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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A LETTER FROM CMSA PRESIDENT DAVID A. BOLTON

Dear Fellow CMSA Members:

All of us at CMSA want to update the general membership on some exciting times for the organization. Our membership has been steadily increasing the past three years, and, as an organization, we continue to operate in the black financially. CMSA's future looks strong, and it's a tribute to all of you as members, both supporting and general, as well as the countless volunteers and presenters who work so hard for this organization and for mission studies in general.

This time of year, we all are looking forward to the fall arrival of Boletín - the flagship publication of CMSA. And many of us enjoyed another successful conference this past February at Mission San Antonio de Padua, Hearst Castle and historic Paso Robles. Thanks to all who helped make it another memorable and informative CMSA weekend.

Sights now are set on 2015 and the Annual Conference next February. Save the Date! President's Day Weekend, February 13-15.

The location for the Conference will be announced over the next few weeks, but following an overwhelming vote of the entire membership at the Annual Meeting at Mission San Antonio de Padua, the 2015 CMSA Conference will be held at one of the 11 most southern missions. The Board of Directors is currently seeking applications to host the Conference, with details below in this edition of Correo.

Our calendar at the end of this newsletter offers details on the many events planned over the next few months at our historic Missions and Presidios. We hope you enjoy the summer, and many thanks from all of us for your continued support of CMSA.

Kindest regards,

David A. Bolton
President
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APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR CMSA CONFERENCE 2015

At the annual General membership meeting held in conjunction with the 2014 CMSA Conference, it was voted on by the membership to hold the 2015 edition of the CMSA Conference again on President's Day weekend, February 13-15.

The general membership also ratified the Board of Director's recommendation that the annual conference rotate from north to south each year, with the San Luis Obispo/Monterey County line serving as the dividing point between north and south, and with the site of the Saturday Conference Papers as the official Conference location marker.

With this year's Conference recently held at Mission San Antonio de Padua, north of the SLO-Monterey Counties line, the 2015 CMSA Conference will be held at a site between Missions San Miguel and San Diego.

CMSA is accepting applications from interested locations that would like to host the 2015 CMSA Conference. Deadline to submit a request to the host the 2015 Conference is June 30. Upon receipt of all applications, the CMSA Board of Directors will select the 2015 Conference location following a thorough review of each application, including sites proposed for the Friday events, the Saturday Papers and Banquet, and tours on Sunday as well as overall costs.

If you are interested in hosting the 32nd annual CMSA Conference please either email your written proposal to "Conference@californiamissionstudies.org" or mail it to:

CMSA
PO Box 420215
San Diego, CA 92142

CALL FOR BOLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The CMSA Publications Committee will resume publishing the 2014 Boletín this fall. Members of CMSA are invited to submit abstracts of their proposed articles by June 25, 2014. July 20 will be the deadline for the final submission of the articles developed from the selected abstracts. Submissions, inquiries, and suggestions can be mailed electronically to:

Boletin@californiamissionstudies.org

We look forward to hearing from you.

As is tradition, the Boletín will center primarily on our annual conferences and seek to capture the spirit of these meetings. It will do so by highlighting some of the scholarship presented therein and the types of conference communications that happen both within sessions and the resulting dialogues that radiate from them among our mission studies community. There will, however, also be room for scholarship and other materials not directly related to the conference theme. We are

open to review all submissions.

The 2014 CMSA Conference theme: "Ranchos y Vaqueros: Missions and Mission Land After Secularization."

After secularization, government officials divided mission lands and distributed them to prominent citizens as Ranchos. The land was mapped using diseños (drawings/designs).

A CMSA conference, and Boletín, with a "Rancho" theme fits well with our CMSA objectives:

"Founded in 1984, California Mission Studies Association (CMSA) is a non-profit organization formed to further advance the studies and research of our missions, presidios, ranchos, villas and pueblos," said the late Edna Kimbro, long-time CMSA member and one of the original founders of this organization.

