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California Missions Foundation

Summer 2016

SAVE THE DATE!

MISSION SANTA INES CHOSEN TO HOST 2017 CALIFORNIA MISSIONS CONFERENCE FEB 17-19, 2017

Annual 3-Day Gathering Returns to Historic Site; Tours of Nearby Mission La Purisima Also Included

The California Missions Studies Committee and the Board of Directors of the California Missions Foundation have both unanimously selected Mission Santa Ines to host the 34th Annual California Missions Conference, February 17-19, 2017.

The three-day event, first held at Mission San Juan Capistrano in 1984, will again feature a variety of paper presentations throughout the day Saturday, the Annual California Missions Awards Banquet Saturday Night, and tours of several historic sites both during the day on Friday as well as on Sunday morning.

The Mission Studies Committee continues to pull together details for the Conference, including conference theme, speaker schedule and other logistics. Please look out for the fall edition of Correo for complete Conference details.



Mission Santa Ines. Image courtesy of SB Mission Archive Library

2017 Conference Lodging Options

The town of Solvang is a popular tourist destination, especially on holiday weekends like Presidents Weekend.

Reserving your room for the Conference early is highly recommended.

Solvang, and adjacent Santa Ynez and Buellton, offer a variety of lodging options at varying price points.

CMF has negotiated a great rate at the Svendsgaard Danish Inn in Solvang, ranging from \$55-\$85 a night. This hotel comes highly recommended by Mission staff. These rates are available February 15 through the 19th.

To take advantage of this special offer, please be sure to reserve your room directly through the hotel by November 10 by calling (805) 688-3277 and mention 'California Missions Foundation or CMF Group Block'

All of the official Conference events, except the tour of Mission La Purisima, will be held on the grounds of Mission Santa Ines.



CMF CONTINUES TO LEAD EFFORT SEEKING AN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE 'CULTURAL CORRIDOR' NOMINATION FOR EL CAMINO REAL DE LAS CALIFORNIAS

A multi national initiative including leading agencies in both the US and Mexico continues to push for an UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Corridor Nomination for El Camino Real de las Californias and related historical sites found along this impressive cultural corridor in both Californias.

Recently, the first of several Presidio District Committee Meetings was held in San Diego and hosted by CMF. The two-day event focused on the criteria for seeking an UNESCO Nomination as well as the necessary steps to be put on the Tentative Nomination List in both countries. The meeting, held at the historic Cabrillo National Monument at Pt. Loma, featured representatives from Sacramento, California Native Sovereign Nations, the CMF board, historical groups from San Diego and surrounding communities, early California descendents, and officials from the northern half of Baja California. Keynote speaker for the El Camino Real de las Californias gathering was Dr. Ray Ashley, executive director of the San Diego Maritime Museum, who spoke about the significance of the maritime corridor as a parallel and simultaneous Camino for both Californias. The maritime component will continue to play an important part as the story of the Camino in the Californias is further told.

CMF is planning additional Presidio District Meetings throughout the state, including the Presidio Districts of Santa Barbara, Monterey and San Francisco. If you are interested in participating on any of these Presidio District Committees, please email elcaminoreal@californiamissionsfoundation.org.

The official web site of the CMF-led Multi National UNESCO Initiative is elcaminorealdelascalifornias.org

To help support the El Camino Real World Heritage Designation Initiative, please [click here](#). We need your help to help make this Dream possible!



CMF Chairman Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, opens the two-day ECR Conference.



Cynthia Gomez, State Tribal Advisor, comments at the ECR gathering.



CMF board member Olivia Chilcote addresses the ECR gathering.



Dr. Ray Ashley addresses attendees aboard the *San Salvador* during the ECR reception.



(From left) Honorary Consul of Spain Maria Angeles O'Donnell-Olsen, Dr. Iris Engstrand, Cota descendent Connie Gunther, CAREM's Zella Ibanez, and Tom Workman.



Julianne Polanco, California SHPO, and Dr. Steve Boilard (right) join a San Salvador re-enactment actor on board.



Soldados de Cuera descendent Ignacio Felix Cota and Cynthia Gomez.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CMF CONTINUES INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING TO RAISE HIGH-LEVEL SUPPORT FOR MULTI NATIONAL UNESCO INITIATIVE SEEKING A CULTURAL CORRIDOR NOMINATION FOR EL CAMINO REAL DE LAS CALIFORNIAS

During the past several months, CMF Executive Director David A. Bolton has met with top government officials in Spain and the US gaining support for the El Camino Real de las Californias Multi National Initiative.

"Support and reaction to the effort has been very favorable," said Bolton. "Whether in Spain, here in California or in Washington DC, everyone is supporting this Multi National Initiative."



(Above and below) Discussing El Camino Real de las Californias Multi National Initiative with US Senator (D-Virginia) and Democratic Vice Presidential Nominee Mr. Tim Kaine.





With the US Ambassador to Spain Mr. James Costos.



At the US-Spain Council Forum with Spain's king, His Majesty Felipe VI.

