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## A LETTER FROM THE CMSA PRESIDENT - David Bolton

Dear Fellow CMSA Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of CMSA, we hope that your 2012 is starting in a great way, and thanks for your continued support of CMSA. We continue to see the organization move forward in a positive direction, and we are all looking ahead to a solid conference this coming February 17-19 at Mission San Rafael Arcángel. We hope that you will be able to join us for what is turning out to be an interesting and informative weekend for all those who enjoy the studies, research and history of our Alta California Missions. A lot has gone in to the local logistics, so far, to make this a smoothly running event; and I would like to personally thank local Event Chair Theresa Brunner and her team for all of the hard work that they have done in pulling things together. *Muchísimas Gracias!*

In this edition of the *Correo*, you will find details regarding the Conference sign-up's fast-approaching deadline (January 20), as well as, a variety of other topics, including: exciting archaeology work at Mission San Rafael; the Midwinter Solstice Illumination phenomenon at various missions and presidios; our monthly Cooking Corner focusing this month on traditional Pozole; updates on the Serra 300 Committee; a new *Correo* feature designed especially for Docents; and happenings of interest to us all, both in California and elsewhere.

As we look to the upcoming Conference, our Papers Committee, consisting of Carol Kenyon, Ty Smith, Tom Lucas and Teri Brunner, has assembled a strong lineup of presenters, based on an overwhelming response to our Call for Papers. Topics will include: Native American panels, archaeology, music, bells, art, wine, a maritime perspective, the Missions and the Russian

relationship, parallels between the northern frontiers of Nueva California and Nuevo Mexico, sources of mission architecture, the languages of northern California, the legacy of the Franciscans in Alta California, an update on the El Camino Real UNESCO project, and several distinguished presenters focusing on the local Coast Miwok. A workshop on the traditional music of California and a panel presented by CyArk round out a very busy day of presentations.

On Saturday night the CMSA annual awards banquet at the Embassy Suites Marin will honor recipients of the Norman Neuerburg, Edna Kimbro and CMSA President's Awards. Kent Lightfoot, Bill Fairbanks and Betty Goerke will receive these three distinguished awards, respectively. On Friday night, following the conference registration reception, a special concert by the musical group WAVE, the CMSA keynote address by Lee Panich and Tsim Schneider, and blessings by the local Coast Miwok and St. Raphael Parish's Father John will fill the Mission chapel with tradition, history and beautiful sounds.

It's an exciting time of year, as we begin 2012 and greatly anticipate all that the new year will bring, including another CMSA conference in February. It will be our first time staging the annual CMSA gathering at Mission San Rafael Arcángel; and, while it will be a historic time for this special Mission, it is also shaping up to be a special event for those able to attend.

We look forward to seeing you in February, and again thank you for your continued support of this great and meaningful organization. As always, please feel free to contact me at any time with ideas and thoughts regarding CMSA.

Kindest regards,

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California Mission Studies Association  
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## CMSA CONFERENCE 2012 - REGISTRATION DEADLINE FAST APPROACHES

A reminder to all those planning to attend the 2012 CMSA Conference at Mission San Rafael Arcángel, February 17-19, that the deadline for conference registration is fast approaching - January 20. Fees increase after the deadline, so please take advantage of the "before deadline" rate, plus the outstanding hotel package that local event Chair Teri Brunner has worked out at nearby Embassy Suites Marin.

You can either register for the conference and Saturday evening awards banquet on line at the On-Line Store on the CMSA webpage [www.ca-missions.org](http://www.ca-missions.org), or download the registration form on the web page and mail in. The web page also includes the option to renew your CMSA membership, which allows you to continue to receive the monthly edition of the newsletter, *Correo*.

