

MISSION CHRONICLES

Information for Locals

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Projects Underway to Ensure the Preservation of Mission History

VOLUNTEERS ARE ON A MISSION TO BRING SAN JUAN HISTORY TO LIFE!

Have you ever wondered about those people you see around the Mission with the black hats and various red & black attire?

These are our Mission San Juan Docents. Docents make California history come alive for thousands of students and adult visitors each year. If you love history, have a natural curiosity, enjoy people and like sharing with others, this may be a volunteer position for you!

The Mission Docent Society is comprised of individuals with a strong sense of history, the importance of remembering it, and the ability to share it with others. Mechelle Lawrence Adams, Executive Director at Mission San Juan Capistrano said: "Docents have the opportunity to change a student's perspective from one that thinks history is boring to one that views history as interesting. As I still remember my 4th grade field trip to this mission, it inspired me to care about history. Unfortunately here at the Mission, we don't have enough docents and hope that we can attract more interesting people who want to make a difference through docent work." Docents have a passion for history, people and many of them become good friends as a result the Mission brings these special people together and ends up enriching the volunteer's life as well.

The Mission San Juan Capistrano Docent Society has been in existence for 28 years and has a membership of more than 100. The purpose of the Society is to educate and inform the visitors about the history of Mission San Juan Capistrano.

Docents are asked to become active members of the Mission's volunteer community and conduct monthly tours and attend monthly meetings. As a society, the docents visit surrounding historical sites, participate in fundraising projects and often assist with special projects.

To make a difference, please contact Pat March, Volunteer Program Administrator at (949) 234-1322 to request more information about volunteer opportunities.

- Docent Society
- Women's Guild
- Gardening Angels
- Artifacts Council

