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A LETTER FROM THE CMSA PRESIDENT - David Bolton

Dear Fellow CMSA Members:

A lot of exciting things are happening these days within CMSA, and I would like to say a special thank you to all who have renewed as members and to those who have signed up for the Conference. A growing membership and strong Conference attendance allow us to plan great things as an organization, and provide additional services to our membership.

Our annual Conference is just a week away at Mission San Rafael Arcángel, and indeed it's shaping up to be quite an event. It is not too late to sign-up for this informative and fun get-together. Local event chair Theresa Brunner has coordinated an unbelievable Conference. It's something to not miss.

We're revamping our CMSA web site, which will be re-launched in March. We're beginning to plan next year's Conference at Santa Barbara - the 30th Annual CMSA Conference which will coincide with the 300th anniversary of Father Serra's birth year. Additionally, we're forming strong and beneficial relationships with other organizations along our North America's Mission Trail, and we're trying hard to keep our Membership informed via our very well received monthly newsletter, *Correo*.

And speaking of *Correo*, we're introducing another new feature this month, "Along the Mission Trail," which will include news items of interest monthly from a variety of Missions, Presidios, Ranchos and other related historic sites. Please help keep our Members informed and up-to-date with items of interest from your local region. Email us with local news and concerns at correo@ca-missions.org. We appreciate your contributions. You know your local sites better than anyone.

Finally, it is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that our annual publication, *Boletín*, will continue to be printed and distributed to CMSA members as part of your annual

Publication by Dr. Patrick Foley,
CMSA Member

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membership. We want to continue to offer a published platform for Mission studies, research and investigation. It's an important and vital part of CMSA, and it's an unparalleled way for us to help tell the mission story.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support of CMSA.

We look forward to seeing you next week at Mission San Rafael, and together let's continue to tell and unveil the Mission story.

Kindest regards,

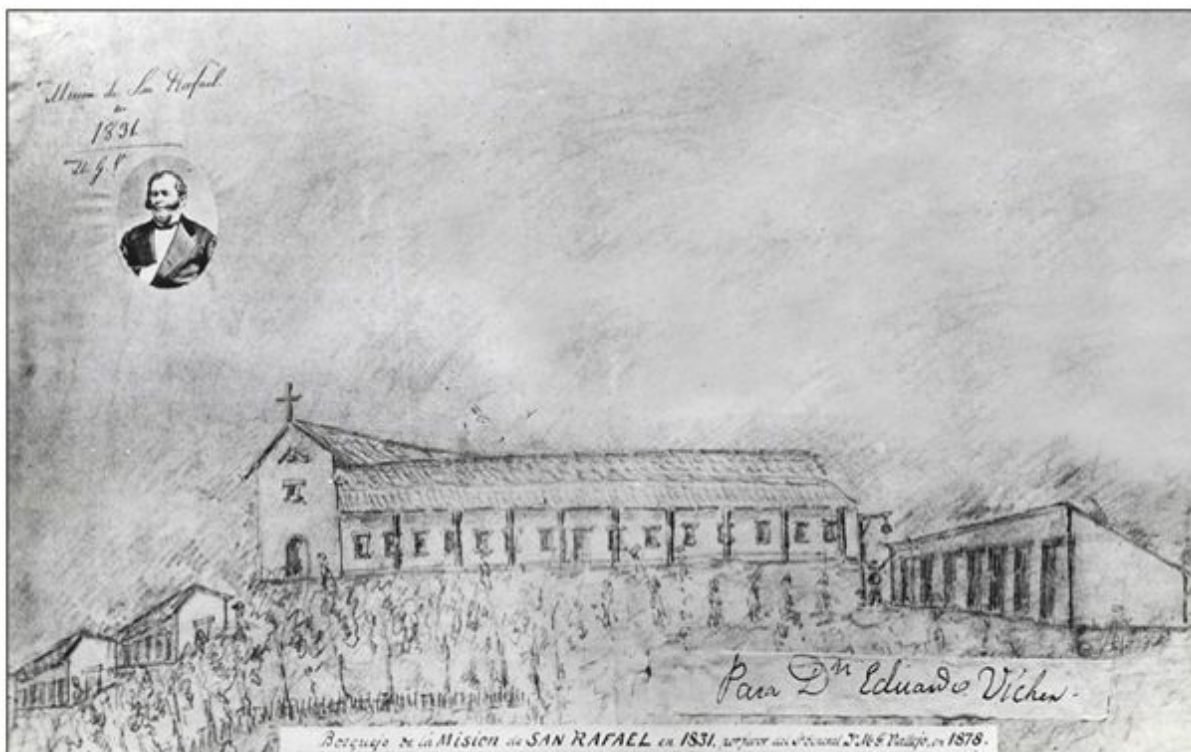
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CMSA CONFERENCE 2012 - MISSION SAN RAFAEL ARCANGEL



CMSA Program Cover for CMSA Conference at Mission San Rafael, February 17 - 19, 2012

CMSA PROGRAM - A DRAWING BY GEN. VALLEJO OF MISSION SAN RAFAEL ARCANGEL



CMSA Program Inside Cover for CMSA Conference at Mission San Rafael, February 17 - 19, 2012