The CMSA Annual Conference 2012 will be held this coming February at Mission San Rafael Arcángel, the second-to-last mission founded in Alta California's chain of 21. The Conference kicks off on Friday, February 17 with tours in the day, registration and reception in the evening, and continues Saturday with the traditional Papers Presentations and the evening CMSA Banquet and Annual Awards. On Sunday, the tours to historic Sonoma on Friday will be duplicated to give everyone the most flexibility in travel plans.

Information regarding Conference Registration, Conference Schedule, Hotel Reservations, and Tours to Sonoma and Olompali State Park can be found on the CMSA website, [www.ca-missions.org](http://www.ca-missions.org).

We look forward to seeing you at Mission San Rafael Arcángel.

We hope that you will be able to join us for what is turning out to be a spectacular event in the making.

## CMSA CONFERENCE 2012 - TRAFFIC ALERT - GETTING TO MISSION SAN RAFAEL

An important heads up to all those traveling to Mission San Rafael for the upcoming conference from points south and east: CMSA member and former board president Andy Galvan passed along information that the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge will be closed from 12 am (midnight) Friday, February 17 thru Monday (all day) February 20 for construction. Alternative routes in would be the Golden Gate Bridge and the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Travel safe!

## CMSA CONFERENCE 2012 - SATURDAY PAPERS SCHEDULE

A large number of Paper presentations and panel discussions will highlight activities on Saturday, February 18 as part of the 2012 CMSA Conference at Mission San Rafael Arcángel. In all, 22 individual Papers will be presented, plus three panel discussions and a workshop in what is being considered "a very interesting lineup of papers."

The Papers will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 18 following the opening of the Marketplace and a Continental Breakfast sponsored by CyArk. Following lunch, the 2012 CMSA Annual Meeting for the General Membership will be held in the gymnasium before the afternoon Papers, Panels and Workshops resume.

For a complete listing of the 2012 CMSA Conference Paper presentations, please visit the CMSA web site at [www.ca-missions.org](http://www.ca-missions.org)

## CMSA CONFERENCE 2012 - MISSION SAN RAFAEL ARCANGEL ARCHAEOLOGY 2012 TO BE UNVEILED

Results of a year-long extensive archaeology project at Mission San Rafael Arcángel designed to try to reconstruct the original layout of the mission complex and surrounding grounds will be unveiled at the 2012 CMSA Conference on February 18.

Project Manager Cassidy DeBaker has spearheaded the effort over the past 12 months, following a grant by the California Missions Foundation.

The most important thing about the project, according to Ms. DeBaker, "is that it is research driven rather than excavation". DeBaker has been looking at the documentary record, historical maps, photos, as well as thoroughly reading various accounts and narratives, and is piecing all of the documentary work together.

"We're hoping to find out that, if, indeed, there were mission period artifacts under the current buildings, what would they be and what would they look like," said DeBaker. "What are the possible property types".

DeBaker has also been using geographic information systems - GIS - to overlay a series of historic images to indicate the history of the mission and what it looked like.

The supervisor on the project is Adrian Praetzellis, director of the Anthropological Studies Center at Sonoma State University.

## SERRA 300TH COMMITTEE MOVES FORWARD

A wide-ranging effort spearheaded by the California Missions Foundation (serving as a clearing house for the numerous 2013 activities planned to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Father Junipero Serra's birth) continues to move forward. A long list of talented Mission experts, administrators and aficionados from throughout the region have been assembled to assure smooth coordination of the many events honoring Fray Junipero in 2013, leading up to and including his birthday on November 24. CMSA is planning its 2013 conference in Santa Barbara with many activities to be held at the Royal Presidio de Santa Barbara – where Father Serra last raised the cross, before passing away at his beloved Carmel. In addition to coordinating activities, the Serra 300 Committee is also trying to facilitate media coverage of the various events, as well as, spearheading outreach to students, teachers and docents. More information will be forthcoming regarding Serra-related events in 2013, and please continue to help support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation.

