WE'RE ONE!

Welcome to the new and expanded California Missions Foundation. At the strike of midnight this morning, the much-anticipated merger of the California Missions Foundation and the California Mission Studies Association became official. We are now one united organization.

Operating officially under the banner of the California Missions Foundation, we now have important standing committees in place for fundraising and historic preservation of our Missions and related historical sites, and separately for California Mission Studies.

This is an exciting time for everyone interested in not only preserving these California treasures, but also interested in learning more about “the story” through research, scholarship and education.

With this coming together of organizations, there are many new things happening at CMF. We now have a membership program (information below) and we have launched a new combined web site - destined to be the first stop on the web for anyone interested in the California Missions and related historical sites. This new web site can be found at www.californiamissionsfoundation.org and will continue to be updated and expanded throughout the year.

So much effort, dedication and hard work went into making both organizations - CMF and CMSA - so successful over the years. CMF was established in 1998 and has raised $10 million for important historic preservation projects throughout the state; CMSA was established in 1984 and gained a reputation for quality scholarship, research and conferences. Today, January 1, 2016 we are now one united organization.

On behalf of the combined Board of Directors, welcome to the new and expanded California Missions Foundation!

M. Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
CMF Chair

Ty O. Smith
CMF Vice Chair

David A. Bolton
CMF Executive Director and CEO

Click here for a complete list of CMF's Board of Director and Staff
CMF COMPLETES BEST FUNDRAISING YEAR EVER
Thanks to Everyone that made 2015 a Preservation Success

Since its inception in 1998, CMF has accomplished a great deal in the area of historic preservation, conservation and restoration at our 21 California Missions and related historical sites. This past year, thanks to the generosity of so many, CMF had its best year ever with more than $1.5 million coming into the Foundation as we continue our efforts at keeping alive these historic treasures. So much more remains to be done...More than ever we need your help to make sure that our Missions and related historical sites continue to be enjoyed today and tomorrow. Please consider making a New Year’s donation or pledge to CMF. We are committed to our mission, and thank everyone who contributed to a very successful 2015!

CMF ADDS PLANNED GIVING IN 2016

New this calendar year at CMF is Planned Giving. Please be sure to remember CMF and the Missions in your future plans. More details are available by calling our administrative office at 805.963.1633 or by emailing plannedgiving@californiamissionsfoundation.org

BECOME A MEMBER OF CMF

As we begin 2016, CMF is proud to announce its first ever membership program. In conjunction with its California Mission Studies Committee, CMF looks to bring everyone interested in our Missions and related historical sites into one family. There are any benefits to becoming a CMF member. Not only will you be helping historic preservation and education statewide, you will also receive a massive print journal each fall. This year’s edition of the journal, Boletin, included 214 pages of stories, research and articles related to the Mission story. CMF members also will receive our quarterly electronic newsletter, Correo, plus a discount on registration at the Annual California Missions Conference and additional benefits as we continue to grow our membership program.

Membership sign-up details are below.

2015 BOLETIN OFF THE PRESS
Limited Copies Still Available
At 214 pages, it may be more aptly described as a book. Although the biggest ever edition of the Boletín caused some production delays, with a lot of hard work from contributing authors and the Publications Committee of CMSA, this year's Boletín is off the press. This 2015 edition is chock-full of first-rate scholarship. Contributing authors range from well-known mission scholars to emerging, important voices in the field. 2015 CMSA dues-paying members received their copies in mid-December. There are a few hard copies still available for those in the CMF family. You may purchase either a hard copy or a digital copy on the "store" at www.californiamissionsfoundation.org

Here is a list of articles included in the 2015 Boletín:

David Hurst Thomas, Bilocating the American Mission Borderlands with Saint Serra.


Yve Chavez, Cynthia Neri Lewis, and John Macias, Imagery, Materiality, and Evolving Histories at Mission San Gabriel.

Jennifer A. Lucido, A Bastion Too Far: The Underdevelopment of the Royal Presidio of Monterey, 1770-1840.

