



Annual Report 2009

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CMF Tops \$4 Million in Grants

Since its inception in 1999, the California Missions Foundation has been the only organization dedicated to the preservation of all 21 California missions. In the past ten years, the Foundation has accomplished much. Including awards from this year's grant cycle, the total amount distributed to missions has risen to more than \$4 million.

Our successes include the following:

Annual Grant Cycle CMF has assisted preservation efforts through grants offered to missions each year in the Fall. Projects range from artifact conservation to seismic retrofit. Each of the 21 missions, the asistencia at Pala, and the Royal Chapel in Monterey have benefited from the CMF Annual Grant Cycle.

Emergency grants In late 2003, Mission San Miguel applied for emergency funds to shore a window above the sanctuary's main entrance. CMF paid for wooded framing to reinforce the window. After the December 2003 earthquake, a structural engineer suggested this reinforcement was possibly the only thing that saved the wall, and therefore the entire mission church, from complete collapse.

In January 2009, another emergency grant provided funding to Mission San Gabriel to repair earthquake damage to the Baptistry.

All Aboard the Bus Field Trip Grant Program In 2006, CMF partnered with the W.H. Hannon Foundation to create a program that helps provide mission field trips to Fourth Graders in needy Los Angeles County and Inland Empire elementary schools. To date, more than 12,800 students have participated in the program and experienced Missions San Fernando and San Gabriel firsthand. In 2008, CMF began providing Mission Learning Kits to supplement the program. Up to four classrooms per participating school receive books and other materials to bolster classroom learning.

Save America's Treasures Grants CMF has worked closely with Senators Feinstein and Boxer to secure federal grants for California's missions that are National Historic Landmarks. Grants have been awarded to Missions San Miguel, San Luis Rey, Carmel, and Santa Barbara (see story below). Including the required matching funds, these grants have already provided more than \$600,000, with nearly \$2 million additionally on the way. ☼

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SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES at Missions Carmel and Santa Barbara

Current circumstances are such that 2010 could be a watershed year for the California Missions Foundation. It began in 2004, when the California Missions Act was passed by Congress and signed by the President.

This legislation provided \$10 million to the California missions. The money required matching funds be raised. A suit to halt action was filed by the Americans United for Separation of Church and State, on grounds that the legislation vio-

lated the Church/State separation clause of the Federal Constitution. Shortly before going to trial, Americans United withdrew the suit on grounds that Congress had taken no funding action and therefore the Plaintiffs had won. (cont. on page 2)



2009 Grant Cycle

Each year, CMF sponsors a Grant Cycle, open to the California missions and associated structures. CMF is dedicated to meeting preservation needs of all missions and, in addition to partnering with Foundations to fund larger, structural projects, maintains this annual program to help preserve historic buildings and collections, and educate the public.

MISSION DOLORES

- Fire Alarms
- Fire safe archives

MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA

- Conservation of artworks

MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PALA

- Repairs to sacristy door and frame

MISSION SAN JOSE

- Drawers for Museum diorama
- Photo enlargements for museum exhibit

MISSION SANTA CLARA

- Conservation of historic statue

MISSION SANTA BARBARA

- Huerta Heritage Garden historic plant project
- Educational materials

MISSION SAN RAPHAEL

- Conservation of mission era hutch
- Arrowhead display case

MISSION SANTA INES

- Phase I Archaeology of indian village

MISSION SOLEDAD

- Site plan for reconstruction

SAN CARLOS CATHEDRAL

- Completion of treatment of facade

MISSION SAN FRANCISCO SOLANO

- Conservation of series of paintings

SAN CARLOS CATHEDRAL

- Completion of treatment of facade

MISSION SAN DIEGO

- Educational signage

Save America's Treasures, cont.

California Senators Feinstein and Boxer, however, didn't give up the fight. They found another source of funding in the Save America's Treasures (SAT) Program. This program, begun during the Clinton Administration, has been supported by subsequent Presidents. There are restrictions on SAT grants. The site must be a National Historic Monument and viewed as having nationwide importance. Both Senator Feinstein, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee (which funds the SAT Program) and Senator Boxer have conveyed to CMF their intention to utilize this source of funding in lieu of the earlier Missions Bill as the best and most feasible way to help the California missions. Both senators have taken action and Missions San Miguel, San Luis Rey, Carmel, and Santa Barbara have received grants totaling \$2,239,000. This is the good news. What poses a major challenge is the grants are a match. If the California Missions Foundation and the recipient missions do not rise to the occasion, it is all for naught. We accept this challenge and have adopted the year 2010 as the Year of the Match. Our two newest projects are at Carmel and Santa Barbara.

