



# Annual Report 2023

CALIFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDATION

## **PRESERVATION, EDUCATION AND COLLABORATION**



Recent photo of the ground-breaking at Mission Santa Inés, a culmination of CMF's 2023 efforts for the Retrofit Project that brought the community together (upper left). Mission Santa Inés Serra Statue in the garden (upper right). Mission San Juan Bautista (lower left). Students from King City Arts Magnet School at Mission San Juan Bautista (lower right.)

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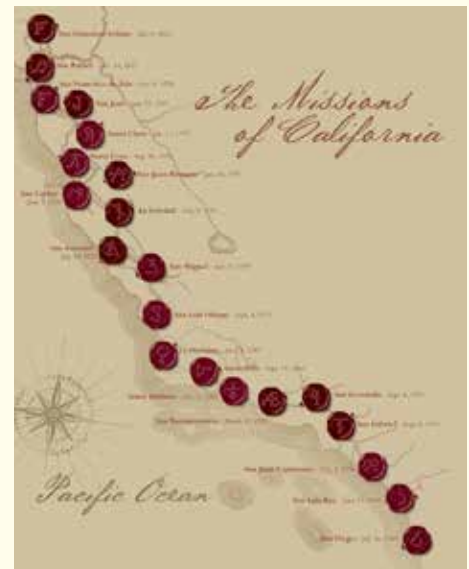
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# A LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDATION

2023 was a year of collaboration and teamwork as the California Missions Foundation worked closely with multiple partners on a wide range of community benefit projects and helped secure multiple funding opportunities. Among the 2023 CMF highlights:

CMF partnered with Mission Santa Inés and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on the retrofit project made possible by CMF and the National Park Service. Collaboration with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians resulted in a major donation to the project. Participation by other foundations and local area institutions has shown a great community effort leaving the project just \$100,000 shy of meeting the federal match.



MICHAEL H. IMWALLE

In addition, CMF partnered with Mission San Juan Bautista and secured a federal matching grant of \$750,000 from the National Park Service in September for their Rehabilitation Project. This project will strengthen the front façade of the church and baptistry preventing major damage in the event of seismic activity. We are appreciative of all those who have and will continue to support these important mission retrofit projects.

Through CMF’s annual Mission Grant Program, and with the support of our many partner foundations, CMF awarded restoration grants to 10 California Mission sites. Projects included a Book Stabilization Project at Mission Carmel, Tule Reed House Restoration at Mission San Francisco de Asís, Stations of the Cross Lighting Project at Mission Santa Barbara, a Model Room Restoration at Mission San Juan Capistrano among other projects.



DAVID A. BOLTON

In 2023, CMF hosted its third virtual annual conference “Mission San Francisco de Solano 200 Years” in February and then worked closely with our Scholarship Committee to prepare for the first in-person return conference in 2024 at Missions La Purísima and Santa Inés.

CMF continued the popular All-Aboard-the-Bus Student Field Trip Program both virtually and in-person. Thanks to our supporters, and with schools and missions fully reopened, students who attended in-person field trips increased four-fold.

As we look ahead, CMF is excited to continue working with our donors, partners, missions, related sites and friends to achieve our goals and to preserve our Mission history.

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# PARTNER FOUNDATION GRANTS

California Missions Foundation would like to thank its 2023 partner foundations, all of whom helped make preservation and conservation grants possible for the California Missions and related historic sites: **Anonymous, Ann Jackson Family Foundation, Dan Murphy Foundation, Frances K. and Charles D. Field Foundation, Linden Root Dickinson Foundation, John and Beverly Stauffer Foundation, National Park Service.** Also, a special thanks to a few significant donors whose generosity also helped to make these projects possible: **Stephen T. Hearst, Miriam Michaelis.** CMF is proud to have assisted and administered several projects made possible by this support.

## MISSION SANTA INÉS

### RETROFIT

This past year CMF worked with our partners, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Mission Santa Inés, to raise 90% of the funds needed to match the \$500,000 federal grant from the National Park Service to seismically retrofit this historic mission. Work on the project to retrofit the mission structure is set to begin in 2024. \$100,000 is still needed to reach the fundraising goal.



## MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA

### ARCHIVE STORAGE

With the help of CMF and our partner foundations, Mission San Antonio was able to improve its archives with new cabinets and shelves for better storage of their historic artwork, manuscripts and artifacts.



