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ROMANCE OF THE MISSION
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Executive Director’s Message

Mission San Juan Capistrano Blooms

The Mission’s ever changing landscape provides great inspiration when viewed against the aged buildings and town that surround it.

Right this moment our orange California poppies bloom brightly to greet our visitors and field trip students as if saying, “Hello, we’re happy to see you.” In response for just a moment, a Mission visitor gets to think, “So this is how a California mission should look – this is worth a visit.”

But what many don’t realize is that “should” and “is” requires an engaged community and many gardeners.

It can look as if it all comes easily. This religious and historic setting requires careful and mindful tending from all who serve. To give excellence, requires regular assessments and reviews to ensure all parts of the organization are moving in the right direction. And when they are not, fixing them along the way.

To ensure the power of this place continues to leave a measurable impact, whether educationally, spiritually, or familial, requires seasonal adjustments and reconfiguring what to add to the mix, and what to take away, always learning along the way.

Good gardening also requires an appreciative audience.

As we approach the summertime, we invite you to put a visit to the Mission San Juan Capistrano on your calendar, compare it to the other historic sites you know, take a moment to take inventory of the place, and hold that memory for the years to come. As you do so, you will leave here being able to share your experience with others who might take this place for granted or deem missions “too religious,” “too dusty,” “not relevant,” “or “been there done that.” In sharing the good news of the Mission you might be giving a service and motivate someone to bring their concerns and hopes to the St. Peregrine Chapel, find respite in the Serra Chapel, feel awed by the Ruins of the Great Stone Church, feel patriotic as they visit the Bell Wall, or find joy in taking a tour led by a real live caring human being.

Yes, the poppies are blooming here at Mission San Juan Capistrano. And as we bloom we hope you will visit our garden to take a moment to breathe in the living place that is historic Mission San Juan Capistrano to become part of our collective community. Find a moment to appreciate Orange County’s only mission while bringing your own personal history to this oasis of the past.

Mechelle Lawrence Adams
Mission San Juan Capistrano Executive Director

Dedicated to our many volunteers and members

facing physical and mental health and challenges, knowing the site gives you inspiration as you give all who work here inspiration in return.
Mission San Juan Capistrano was awarded a third grant from the California Missions Foundation (CMF) to support painting conservation.

This year’s award of $10,000 (the maximum allowed) will support the conservation of two more paintings from the Mission’s museum collection. The “Portrait of an Unidentified Catholic Saint” and “The Crucifixion” are in need of significant treatment, including cleaning and repairs to holes and tears in the canvases, which is expected to take a few months.

The Mission San Juan Capistrano Art Guild’s purpose is to promote and support the conservation, acquisition, and public’s access and appreciation of the Mission’s fine arts collection.

To get involved and donate, please contact Development Director Barb Beier at (949) 234-1323 or by email at bbeier@missionsjc.com.

Join us for art tours

The Mission Art Walk is a guided tour highlighting the art collection of rare paintings.

Fridays | 11:00 A.M.
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New Bronze Model On Display

The Mission Preservation Foundation recently completed and installed a six-month project in which a bronze sculpture of the Great Stone Church was created. The project was funded by the generous donations of the Mission San Juan Capistrano Docent Society, and Mission donor and docent Julie Janss.

The project was initiated because Mission staff believed visiting students and guests needed a visual representation of what the church looked like prior to 1812 when an earthquake felled the church and left it in ruins.

Mission staff determined a 3D tactile model was the best way to serve guests and display the Great Stone Church’s architectural history.

In the recent past the Mission used ceramic models that staff and volunteers had made on site. However, models were either vandalized, stolen, or weathered with time. The Mission staff knew a more permanent solution was needed, and began looking into having a bronze sculpture/model created. The project bidding process and artist inquiry began last year.

Bridget Keimel, a well-known artist from Petaluma in Northern California who has done many bronze sculptures and natural science exhibits, was hired to create the sculpture. Some of her previous projects/work can be seen in Yosemite National Park. She created the John Muir sculpture in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, and bronze sculpture of Half Dome. She also has created work for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Keimel worked on the design and look basing it off historical research and architectural drawings created by the Historical American Building Survey (HABS) in the 1930s. No original plans, designs, or drawings exist from the time the church was completed in 1806. Based on the architectural drawings, historical research, and archaeological reports, Keimel worked to create the most accurate model of the church as possible.

Keimel started the process with a clay sculpting, and various versions were presented to Mission Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence Adams to make sure the fine details were accurate as possible.

The finalized clay sculpture was then used in creating a mold for the casting in bronze at a foundry.

On Sunday, March 19th, Monsignor J. Michael McKiernan blessed the bronze model, and prayed for those who tragically lost their lives in the 1812 earthquake and all the people who helped make this special memorial possible.
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St. Joseph's Day & Return of the Swallows Celebration

free members event

Did you join us March 19th? This members free festival marked the return of our famous swallows to Capistrano and the coming of spring—a time of renewal and rebirth.

Our annual celebration included “Swingin’ with the Swallows” swing concert, a tribute to our nation's veterans with a flyover by WWII planes, ringing of the historic bells, community performances, a field presentation on cliff swallows by Dr. Charles Brown and more.

Summer Crafts for kids

June 19th - August 11th
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Cost: $3.00 for members and $5.00 for the public with general admission

How can you help? Join our efforts to save the Mission

There is much to be done in order to preserve Mission San Juan Capistrano. Net revenues are raised from Mission-hosted corporate events and special events are directed toward preservation. Membership dues derived from the Mission Preservation Society are directed toward much-needed repair and conservation.