## NEW SERIES FOR DOCENTS TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY'S CORREO

With the hope of furthering the foundation of CMSA, established by dedicated docents in the 1980's, a new monthly series, The Docents' Corner, will begin in next month's *Correo*. The regular series will be coordinated by CMSA member Julianne Burton-Carvajal and will include a wide range of topics of interest to docents throughout the state, as well as to others within the CMSA family. Stay tuned!

## MIDWINTER SOLSTICE ILLUMINATION OF THE SANTA BARBARA PRESIDIO CHAPEL

By Mike Imwalle

Originally published in [Dispatches from the Presidio Neighborhood](#) by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.



Figure 1: 2011 Midwinter Solstice sun shining through the choir loft window of the Presidio Chapel, El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park. Photo by Mike Imwalle.

First documented in December 2008 by [Dr. Ruben Mendoza](#) of California State University, Monterey Bay, the illumination of the [Presidio Chapel](#) altar was witnessed by a handful of [Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation](#) Board, staff, and volunteers again this morning!

Dr. Mendoza's study of archaeology, history, and sacred geometry of early California sites led to the discovery of the alignment in 2003. After nearly five years, the weather and personal schedules cooperated and the phenomenon was finally documented in 2008.



Figure 2: Progression of images detailing the 2008 Midwinter Solstice Illumination documented by Dr. Ruben Mendoza. Photos by Mike Imwalle.