## MISSION SAN LUIS REY

### TRIPTYCH RESTORATION

A beautiful triptych painting of five biblical scenes was donated to Mission San Luis Rey in 2006 from a personal collection. It is a copy made in the 19th century of a famous altarpiece made by Peter Paul Rubens for the Cathedral of our Lady of Antwerp in the early 17th century. Balboa Arts Conservation Center will restore the damaged frame and re-hinge the paintings.



## MISSION SAN MIGUEL

### ADOBE WALL AND WALKWAY RESTORATION

The fountain at Mission San Miguel was not functional and needed repair. The fountain's adobe brick was crumbling and the walkway around the fountain had become a safety hazard. Thanks to our partner foundations, the mission was able to restore the fountain, purchase a new water pump and with the help of a generous volunteer, install water lines to bring the fountain back to life.



Partner Foundation Grants, continued

**MISSION CARMEL**

**BOOK STABILIZATION PROJECT**

Partner support provided a grant to Mission Carmel for a Book Stabilization Project that will identify the most significant and at-risk books in the collection. Books will be treated for binding, hinge repair, paper repair and surface cleaning.



**MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO**

**MODEL ROOM RESTORATION**

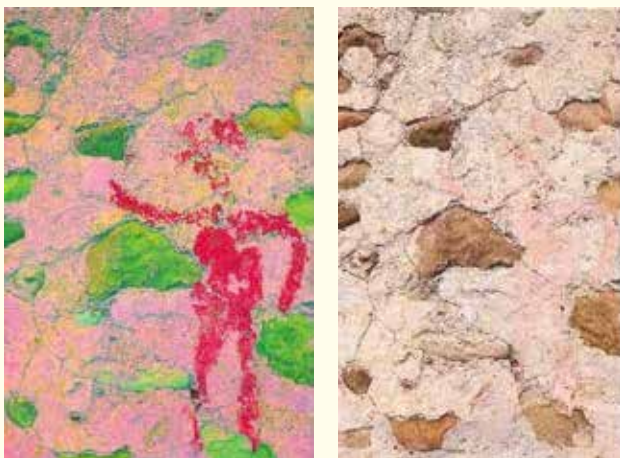
The model room at Mission San Juan Capistrano was in a state of dilapidation and aesthetically compromised. Most notably, modern latex paint was chipped, flaking and needing to be replaced with new breathable lime plaster. With the help of CMF and partners, the mission was able to complete this project.



**SANTA INES MISSION MILLS**

**PAINTING ASSESSMENT**

A unique painting of a human figure was found on the wall of the Mission Mill. The figure is similar to Chumash rock art in the area. CMF and its partners provided funding to document the current condition of the painting and a report will include recommendations for stabilizing the painting.



**MISSION SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS**

**TULE REED HOUSE**

The Tule Reed House at Mission Dolores is a centerpiece that helps tourists understand how the Natives lived so many years ago. After many years of wear and tear, the house needed to be restored. Building a tule reed house is a long and involved process that involves harvesting the tule, cleaning it, drying it and assembly construction.



**MISSION SANTA BARBARA**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS LIGHTING**

The Stations of the Cross at Mission Santa Barbara is now a beautiful sight to behold thanks to CMF and our partners who made this restoration and lighting possible. The new lighting has had an enormous impact. The illumination of these 14 historic works of art has given them a new vibrancy.



**MISSION SAN JOSÉ**

**ART PRESERVATION**

CMF and its partners provided funding to Mission San Jose for a preservation assessment of the painting on the wall in the church as well as the baptismal font restoration.



CMF's "ALL-ABOARD-THE-BUS" PROGRAM  
HELPING SEND FOURTH GRADERS TO THEIR LOCAL MISSIONS

California Missions Foundation has been sending students on field trips to the missions for the past 18 years. In 2023, CMF returned to full in-person All-Aboard-the-Bus Field Trips for students across the state of California. CMF is grateful to our 2023 partner foundations who supported our youth education program: **The Coeta and Donald Barker Foundation, Marjorie and Edward Illig Family Foundation, Pebble Beach Company Foundation, The Upjohn California Fund, William H. Hannon Foundation.** CMF is honored to help pass on the mission story to the next generation and provide a unique educational opportunity for fourth grade students and teachers.