However, these programs are not enough to save the Mission. Donations and gifts from supporters are integral to realizing the dream of a more authentic, historically accurate Mission, and a continued legacy for California’s “Jewel of the Missions”—Mission San Juan Capistrano. The list of things to work on is extensive and requires funding and support from a variety of sources.

When visitors ask, “What needs to be done?” or “How can I help?”—the first step is to become a member. The second is to consider assisting a specific project of preservation, and the third is to share our need with those around you. Mission San Juan Capistrano is Orange County’s only mission and it needs support of time, talent, and funding.
The Mission Preservation Foundation invites you to attend Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Romance of the Mission benefit gala on Friday, September 15th, which will include a performance in the Ruins of the Great Stone Church by Grammy and Tony Award Winner Heather Headley.

This year’s event celebrates and honors Mission Preservation Foundation supporters, Jim and Sheila Peterson.

2016 Honorees, The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel will once again co-host the opening reception in the Mission’s front gardens and the post-concert, four-course plated candlelight dinner in the Central Courtyard. Proceeds from the evening will go toward the Mission Preservation Foundation’s ongoing preservation efforts.

Individual reservations and underwriting support are now being accepted. Please contact Barb Beier at (949)234-1323 or email bbeier@missionsjc.com.

thank you members 2017

Music Under the Stars Sold Out

The summer concert series sold out its Mission Members tickets in record time. We appreciate our members supporting preservation of the Mission through this benefit concert series.

Music Under the Stars features a top-notch tribute band lineup, celebrating a variety of timeless and nostalgic classics in popular music at the beautiful and historic setting of the Mission.
Spring into the Mission Store

Open daily 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

This spring the Mission Store is carrying a large assortment of unique, floral items to love from both local and international artists.

Also your official stop for all swallows merchandise, pick up these iconic ambassadors in a variety of merchandise styles from handcrafted jewelry collections to beautiful entertaining dishes.

See what's growing at the Mission Store today!

Did You Know? Net proceeds from 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.
Mission San Juan Capistrano is proud to present the 13th annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival on Saturday, May 13, 2017, thanks to the generous support of the Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Family Foundation. Join us from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. for this highly-anticipated celebration of talent, interpretation and inspiration of Mariachi music at the historic Mission, California Landmark #200. This exciting day features live music performances by mariachi groups from across Southern California and beyond as they compete on stage for cash prizes before a panel of distinguished judges.

Festival highlights also include ringing of the historic Mission bells, a special performance of the National Anthem, performances by Ballet Folklorico de San Juan Capistrano, bilingual marionette shows by Franklin Haynes Marionettes and gourmet Mexican food vendors. Reserved tables went on sale in January and sold out in record time. General admission tickets are on sale now and are still available. Tickets are limited and will sell out quickly.

Purchase general admission tickets to enjoy the festival from open seating. Individual seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Early arrival is recommended to get a seat. General admission tickets can be purchased online at missionsjc.com or at the Gate House.

Cost is $16 for adults and seniors, $7 for children ages 4-11. For Mission Preservation Society members, cost is $10 for adults and seniors, $5 for children ages 4-11. Join the Mission Preservation Society to enjoy discounted rates today.

New Employees
Welcome to the Mission Work Family

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The Mission is a Great Place to Volunteer

More than 300,000 visitors each year are warmly welcomed to Mission San Juan Capistrano and assisted by our caring volunteers who dedicate over 8,000 hours a year to keeping the Mission a vibrant place of inspiration, education, and preservation.

Mission leadership is grateful for the special role our volunteers play here every day and are grateful for their commitment of time to keep the Mission relevant, keep California history alive, and keep our gates open to an appreciative world audience.

Today we have more than 300 individuals who help. Each and every volunteer makes a difference no matter the role they take on. Many of our volunteers help in several different areas. What makes Mission San Juan Capistrano a top work place is its emphasis on service and making sure the landmark is represented with the spirit of Franciscan hospitality.

These core values are directed to one another, as well as our guests. The Mission Preservation Foundation looks forward to hosting our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the El Adobe Restaurant to celebrate every volunteer. This year on January 24th, San Juan Capistrano Mayor Kerry Ferguson and the City Council of San Juan Capistrano joined us as we congratulated the many achievements of our volunteers:

Mission Docent Society
Mission San Juan Capistrano Docents make California history come alive for approximately 68,000 school children and adult chaperones each year.

Gardening Angels
Our Gardening Angels care for our Mission plants and flowers alongside O’Connell Landscape Maintenance to ensure the setting is pristine. The dedicated group can be found rain or shine on the grounds each Wednesday morning pruning, mulching, fertilizing, and planting to help make the Mission gardens stunning for guests.

Women’s Guild
The Guild works on special activities and fundraising at the Mission. The Guild’s crowning achievement is the publication of a beautiful, award-winning cookbook, "The Bells are Ringing – A Call to Table," now in its fifth printing and available at the Mission Store.

Curiosity Carts
These volunteers work at information carts to answer the lively questions of visitors and fourth graders working on their California mission report.

Special Events
Many volunteers help to sell opportunity drawing tickets at special events, or assist in set up and tear down for festivals and special programs. Native American Basket Weavers — descendants from the original builders of the Mission, the Acjachemen people — showcase their traditions regularly and teach about the many ways and uses of basket weaving. These artisans share their skill sets and answer questions about history of the area’s indigenous people.

Help Us Preserve the Legacy!

On behalf of the Mission Preservation Foundation we invite you to join our Mission family, and become an active volunteer working with others who are committed to preserving and celebrating the past for future generations to come enjoy and learn.

For more information about how to make a difference, please contact Pat March, Volunteer Program Administrator at (949) 234-1322 or pmarch@missionsjc.com.
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June 19 - August 11, 2017
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Summer Concert Series
June 24 - August 19, 2017
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