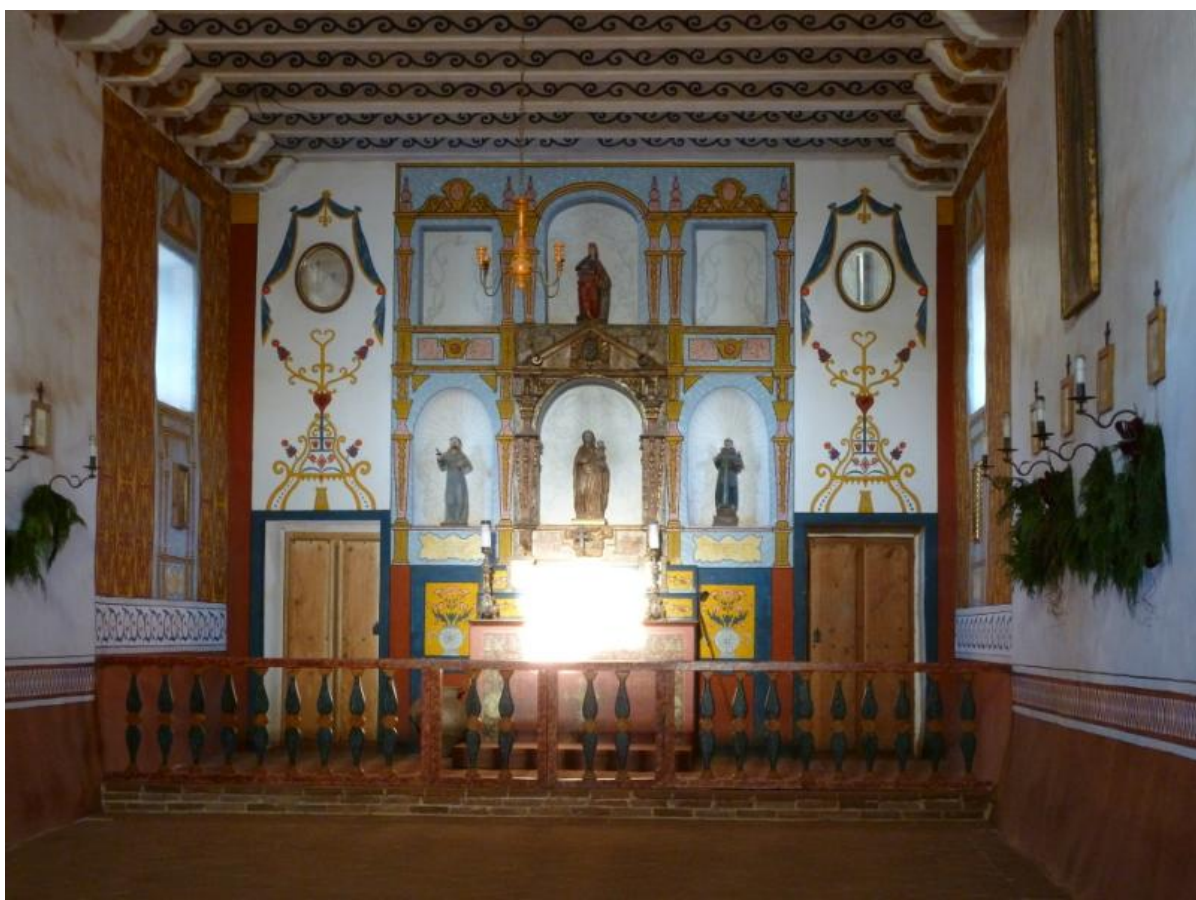


Figure 3: 2011 Illuminations of the tabernacle. Photo by Mike Imwalle.

Through careful design, the builders of the Presidio Chapel placed the choir loft window in such a manner that a beam of light projects onto the upper left-hand corner of the altar. As the sun rises the light descends diagonally across the reredo altar until it fully illuminates the tabernacle on the altar.

A more detailed report on Dr. Mendoza's findings and research at other early California sites can be found in his article "Presidio Light: A Midwinter Solstice Event at the Presidio Chapel of Santa Barbara" in SBTHP's quarterly journal [La Campana](#) (Fall 2009. Vo. 35, No. 4).

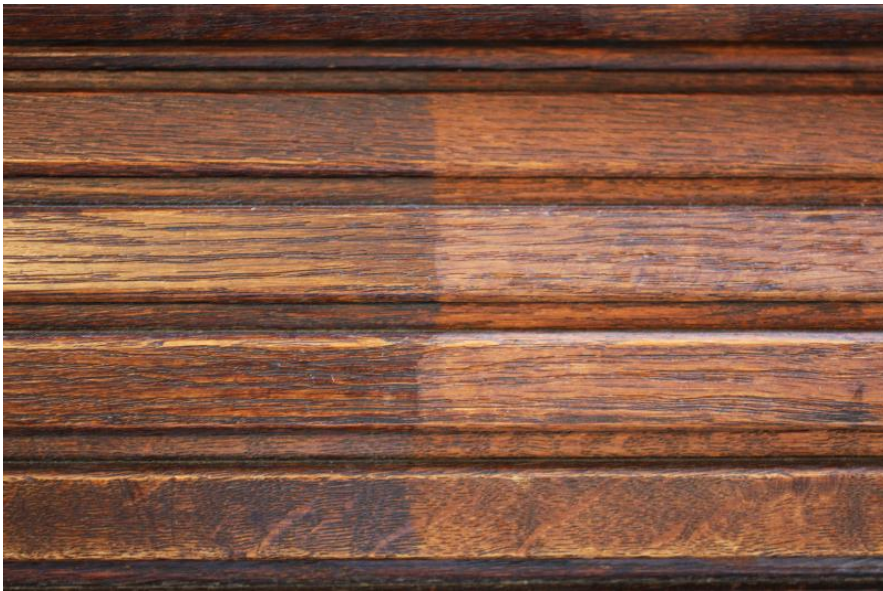
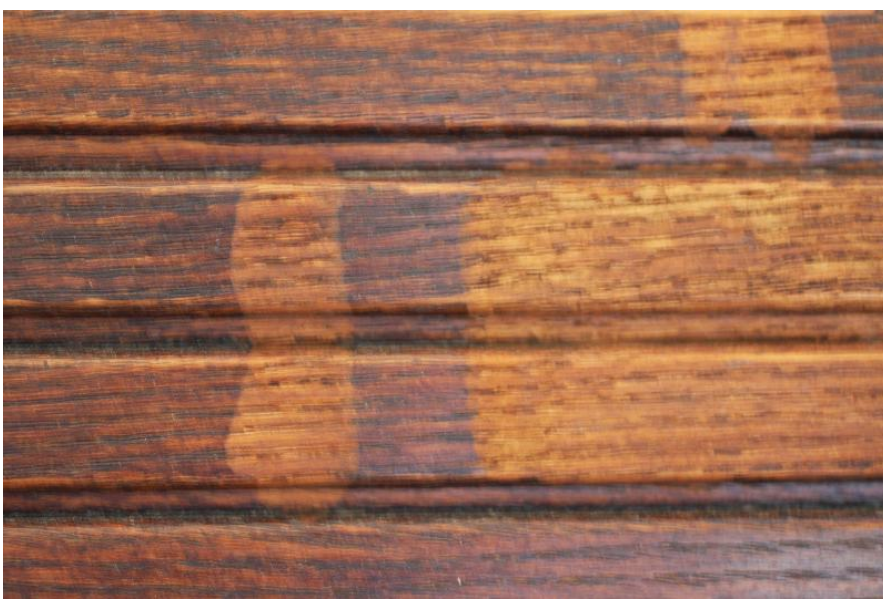


