



MISSION BELL

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

A Message from Campaign Co-Presidents

SUSAN GILL & ANN BECKETT

It is with great excitement that we share with you the earthquake retrofit of Mission San Antonio de Padua is complete and on January 25 our current board of directors passed the baton to a new board. We are pleased to announce Michael Lugo, President; David Mascorro, Vice President; Jessica Rogers, Treasurer; Lawrence Wise, Secretary, along with Clancy D'Angelo, Duane Wolgamott, and Joan Steele, Mission Administrator are the new board of directors for the Campaign for the Preservation of Mission San Antonio de Padua. Together they will lead us through the next phase of fundraising that will be used to continue the restoration and conservation work, and for ongoing maintenance and preservation of the Mission.

The elements of nature and the daily use of the facilities will continually wear and tear at the hard work that has been completed. The new board will establish a preservation endowment fund that will provide the money needed to implement a long-term maintenance plan and ensure the preservation of this timeless treasure for the next fifty years. We invested 10+ years and \$12 million dollars to complete this project, we must now ensure that ongoing maintenance continues to keep the Mission in the restored condition it is today.

We would like to invite you to a celebration event at Mission San Antonio on April 3rd from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Lunch will be provided, and you will be able to tour the mission grounds and retreat center, enjoy the beauty of the restored garden, and meet the new board of directors. Please join us and help us celebrate all the hard work that together, with your help, we completed. There is no cost to attend the event, but RSVP is required. Please call (831) 386-0599 or email info@preservemissionsanantonio.org by March 30 to RSVP.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support for our campaign. It has been an honor to serve as Co-Presidents and we look forward to supporting the new board as they continue this important work. ■



(Left to Right) President: Michael Lugo, Treasurer: Jessica Rogers, Mission Administrator: Joan Steele, Secretary: Lawrence Wise, Vice President: David Mascorro. (Not Pictured) Board Members Clancy D'Angelo and Duane Wolgamott

To the Past and Present Board Members

THANK YOU for your love and devotion to this special Mission San Antonio de Padua. Everyone should be very proud of their accomplishment in restoring this magnificent place. Somehow my humble thank you doesn't seem adequate. The board that Susan Gill assembled achieved the impossible to help restore this beautiful historical place and brought it up to the California safety standards.

Now that there is the new board, formed by Joan Steele, we will need to continue to diligently strive to help the administration succeed in the continuing devotion of these hallowed grounds. How special the accomplishments are and with so many obstacles that were in your way. Indeed this Mission is special as it continues to serve the community as an active Parish. Over the years people have traveled hundreds of miles just to view the Mission and visit here.

The new board definitely has some large shoes to fill, it is truly humbling. Thanks to Joan we have some real special people on the new board, and I am sure we are up for the immense challenges facing us. Interestingly enough we have family ancestors that go back to the beginning to San Antonio on this board.

As we move forward as a community we will need to insure the prosperity of this adored Franciscan Mission. Our new board will face challenges that will seem impossible. My hope will be to meet regularly to discuss, plan and follow up on our planned agenda and most importantly aid the administration to make her life more comfortable. We will need to continue the success of this special place. Our vision will be that the Mission be able to continue to educate, a place to study history, to paint, to photograph, a place to reflect, a retreat and most importantly a place to pray and worship.

Blessings to all that have labored and made this Mission, this California hidden jewel, this Historical Mission San Antonio de Padua such a beautiful Mission. A place we can all call our home.

Peace and Joy,

Michael Lugo, *Campaign President*

A Spring is in our Step...

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



Snow on the Santa Lucia peaks

WHEN WE LAST SPOKE, in our Fall/Winter 2021 newsletter, I mentioned that the California poppies were emerging in the quadrangle garden. Despite my urging them to return to their winter slumber, they have continued to grow, flourish and bloom! Oh course, the eighty degree weather had a lot to do with that!

This morning as I arrived at the Mission, the temperature was in the low twenties and there was a fair amount of snow on the Santa Lucia peaks located behind the Mission. The poppies don't seem to mind, they are still sporting their beautiful golden orange smiles in the garden!

As you may already know, we recently had to cancel our annual

Cutting of the Roses and Spaghetti Dinner due to COVID concerns. We do have rose cuttings available, through the Mission Gift Shop, while supplies last. Please come see us and get some cuttings for your own rose garden!

Progress has been made on the stabilization and lime-wash plastering of several of our ruins. This is a very important part of the conservation of our historic site, both stabilizing the structures and making them more visible to visitors.

Restoration and conservation of our museum paintings continues, along with limited repair to one of the historic frames. This is very specialized, painstaking, and time-consuming work, often done with q-tips and small cotton balls. We hope to receive the four paintings back before the end of 2022. We appreciate all the loving care that Patty West, of *South Coast Fine Arts Conservation Center*, gives our historic treasures.

Our donor appreciation art piece has been granted permission to move into the contract/commissioning stage. We are working



California Poppies in the quadrangle garden



Lime-wash plastering of the ruins

with Max Randolph, an extremely talented and creative metalsmith in Paso Robles, CA for this project. Details will be provided as we move forward.

We still have “doors” available in our retreat center, as part of our “name that room” fundraising project. Contact me if you are interested in participating (office@missionsanantonio.net or 831.385-4478, ext. 10). A \$25,000 donation will enable you to dedicate a retreat room door with a plaque that is “in honor of”, “in memory of” or “dedicated to” the person or group of your choice. It is a wonderful way to honor those you love and help the Mission at the same time!

To update you on our current focus – we are working on the restoration/replacement of the septic lines at the Mission. The majority of these lines are seventy-five years old and have long outlived their life expectancy. Replacing these pipes and correcting any connection problems is of utmost importance to the success of the retreat center. We take the comfort of our overnight guests very seriously. It is the success of our Retreat Center, that keeps our doors open to the public. This is an expensive project, but will be even more costly if we fail to complete it.

We are also looking ahead to working on the pavilion in the Mission fiesta grounds. It is our intention to fully stabilize and restore the pavilion so that it may be used for both fundraising and educational events and future Archeological Field Schools. Use of this area of the Mission is vital to the ongoing financial support needed to meet our daily operating budget.

We’ve accomplished so much together! Thank you for all your support and financial generosity. We hope we can count on you to continue partnering with us as we move forward.

With the weather warming and the wildflowers of waking up, we need to add a *spring in our step*. There is much left to do! The Mission continues ... ■



Northeast corner of the garden, near dry creek bed and original well



PLEASE JOIN US

To celebrate completing the earthquake retrofit of
Mission San Antonio de Padua

April 3, 2022 12:00pm-2:00pm
at Mission San Antonio de Padua
Lunch Will be Provided

RSVP IS REQUIRED BY MARCH 30

Call 831-386-0599 or email info@preservemissionsanantonio.org

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