CMSA CONFERENCE 2012 FAST APPROACHING

Just a few days remain before the 29th Annual CMSA Conference, which is set for February 17-19, 2012 at Mission San Rafael Arcángel. A solid list of presenters are scheduled to make the Saturday Program informative and entertaining. On Friday night, the Conference begins with a hosted reception in the Gymnasium at Mission San Rafael, followed in the Mission Chapel by the Keynote Address (Dr. Lee Panich, Santa Clara University, and Dr. Tsim Schneider, University of California, Berkeley), and a spectacular musical concert performed by the Women's Antique Vocal Ensemble (WAVE). Saturday's Award Banquet will again honor some of the leaders in the fields of Mission studies and research: Kent Lightfoot (2012 Norman Neuerburg Award recipient), Bill Fairbanks (2012 Edna Kimbro Award recipient), Betty Georke (2012 CMSA President's Award recipient), and Stephen T. Hearst and the Hearst Family (2012 CMSA President's Award recipient).

There is limited space still available to attend both the Program Sessions at Mission San Rafael Arcángel, as well as the Saturday evening Awards Banquet at Embassy Suites-Marin ballroom. For more information, and to sign up for any of the Conference events, please visit the CMSA website at www.ca-missions.org

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!



San Rafael

IMPORTANT PARKING ADVISORY

Due to the city location of Mission San Rafael and its shared facilities with a school and St. Raphael's Parish, Parking is extremely limited on the Mission grounds.

All Conference attendees will need to park on the surrounding streets (metered) and a nearby parking lot/garage.

From Highway 101, either from the north or south, please follow signs for Mission San Rafael Arcangel.

Exit Central San Rafael

Go west on 5th Avenue toward the Mission, which is located at 1104 Fifth Avenue at the intersection of 5th and A streets.

All day parking is found on 5th and C Streets. It is Metered / all day parking permits are required / pay at the booth on site and place ticket on your windshield as instructed.

Safe travels in!

CMSA CONFERENCE 2012 - A 2012 PRESIDENT'S AWARD: STEPHEN T. HEARST AND THE HEARST FAMILY

CMSA will present a 2012 President's Award at the upcoming CMSA Annual Conference in San Rafael to long-time California Missions supporter Stephen T. Hearst and the Hearst Family.

The founding Chairman of the Board of the California Missions Foundation, Mr. Hearst, the great grandson of newspaper baron William Randolph Hearst, continues a decades-long family tradition of preserving and restoring our rich Mission treasures.

Among other contributions, the Hearst Family and its Foundation has assisted in large restoration and reconstruction projects at Missions San Rafael, San Antonio de Padua and San Miguel.

The CMSA President's Award will be presented at Saturday's Awards Banquet at the Embassy Suites-Marin ballroom on February 18. The dinner begins at 6 pm. and tickets are available on the CMSA web page, www.ca-missions.org.

[Please click here to read Stephen T. Hearst's biography.](#)

Other 2012 CMSA Awards To Be Presented:

Norman Neuerburg Award:
Kent Lightfoot

Edna Kimbro Award:
Bill Fairbanks

CMSA President's Award:
Betty Georke

CMSA - BOLETIN TO CONTINUE

At the recent CMSA Board meeting at Mission Soledad, the Board unanimously voted, after a recommendation from the CMSA Publications Committee, to continue the much acclaimed Boletín in hard copy format.

The next edition of Boletín, to be sent to all active 2012 CMSA members, is scheduled for this summer. The annual highly sought after publication will feature a variety of articles, scholarly work, research and investigations.

If you have an article or work that you would like published in the Boletín, please email our editorial committee at boletin@ca-missions.org by March 1.

NEW SERIES - DOCENT SPOTLIGHT

Docents are a vital part of mission studies. They are the "voices to the public" of our Mission research, investigations and studies. CMSA was originally founded by a group of dedicated docents in the 1980's, and today we honor this rich and important history with the addition of a Docent Spotlight to our monthly newsletter, *Correo*.

We need your participation and support.

If your docent group has developed an innovative program, produced a book, organized a lecture series, developed a training website, custom-tailored a special tour, or undertaken any activity that might serve as an example for other groups of mission docents, kindly relay your accomplishment to us in an email to docents@ca-missions.org. Please use "Docent Spotlight," followed by the name of your mission on the subject line.

Each of these communications will become the nucleus of a regular, monthly newsletter item under the "Docent Spotlight" heading.

In addition, the 2013 CMSA Conference at Santa Barbara will feature a "What's New at the Missions?" panel with presentations on several trailblazing initiatives of particular interest to Mission Docents statewide. Stay tuned!

Please send all of your Docent Spotlight ideas and information to docents@ca-missions.org

BUEN PROVECHO! - CMSA'S FOOD CORNER - FRIJOLES PUERCOS DE SINALOA

By David Bolton

One of the goals of our monthly CMSA Food Corner is to introduce and explain the foods that can be found along our Mission Trails, both past and present.

Recently, with an eye on our upcoming CMSA Conference at Mission San Rafael Arcángel, I have tried to identify and research some popular food items from the Mexican state of Sinaloa - the birthplace of many Alta California explorers, founders, soldiers, and missionaries.

A large contingent of the De Anza Expedition travelling north to found San Francisco Bay came from Sinaloa. The Sinaloa missions were some of the first founded in the Americas (16th and 17th century) and are located just north of the key port of San Blas in neighboring Nayarit.

