



MISSION BELL

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

SAVE THE DATE



MISSION DAYS

Come enjoy a step back in time to the real **Mission Days Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 11:00am to 3:00pm.** There will be re-enactors in costume portraying soldiers, artisans and vaqueros. Demonstrations will include adobe brick making, acorn grinding, weaving, bell ringing, music, dancing and more, as well as docent-led tours.

THE FIESTA

This year's **Mission Fiesta Mass** is scheduled for **Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 10:30am.** We will enjoy a picnic following Mass as a wonderful way to celebrate our patron saint, St. Anthony. Please bring your own picnic meal.

EVENING IN THE GARDEN

Join us for this year's **Enchanting Afternoon in the Garden** wine tasting event on **Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 3:00 to 6:00pm.** Sample local wines (from over a half dozen wineries) while enjoying appetizers, all amongst the beauty and tranquility of our newly restored garden.

For tickets and pricing information go to www.missionsanantonio.net

A Message from Campaign President

MICHAEL LUGO

Dear Community Members,

Thank you for your time in reading a short message about how you can make a big impact in helping preserve a *Timeless Treasure...Mission San Antonio de Padua.*

The Campaign's fundraising objective is to raise \$9 million dollars over the next five years to endow the Mission's ongoing restoration as well as sustaining the work already accomplished. Meeting this goal will provide the Mission with a 50-year horizon of growth and service to the community engaged with the Mission, now and into the future.

The planning of each donation is a matter each donor has to do, considering their means and their overall donation objectives. Donors may make a single donation or bequest or even consider making a donation that is renewed annually over a number of years.

Please consider helping save a California Treasure in any way you can. Every donation counts—large, small, or perpetual. The Campaign can work with you at any point to ensure that you have the answers to any of your planning considerations. Every penny counts.

Donations can be mailed to: Campaign for the Preservation of Mission San Antonio de Padua, P.O. Box 450, King City, CA 93930 or made securely online via our website: preservemissionsanantonio.org.

For further information please contact Joan Steele, Mission Administrator at (831)385-4478 or email office@missionsanantonio.net ■



“Use Your Words” and “Your Pen”

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



Poppies in bloom

“USE YOUR WORDS” we tell children. Express your feelings with your words. Good advice. Sometimes as adults, we need to remind ourselves to “use our words”.

When we started our mandated seismic retrofit in August of 2014, everyone was eager to talk about the project. ***“What would we have to do? How would we do it? Who would be the experts we would hire to do it? How would we pay for it?”*** And always, the ever-present, often repeated question, ***“When will it be done?”***

The project began with a lot of energy, interest and enthusiasm. In spite of our warnings that it would be a multi-year, multi-million-dollar project, attention to the project waned a bit as the years dragged on. A full eight years later, we completed the momentous project! This was done, expressly because of your support! Great job! You each deserve a pat on the back and a hearty, “Thank you!”

The ***Campaign to Preserve Mission San Antonio de Padua***, however, is not to be relegated to the history books. The Campaign continues! Restoration, and preservation, are ongoing operations.

Mission San Antonio is uniquely blessed with its pristine historic setting. With eighty-six acres of undeveloped land surrounding the Spanish-Colonial-style Mission, we have an ethical obligation to document the entirety of our historic site for posterity.

Throughout the past two years, we have stabilized and applied a protective layer of limewash to our lavandaria and threshing floor walls. This helps protect the walls from erosion (both weather and people related) and helps them to stand out in the landscape to aid visitors in locating them. Other historic out-building ruins onsite are also receiving this protective application as funds are made available.

As we begin our journey through 2023, we can already see the need for maintenance and some restoration on the adobe walls of the church and adjacent quadrangle buildings. Remember, our historic buildings are made of mud! The protective limewash layer needs to be continually monitored and restored as the elements wear away at it. For decades prior to our Retrofit project, the walls were not maintained consistently and we can all remember the condition of the Mission when our project began in 2014. Let’s not repeat history. When Spring arrives at the Mission, and as warmer, drier weather allows, we will reengage with the Ingram Lath and Plaster Team to resume the maintenance and restoration of our external walls.

Throughout the Fall and Winter months of 2022, we have been working with the Diocese and Monterey County to get the proper permission and permits to remove the small construction office building (often called the casita) from its southwest position in front of the Mission. This building was erected many years ago and has become unusable. Part of the building was built upon the historic mayordomo’s house (the Mission foreman in the 1800’s). With its removal we will be able to better document



Mallards conversing about the wonderful rain at the Mission

the historic landscape that lies beneath the ground at this spot. Stay tuned for more details as this project unfolds.

While we were proceeding with the seismic retrofit, we were also installing upgrades to our electrical, plumbing, fire and security systems. We are now maintaining these new systems with annual inspections and adjustments/repairs as needed. This costs money. It is much more efficient and responsible to inspect and maintain on an annual basis than to have to face major repairs down the road from lack of maintenance.

The California State mandated work is completed – we can now move on to significant projects that will activate and ensure increased future community/educational interaction with the Mission.