FIRES RAGE ALONG PARTS OF EL CAMINO REAL

Fast moving blaze comes close to historic Hearst Castle; Mission San Antonio de Padua used to house fire evacuees from southern Monterey and northern San Luis Obispo Counties.

The Chimney fire, burning more than 45,000 acres, continues to threaten homes and historic sites in northern San Luis Obispo and southern Monterey counties. The fire is 51% contained, and luckily, historic Hearst Castle, now apparently out of harms way, is scheduled to re-open Monday after being closed for all of last week.

More than 2,000 people were evacuated last week from the area, with Mission San Antonio de Padua serving as a temporary shelter for many who were forced to evacuate, according to Mission Administrator Joan Steele.

"Half of our parish members reside in homes that stood in the direct line of the fire's path," added Ms. Steele, also one of those evacuated.

"As we pulled away from our homes we passed fire truck after fire truck with crews staging to save our homes. With tears flowing down our cheeks we thanked them for their service and their sacrifice on our behalf as we left our homes, property, and in some cases, pets, in their capable hands.

"For 25 of us, the Mission became home. Our beloved Fr. Philip Garcia, OFM, joined us in

the afternoons and celebrated Mass with us. Together we have laughed, we have cried, we have expressed our fears and most of all we have offered one another support."

The evacuation order for homes along the San Luis Obispo side of Lake Nacimiento was lifted over the weekend.

The Chimney Fire began on August 13 and has destroyed more than 50 structures in the area between Mission San Antonio de Padua and historic Hearst Castle. Hearst Castle employees were on stand by last week for possible evacuation of priceless artwork and artifacts housed inside the historic building built between 1917 and 1947.

The adjacent airstrips of Hearst Ranch were used by firefighters battling the blaze.

CMF Vice Chairman Ty O. Smith, a State Parks employee based at Hearst Castle, said "It's been raging, we dealt with a lot of smoke, we are safe for now, but last week the wind could have shifted and come back over us (at the Castle). Now it looks like the Castle will be in the clear.

"It's far from the Mission but there are strike teams and structure protection teams near the Mission and adjacent military base."

Full containment of the Chimney Fire has been pushed back to September 4.



MISSION SAN ANTONIO CONTINUES RETROFIT PROJECT

Following successful retrofit work on the Mission church, efforts have now been focused on the historic convento wing also in need of mandated retrofitting. Mission officials have made great strides toward their ultimate goal of retrofitting the entire quadrangle, but according to Mission Administrator Joan Steele, a lot of work and fundraising is still needed to complete the multi phase project.

"Currently we have reached a milestone: Completion of Phase II (the South Convento) of the Retrofit/Restoration Project is within sight (goal being mid to late October, 2016.)," said Ms. Steele. "Work on Phase III has already begun. Roofing tiles have been removed from the Western Convento wing and the preparatory work in the attic has commenced. Between the parish business, the construction work, the daily visitors and the Retreat Center guests, the Mission is a busy place!"



At Mission San Antonio de Padua during a recent site visit, CMF Board member Dr. Robert Hoover (left), Mr. John Jenkins of the Field Foundation (right), and CMF Executive Director David A. Bolton.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

CMF EXPANDS ITS ALL ABOARD THE BUS PROGRAM

Santa Barbara joins Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Monterey Counties as Efforts Continue to Take 4th Grade Program Statewide

As interest in its "All-Aboard-the-Bus" Field Trip Grant Program grows, CMF is expanding the popular program to Santa Barbara, joining Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Monterey Counties.

Thanks to generous contributions from several CMF supporters and partner Foundations, CMF was able to send 4,443 fourth-graders representing 54 elementary schools on educational field trips to their local mission this past school year. Fourth graders throughout the state study the Missions and California history as part of their social studies curriculum.

"So many people have helped make this program successful," said Gabriela Gonzalez, CMF's Director of Administration. "Throughout the year, we receive very favorable comments both in letters and emails from teachers and students after visiting their local Mission."

The Santa Barbara Unified School District represents 13 elementary schools and currently has 840 students in fourth grade. Students in the Santa Barbara area will have the opportunity to visit Missions Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Santa Ines or La Purisima,

said Ms. Gonzalez.

CMF would like to continue expanding this valuable field trip program statewide, and we need your help.

Please consider contributing to the CMF Education Fund by [clicking here](#), and please be sure to add "AATB" to the notes section on PayPal.



Assumption School, Los Angeles, visited Mission San Gabriel.



Ord Terrace Elementary, Seaside, visited Mission San Juan Bautista.



Ohlone Elementary, Royal Oaks, visited Mission San Juan Bautista.



Gates Street Elementary, Los Angeles, visited Mission San Fernando.



Foster Road Elementary, La Mirada, visited Mission San Gabriel



Dominguez Elementary, Carson, visited Mission San Gabriel.



Cesar E. Chavez, Salinas, visited Mission San Juan Bautista.



Clinton Elementary, Compton, visited Mission San Gabriel.

The Annual Application Window for 4th grade classes wishing to participate in the "All-Aboard-the-Bus" Field Trip Grant Program for the 2016-17 school year is open. For application details and program information, please visit the [All Aboard The Bus section](#) on the CMF web site.