Figure 4: Regula Campbell, Jack Theimer, Jarrell Jackman, Mike Imwalle, Terri Imwalle, Mary Ellen Tiffany, Sally Foushe, and Doug Campbell aglow after the Midwinter Solstice Illumination December 21, 2011. Photo by Mike Imwalle.

*Mike Imwalle is the Archaeologist at the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.*

#### ITEM OF INTEREST - NEIL MENARD ON HERITAGE CONSERVATION SERVICES





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This laser gives me absolute precision and total control in the removal of unwanted material from either organic and inorganic surfaces.

There is no direct contact with the underlying original surface, and there is no use of potentially toxic chemical solvents or abrasives.

With all of my conservation projects I consider my customer a contributing partner throughout the project I accomplish this with written and photographic progress reports on a daily or weekly basis.

Heritage Conservation Services

Neil Menard

Neil Menard's email address is [neilmenard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:neilmenard@sbcglobal.net) in case you would like to contact him for further information.



This month the *Correo* presents the fifth poem in our new series of mission-related poetry published in *The California Mission Poems* (1991) by Philomene Long.

This selection is entitled "Mission San Diego de Alcala."

If you would like to learn more about Philomene Long and her body of poetry, please visit <http://philomenelong.com>

In February, the *Correo* will feature Philomene Long's tribute to Mission San Juan Bautista.

## "MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA" - BY PHILOMENE LONG

### MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA

Born of

Fire and blood

Even the earth

Rejected you

Floods, too many tremors

Then abandoned

Still

The serene white façade

And from the arched doorway

Pale scorched walls

Open like arms

In a stylized gesture

Of welcome

Mission San Diego de Alcala

Mother of Alta California

Under the continuing

Blue skies

How slowly

You move

Through the silence

## BUEN PROVECHO! - CMSA'S FOOD CORNER

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the first time in CMSA history, traditional Pozole is being offered as a lunch option for Conference attendees on Saturday.

### **Pozole or Posole:**

1 dish; an interesting history

By David Bolton

Whether traveling through Mexico or visiting your local favorite Mexican restaurant, most of us have had the pleasure of sampling the flavorful stew Pozole or Posole.

The word Pozole is derived from the Nahuatl language word potzulli, which means "foamy".

This traditional pre-Columbian soup or stew made with corn and meat has been around since Aztec times, though the 'meat' ingredient changed dramatically after colonization by the Spaniards.

The ancient peoples of MesoAmerica believed that corn was sacred, and thus Pozole was consumed only on special occasions. The Natives also believed that God created humans with cornmeal dough and thus Pozole, a mixture of corn, meat and species, has long tweaked the interests of scholars.