Today Sinaloa is known for many dishes, among others, its red Pozole, machaca (dried beef), seafood (from the waters of the Sea of Cortes), and frijoles puercos (pork beans).

At the upcoming CMSA Conference, we are introducing Sinaloa-style red Pozole as a lunch item for the first time (more than half of our Conference attendees so far have signed up for Pozole) and at our Friday evening Registration Reception we are serving, among other things, Frijoles Puercos, also Sinaloa-style, and a real treat for those who have never tried them.

Buen Provecho!

FRIJOLES PUERCOS - Pork Beans, Sinaloa-style

Ingredients:

*Beans, preferably Peruano or Peruvian beans found at any of our Mexican-themed supermarkets. These beans are a light yellow in color, not to be confused with the more white colored Great Northern Beans. Peruano or Peruvian beans are used more commonly in most of Mexico than Pinto Beans.

*Lard preferred

*2 sticks of Chorizo (Pork chorizo preferred by Beef Chorizo can be substituted)

* Monterey Jack Cheese

* 1 small can of Red Salsa

*1 white onion

* Salt to taste

Traditionally, these beans are prepared in a clay pot or Barro, but you may also prepare them in a regular stew pot

In a large pot, bring the Beans to a boil and then simmer until soft with a diced or halved white onion and salt to taste. Cook's note: When the beans first come to a boil, it is the best time to add the salt

Once the beans have been cooked tender, add to a blender with some of its juice and blend until smooth.

Separately, in a clay pot, Barro, or a stew pot, heat the Lard on low to medium heat. Add the Pork Chorizo, and continue to stir until the chorizo is cooked and has broken up into very small pieces.

Add the blended bean mixture to the Pot of chorizo and stir until thoroughly mixed together.

Reduce heat to low. For best results, continue stirring the beans and chorizo together with a wood spoon. Be sure to stir from the bottom of the Pot up. You will notice that eventually the fat from the chorizo will make its way to the surface of the beans, which shows that the chorizo and blended beans have been thoroughly mixed together.

Add the one can of red salsa to the pot, and mix it throughout the mixture

Cut up in small chunks or shred Monterey Jack cheese, and add this as well to the Pot of beans and chorizo. Continue stirring the Beans until the cheese has melted thoroughly.

It is ready to serve. Frijoles Puercos are ideal as a side dish for eggs, or with any chicken or meat dish. Serve with either warm corn or flour tortillas, or as a dip with tortilla chips. Unbelievable!

Buen Provecho!



Part of a still, found at Mission San Luis Rey, that would have been used for brandy. Photo Courtesy of Russell K. Skowronek, Ph.D. and Margaret A. Graham, Ph.D.

Editor's Note: For centuries, Missions have been a key part of the Wine History in the Americas. Nowhere is this felt more than at the northern-most missions of Alta California. At next week's 29th Annual CMSA Conference at Mission San Rafael Arcangel, we look forward to toasting and exploring this rich and paralleled history.

This month we begin one of several articles on the history of wine along the Mission Trail. Salud!

Popping the Cork: Alcohol on the Alta California Frontier

**By Russell K. Skowronek, Ph.D. and Margaret A. Graham, Ph.D.
The University of Texas-Pan American**

California is the fourth largest producer of wine ranking only behind France, Italy and Spain with sales in 2010 of more than \$18 billion dollars. In 2010 more than 3300 bonded wineries covering nearly half a million acres of the state produced more than 600 million gallons of wine. These are impressive statistics for a place where 250 years ago wine and other spirits were unknown. Over an eighty year period (1769- 1848) viticulture and other Old and New World domesticated field, garden and orchard plants and trees were introduced at some thirty missions, presidios, and pueblos, and at dozens of ranchos. The "fruits" of these endeavors were literally fermented and distilled into a wide variety of alcoholic beverages that transformed both the social and natural environments.

The wild grape, *Vitis vinifera sylvestris*, has existed for 200 million years. Wild grapes were

gathered and consumed in prehistory in both the Old and New Worlds. Lightfoot and Parrish report that *Vitis californica* the local wild grape was consumed fresh and sometimes squeezed to make juice in the coastal and Central Valley regions of California in prehistory (Lightfoot and Parrish 2009: 198, 266, 316-317). The use of grapes changed dramatically after 1769 when the province of Alta California was added to the Viceroyalty of New Spain. The Spanish newcomers to California brought with them an important piece of their Mediterranean world namely olive oil, wheat bread, and wine, all of which were essential items in Roman Catholic rituals like Mass, but were novelties to the indigenous peoples inhabiting the region. In the Americas, Spain created a societal and ecological "New Europe" by importing animals, plants, and material artifacts of the Old World.

Throughout Spanish Colonial America, wine was a highly desired commodity used in religious rituals, festivals, and healing treatments. Although the Spanish Crown banned (the Catholic Church was the exception) the establishment of new vineyards in the Americas to protect their wine industry from competitors, the bans were ignored by the settlers who created vineyards in Mexico City (1531), Oaxaca (1544), Peru and Chile (1550), and Florida (1565).

