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CURRENT SCHEDULE

November 25	CLOSED for Thanksgiving
November 26	10:00am to 2:00pm
November 27	Noon to 4:00pm
November 28	11:30am to 4:00pm

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Wednesday – Saturday	10:00am to 4:00pm
Sunday	11:30am to 4:00pm

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Please Note: When the Mission is closed, so too are the Mission grounds, gift shop, and retreat center.

A Message from Campaign Co-Presidents SUSAN GILL & ANN BECKETT

The holidays are a time to give thanks and with the last and final phase of the retrofit/restoration work at Mission San Antonio coming to an end we have so much to be thankful for and so many people to thank. Without their support we would not have been successful.

Thank you to our project manager, Brian Kelly; our project architects, Franks Brenkwitz & Associates; General Contractors, Tim Gohr of Eagle Construction and Brad Forde of BH Builders and all our wonderful sub-contractors; Linda Plumb and Susan King for bookkeeping and administrative support; our pro-bono attorney, Tim Baldwin; Elizabeth Diaz, our grant writer; our accountants, Hayashi Wayland; Pacific Valley Bank; our many volunteers, and most importantly the foundations and all our donors who gave so generously over the years!! We would also like to thank our current and past board members who volunteered many, many years. Several of our current board members have served since we began. Year after year our board never gave up and worked tirelessly together to raise the funds needed to make this capital campaign a success. We are extremely grateful and appreciate their dedication and commitment.

Our current and past board members include:

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We would like to give a special thank you to Board Member and Mission Administrator at Mission San Antonio, Joan Steele. She did an amazing job leading the project team and working with the various contractors through the seven years of construction work at the Mission. As we mentioned in our last newsletter the next phase of our work will be to create a fifty-year maintenance plan and we will be forming a new Board of Directors to raise the funds needed to implement the plan. Two of our current board members have agreed to join the new board and Joan will lead the search for additional board members.

Thank you again to everyone who has been a part of the retrofit/restoration campaign. We will organize an event at Mission San Antonio in the Spring, to celebrate all we have accomplished. We hope you will be able to join us! Until then, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!! ■

Looking Good...and Looking Ahead!

By Joan Steele, Mission Administrator and Campaign to Preserve Mission San Antonio de Padua Board Member



Garden at Dusk

AS WE CLOSE IN ON THE END OF 2021, another difficult year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are experiencing joy and hope in our future!

Seven years and twelve-plus million dollars have been invested by You, the Mission San Antonio Community, to restore, strengthen, stabilize, and upgrade our visitors' and guests' safety and Mission experience. A simple thank you seems grossly insufficient, and yet, it is exactly what we humbly offer as a genuine response to your continued generosity and support.

The upgrades to the museum (Phase V) are nearly complete. The new educational diagram signage is almost to the printing stage and promises to provide a wonderful descriptive element to the museum experience, enhancing the understanding of the use of historic archival materials and daily life in the Mission era. **Charles Franks** of Franks & Brenkwitz, our Architects of Record, is the artist of the signage and **Mardeen Gordon** of Signage and Artworks in Santa Cruz, will produce the final product.

Jeanine Hattas of Hattas Public Murals, in Lake Balboa, CA has completed and installed the 20' x 8' mural, honoring the

native Salinan People in the Valley of the Oaks, prior to the arrival of the Spanish Franciscans in 1771. We worked closely with the Salinan People to ensure their approval of the project and to ensure that our rendition is historically accurate and in keeping with the Salinans' oral traditions.

805 Custom Woodworks, of Paso Robles, CA, has completed a wonderful job of building nine new cases (three more than



New case



New case

originally anticipated) in old-growth redwood and restoring ten existing cases. The museum has a fresh, cohesive look, soon to be upgraded again by the new signage when it arrives.

The Mission quadrangle garden is growing beautifully. It is rewarding to experience the seasonal changes bringing a new wave of blossoms from native plants as Fall knocks at the door. I must admit, though, I am a little concerned for the California poppies that have just emerged from the soil in the past few weeks, offering their golden, sunny faces in welcome. I have had a little chat with them to remind them that it is not yet Spring, but they don't seem to care.

By the time this issue of the Mission Bell is printed, we will have already enjoyed our 250th Anniversary *Afternoon in the Garden and Wine-Tasting* event. I hope you were able to join us

and experience for yourself the calming, peaceful atmosphere of our beautiful new garden. If not, please come see us soon. We are open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 am to 4 pm, with the exception of Sundays, opening after our 10:30 am Mass.

Chris Ingram Lath and Plaster's crew is back on site now that the weather is cooling. They are working diligently - stabilizing and protecting the adobe ruins at both the lavandaria and the threshing floor. Depending on available funds, we may have them move on to other site ruins when those projects are completed. The purpose of this part of the restoration project is two-fold. First, it stabilizes the historic adobe walls that have been deteriorating due to the elements (rain, sun and wind), not to mention the destruction caused by feet of many visitors who fail to understand the importance of maintaining these historic relics. Second, this process of sealing with a lime-wash plaster, makes the ruins and their locations more visible to visitors while they are engaging in a walk-about tour.

Our donor appreciation art piece is currently on hold, but we hope to resume this portion of the project in earnest as the new year dawns. Our "name that room" program is also nearing completion, with plaques being added to retreat room doors very soon. There are still a few rooms left to name if you are interested. Contact Susan Gill if you would like to participate.

The paintings scheduled to be cleaned and restored (three from the museum rooms and one from the church) are experiencing a slight pause, due to circumstances beyond our control with the conservationist. We plan to proceed in early 2022.

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Stabilization and preservation of the threshing floor



Stabilization and preservation of the ruin walls of the Lavandaria

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Founded by Fra Junipero Serra Circa 1771

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The small dining room restoration is now complete. The archival storage room is moving ahead with the addition of new fireproof safes and fireproof file cabinets, due to be delivered in the next six weeks.

What are the issues we are looking ahead to? Due to water damage to the Pavilion in the Mission Fiesta grounds, we have had to red-tag the building. This severely affects the capacity to hold events (especially our Fiesta and the BBQ's for the military units) in this area. It is our intention to raise the \$200,000 to fully stabilize and restore the Pavilion for event use as well as future Archaeological Field School work. Use of this part of our facilities enables us to raise funds critical to maintaining the Mission facilities.

With a tiny, aging parish of less than sixty registered parishioners, it will be the Campaign to Preserve Mission San Antonio who will continue to raise the funds necessary to maintain the important work that has been completed in this historic seismic retrofit and restoration. The estimated cost of maintenance for this



Completed dining restoration

Mission, based on a very conservative 6% inflation rate, for the next fifty years is approximately nine million dollars. We owe it to every single person

who contributed their hard-earned dollars to this project, to maintain the facilities and to continue our efforts of preserving and sharing our historic artifacts and site in the most economical, responsible manner possible. I ask you to join with us as we transition to the next phase of preservation.

The work continues... ■

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