Research by Mexico's INAH and UNAM reveals that in pre-Columbian times, Pozole was made with corn and "the meat of sacrificed humans".

"After the prisoners were killed by having their hearts torn out in a ritual sacrifice, the rest of the body was chopped and cooked with corn. The meal was shared among the whole community as an act of religious communion. After the conquest, when cannibalism was banned, pork became the staple meat as it 'tasted very similar', according to a Spanish priest."

Today, the pork version of Pozole is a typical and popular dish throughout Mexico, most notably in Sinaloa, Jalisco, Michoacan and Mexico City.

The pork in Pozole can also be substituted for with chicken or turkey; a meatless version of Pozole is also gaining favor amongst vegetarians.

The color (use or lack of dried chile) of Pozole and Menudo (another popular stew) differ in Mexico from north to south. In Jalisco, for example, Pozole is white (made without dried chile) and the Menudo is red (with chile). In Sinaloa it's reversed, red Pozole and white Menudo.

In addition to corn (usually hominy), other 'red' or Sinaloan-style Pozole ingredients include, across the board, dried chiles, red onion, garlic, tomato, salt and oregano.

In Mission times, Pozole was a common meal, easy to make on the frontier and substantial. Depending on how hard or difficult the times were, 'Mission' Pozole could either be made with a lot of meat or with non at all.

For the first time, 'Sinaloa-style' Pozole will be offered as a Saturday lunch option item at the 2012 CMSA Conference at Mission San Rafael Arcangel. Enjoy!

**Buen Provecho!**

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**SINALOA-STYLE POZOLE**

Traditional Pork

(Chicken or Turkey may be substituted, or left out completely for a Vegetarian Pozole)

Serves 10-15 people

1 kilo (2 lbs) instamal (uncooked Hominy)

2 Roma tomatoes

3 dried chile anchos - chili colorado (not chili negro)

2 dried red chili rojo - guajillo o anaheim dried

1.5 kilo (3 lbs) pork neck with bone in, cut in 2-3 inch chunks ('gogote' in Spanish)

4 gloves garlic

Ingredient Notes:

Instamal can be found at any of your local Mexican markets; grocery store canned Hominy is not recommended

Preparing Instamal:

Wash 3-4 times to remove cal

Fill very large soup or spaghetti pot halfway with water

Boil Instamal for 1.5 hrs until Instamal is halfcooked, still a bit hard

Add pork chunks, and one whole peeled red onion cut in half and continue cooking together

Preparing the Chili:

Separately, slowly cook for 30 minutes chili in a small saucepan in water with 2 diced Roma tomatoes

Once cooked, put chile mixture in blender with 4 gloves garlic, and a pinch of oregano

Blend thoroughly

Pass through a colander, pushing liquid through with a large spoon directly into Instamal/Pork pot.

Add a bit of water from Instamal pot to colander, to help continue straining blended chile mixture through.

Disgard chile mixture that would not pass through colander

Add 4 Tablespoon salt to Instamal/Pork pot

Cook 1 hour more until pork is cooked, flavors blend and Instamal is fork tender

Serve hot in soup bowls, spooning 1-2 pieces of Pork, some of the Hominy and Broth into each bowl.

Garnish with diced white onion, cilantro, and a squeeze of fresh lime.

Buen Provecho!

## EVENTS OF INTEREST - CALIFORNIA

### UPCOMING CALIFORNIA MISSION-RELATED EVENTS

#### JANUARY 2012

JANUARY 6 - Mission San Luis Rey: Prayer Service in the Historic Old Mission San Luis Rey Church. Old Mission San Luis Rey in collaboration with the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Lilly Endowment, Inc. present Epiphany Prayer in the Traditions of the Iona and Taize Communities with GIA composer Carol Browning. 7:30 pm. For more information please contact Nancy Scibettta at (760) 547-6641 or [nancyscibetta@gmail.com](mailto:nancyscibetta@gmail.com). <http://www.sanluisrey.org/>