Reports and account books from the California Spanish mission system show that wine, originating from Spain or Mexico, was regularly supplied in barrels and sometimes in ceramic wine jars to presidios and missions. For example, at the Santa Barbara Presidio, in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries there are receipts for a variety of alcoholic beverages including brandy, white sherry, white Castillian wine, red Malaga wine, and Carló wine produced in Benicarló, Spain. The development of vineyards and the production of wine in Alta California began in the mission system WHEN and these wines soon took the place of the non-local ones. Accounts from missions this period include descriptions of wine production techniques, labor patterns, and the use of wine and other alcoholic beverages with meals, in festivals, and in church services. By 1848 the province of Alta California and its residents had joined the rest of Spanish-speaking world and had embraced grapes, wine, and alcohol as part of their daily sustenance, for celebrations, in healthcare, and in religion. It was a New Europe in the New World.

Lightfoot, Kent and Otis Parrish

2009 California Indians and their Environment: An Introduction. *California Natural History Guides Series No. 96*, University of California, Berkeley.

CMSA UPDATE - BAJA CALIFORNIA'S CAREM CONTINUES TO TEAM UP WITH CMSA

Dual Organizations Cross-Promote Mission and Historic Studies in both Alta and Baja California

Tecate, Baja California - "Thank you CALIFORNIA MISSION STUDIES ASSOCIATION (CMSA) for the opportunity to introduce you to Corredor Historico CAREM, A. C. (CAREM)," said Zella Rushing de Ibáñez, executive director of CAREM.

CAREM is a Mexican non-profit association representing the entire State of Baja California and located in Tecate, Baja California. It is comprised of Baja Californians and other interested supporters in Mexico and throughout the world. CAREM was established in 1997 to work in concert with the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) and others to salvage the cultural heritage that is found along the ancient mission trails of Baja California.

CAREM has since expanded its vision to include all historic sites of the peninsula, and to educate the public about these cultural treasures. CAREM's 'mission' is to help identify, protect, preserve and present to the public the historical and cultural treasures of the region of Baja California.

Zella Rushing de Ibáñez serves as the volunteer Executive Director of CAREM. The association is comprised completely of volunteers except for its library manager in Tecate. Government is not a part of the organization, but rather it works with all departments of government as the occasions arise.

Some of CAREM's projects include assisting in the restoration and protection of the mission sites of Baja California; assisting in the restoration of Campo Alaska in the Rumorosa, B. C.; building a specialized library in Tecate, B. C. with information about Baja California which is lacking in most libraries of the area; building the first Tecate Community Museum - featuring an oral history program, many workshops for teachers and students, lectures and book presentations, and tours of the beautiful state of Baja California.

CAREM is planning a tour of many of the California Mission sites located in Baja California later in 2012.

"We look forward to meeting everyone within CMSA during the upcoming conference February 17-19 at Mission San Rafael Arcángel," said CAREM Executive Director Zella Rushing de Ibáñez.

CAREM representatives will be on site at the 2012 CMSA Conference to explain more about their organization and to continue the working relationship with CMSA.

For more information, please visit the CAREM website at www.carem.org

"THE MISSIONS OF MEXICO'S SIERRA GORDA MOUNTAINS" BY LYNN P. KIRST

With next year's 300th Anniversary of the birth of Father Junipero Serra approaching, a lot of attention is focusing on the mission areas touched by this legendary Franciscan. Prior to arriving as Father President of the California Missions, Father Serra spent several years in the remote hills of Queretaro, Mexico in an area referred to as The Sierra Gorda Missions. These missions are well preserved and continue to serve as active parishes today.

"The Missions of Mexico's Sierra Gorda Mountains" by Lynn P. Kirst was originally published in the Summer/Fall 2011 issue of the Montecito Journal semi-annual magazine, and is reprinted here by permission. Kirst, an independent scholar, Montecito Journal columnist and freelance writer focusing on art, architecture, history and travel, is a fourth generation Californian who earned her Bachelor of Arts in Art History at the University of Southern California, and a Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation at the USC School of Architecture. She is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, and is a member of the Reina del Mar Parlor #126 of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, among many other civic commitments.

[Click here to read article.](#)

ITEM OF INTEREST - SALT MISSIONS TRAIL IN NEW MEXICO

Visit the Salt Missions Trail in New Mexico. See the mission churches of Abo, Gran Quivira and Quarai.

The Spaniards called them "Las Salinas" "for the lakes where Indians once mined their salt," according to Historic Route 66 brochure on Ancient Pueblos and 360 year old missions.

See also:

http://www.heartnm.com/english/trip4_saltmission.html

CONTINUING SERIES OF MISSION-RELATED POEMS

This month the *Correo* presents the sixth 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 Juan Bautista."

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

In March, the *Correo* will feature Philomene Long's tribute to Mission San Luis Rey.

"SAN JUAN BAUTISTA" - BY PHILOMENE LONG

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

Behind broken gates
Gray arcades
Golden Spanish reredos
The walls hold them
These voices, resplendent
Crying, chanting
Now mute
Clouds over the valley
Of San Juan Bautista
Blue hills, yellow poppies
Bronze skin, silver voices
The bells could be heard
For fourteen miles
Along El Camino Real
This California wilderness

LOOK FOR REVIEW OF *FERMIN FRANCISCO DE LASUEN* IN APRIL CORREO

David J. McLaughlin's latest publication is a richly illustrated, concise summary of the life and times of ***Fermín Francisco de Lasuén***. This is the first publication on Lasuén in almost 40 years. Copies will be available for purchase at the CMSA Conference in San Rafael. The book will also be reviewed in the *Correo* soon, in the April issue.