CMSA Board and Publications Committee

BOLETIN NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON CMSA ON-LINE STORE

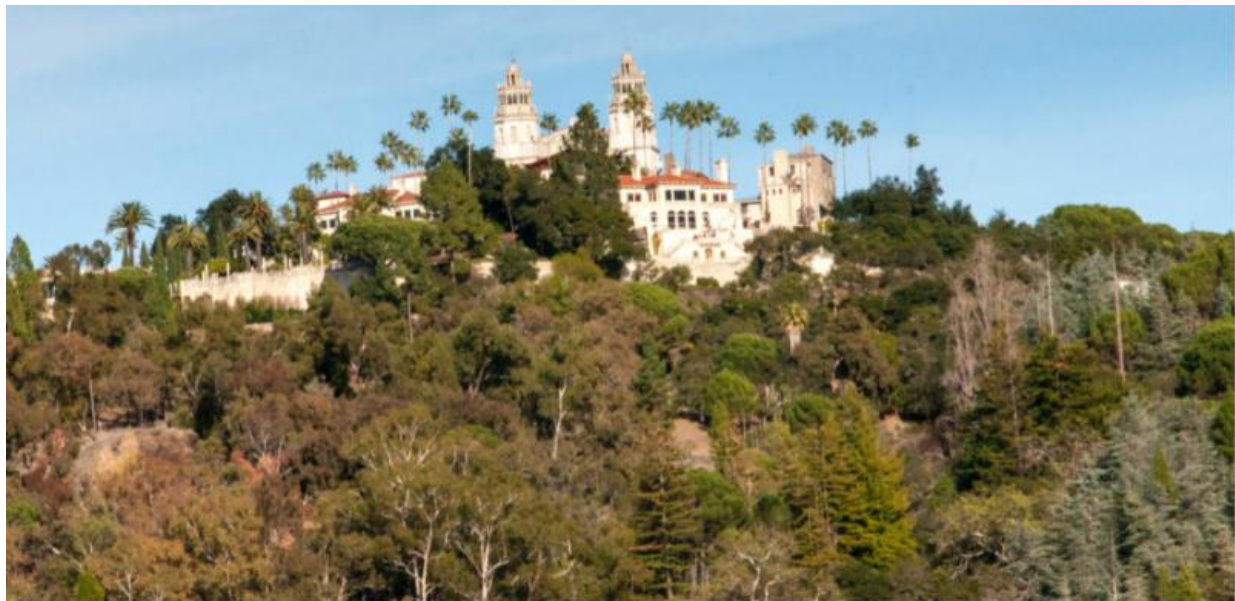
The Boletín was mailed out to all current CMSA members this past November 7. Additional copies are available for \$15, and can be purchased on-line at the CMSA web page.

CMSA CONFERENCE 2014 - HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights From the 2014 CMSA Conference

A highly successful and memorable CMSA Conference honoring the Rancho period attracted 150 participants from throughout California, as well as other states, and Mexico. The Conference, held jointly at Mission San Antonio de Padua, Hearst Castle and historic Paso Robles, also celebrated the 31st anniversary of CMSA's founding.

The Conference began Friday afternoon with a special tour of Hearst castle, which sits on surrounding land that continues as a cattle ranch much like it has since mission times.



A view looking up at Hearst Castle, as well as the surrounding countryside (below) which today remains an active cattle ranch. Photos courtesy of Tom Simondi.



Friday evening Conference attendees were treated to a hosted reception in downtown historic Paso Robles, previously called El Rancho Paso de Robles. Attendees enjoyed freshly made Tamales, a variety of salsas, farmer's market vegetables and an assortment of cheeses and dried meats, accompanied by outstanding local wine.





The Friday hosted Reception and Registration gathering featured popular homemade tamales (above) and an assortment of other delicious treats (below).





CMSA board member Nick Tipon serves local Paso Robles area wine to the Reception attendees.

CMSA President David A. Bolton welcomed the attendees to the annual Conference, and the New World Baroque Orchestra added special music to the opening reception and registration.



John Warren performing Friday night with his New World Baroque Orchestra.

On Saturday, the Conference shifted locations to Mission San Antonio de Padua. Papers were presented in the mission

church, and the keynote address by Dr. Rubén Méndozza highlighted a full day of presentations.