JANUARY 7 - Mission San Gabriel: On January 7, 2012, Michael and Sue Hart plan to donate two maps and one drawing to the San Gabriel Mission for the permanent collection in their museum. <http://www.michaeljhart.com/>

JANUARY 7 - Mission Dolores: Mission Cultural Center Gallery: Kids' Concert. Admission Free. 2 pm <http://www.corohispano.org>

JANUARY 8 - Mission Dolores Basilica: Coro Hispano de San Francisco & Conjunto Nuevo Mundo. Admission by donation. 3 pm <http://www.corohispano.org>

JANUARY 22 - Mission San Jose. San Francisco Bay Area Chamber Singers presents a program of Brahm's Liedeslieder waltzes, Scottish folk songs and part-songs by Edward Elgar Under the direction of Tom Pasqua in Mission Church. 7:00 pm <http://www.missionsanjose.org/concerts.html>

JANUARY 29, 2012 - San Antonio de Padua Mission. Spaghetti Dinner and Cutting of the Roses. 9am - 3pm <http://missionsanantonio.net/spaghettdinner>

#### FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 17 -19 - Mission San Rafael Arcángel: CMSA Conference 2012. Info [www.ca-missions.org](http://www.ca-missions.org)

## MARCH

MARCH 3 - La Purisima Mission: Purisima People Day. 11 am - 2 pm  
<http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events>

MARCH 17 - Mission San Rafael Arcángel: Got a Fourth Grader? Mission Project School Night! Join Museum Curator, Theresa Brunner, to learn about the Mission's history. Come with questions! 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
<http://www.saintraphael.com/Portals/0/Guest%20Lectures%202011.pdf>

MARCH 17 - La Purisima Mission State Historic Park: Mission Life Days: Traditional Mission Life. 11 am to 2 pm  
<http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events/>

MARCH 18 - Mission San Jose: California State East Bay Singers and Mt. Eden High Chamber Singers Under the direction of Buddy James, CSUEB. 7:30 pm. Ticket info: 510-885-3261  
<http://www.missionsanjose.org/concerts.html>

MARCH 19 - Mission San Juan Capistrano: St. Josephs Day and The Return of the Swallows Celebration. 10 am - 2 pm. [http://www.missionsjc.com/calendar/sjc\\_special.php](http://www.missionsjc.com/calendar/sjc_special.php)

MARCH 19 - Mission San Juan Capistrano: Special Cliff Swallows Presentation by Dr. Charles Brown. 2 pm.  
[http://www.missionsjc.com/calendar/sjc\\_special.php](http://www.missionsjc.com/calendar/sjc_special.php)

MARCH 30 - 31 - La Purisima Mission: Mountain Men. 10 am - 3:30 pm  
<http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events>

## APRIL

APRIL 14 - Mission San Antonio de Padua: Mission Days. 11 am - 3 pm  
<http://www.missionsanantonio.net/missiondays>

APRIL 28 - La Purisima Mission: Civilian Conservation Corps Day. 11 am - 2 pm  
<http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events>

## EVENTS OF INTEREST - OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA

### UPCOMING MISSION-RELATED EVENTS OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA

#### JANUARY 2012

JANUARY 13 - 15 - El Seminario del Colegio de Sinaloa, Culiacán, Sinaloa, Mexico: "La Religión y Los Jesuitas en el Noroeste Novohispano." Preside: Gabriel Gómez Padilla. For more information: Telephone: 011-52-(667) 716 10 46; 716 10 50 Email: [colegiodesinaloa@yahoo.com.mx](mailto:colegiodesinaloa@yahoo.com.mx)  
<http://www.elcolegiodesinaloa.gob.mx/cms/content.asp?company=7>

JANUARY 19 - Tumacacori Mission, Tumacacori National Historical Park, Arizona.  
2012 Book Signing and Lecture Series: A Gift of Angels - The Art of Mission San Xavier del Bac by Bernard L. Fontana. 2pm <http://www.nps.gov/tuma/planyourvisit/special-events.htm>

#### FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 9 - Tumacacori Mission, Tumacacori National Historic Park, Arizona. 2012 Book Signing Lecture Series: Dry River - Stories of Life, Death, and Redemption on the Santa Cruz by Ken Lamberton 2 pm <http://www.nps.gov/tuma/planyourvisit/special-events.htm>

FEBRUARY 23 OR 24 (DATE PENDING) - Tumacacori Mission, Tumacacori National Historical Park, Arizona. 2012 Book Signing Lecture Series: The Opatas - In Search of a Sonoran People by David A. Yetman. 2pm <http://www.nps.gov/tuma/planyourvisit/special-events.htm>

#### MARCH

MARCH 23 - Tumacacori Mission, Tumacacori National Historical Park, Arizona. 2012 Book Signing Lecture

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

### MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

#### Winter solstice means 'illumination' at California mission

By Steve Chawkins, Los Angeles Times

December 22, 2011

<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/dec/22/local/la-me-illuminations-20111222>

Article references research work of CMSA member, Dr. Ruben Mendoza.

### MISSION SAN RAFAEL ARCANGEL

#### New archaeological work at Mission San Rafael Arcangel

By Emma Bate, Examiner

January 3, 2011

<http://www.examiner.com/anthropology-in-san-francisco/new-archaeological-work-at-mission-san-rafael-arcangel>

### SAN GABRIEL MISSION

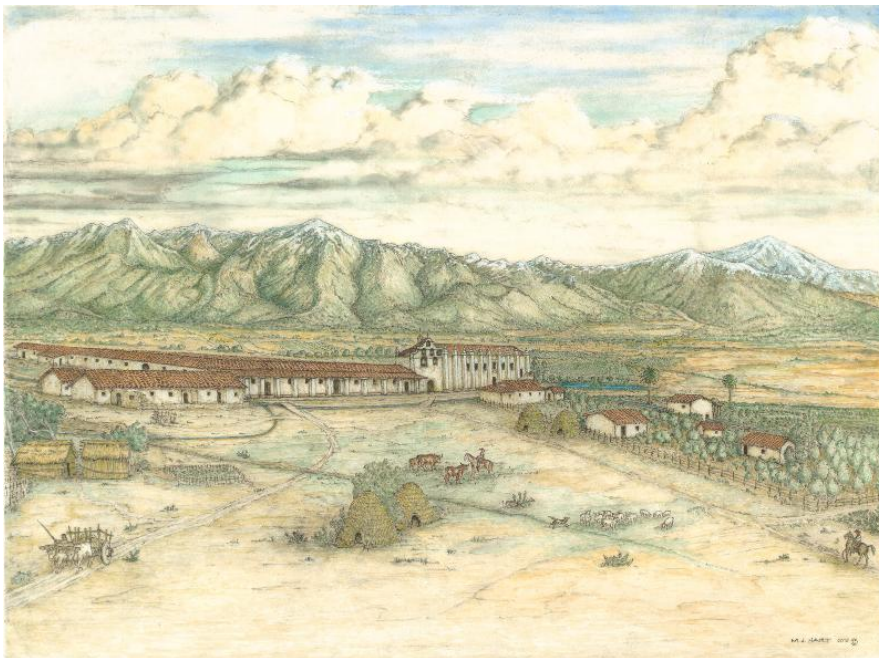
#### New look at S.G. Mission: Huntington exhibit details water system

By Lauren Gold, Staff Writer

Posted: 12/16/2011 11:36:42 PM PST

[http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/news/ci\\_19567906](http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/news/ci_19567906)

A detailed discussion of Huntington Library exhibit, "Water Began It All"



Mission San Gabriel (complete view) by Michael J. Hart

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 Sue Ellen Moran with details.

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Sincerely,

David Bolton  
California Mission Studies Association