MULTIMEDIA CORNER - FORTHCOMING PUBLICATION BY DR. PATRICK FOLEY, CMSA MEMBER

Dr. Patrick Foley's book manuscript on the life of Texas' first Catholic bishop, the Vincentian Jean-Marie Odin, entitled *Always A Missionary: Jean-Marie Odin, C.M., First Bishop of Galveston and Second Archbishop of New Orleans*, has been accepted for publication by Texas A&M University Press. The book took twenty years of research and covers Odin's lengthy life, from his birth in Hauteville, France, in 1800 to his death over seventy years later in the same house in which he was born.

For his work on the Catholic heritage of Spain, Dr. Foley was knighted in 2007 by King Juan Carlos I. CMSA member Dr. Foley earned his M.A. in history from Santa Clara University years ago and has fond memories of the campus and of Mission Santa Clara.

Please contact the *Correo*, if you have news of forthcoming publications or multimedia releases at correo@ca-missions.org

NEWS ITEM OF INTEREST - MISSION SANTA BARBARA'S LA HUERTA PROJECT HONORED WITH SPECIAL AWARD FROM SB TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

At the annual meeting of Santa Barbara's Trust for Historic Preservation, Mission Santa Barbara's La Huerta project received the distinguished Vie and George Oborn Preservation Stewardship award.

La Huerta has become an interesting and living part of the Mission Santa Barbara grounds, reintroducing, cultivating and preserving a variety of plants and crops from the Mission era.

The award was presented to Tina Foss, Old Mission Santa Barbara Museum Director, and Jerry Sortomme, La Huerta manager, by long-time CMSA member Michael Imwalle, the archaeologist at the Royal Presidio de Santa Barbara, and a La Huerta volunteer.

Mr. Sortomme shared one of many interesting stories to the crowd gathered at the Presidio:

"We received seeds from orange trees at Mission San Gabriel that started the great citrus agriculture of

Mission times. We planted them at Mission Santa Barbara's La Huerta. At San Gabriel all of their trees soon died, we were able to give Mission San Gabriel back seeds for them to grow their famous Mission oranges once again."

La Huerta has hundreds plants from Mission times, supported by DNA findings, including the Olives originally planted at the Alta California missions.

ALONG THE MISSION TRAIL - IMPORTANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS AT MISSION SAN GABRIEL

An excavation effort in the railroad right-of-way near Mission San Gabriel has unveiled several important findings below ground as work to construct an underground commuter rail line in eye sight of the mission looms. Archaeologists started work in December to excavate and catalog numerous artifacts, as well as, the remains of Mission era structures in an area that was once part of the extended grounds of the massive Mission San Gabriel complex.

Among the artifacts and remnants found so far by archaeologists working the site:

The water-course channel ("mill race") that powered a water-wheel grist mill built in the 1820's under the supervision of an erstwhile Yankee privateer captured by the Spanish. The mill was the most advanced of its kind in the region, and replaced an outmoded mill that is still standing in nearby San Marino.

An 1816 silver coin minted in Lima Peru and depicting King Ferdinand VII of Spain

The foundation of an adobe building dating from the early 1800's. Archaeologists are seeking to determine the purpose of this previously undocumented structure.

A copper alloy religious medallion depicting the Virgin with Child, Native American shell and European glass beads, pottery sherds, and thousands of other artifacts from the Mission period and later.

The archaeology work continues, and project officials are hoping that the findings may prove important in the continuing understanding of Alta California's mission period.

For more information, please see:

At a planned train trench, an archaeological treasure trove

By Bob Pool, Los Angeles Times

February 6, 2012

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-artifacts-found-20120206,0,6508809.story>

ALONG THE MISSION TRAIL - WATER INTRUSION AND DAMAGE AT MISSION SANTA BARBARA



Fr. Richard McManus and curator Amy Foss assist in the Pillar resurfacing 2007 (with Tim Aguilar from the Presidio) Courtesy Photo SB Mission.

By Kristina W. Foss, Museum Director

Conservation issues at Mission Santa Barbara, as with all the California Missions, are a constant concern.

Currently, Santa Barbara is referred to by the Franciscan Guardian Father Richard McManus OFM, as the "Botox Mission" due to having a generally good appearance despite the reality of its' age and condition. That reality is seen on close examination. Portions of the Mission structures are visibly crumbling. Spalling sandstone leaves shards of rock and piles of sand along the porticos-visible on window sills and around door jambs. Swept up regularly, the crumbling walls continue to lay down piles of sand daily.

Santa Barbara is unique in that it is one of only 2 intact stone missions. Except for Carmel, Capistrano's ruin and the chapel ruin of Santa Gertrudis north of San Luis Obispo, all the other Missions are primarily built of adobe. Normally stone is more resilient. The accelerating deterioration of such surfaces raised alarms at Santa Barbara. As Museum Director, I called in an expert to advise us on causes and mitigations. The rapidity of the disintegration was disturbing, There was so much sand on the window sills that tourists wrote their names in it.This week it is again visible with valentine hearts and arrows drawn in the sill sand.....

