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## Greetings!

CMSA's Annual Conference at Mission San Luis Rey was a great success. The dramatic thundershowers at the base of Mount Palomar remind us of the natural world of the Native Californians and the sense of remoteness experienced by the Franciscans who entered into that sphere.

Craig Russell (above with CMSA President Dan Krieger), accepted the 2010 Edna Kimbro Award for *From Serra to Sancho: Music and Pageantry in the California Missions* (Oxford, 2009) with a lively and provocative presentation on the music of the California missions. Craig helped us to understand the role of music in the life of the mission community and the exceptional spark lit by Fray Juan Bautista Sancho in his lonely "mission in the Sierras," San Antonio de Padua. To learn more about the Edna Kimbro Award click on the picture above.

The sessions included themes from Native America voices and lives, maritime relations, political aspects of running the missions, archaeology, architecture, and mission restoration.

Over lunch we were treated to HD (High-Definition) video selections depicting the future of mission filming by CMSA board member David Bolton of Cultural Videos, Santa Barbara.

The sessions ended and we had the privilege of celebrating a Mass in memory of our own Cha Cha Belardes in the historic Mission Church. The Mission Church venue was a rare opportunity, since mass is usually celebrated in the nearby modern church.

Appropriately, our banquet speaker was a CMSA founder, Julia Costello co-author (with the late Edna Kimbro) of *The California Missions: History, Art, and Preservation* (Getty Publications, 2009).

There was something for everyone and every attendee took away some new perspectives on our joint enterprise along the Mission trail.

Our next Conference, my last as your president, will be on my own home turf at Mission San Miguel, Arcangel on February 26-27, 2011. Take a look at Tony Crosby's "*Recent Conservation Work at Mission San Miguel*" posted on the CMSA website. You will get a taste of what is waiting for you at "the Mission along the Highway." Former CMSA President Bill Fairbanks and Cuesta College professor Dennis Judd are serving as co-chairs of the local arrangements committee. They were part of the team responsible for the 2004 Conference at Mission San Luis Obispo.

Working with Franciscan Guardian Fr. Larry Gosselin at Mission San Miguel, we are able to offer you the newly restored retreat quarters at the Mission or the brand new La Quinta luxury conference hotel in nearby Paso Robles for housing. You can depend on some great food in the tradition of California's Central Coast.

We will also be presenting a live version of the mission music that Craig Russell informed us about at San Luis Rey in the midst of the still stunning and now stabilized Esteban Munrás murals of the San Miguel church.

The theme of our 2011 conference at San Miguel Arcangel, will appropriately be Restauración. We look forward to seeing you along the highway!

### ◆ 2010 Neuerburg Award

Knox Mellon, Executive Director of the California Missions Foundation, accepted the 2010 Norman Neuerburg Award with a series of warm recollections of CMSA's past and an appreciation of our future. Knox's comments will be included in a forthcoming issue of the Boletín. Dr. Mellon is pictured above with CMSA President Dan Krieger. To learn more about the Norman Neuerburg Award click on the picture.

### ◆ From the Editor of CMSA's Boletín

Each annual issue of the CMSA Boletín strives to present original research of high quality and broad accessibility on a variety of topics encompassing northern, central and southern California missions. Accommodating both emergent and seasoned authors, every issue also seeks to include an engaging selection of illustrations drawn from a wide range of visual sources. New sections on archaeology ("Digging It") and exhibitions ("Curators' Corner") represent specific constituencies across the wide and fascinating spectrum of mission-related interests.

Submissions for Boletín 27:2, accepted through June 1st, should follow the Style Guide which can be accessed through the link below.

**Boletín Style Guide**

### ◆ Upcoming events and publications of Interest...

► Although never completed, the 16th century cathedral of Michoacán, in Pátzcuaro, was probably the most original and ambitious colonial building ever conceived in the Americas. To learn more about this extraordinary project please go to <http://www.colonial-mexico.com>

► Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 3PM Mission San Rafael Arcangel will present a lecture by George McKale City of Sonoma, Town Historian.

The lecture will focus on archaeological materials that have been unearthed over the years at the Castañada Adobe. Most of the artifacts were collected by the Gregory Jones family, who launched into a major restoration of both the adobe and gardens in the late 1940's. The Castañada Adobe is located immediately west of the El Dorado Hotel on West Spain Street and was constructed by Salvador Vallejo between 1842 and 1846. Don Juan Castañada was a Mexican Army Officer and private secretary to Mariano Vallejo. He bought the adobe from Salvador Vallejo in 1850, earning him the distinction of being the first recognized inhabitant. The archaeological material is quite varied, representing Euro-American, Native American, and Chinese cultures. The meaning behind the artifacts will be explored.

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► NEW - Kristin Dutcher Mann, *THE POWER OF SONG: MUSIC AND DANCE IN THE MISSION COMMUNITY OF NORTHERN NEW SPAIN, 1590-1810*. (Berkeley and Stanford: Academy of American History and Stanford University Press, 2010). To order go to the Stanford University Press Website at [www.sup.org](http://www.sup.org) or call 1-800-621-2736.

### ◆ Candidates for Board and Officers of CMSA, Spring 2010

In considering new Board Members, the Nominations Committee of CMSA was conscious our commitment to preserve Board membership that reflects the creative diversity of our organization. The Committee desires that the Board

membership represent both women and men, that it contains persons of different occupations, from various geographic regions, and with different types of relationships to California Missions, presidios, pueblos, ranchos and their Native American, Hispanic and Early American past. The Committee submits the following five candidates for the general membership's approval:

The Board recommends that the membership reelect KYRA SAMANIEGO and ANDY GALVAN and DAVID BELARDES to a second term on the Board. Their work should be well known to the membership and each has contributed greatly to the success of CMSA during their three-year terms.

In addition to the incumbent candidates, the Committee asks that the membership elect CAROL KENYON and LINDA WILDE to the Board. Members will receive a copy of biographies of these two candidates along with the Ballot which will be mailed sometime in the month of May.

In 2009, the membership approved DAN KRIEGER to continue as President, DAVID BELARDES to continue as Vice-President, LOU SANNA to continue as Treasurer and that CARRIE FOGG to continue and Secretary. Elections for Board officers occur every other year, or upon vacancy of one or more of the Board offices. Therefore, Board officer elections will not take place this year.

***MEMBERS OF CMSA SHOULD LOOK FOR THEIR OFFICIAL BALLOT IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.***

#### ◆ Ruben Mendoza Featured in CSUMB Magazine

The work of CMSA member Dr. Ruben Mendōza, a man with a mission, is feature in the Spring/Summer 2010 edition of California State University Monterey Bay's Magazine & Alumni News. it is presented here in it entirety with the permission of [CSU Monterey Bay Magazine and Alumni News](#).

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#### ◆ Call For Papers

Proposals for panels or papers for the February 25- 26, 2011 CMSA Annual Meeting at Mission San Miguel should be sent to Dan Krieger at [slchistory@gmail.com](mailto:slchistory@gmail.com).

If you would like CMSA to consider announcing an event or new publications which may be of interest to the readers of the Correo, please contact Louis Sanna with details.

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