Mission San Carlos del Borromeo de Rio Carmelo

The Carmel Mission church is a remarkable feat of construction. Unlike most mission churches, which are built of adobe, the Carmel church was constructed of stone, in the style of Spanish and Mexican churches. Adding to its uniqueness is its arched ceiling, rather than the more common flat type seen in so many missions. The building also features distinctive Moorish features.

An Historic Structures Report, completed in 2008 by Architectural Resources Group (ARG) of San Francisco, recommends conservation of the mission church and adobe buildings. The total cost of conservation is unknown at this time, though ARG estimates exterior stabilization alone at close to \$2 million. The grant from Save America's Treasures and its matching funds will be used to support the Discovery and Design Phase, as well as initial preservation work on the site.

I. Design and Discovery

- o Exploratory investigation and discovery of underlying conditions in the existing walls for seismic strengthening planning and design and stone repair.
- o Hydrology exploratory discovery for planning and design for protection of the mission building complex.
- o Drainage mapping, planning and design.
- o System and building upgrades.

II. Preservation and Conservation efforts will include but

will not be limited to the following:

- o Exterior Stabilization
- o System and Building Upgrades
- o Maintenance and Quality Upgrades
- o Fire, Life Safety and Accessibility Upgrades

Mission Santa Barbara, Virgen y Martir Preservation needs at the Santa Barbara Mission National Landmark include conservation work on both art and artifacts as well as structural preservation.

Mission Santa Barbara has one of the largest and best Hispanic period colonial art collections surviving in any mission. The majority of the art consists of statues, paintings and vestments. All need extensive conservation work to repair damage, clean surfaces and secure paint.

Structural issues include monitoring and controlling ground water intrusion. In addition to repairing present water damage, past centuries of inadequate or improper conservation treatments must be corrected. These include extensive use of damaging Portland cement coating on pillars, walls and features such as the lavandaria. Further structural needs include stabilization of the church crypt (the only one in a California mission) and retro-fit and repair of cemetery mausoleums.

Archaeological work is also needed to define the mission's sensitive historical areas. Efforts in this field have already uncovered a Chumash house foundation which could be developed and reconstructed. It is the goal of the mission to use Save America's Treasures funding to help preserve and protect the site, while increasing accessibility to the educational experience, history and beauty of the Landmark. ❀

New Leadership on our Board of Directors

After ten years of faithful service as Chair of the California Missions Foundation Board of Directors, Stephen T. Hearst has stepped down to pursue other philanthropic interests. Mr. Hearst retains an interest in CMF and has accepted an honorary position as Chair Emeritus.

Replacing Mr. Hearst as Board Chair is Laurence K. Gould, Jr, an attorney with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter, and Hampton in Los Angeles. Mr. Gould has been a CMF Director and Chair of the Development Committee since 2004. He has been a longtime active member of the California Missions Studies Association. ❀

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Reopening of Mission San Miguel

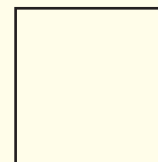
After nearly six years of closure, the main sanctuary of Mission San Miguel is once again open for public visitation. On September 29, 2009, the feast day of the mission's patron saint, the sanctuary was rededicated and parishioners entered their retrofitted parish church for the first time. On October 2, 2009 the community was joined by visitors from all over California at a fete to celebrate the public reopening. This marks completion of the estimated \$10 million retrofit, the most significant phase of the \$15 million restoration.

Many foundations and funding sources came together to make this possible. The California Missions Foundation itself has raised more than \$1 million for Mission San Miguel and will continue its efforts to provide funding as the mission completes the final phases of preservation.

Work continues on the Munras Murals, the only complete set of Native American painted murals in any of the California missions. There is also work still to be done to stabilize buildings on the back side of the mission quadrangle.



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