In 2002 Architect Wayne Donaldson FAIA, now the California State Historic Preservation Officer, evaluated the problems at Santa Barbara. He recommended extensive further study into appropriate mitigations of the water intrusion damage. At that time he identified cycles of salt bearing fog, ground water from adjacent flower beds and rain, wind and temperature fluctuations as the most probable cumulative culprits. The problems have been exacerbated by the stucco coating added to the walls after the massive 1925 earthquake. In addition, 1960s Archive construction resulted in a resurfacing of the old portico floor to match the new convento extension. The new glazed tile and cement further encapsulated the portico structure.

The Santa Barbara local area has a strong variety of sandstone cemented by silica. Despite that being a stone that normally deteriorates at a very slow rate, the Mission walls seem to be experiencing an accelerated damage. Since the stone Convento walls were sealed, water is trapped inside leaving the uncoated natural stone sills and door surrounds as the only escape. As the water escapes, the crystallized salts expand and push the sandstone apart literally grain by grain. This deterioration may well be going on under the sealed walls but is only visible in the areas where the stone remains in a natural state.

Pillars on both sides of the convento porticos are made of fired clay tiles rather than stone and have also been coated in cementitious surfacing. The latex paint added in the latter 20th century further entrapped the water intruding into the pillars. One pillar was experimentally re-coated with lime plaster several years ago but the surface now shows additional damage. This is probably because it was painted over rather than left uncoated.

In 2010 engineer Nels Roselund who was in charge of previous retro fit work and longtime second generation Mission stonemason Oswald Da Ros were called in to examine the increasing damage. They suggested a hydrologist put in test wells to determine the source and amount of the water intrusion. Funds were finally obtained to do that as part of the current Save America's Treasures grant from the National Park Service awarded Santa Barbara Mission in 2011. The first project completed under the grant has been the drilling of 3 wells including one in the front portico itself. Hydrologist Steve Campbell has been monitoring those wells and will hopefully develop a clearer picture of the water flow and intrusion patterns. Again the expected causes are garden watering, poor drainage, and perhaps the original aqueduct lines which, still intact under ground and mapped as flowing under the convento, may be channeling water directly to the building foundation. Further study will help answer the questions of causes and make appropriate mitigations successful.

Outlying structures such as the clothes washing basin below the fountain show similar damage to the convento but the uncovered stone portions show less deterioration. This feature does suffer from poor quake repair with Portland cement, ground settling and quake damage with deep cracks and splitting off of the south east corner. The structure is also set for evaluation and repair under the auspices of the NPS' SAT grant. This is a matching dollar for dollar grant and all the funds must be raised and the work done in the next 2 years. The California Missions Foundation and the Santa Barbara Foundation have given generously along with numerous individual donors. Currently Santa Barbara Mission has raised 1/3 of the match and completed both the wells project and the restoration of the original church "Solstice window" design. We hope to interest donors in these preservation efforts and ultimately reach our full goal of matching the \$650,000 of the Save America's Treasures grant.



Pillar and door damage at Old Mission Santa Barbara. Photo Courtesy of SB Mission.

ALONG THE MISSION TRAIL - SANTA CRUZ STATE HISTORIC PARK FACES JULY CLOSING

Friends of Santa Cruz State Historic Park is rallying to save a valuable piece of our Alta California Mission Trail, and the only surviving structure from the Mission Santa Cruz. This State Historic Park, located a few yards from the reconstructed Mission Church at Santa Cruz, was a project very close to the heart of CMSA legend Edna Kimbro. The Park is slated for the closing block this July by Governor Brown as part of his massive closing of 70 state parks.

"Edna worked so hard to save this Mission Santa Cruz building and turn it into a state park," said Jessica Kusz, a member of Friends of Santa Cruz State Historic Park and also the project manager at the Castro Adobe in nearby Watsonville, the former Edna Kimbro residence. "This Park was Edna's baby in the 80's, and she also worked on historical research on the building."

According to Ms.Kusz, the Santa Cruz State Historic Park is where all of the 4th graders that visit the Santa Cruz mission come, and although she says there is a quarter scale replica of the original Mission Santa Cruz nearby, "this is the only building remaining, and it is very very important." The Park includes an original adobe from the 1820's - the oldest building in Santa Cruz.

In addition to the Santa Cruz State Historic park, other adobe buildings set for closure this July by Gov, Brown include the Petaluma Adobe not far from this year's CMSA Conference site at Mission San Rafael, and a couple of adobes in southern California.

Friends of Santa Cruz State Historic Park are seeking support from anyone interested in helping them to save this important piece of Santa Cruz and Alta California mission history. Specifically, the Friends of SCSHP are seeking an agreement with the State for the local non-profit organization to run the Park, to keep it from closing, and to build on the organization's current oversight of the Park's Interpretive Programs.

For additional information, please visit their web site at www.thatsmypark.org

SANTA CRUZ MISSION STATE HISTORIC PARK - BACKGROUND

The Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park is one of 70 state parks slated for closure on July 1, 2012. The park features the Mission Adobe, which is the oldest building in Santa Cruz County and is the only remaining original structure from the Santa Cruz Mission, which was founded in 1791. The adobe served as Mission Indian family housing and is the only building of its type that is preserved as a museum in the State of California.

Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks (Friends) is a non-profit cooperating association, partnering with state parks for over 35 years to sustain the legacy of our Santa Cruz County state parks and beaches. We have a long track record of supporting State Parks in many ways, including through funding educational and interpretive programs, park operations and capital improvement projects.

At the Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park, Friends currently funds the dedicated state park staff who conduct public programs, including: public tours, junior rangers, campfire programs and educational programs for nearly 4,000 school children per year. Friends also operates the Mission Park Store to benefit the park, providing quality educational materials and merchandise for sale.

Friends is passionately dedicated to saving the park from closure and maintaining its many benefits-including historic preservation, heritage education and tourism promotion. We are currently working on an agreement to provide sufficient funds to State Parks to keep the park maintained and open to the public for the next three years.

The momentum is building to keep the Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park open! We all need to work together to save this irreplaceable treasure and keep it accessible for locals and visitors alike. If you'd like to help, please contact us at:

ThatsMyPark.org

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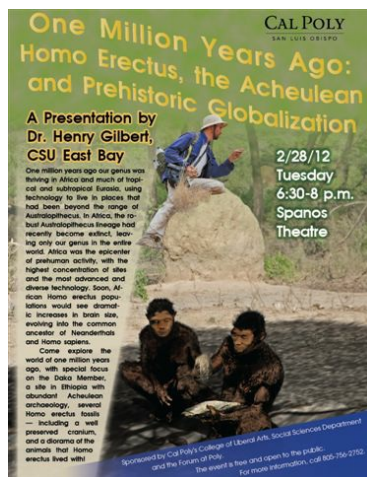
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EVENT OF INTEREST - CAL POLY SLO LECTURE: "ONE MILLION YEARS AGO: HOMO ERECTUS: THE ACHEULEAN AND PREHISTORIC GLOBALIZATION" BY DR. HENRY GILBERT ON FEBRUARY 28

Dr. Bob Hoover, longtime CMSA member and board member, cordially invites CMSA members to a lecture entitled "One Million Years Ago: Homo Erectus: the Acheulean and Prehistoric Globalization," to be presented by Dr. Henry Gilbert of CSU East Bay.

The lecture will be held on February 28 at the Spanos Theatre at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. The event is free and is open to the public. For more information, please call 805-756-2752.

Dr. Gilbert's presentation is sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences Department, and the Forum at Poly.



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EVENT OF INTEREST - CAMINO CALIFORNIA IN APRIL

Veteran hiker and new CMSA member Ron Briery is organizing a group walk from Mission San Luis Obispo to Mission San Miguel, Mission San Antonio de Padua, Mission Soledad, Carmel Mission, and ending at Mission San Juan Bautista.

"We will start on April 14, 2012 and end on April 30, 2012," Ron Briery states. He adds that some of this year's Camino California participants plan to hike the entire route from San Diego to Sonoma next year.

In early 2011, Ron Briery wrote to CMSA: "I have hiked several of the caminos to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, and I have often thought that hiking the California missions would be equally rewarding. It surprised me that I was unable to find any guidebooks or articles on others who had done it."

However, later in 2011, Ron Briery and a fellow Italian hiker, Beppe Sala, whom Ron had met in Spain, completed a 54-day hike from Mission San Diego to Mission San Francisco Solano in Sonoma. The Camino California, which began on March 3 and ended on April 25, was followed closely by the news media.

Ron adds this clarification about the end of his Camino: "When we arrived at the mission in Sonoma on 4/25, it was closed that day, so we didn't get to really visit it until 4/26."

Please click on the links below to view coverage of this historic hike.

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2011/04/04/1547914/men-journey-to-california-missions.html>

<http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2011/05/02/5479399.htm>

<http://www.bing.com/videos/watch/video/2-walking-from-san-diego-to-sonoma/1d00v5tid?cpkey=7828dcfb-30d2-4e2b-b4bd-d14a82bc6d50%7C%7C%7C%7C>

Ron Briery will be attending the CMSA Conference in San Rafael, if you have any questions. He may also be contacted at: rdbriery@yahoo.com

EVENT OF INTEREST - GEOPHYSICAL APPLICATIONS IN ARCHAEOLOGY : WORKSHOP APRIL 30 - MAY 4

A Workshop sponsored by the California Office of Historic Preservation

April 30 - May 4, 2012

In recent years, the trend toward increasingly focused research designs, the costs and time wasted on random sampling, and concerns over the unnecessary disturbance of primary archaeological resources have resulted in the increased use of a number of geophysical methods to investigate and interpret archaeological sites in many parts of the world. Such methods provide a focused cost and time effective means of collecting information for the archaeologist, satisfy Native American concerns over site disturbance, and serve as a valuable planning and protective tool for resource managers. This five-day workshop will address three of the most useful geophysical methods—**magnetic gradient survey, electrical resistance survey, and ground penetrating radar (GPR)**. A day will be devoted to each method, both in practical data collection in the field and in theoretical lectures. Participants will have ample time for hands-on experience with the equipment. The last 1.5 days will be spent in processing and interpreting the collected data. Each method is optimal for certain conditions and has its own limitations, so a mixed media strategy will be used to extract as much information from the site as possible. The workshop is an outgrowth of a similar program offered for decades by the National Park Service each year at various locations in the Midwest. Dr. Lewis Somers and David Maki of GeoScan Research/ArchaeoPhysics, who are experienced in such surveys for archaeologists in many parts of the world, will teach this workshop at Mission San Antonio de Padua, an historic Spanish mission site in southern Monterey County. Dr. Robert L. Hoover, who has conducted research on site for 30 years, will orient and introduce the class and assist in the interpretation. **This is not a course in**

archaeological excavation or artifact recovery. Participants will stay in comfortable rooms on site and be fed communally as part of the cost of the program. The workshop will be of interest to all archaeologists, Native American monitors, and agency managers, as well as others. Space is limited. Contact Dr. Robert L. Hoover, 1144 Buchon Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, (805) 544-0176, <ulrich1614@ad.com>, concerning costs and reservations.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity for professional development that could enhance your future work!

