



MISSION BELL

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Ringin' in the News of the Preservation Campaign for Mission San Antonio de Padua

SAVE THE DATE!
Get Ready to Go Nowhere!
Because we are going to
Party in Place



*A virtual fundraiser for the
Campaign for the Preservation of
Mission San Antonio de Padua*

WHEN

Thursday, February 11, 2021

LOCATION

The Comfort of Your Own Home
Pajamas or Loungewear Optional

More info coming soon...

A Message from Campaign Co-Presidents

SUSAN GILL & ANN BECKETT

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, our final effort for phase 5 of the campaign is the restoration of the quadrangle garden, the renovation of the Mission museum, and the interpretation of important archaeological destinations on the grounds surrounding the mission.

We are excited to share in this newsletter photos of the work that has started in the quadrangle garden. As you will see we still have a portion of the quadrangle work to complete. While we will no longer have a "rose garden", we retained about 65 of the roses that are now located alongside the new ADA pathways of travel through the garden. The new garden landscape will be much, much more drought tolerant and more "native" to the area. When finished the garden will offer an inviting environment to both daily visitors and retreat guests.

Once the quadrangle is complete we will be working on the site interpretive signs and a new main sign at the entrance to the property. Upon completion of those items, the funds we raise will be channeled into the museum interpretive upgrades and upgraded archival storage. Last will be the site preservation of the ruins.

The Sibbett Group, a leading museum consulting firm, was hired and has provided us a report with recommendations that will enhance the educational components of the Mission museum experience. The rendering photos give you a glimpse of what we envision for the museum. With the addition of engaging exhibits visitors will be able to feel immersed in the history through authentic and archival displays and historic stories told through simple technology.

We are excited about the future and thank you for your ongoing support for *The Campaign for the Preservation Mission San Antonio de Padua*. We wish you a happy and safe holiday season! ■



The Status of the Campaign

Where We Are Today – Where We Are Headed

By Joan Steele, Mission Administrator

SINCE 2010, the Campaign's Board Members, in collaboration with the Mission parish, have accomplished a phenomenal feat! Together we raised the funds necessary to complete the mandated seismic retrofit of Mission San Antonio! Exercising responsible stewardship, we integrated upgrades of the electrical, plumbing and ADA components of the infrastructure. We improved our security system and installed a new fire detection system. Through separate private grants, we upgraded our retreat center and dining room furnishings and christened a wonderful new Mission-era gallery.

The Mission Community has been generous and supportive of this lengthy and extremely costly process. To date we have raised, and spent, \$10.8 million dollars. We are now six years from the breaking ground date and the world we live in is a very different place than when we first began.

We are still on track to finish the Phase V requirements (of a five-phase project) to include the quadrangle garden restoration, site signage and accessibility, museum upgrades, and both site preservation and interpretation of our historic ruins. It is imperative that we complete what we started. This is our one-hundred-year fix. It is our once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate as an integral member tasked with saving this unique historic jewel and



Pathway preparations begin.



Garden pathway poured.



Foundation restoration in progress.



Plants begin to arrive via Madrone Landscapes, Inc.

to further enable the “Telling of the Mission’s Story” in an accurate, comprehensive, and authentic manner to future generations.

The Sibbett Group, a premier museum consulting firm, has provided us with complete and professional guidelines to ensure the safety and preservation of our artifacts and to provide the elements that will enhance the educational components of our Mission Museum experience. We need to complete our site preservation as well, as the historic ruins face the continuing ravages of time and the elements. Providing proper protection to these areas is critical to their survival for posterity.

Lastly, we need to upgrade our archival storage to include improved preservation techniques and to enable expanded accessibility to our archived collections.

Let’s face it, the world we knew prior to COVID 19 no longer exists. We are collectively facing an adversary that demands our attention, emotionally, physically and financially. Raising money in this environment to complete our restoration/preservation work will be extremely challenging. We have accomplished a great deal of work to-date. We do have more to finish, and together I believe we will.

Stay safe and healthy. Thank you for your continued support in this epic endeavor! ■

Monterey County Gives! November 12 – December 31, 2020

MONTEREY COUNTY GIVES! is an annual year-end fundraising campaign, a collaboration between the Community Foundation for Monterey County, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and the Monterey County Weekly. We are pleased to share that our nonprofit has once again been selected to participate in Monterey County Gives!

Last year the six week campaign raised \$5.3 million dollars for 163 local nonprofits. We raised \$116,658.00 and we received \$6,028.08 in prorated match funds. As you are evaluating your end of year giving options we hope you will consider making a donation to our restoration project through Monterey County Gives.

Donations can be made through our page on the Monterey County Gives website: montereycountygives.com/msa or you can send a donation to Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC), Attn: MCGives!, 2354 Garden Road, Monterey CA 93940. Checks **MUST** be made payable to “Community Foundation for Monterey County”. Please put **For Mission San Antonio** in the memo field.

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