2014 CMSA Keynote speaker Dr. Rúben Méndozza.

Saturday kicked off with a complimentary continental breakfast, and vendors set up their tables filled with interesting and useful mission-related items.



During a break in the presentation of Conference Papers, CMSA President David A. Bolton (above) offered a cooking class to Conference attendees on how to make traditional posole "Sinaloa-style."

Saturday at the conference was capped off with the Annual CMSA Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the historic Paso Robles Inn, host hotel for the 2014 conference.



Banquet attendees enjoy the pre-dinner social reception just outside the historic ballroom at the Paso Robles Inn.

After the dinner banquet, it was time for the Annual CMSA Awards portion of the evening. CMSA President David A. Bolton presented the 2014 Norman Neuerburg Award for excellence in research to archaeologist and long-time CMSA member Glenn Farris, and the 2014 Edna Kimbro Award for outstanding service to CMSA to former CMSA president and San Luis Obispo historian Dan Krieger. The CMSA President's Award was given to long-time CMSA member and talented music historian John Warren.

Sunday morning began with a tour of the Asistencia Santa Margarita. Attendees were presented with nice gift bags featuring local wine courtesy of the Asistencia owner Rob Rossi, a board member of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation. Following the Santa Margarita tour, participants had the option of also visiting Mission Soledad, located about 90 minutes to the north.



The Sunday tour at Asistencia Santa Margarita turned into a highlight of the Conference.

CMSA HONORS THREE AT AWARDS BANQUET



Honorees at the Saturday evening banquet at the Paso Robles Inn: From left: Glenn Farris, 2014 Norman Neuerburg Award recipient; Dan Krieger, 2014 Edna Kimbro Award recipient; John Warren, 2014 CMSA President's Award recipient.

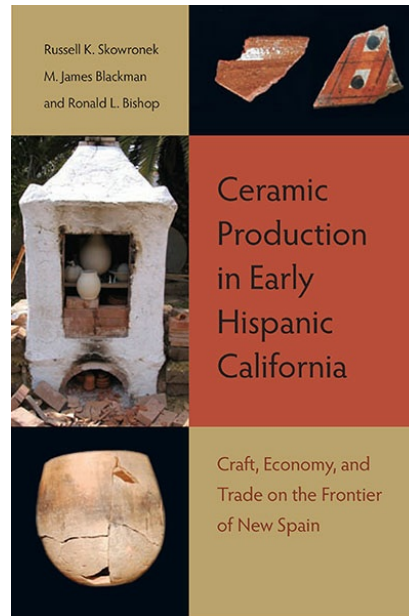
PASO ROBLES - The California Mission Studies Association honored three distinguished individuals at the 2014 CMSA Awards Banquet held at the historic ballroom of the Paso Robles Inn on Saturday evening, February 15.

The 2014 Norman Neuerburg Award for excellence in research in mission and related areas was presented to long-time CMSA member Glenn Farris, a retired archaeologist who spent 30 years with California State Parks, and who continues his interest in early California history and his parallel interest in the Russian presence in California during the first half of the 19th century, particularly at Fort Ross, with a special interest in the interaction of the Russians and Californios.

The 2014 Edna Kimbro Award for outstanding service to CMSA and the California Missions was given to Dan Krieger, immediate past president of CMSA as well as a former history professor at Cal Poly SLO and a long-time volunteer at Mission San Luis Obispo.

The 2014 CMSA President's Award was bestowed on maestro John Warren for his many years of dedication at reviving mission era music.

NEW BOOK PUBLICATION

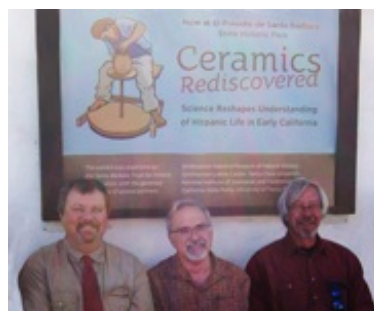


Long-time CMSA-member Russell Skowronek is pleased to announce the publication of a new book of interest to the CMSA membership. Co-authored with Drs. M. James Blackman and Ronald L. Bishop of the Smithsonian Institution with contributions from many scholars of Alta California (Barter, Costello, Farris, Felton, Hoover, Imwalle, Peelo, Reyes, Voss, Williams) the book titled, ***Ceramic Production in Early Hispanic California, Craft, Economy, and Trade on the Frontier of New Spain*** (ISBN 9780813049816) is published by the University Press of Florida.