### California Missions "All-Aboard-The-Bus" Field Trips

In 2023, with schools and missions back at full operating capacity, CMF witnessed an enthusiastic return to in-person field trips. With the help of our partners, CMF sent 1,922 Title 1 fourth grade students from 72 classrooms on educational in-person field trips in Monterey, Greater Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and San Diego counties. CMF also sent nearly 23,000 students on our Virtual Mission Field Trip for students unable to attend an in-person field trip. Fourth grade teachers provided CMF with pictures and comments of their experiences.



**Ms. Castillo's class from Isana Himalia Academies (Greater Los Angeles County) visited Mission San Luis Rey on 4/20/23:** "I found it very interesting how they still had the official paper that Abraham Lincoln signed to return the mission back." - Student "I was surprised that the church was abandoned for that long and no one took over it. Part of the buildings were still standing, after all those years." - Student

**Mr. Clemente's class from Sherwood Elementary (Monterey County) visited Mission San Juan Bautista on 5/4/23:** "Visiting Mission San Juan Bautista fosters a sense of curiosity, empathy, and appreciation for the diverse cultures that have shaped our community. It is through experiences like these that we cultivate lifelong learners who can critically analyze the past, make connections to the present, and become responsible stewards of our cultural heritage." - Teacher "An interesting thing that I learned was that on the 21st of December, the sun lands straight into the hands of the statue of San Juan Bautista." - Student



**Ms. Sudyka's class from Joe Nightingale Elementary (Santa Barbara County) visited Mission La Purisima on 2/17/23:** "My favorite thing about the field trip was when the blacksmith heated up the metal and we were able to bend it." - Student "The tortillas were so good!" - Student

**Ms. Grilli's class from Alexander Rose Elementary (Santa Clara County) participated in CMF's Virtual Field Trip on 4/3/23:** "I really appreciated hearing from the point of view of the two Indigenous/Ohlone men who shared their experiences as descendants of



Indigenous People who lived at the mission. As a teacher who has taught 4th grade in California for many years, it has been difficult to find good primary resources like this, so thank you!" - Teacher "I liked learning about the food the indigenous people ate and how the missions were built." - Student



**Ms. Duran's class from Encanto Elementary (San Diego County) visited Mission San Diego on 3/21/23:** "We would like to thank you very much for the great opportunity you provided us to get a first-hand look at a valuable piece of California history." - Teacher "This is a day we'll never forget. We were allowed to get wet cause we went to school outside." - Student

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**CMF Conference 2023 at Mission San Francisco Solano**

CMF presented its 40th Annual California Missions and Presidios Conference virtually over President's Day weekend. Dr. Marie Duggan gave the Keynote Address on Friday evening on "Near Civil



War in the Interior: 1815 as Turning Point in Status of Mission Indians". The conference also featured a panel on "Mission Preservation: Mission San Gabriel" that explained all the work that goes into preserving a California Mission. Many gathered virtually to hear the presentations and honor the 2023 Award Recipients: Lee Panich (Neuerburg Award), Charlene Duval (Kimbrow Award) and Francisco Morales (Lifetime Achievement Award).

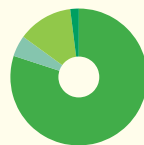
**CMF Boletín 2023**



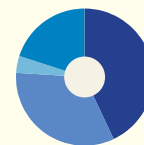
CMF is once again proud to have produced our 2023 popular journal Boletín that highlights aspects of early California history to help inspire preservation efforts. The 2023 Boletín features a cover photo celebrating the 500-year anniversary of the first 12 Franciscan Missionary apostles arriving in the Americas in 1524. This Boletín includes in depth articles on the Franciscans, Jesuits and Bourbon Reformers in 18th Century Mexico, Franciscan Evangelization in Coahuila-Texas, Japan as a Gateway to Spanish California, Mission San Carlos de Borromeo in the Aftermath of the 1812 Earthquake and other articles on Vallejo, Mission Santa Clara and the Hathaway Collection by authors including Robert Jackson, Marie Duggan, Ruben Mendoza, Richard Carrico, Victoria-Marie Gagnon and Martha Vallejo McGettigan.

**2023 CMF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

CMF Assets January 1, 2023	\$2,489,529.59
Total 2023 Income	\$1,272,433.66
Total 2023 Expense	\$496,551.51
CMF Assets December 31, 2023	\$3,265,411.74



**Income 2023**  
 ■ 80% Grants  
 ■ 13% Individual Donations  
 ■ 5% Programs  
 ■ 2% Membership



**Expenses 2023**  
 ■ 43% Grants  
 ■ 33% Programs  
 ■ 20% General Operations  
 ■ 4% Membership



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