



The missions are California's cultural treasures. Working together we can ensure their future.



California Missions Foundation

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33rd ANNUAL CALIFORNIA MISSIONS CONFERENCE APPROACHES

Mission San Juan Bautista to Host Annual Gathering

Just less than two weeks remain before the start of the 33rd California Missions Conference at Mission San Juan Bautista. This will be the first conference of the combined California Missions Foundation and the California Mission Studies Association.

During the past few weeks, the local arrangement committee and the Program Committee have been working hard on the details for what is expected to be a memorable conference at a truly unique Mission.

This year, the Conference kicks off with the inaugural California Missions Institute on Friday afternoon focusing on a Bi National Initiative to seek UNESCO World Heritage Nomination for El Camino Real de las Californias. The afternoon sessions and presentations will be followed by the evening hosted reception and special Keynote Address in the historic Mission church. Respected Spanish Maritime expert Carla Rand Phillips will be presenting this year's keynote address that will follow the annual business meeting for members of the California Missions Foundation.

On Saturday, the Conference features an all-day exciting list of Papers representing a variety of topics related to the California Missions and related historical sites. A link below will take you to the complete list of 2016 presenters.

Saturday evening, the California Missions Annual Awards Banquet will be held at Casa Maria and will include a social hour, sit down dinner and the presentation of the 2016 Norman Neuerberg, Edna Kimbro and Chairman's Awards.

On Sunday, several optional tours are available for those heading home, either to the north or to the south.

The 33rd Annual California Missions Conference will be truly memorable.

For additional information, or if you like to still attend the conference, please either call the CMF office at 805.963.1633 or visit our web site at www.californiamissionsfoundation.org

2016 California Missions Conference

As of January 1, 2016, the California Missions Foundation and the California Mission Studies Association are now one unified organization. We are starting this union with a continuation of the annual California Missions Conference. The 2016 conference will contain many papers and presentations from academics and practitioners working on projects at missions and related historic sites.

Adding to the traditional paper presentations, this year, CMF will begin a new program called the CMF Institute. Designed to be of interest to all, but especially useful to historic sites employees, administrators, and docents, we hope that the institute will become a feature of all future conferences.

Friday Afternoon's First Annual CMF Institute

We envision that The CMF Institute will grow into a robust and critical aspect of the annual California Missions Conference. The first offering will feature a number of presentations including an informative session of CMF programs and resources and a block of programming on the exciting binational initiative to nominate the El Camino Real de las Californias as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The afternoon program will also feature a moderated panel discussion on best practices, resources, and methods for better interpreting California Indian experiences in the Mission era. The afternoon program will conclude with a group discussion on ideas for future CMF Institute programming. All conference registrants are encouraged to attend, but Friday's afternoon program will be free to anyone wishing to attend. We hope that those attending just for Friday's sessions will be inspired to register for the full conference or purchase a ticket for Friday evening's opening reception.

Saturday's Program

Saturday's program will feature 15 presentations on a wide variety of topics. Papers include information on music, mission art, Native American history, and archeological projects. As in past conferences, these presenters represent the diversity of the new CMF. After the 15 traditional papers, starting at 3:00 p.m., we will invite attendees to explore the Mission and surrounding properties through roving sessions. Attendees will be

split into three separate groups that will rotate between three different tours. In an hour and a half, each group will tour through the mission, explore adjacent State Parks administered sites, and hear about a current archeological and interpretive project related to the Native American Family Housing at Mission San Juan Bautista.

[Please click here for the entire 2016 California Missions Conference list of presenters.](#)

CMF OFFERS PLANNED GIVING

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

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(805) 963-1633.

You can help us to preserve California's historic missions and all their cultural treasures!

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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.

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