wednesday, July 19 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Free to the Public www.sanjanacapistrano.org

AUGUST
Rancho Mission Viejo Annual Rodeo Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park at San Juan Capistrano Saturday – Sunday, August 26 – 27 www.rmvdoo.com
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Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Music Under the Stars Summer Concert Series Saturdays, August 5, August 19 • 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. 26801 Ortega Hwy www.missionsjc.com

SEPTEMBER
Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Patrons Day Historic Bell Ringing Monday, September 11 • 10:00 a.m. 26801 Ortega Hwy www.missionsjc.com
Summer Concerts in Historic Town Center Park Wednesday, September 20 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Free to the Public www.sanjanacapistrano.org

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Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Constitution Day Historic Bell Ringing Sunday, September 17 • 1:00 p.m. 26801 Ortega Hwy www.missionsjc.com

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Annual Veterans Day Ceremony Saturday, November 11 www.sanjanacapistrano.org

DECEMBER
Annual San Juan Capistrano Tree Lighting Ceremony Saturday, December 2 www.sanjanacapistrano.org
Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Christmas at the Mission Saturday, December 2 (Following the City of San Juan Capistrano’s Tree Lighting Ceremony) 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 26801 Ortega Hwy www.missionsjc.com
Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Day of Remembrance Tolling of the Bells Friday, December 8 • 10:00 a.m. 26801 Ortega Hwy www.missionsjc.com

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