Graced with many color-plates made possible through a very kind subvention provided by the California Missions Studies Association, the book will be a standard reference for decades to come.

Available in July of 2014 the hardbound book is priced at \$79.95. Those who act before May 23 may obtain the book at a 60% discount or \$35.00 connected to the Society for American Archaeology conference (source code: **SAA14**).

Orders may be placed on line at: www.upf.com or by phone at 800-226-3822. Be certain to provide the source code to receive the discounted rate.



Skowronek, Bishop, and Blackman
at El Presidio de Santa Barbara.

NEWS FROM THE CMSA MEMBERSHIP

Patrick Foley reports:

Thank you. Please note that my book on the life of Jean-Marie Odin, C.M., entitled: ***Missionary Bishop: Jean-Marie Odin in Galveston and New Orleans*** has been published by Texas A&M University Press.

Anyone interested in buying it can contact the press or me.

Peace in Christ,

Patrick Foley
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CMSA FOOD CORNER - BUEN PROVECHO!

BUEN PROVECHO! Vegetarian Pozole

By David A. Bolton

When we think of Pozole, pork and chicken always come to mind first. Adding pork or chicken Pozole as a Saturday Conference lunch option three years ago has been a big hit. During our last Conference there were still some who chose the vegetarian sandwich option. I thought it would be interesting to work up a vegetarian Pozole, and make it available at next year's CMSA Conference. I tried it last night, and I'm glad there were leftovers! It's noon, and I'm already looking forward to another bowl after work.

Pozole is a stew that historians trace back to pre Columbian times throughout much of Mesoamerica. From its beginnings, Pozole was made with corn or hominy – a sacred plant for the [Aztecs](#) and other inhabitants of Mesoamerica. Thus Pozole was made to be consumed on special occasions. Later, ingredients were modified with the arrival of the Spanish who also brought this popular dish along the Mission Trail.

To make hominy, [field corn](#) (maize) grain is dried, then treated by soaking and cooking the mature (hard) grain in a dilute solution of slaked lime ([calcium hydroxide](#)) or [wood ash](#), a process termed nixtamalization. Today, this fresh kind of whole kernel corn - hominy – used in Pozole and Menudo, is often called Nixtamal by Spanish speakers. This process of Nixtamalization is believed to have its origins in present-day southern Mexico and Guatemala as far back as 1500-1200 B.C.

For Pozole, this Nixtamal is washed with cold water several times until the water covering the nixtamal runs clear.

To make tortillas, the maize is also washed, and then ground into masa. When fresh masa is dried and powdered, it becomes masa seca or masa harina, what we know of as masa for tortillas.

The process of preparing hominy, nixtamalization, is a complex process chemically, and it's also a process that allows for the formation of dough. Cornmeal made from untreated ground corn is unable by itself to form dough. So, without the nixtamalization process, or the adding of lime or ash, we would not have tortillas today. Adding lime and ash to the hominy allows for the softening of the corn and the loosening of the hulls from the kernel. It also helps facilitate the bonding of the corn proteins to each other. Hominy is rich in calcium, and the reaction of the lime and corn together allows for our body's easy digestion of the nutrient niacin.

The process of consuming hominy was not limited to the native cultures of Mexico and Guatemala. The English term hominy is derived from the [Powhatan language](#) word for prepared maize. In the present-day U.S., many Native American cultures also made hominy and integrated it into their diet. [Cherokees](#), for example, made hominy [grits](#) by soaking corn in a weak [lye](#) solution obtained by [leaching](#) hardwood ash with water and beating it with a kanona, or corn beater. The grits was used to make a traditional hominy soup, a hominy soup that was allowed to ferment, [cornbread](#), [dumplings](#), or, in post-European contact times, fried with [bacon](#) and [green onions](#).