Robert H. Jackson, Dominican Missions in Mexico Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries.
2016 CMF MEMBERSHIP FORMS AND CONFERENCE
Registration Packets Included with the Boletín

If you are interested in becoming a member of the combined CMF and CMSA, you can visit the “store” section on the CMF web site, www.californiamissionsfoundation.org. As a member, you will receive the award-winning journal, Boletín, printed annually in the fall. This print journal is packed with articles and stories on a variety of topics related to the California Missions and related historical sites, plus stories from Mexico, on culture and art. You can also find registration materials related to the upcoming California Missions conference (February 12-14, 2016 at Mission San Juan Bautista) on the website. This is a fascinating conference with talks, social gatherings, tours and a lot more.

http://store.californiamissionsfoundation.org

Whether you choose to renew or become a CMF member, or would like to register for the California Missions Conference electronically or via post, please do renew or join. There are exciting times ahead for the new CMF.

MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA CHOSEN TO HOST
2016 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS CONFERENCE
Mission San Juan Bautista. 33rd Annual Conference to return to SJB for first time since 1989.

The Board of Directors has unanimously chosen Mission San Juan Bautista as the host location for the upcoming Conference, scheduled for February 12-14, 2016. The three-day event, which begins on Friday and wraps on Sunday, will return to Mission San Juan Bautista for the first time since 1989 -- the sixth year of the annual gathering.

Other than Missions San Jose, San Juan Capistrano and Santa Clara, no other location has waited longer to re-host the California Missions Conference than Mission San Juan Bautista.

The Conference will begin Friday with an optional lunch at the Mission, followed by the California Missions Institute sponsored by CMF and its California Mission Studies Committee. It will be a full afternoon of workshops focusing on historic site interpretation. All conference participants are welcome to attend. The afternoon program will be particularly useful for employees, docents and administrators of missions and other early California sites. Alternatively, tours of the surrounding neighborhood of San Juan Bautista, including California State Parks and Native American sites, will also be featured.

Friday evening, as is tradition, there will be a hosted reception for attendees, followed by the Keynote Address (this year to be given by renowned Spanish Maritime Scholar Carla Rand Phillips) and the CMF Annual Business and General Membership meeting.

The Conference will continue on Saturday with paper presentations, a marketplace (including book vendors), lunch, and afternoon roving sessions. The annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday evening. The banquet will include the presentation of the prestigious California Missions Awards.

On Sunday the Conference wraps up with an optional historic site tour for those unable to make Friday's tour or for those who attended the Friday afternoon California Missions Institute.
NOTED MARITIME HISTORIAN CARLA RAHN PHILLIPS CHOSEN TO GIVE 2016 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS CONFERENCE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Seventh-generation Californian Carla Rahn Phillips has selected “The Galleon San Salvador: Sixteenth-Century California in a Global context” as her Keynote Title as she addresses the 2016 California Missions Conference at historic San Juan Bautista on Friday evening, February 12.

CARLA RAHN PHILLIPS earned her B.A. at Pomona College in Claremont, California, and her M.A. and Ph.D. at New York University in New York City. Before her retirement in 2013, she held the Union Pacific Professorship in Comparative Early Modern History at the University of Minnesota and was the first Robert and Laura Kyle Chair in Maritime History at the Maritime Museum of San Diego. Her research focuses on the social, economic, and maritime history of Early Modern Europe and the Iberian world.

In addition to numerous articles, her books in maritime history include Six Galleons for the King of Spain: Imperial Defense in the Early Seventeenth Century (Johns Hopkins, 1986); The Worlds of Christopher Columbus, co-authored with William D. Phillips, Jr. (Cambridge, 1992); the translation of Spain’s Men of the Sea, by Pablo E. Pérez-Mallaina (Johns Hopkins, 1998); and The Treasure of the San José. Death at Sea in the War of the Spanish Succession (Johns Hopkins, 2007). For her scholarly contributions, King Juan Carlos I of Spain awarded her a knighthood in the Order of Isabel the Catholic in 2008. She is currently working on several projects, including the first English translation of a voyage to Brazil and Patagonia in the late sixteenth century.

CALL FOR PAPERS
Theme Chosen For The 2016 California Missions Conference
Sponsored By The California Missions Foundation
And Its California Mission Studies Committee
"El Camino Real De Las Californias"

The California Mission Studies Paper and Publication Committee has chosen, “El Camino Real de las Californias” as the theme for the upcoming conference.