EVENTS OF INTEREST - CALIFORNIA

UPCOMING CALIFORNIA MISSION-RELATED EVENTS

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 17 -19 - Mission San Rafael Arcángel: CMSA Conference 2012. Info 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 -- 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

MARCH 19 - Mission San Juan Capistrano: Special Cliff Swallows Presentation by Dr. Charles Brown. 2 pm.
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 8 - Mission San Juan Capistrano: South Wing Interpretative Exhibit. 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
<http://www.missionsjc.com/calendar/events-todays-events.php?day=8&month=4&year=2012&sitemapurl=../activities/calendar-activities-sitemap.php>

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

APRIL 14 - Mission San Rafael: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Jeff Fentress, archaeologist at San Francisco State University and Nick Tipon, Sacred Sites Protection Committee, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
<http://www.saintraphael.com/Portals/0/Guest%20Lectures%202011.pdf>

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

MAY

MAY 5 - La Purisima Mission: Purisima's People Day, 11 am - 2 pm
<http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events>

MAY 5 - Mission San Miguel: Wine Experiencia, Courtyard. Proceeds benefit Mission restoration. 2 pm - 6 pm

<http://www.missionsanmiguel.org/events>

<http://events.sanluisobispo.com/san-miguel-ca/events/show/227879844-wine-experiencia>

MAY 12 - Mission San Rafael - Guest Lecture Series: Arthur Dawson, Sonoma Ecology Center. 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

<http://www.saintraphael.com/Portals/0/Guest%20Lectures%202011.pdf>

MAY 12 - Mission San Juan Capistrano: Eighth Annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival, Central Courtyard. 11 am - 4 pm

<http://www.missionsjc.com/calendar/events-todays-events.php?>

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MAY 26 - La Purisima Mission: El Pastor, 11 am - 2 pm <http://www.lapurisimamission.org/events>

EVENTS OF INTEREST - OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA

UPCOMING MISSION-RELATED EVENTS OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA

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 Series: Father Kino's Herbs - Growing & Using Them Today by Jacqueline A. Soule. 2 pm
<http://www.nps.gov/tuma/planyourvisit/special-events.htm>

IN MEMORIAM - DR. SUSAN ANDERSON KERR, CMSA MEMBER AND PRESENTER

Susan Anderson Kerr
May 17, 1945 - November 12, 2011

Susan Anderson Kerr, longtime CMSA member and former conference presenter, passed away Saturday, November 12, at her home after a year-long struggle with cancer.


Born May 7, 1945, in Charleston, West Virginia to parents Art and Mary Ellen Anderson, she moved to Texas with her family when she was eight. After graduating from Rice University, she went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Indiana and a doctorate in English literature from the University of Texas at Austin. She also studied art history at Lincoln College, Oxford.

She will be remembered by her husband as a wise, patient, soft-spoken, and loving presence, and as an incomparable traveling companion. She will be remembered by her children as a tender, intuitive mother who delayed her return to teaching for 14 years so she could be with them during their formative years and who remained a gentle counselor as they moved into adulthood. Her extended family, neighbors, and colleagues will remember her as a natural teacher and a thoughtful friend with a gift for handwritten notes, often on cards she made herself.

As a foreign-service wife in Mexico City in the early 1970s, she began a life-long love affair with the Spanish language and Catholic culture. She was a Benedictine oblate of St. Scholastica Priory in Petersham, Massachusetts, an association that brought her much joy. In 1974, she was an Interim Fulbright English lecturer at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City. In August 2010, she retired from teaching English as a second language at the University of Texas, but she remained in touch with many of her grateful students from around the globe, from China and Korea to Russia and Iraq. She also taught at the University of the Americas in Mexico City, Texas Southern University, Austin Community College, and the Texas Intensive English Program.

She published articles, essays, and book reviews, chiefly on Christian art, in journals ranging from *America* magazine to the *Journal of Computers and Mathematics with Applications*. She presented papers at the annual conferences of the California Missions Studies Association and at the Medieval Institute Congress in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She contributed articles to a number of books, including *San Diego, Alta California and the Borderlands*. She was active in both the state and national ESL organizations. A few weeks before her death, she learned that her article on the Dominican churches of Guatemala and Chiapas had been accepted for publication in a Mexican scholarly journal.

She is survived by her husband of more than 40 years, John Kerr; her son, Andrew Kerr; her daughter, Ellen Kerr; her sister, Barbara Anderson; and her two grandchildren, Alex and Anna.



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 at correo@ca-missions.org

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Sincerely,

Sue Ellen Moran, Ph.D.
California Mission Studies Association