VEGETABLE POZOLE

INGREDIENTS

½ pound fresh hominy - washed
½ pound uncooked red beans
2 pints vegetable stock

2 large white onions
1 head plus 4 gloves of garlic
Salt
Mexican oregano
6 dried chiles (any combination of pasilla, guajillo, puya)

In place of pork or chicken, I used red beans with hominy to make the stew.

Using equal parts fresh hominy and red beans - ½ pound each - I combined the beans and well-rinsed hominy in a large pot and filled it with water about twice as high as the hominy and beans.

Bring the pot to a boil, and add a palm full of salt. Add a whole white onion with the outer dried skin removed and a full head of garlic with the loose outer dried skin removed. Reduce the heat to a strong simmer, and let simmer until beans and hominy are both fork tender. About 3-4 hours.

Separately, in a sautee pan, sautee 1 white onion in olive oil, add about 6 dried red chiles slit lengthwise, opened up, destemmed, deveined, rinsed and seeded (I like a combination of 2 chiles each: chile guajillo, chile pasilla and chile puya, though any combination of these three would work). Add 4 gloves of diced garlic, and a couple of generous pinches each of Mexican oregano and salt. When the onions are tender, transfer entire mixture to a blender or food processor. Add vegetable stock (I usually use the low sodium version from Trader Joe's). Blend and add the blended mixture to the beans and hominy pot for the final two hours of cooking. Stir periodically. Check and adjust salt to taste.

Buen provecho!

ALONG THE MISSION TRAIL

34th Annual Big Time Festival

Saturday, July 19, 2014

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

34th Annual Big Time Festival

Kule Loklo at BearValley
Point Reyes National Seashore

Saturday, July 19, 2014
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Join us for a day of
music and dancing,
basket weaving and
shell bead making.
Free admission.

Traditional California
Indian crafts for sale,
and activities for
children.
Bring a picnic and enjoy
the day!



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vendor for this event?
Contact Loretta Farley at
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EVENTS OF INTEREST - CALIFORNIA

UPCOMING CALIFORNIA MISSION-RELATED EVENTS

JUNE, 2014

MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

Fiesta 2014

Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM

MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Music Under the Stars

2014 Concert Dates: June 28, July 19, August 2, August 16 and August 30

Saturday evening summer concert series hosted in the courtyard of the historic Mission. Concert gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Music begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m.

JULY, 2014

MISSION SAN BUENAVENTURA

Ventura City Street Fair

July 4

The annual Ventura City Street Fair is a must... come and join in the fun with thousands of your closest friends! San Buenaventura Mission sponsors food and game booths in its lower parking lot on Main Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MISSION SAN JUAN CAPIUSTRANO

Night at the Mission

Friday, July 11, 2014

Camping Adventurous family sleepover that includes touring the museum rooms and grounds at night, activities, dinner and breakfast the next morning.

MISSION LA PURISIMA

Purissima's People Day

July 12, & September 6

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Step back in time to 1822. Costumed re-enactors portray the people who call La Purisima Mission home. Visitors may meet Padre Payeras, the Mayordomo, blacksmith, and the women and children completing their daily chores. Feel free to visit with Purissima's People, but remember - its 1822!

MISSION SAN BUENAVENTURA

San Buenaventura Feast Day

July 15

Patronal feast day is July 15. When this feast day falls on a weekday (Monday through Friday) a special Mass is observed at 7:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the Mission Gardens. When the feast day falls on a weekend the Sunday Mass schedule is observed with refreshments served after each Mass in the Mission Gardens. For the Sunday observance, parishioners are encouraged to bring a plate of their favorite home baked treats to share with the community following Mass.

MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA

Festival of the Bells 2014

July 18, 19 and 20

This one weekend event is the anniversary celebration of Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, the Mother of California's 21 Missions.

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MISSION LA PURISIMA

Children's Mission Life

July 19

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition to activities mentioned above, Children's Mission Life will emphasize children's life at the mission, kid friendly activities and dress up.