MITIGATION PROJECT CONTINUES AT MISSION SAN MIGUEL AS DESTROYED INDIAN QUARTERS ARE BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE

3-D Imaging Re-creates Living Spaces Used In Mission Times

For the past year, CMF has been working with archaeologists to piece together the long-disappeared Indian Quarters that once housed upwards of a 1,000 Salinans at Mission San Miguel. Funds from a mitigation settlement between the County of San Luis Obispo and a local developer who unlawfully bulldozed remnants of the original Indian Quarter footings has made this fascinating recreation possible. Using both terrestrial and ground penetrating radar scans, a team of video experts have been able to recreate the Mission San Miguel Indian Quarters in a way never seen before.

Using precise measurements and an accumulation of data, a 3-D imaging team is in the early stages of bringing the Indian Quarters back to life in a virtual way. The tedious process allows viewers to move through the Indian Quarters virtually, and although the 21 Indian Quarters at the California Missions will probably never be rebuilt, this process allows for the best reality of what the Indian housing structures looked like during the height of Mission times.

[View the video here](http://www.californiamissionsfoundation.org/virtual-tour/), or go to www.californiamissionsfoundation.org/virtual-tour/



At Mission San Miguel, members of the Mitigation Archaeological Team, from left, John Foster, CMF Treasurer Michael Imwalle and Lewis Somers.



Archaeologist John Foster inside one of the excavation areas.



CMF Vice Chairman Ty O. Smith conducting ground penetrating radar.

OLD MISSION SANTA BARBARA TO RECEIVE 2016 PRESERVATION AWARD FROM CPF

California Preservation Foundation to Honor Historic Mission for its Save America's Treasures Project

The California Preservation Foundation has announced that Old Mission Santa Barbara will be a recipient of a 33rd Annual Preservation Award at a gala dinner in Orange County on Thursday, September 29. OMSB is receiving the prestigious award for the work performed under a Save America's Treasure's Grant awarded to the California Missions Foundation. CMF administered the three year project.

The award recognizes the extensive work at the Mission, both interior and exterior, which included repairs and painting of the Church's façade, repair of water damage in the convento wing, retrofit stabilization of the historic crypt, and the opening of the second story Rose Window.

The matching grant from the Interior Department and the National Parks Service was the final of four Save America's Treasure grants awarded to California Missions Carmel, San Miguel, San Luis Rey and Santa Barbara.

Tickets for the gala must be purchased by September 22 by visiting
www.californiapreservation.org

CMF RELEASES ANNUAL REPORT

The CMF Annual Report was recently mailed to members and supporters. If you have not received a copy of the Annual Report, or would like to see an electronic version, please [click here](#).

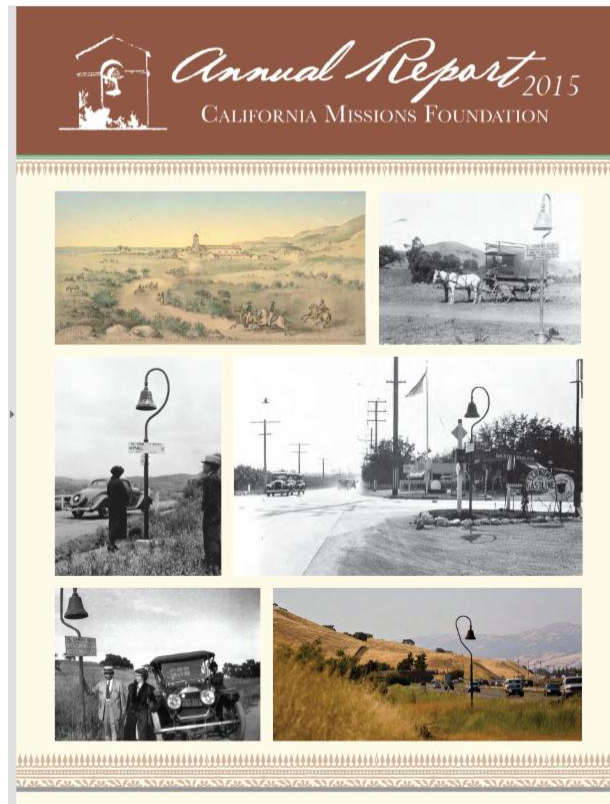


PHOTO GALLERY by David A. Bolton



A night picture of central Sevilla, Spain from across the Guadalquivir River from which so many ships to the Americas departed.



Members of the Coastal Band of Chumash paddle a Tomol.



A beautiful evening at Old Mission Santa Barbara during Old Spanish Days Fiesta .

CMF THANKS ITS SUPPORTER'S CIRCLE

With so many projects on the arisen, CMF would like to personally thank its growing list of Supporter's Circle who have all individually and generously contributed to help support CMF and its on-going goals and programs. Thanks to the efforts of so many, CMF continues with its important tasks at hand. For more information regarding CMF membership, please visit our web site, www.californiamissionsfoundation.org

[Please click here to see a list of the 2016 CMF Supporter's Circle](#)

CMF OFFERS PLANNED GIVING

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

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
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Account #: XN04920

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



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.