According to current CMF board member and long-time historian Dr. Jarrell Jackman: “Along El Camino Real that began with presidios, pueblos, ranchos, and missions, a new civilization was born harnessing the energies of many peoples and cultures and laying the foundations for the Californias we all live in today.” The committee invites papers that explore the El Camino Real de las Californias both as an actual route of travel and as a conceptual passage that connected the people and places of early California from Baja to Alta California.

If you would like to submit a presentation for consideration for the upcoming 2016 California Missions Conference sponsored by the California Missions Foundation and the California Mission Studies Committee, please send via email to Conference@californiamissionsfoundation.org:

1. An abstract of 100 to 200 words. Indicate if it is a single presentation (20 min including questions.), or a panel session (60 min.).
2. Names of all presenters, affiliation(s), contact information (including e-mail).
3. Audio-visual requirements.

Abstracts are due via email by January 10, 2015 attention California Missions Conference Program Coordinators.
HILTON GARDEN INN GILROY CHOSEN AS CONFERENCE HOST HOTEL 2016

The Hilton Garden Inn in nearby Gilroy has agreed to be the host hotel for the 2016 California Missions Conference and is offering a special Conference rate of $129/night for Conference attendees.

In order to book your room for the 2016 California Missions Conference, please call the hotel directly at 408-840-7005 and ask for reservations. Or you may book your room at Hilton.com or by calling 1-800-Hiltons. Please be sure to use the group code “CMF” when booking your room to receive the special Conference price.

Again, the Conference will be held over President’s Weekend, so hotel rooms will fill up.

Hilton Garden Inn Gilroy
6070 Monterey Street
Gilroy, CA 95020

THE 2016 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS CONFERENCE TO INCLUDE FIRST ANNUAL CALIFORNIA MISSIONS INSTITUTE

The 1st Annual California Missions Institute will be held as part of the California Missions Conference, on the afternoon of Friday, February 12, starting at 1:00. The California Missions Foundation and its California Mission Studies Committee is sponsoring the institute. CMF invites all conference registrants to attend, but the content will be especially useful for professionals (paid and volunteer) working at sites related to early California. Institute activities may include lectures, workshops, and other skills-based activities. The institute will serve as a formal training for professionals. After attending institute sessions,
participants will bring back to their workplaces practical information, knowledge of best practices (in a variety of areas), and practical techniques related to cultural resource management, such as preservation, public history, and interpretation.

CMF has set aside some funds to sponsor attendance and travel for those who work at a Mission or related historical site. If you could benefit from such funding, please email: info@californiamissionsfoundation.org for an application.

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**CMF OFFERS PLANNED GIVING**

For more information, please contact CMF’s Director of Administration Gabriela Gonzalez at 805.963.1633.

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**CMF OFFERS NEW STOCK DONATION OPTION**

The California Missions Foundation is pleased to offer a new way to show your support, by donating stock. When you donate stock to CMF you will not be responsible for paying taxes on said stock, however you will still receive full tax credit for the amount of the stock on the day you contribute. To donate please have your broker call UBS Financial Services at (201) 352-6300, with the following information:

Account Name: California Missions Foundation  
DTCC Clearing Number: 0221  
Account #: XN04920

As always please call Executive Director David A. Bolton at the CMF office with any questions at (805) 963-1633.

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You can help us to preserve California’s historic missions and all their cultural treasures! Please call our office at (805) 963-1633 to donate by credit card, or click the button below to donate via PayPal!
About California Missions Foundation

Nothing defines California’s heritage as significantly or emotionally as do the 21 missions that were founded along the coast from San Diego to Sonoma. Their beauty, stature, and character underlie the formation of California. All 21 missions are California Historical Landmarks; many have also been designated National Historic Landmarks. The missions are among the most popular tourist destinations in the state, attracting millions of visitors each year.

Founded in 1998, the California Missions Foundation was established with the objective of preserving and protecting the missions. The Foundation is the only statewide organization dedicated to the long-term preservation and restoration needs of all California missions and their associated historic and cultural resources for public benefit.

Visit us online at www.californiamissionsfoundation.org.