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**VILLAS & VERANDAS ART EXHIBITION AT  
MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO**

San Juan Capistrano, CA -- August 1, 2009 -- Mission San Juan Capistrano will host the "Our Land, Our People, Our Mission" exhibit daily from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. until October 7 at the Mission's Soldier Barracks Gallery.

"The Mission is dedicated to serving as not only a historic site and museum, but also as a cultural landmark," stated Mechelle Lawrence-Adams, Executive Director of Mission San Juan Capistrano. "Painters of yester year and today gather to capture the beauty of the Mission and generate tremendous resources for future research and understanding of what it looked like through its life history. We are indeed fortunate to have Villas and Verandas working hard to help promote and inspire art and culture at Orange County's only mission."

Curated by Aida Ganddini and Ron Deak, owners of San Juan Capistrano's own Villas & Verandas Fine Art Gallery, the 5th annual "Our Land, Our People, Our Mission" exhibition features oil paintings of California's landscape, people and history from 20 artists.

Featured artists include Jason Situ, Robin Hall, Grace Schlesier, Kevin Kibsey, Jeff Sewell, Craig Pursley, Mary Ann Ohmit, Janine Salzman, Ron Deak, and Marjorie Taylor. These California Impressionists and Plein-Air artists celebrate and pay tribute to the cultural history of California and the Mission.

"This is a beautiful loop of history," Aida Ganddini said. "Around 1915 Fr. John O' Sullivan started inviting the California Impressionists to paint the Mission grounds after restoration of the gardens. To now be doing something similar to what Fr. O' Sullivan celebrated here with art, is very meaningful for us. The Mission is everyone's responsibility to take care of and help preserve. This exhibit is just our small way of giving back.'

A portion of all proceeds from this show will be directed towards Mission preservation. All of the paintings on exhibit are of California open spaces, the Mission, and figurative paintings representing California's heritage. The exhibition is included with paid admission to the Mission, and is free to all Preservation Society Members of the Mission.

*About Villas & Verandas Fine Art Gallery:*

*This museum-style gallery is located across the street from Mission San Juan Capistrano. Villas & Verandas proudly represents 20 California Impressionists, many of whom are nationally collected award winning artists. With its vast selection of California Plein-Air paintings, as well as excellent figurative paintings, it is a premier source for the fine art collector, as well as the collector of antique Santos and Devotional Art. The Santos (saints) from all over the world, are one of the largest museum-quality collections anywhere in the U.S.; here you will find rare one-of-a-kind antiques and unusual treasures.*

*Since 2004, Villas & Verandas has been owned by husband and wife, Ron Deak and Aida Ganddini. Ron is one of the 100 artists featured in "Land of Sunlight"; where two of his paintings featured. Aida also paints, but spends much of her time running the gallery, sourcing for the loves of her life: antiques, Santos, and unique items, writing inspirational poetry, and dancing flamenco professionally with her group "Duende Flamenco". It is Ron and Aida's mission that "Villas & Verandas always be a place that rewards the senses and nourishes the soul". For more information please visit [www.VillasAndVerandas.com](http://www.VillasAndVerandas.com) or call (949) 493-7200.*

*About Mission San Juan Capistrano:*

*Located in Orange County, Calif., Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange. Founded November 1, 1776 by Padre Junipero Serra, the Mission was the seventh mission in the chain of the twenty-one California missions, which were established by Spain. Known as the "Jewel of the Missions," it provides an inspirational learning experience about the past each year to over 53,000 fourth grade students as part of their California history studies. A place of inspiration, education, and preservation, the Mission is Orange County's only mission and is supported by the Mission Preservation Foundation, which is comprised of business and community leaders. For more information please visit [www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com).*

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