MISSION SANTA BARBARA

Wednesday, July 31 8 p.m.

La Fiesta Pequeña

"The Little Fiesta" officially opens Santa Barbara's Old Spanish Days on the steps of the historic Old Mission. This event features Fiesta's traditional songs and dances: tunes of the Californios, Flamenco, Spanish classical and Mexican folklórico dances. Food is available for purchase from local vendors. Free

AUGUST, 2014

MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

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MISSION CARMEL

Carmel Mission Classic

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Carmel Mission Basilica, Celebrating it's second year, this exclusive, one of a kind event combines the passion of fine automobiles with the Faith and the Palate. Enjoy wine tasting and gourmet food while strolling the historic Mission grounds.

MISSION SAN LUIS REY

Heritage Ball

Saturday, August 16, 2014

Dance the night away under the stars at our annual Heritage Ball. This is a party you do not want to miss! Underwriting opportunities available.

MISSION LA PURISIMA

Village Days

August 23 & November 8

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Tule Village comes to life as visitors experience the blending of traditional Chumash and Colonial Spanish life ways. Demonstrators help visitors learn a variety of skills such as grinding acorns, basket weaving, building a tule house, making soapstone beads or tule dolls, and playing Chumash games.

MISSION SAN GABRIEL

243rd Annual Fiesta

LA FIESTA DE SAN GABRIEL 2014

LABOR DAY WEEKEND:

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

AUG. 29, 30, 31, 2014

Entertainment, International Foods, Games, Bingo, Large and Small Rides, Religious, Historical and Cultural Festivities

SEPTEMBER, 2014

MISSION LA PURISIMA

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September 6

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MISSION SAN JUAN CAPIUSTRANO

Romance of the Mission Benefit Gala Concert and Dinner

Friday, September 20, 2013

The most exclusive gala benefit hosted in Orange County every year. Features a pre-show hosted reception, extravagant entertainment in the Great Stone Church and the most romantic dinner setting display.

MISSION SAN MIGUEL

Annual Fiesta

Sunday, September 21, 2014

Mission San Miguel celebrates its 217th birthday with its Annual Fiesta on Sunday, September 21, 2014 from noon to 4:00 pm. The celebration begins with mass at 11:00 am followed by a delicious BBQ meal, live music, dancers, raffles, games for the kids and a silent auction.

OCTOBER, 2014

MISSION SAN LUIS REY

St. Francis Festival & Blessing of the Animals

The mission's annual blessing of the animals and St. Francis Festival. Local not-for-profit animal rescue groups will be

present, bring pet food to donate, enjoy retail & food booths and dress up your pet for our fun animal costume contest! First Saturday in October from 10am - 3pm. Free Admission; parking \$5 per car.

NOVEMBER, 2014

MISSION SAN LUIS REY

Dia de los Muertos

Last Sunday in October from 10am - 5pm.

The Day of the Dead is a festive and multicultural event for the entire family, featuring traditional altars and ofrendas, vendors, artisans, dancers, musicians and a special classic car show with trunk altar displays put on by the Por Siempre Car Club. Free admission, parking \$5 per car and free shuttle buses available.

DECEMBER, 2014

MISSION SAN LUIS REY

Christmas Concert and Dessert Reception

Enjoy an evening of Christmas Music inside the Historic Church followed by a dessert reception in the Sacred Garden surrounded by thousands of lights. First Friday of December, ticket prices vary. Details will be posted on this website.

MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Christmas at the Mission

December 7, 2013

San Juan Capistrano is proud to participate in San Juan Capistrano's annual Christmas tree lighting festivities. Bring the whole family to this event as we invite the public to celebrate the holidays with us.

MISSION LA PURISIMA

Founding Day Remembrance 2014

Founding Day recognizes the day La Purisima Mission was established on December 8, 1787 on the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Events for this observation are:

Founding Day Mass 2014

Monday, December 8, 2014 - 12:00 p.m.

Held in the historic main church of La Purisima Mission.

Founding Day Concert 2014

Monday, December 8 - 7:00 p.m.

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 send details to: correo@ca-missions.org

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