One of the projects that needs to be addressed is the restoration/remodel of the pavilion and the entire fiesta grounds area of the Mission property. Located to the north of the Mission, this area was originally developed for Mission events. The *Mission Fiesta* (always the second Sunday of June) historically has taken place in this area. Once again, it is an area that has received little attention or maintenance for decades. Due to water damage, the pavilion now needs a new roof and a great deal of internal repair. With the potential future use by California University students in mind, the pavilion interior could be remodeled from a simple storage area to classroom and laboratory space. When completed, this project will enable us to resume Archeological Field Schools at the Mission, a critical source of funding. The electrical, fire detections and security systems also need to be reviewed and upgraded for this area.

The remainder of the fiesta grounds area also needs some tender loving care. The trees require professional maintenance and the area needs restoration/renovation to continue ensuring the safety of the accommodations for future use by Diocesan, Educational, and other non-profit groups.

In addition to this major project, we are investigating the possibility of the future reestablishment of the Mission vineyard (historically located in the southwest field of the property). Once again, this will be a multi-year, multi-phase undertaking.

Before we can even think about grafting our original grape stock in preparation of replanting the vineyard, we need to go through many phases of documentation. To begin, we need to conduct a land survey of the original vineyard site (approximately 7.5 to 10 acres). We additionally plan to conduct a magnetic survey, which will document the historic use of the land. We will engage forensic dogs to ensure there are no burials in this area, perhaps predating the Mission era. Having successfully used companies in these professions in prior years, we already have good relationships with people who can handle these projects with professional and ethical expertise.

An archeological survey will need to be conducted to expose the historic foundations of the original vineyard adobe walls. In conjunction with local university architecture students, we could



The millpond with water in it for the first time in 20 years

rebuild the 8-ft. high adobe walls, to protect the vines. Game fencing is prohibited here due to our historic site status. When we reach this point in the project, we will have the opportunity to work with local agriculture students in preparing the ground to receive the new grape stock. University viticulture students will plant and work the vineyard, undergoing both current-day and living-history experiences.

Yes, the seismic retrofit/restoration work is complete, but the restoration and preservation work will keep us busy for generations!

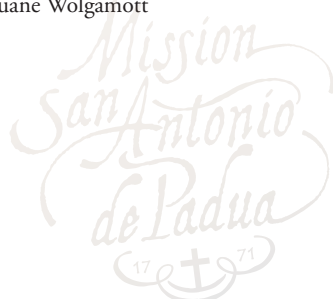
How can you help us? Please *“use your words!”* Continue to tell people about the Mission. Tell the stories that you have about your Mission experiences. If you don’t have any, come see us and enjoy all that we have to offer. Then you, too, can share the stories that bring others to see for themselves. I know you love the Mission. I know because you have already shared your time, talent and treasure helping save this precious Mission. That’s how we were able to complete the tremendous amount of work that needed to be done over the past eight years. We had many naysayers who didn’t think it could be done. We have proved them wrong.

So now I come to you and ask you to *“Use your words”* and spread the word about the exciting new work that we are embarking on. I will, of course, also ask you to *“Use your pen”* as well. Write in your facebook updates, your blogs, your old-fashioned letters (remember those?) and tell your stories, tell our story, and tell of our continued need for funds. Then, take out your checkbook and *“Use your pen”* to send a much-appreciated donation our way.

Siempre Adalante...*Always forward ...never back!* We can’t move forward without you! Please *“Use Your Words and Use Your Pen!”* Thank you. ■

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Meet the Board Directors

BOARD MEMBER DUANE WOLGAMOTT

is the finance committee chairperson for the Mission parish. He and his wife Brenda met in 1978, only a few miles from where they currently live. They married in 1983 and their daughter Marin was born in April of 1992. The 26-acre property Black Diamond Ranch was purchased in 1993. The driveway up to the house is so steep that if it ever snowed in Lockwood the driveway would be a black diamond ski run.

In 1999, the Wolgamotts entered the wine growing business. After talking to several grape grower experts, they knew Syrah was becoming a popular varietal and that is what they planted. The original plan was just to grow and sell wine grapes. Marin still remembers pulling out the many and large calcareous rocks when the vineyard site was being developed. The first crazy idea was planting a vineyard, and the second was to start their own winery. The first harvest was in 2001. Then in 2002 they started their own label and brand Marin's Vineyard.

Marin graduated from California Polytech-

nic State University, San Luis Obispo in 2014 with a degree in Wine and Viticulture concentrating in Enology. She has worked for many prestigious wineries in California, Oregon, Australia, and New Zealand. Sensory analysis and chemical analytics of wine has been her specialty. Not only is Marin the head winemaker for Marin's Vineyard, but she is also the General Manager and Head Winemaker for Pacific Wine Services in Paso Robles where she makes the wine for or consults with 50 of the 300 Paso Robles area wineries. Winemaking is her passion and that's evident when you hear her talk about wine.

Brenda is the General Manager for the Wine Group and overseas 3,000 acres of vineyards in Monterey County. She has been a viticulturist for over 20 years and is a well-respected professional



*Duane, Brenda, Marin
Wolgamott and Corgi Remy*

in the grape growing industry. One of Brenda's favorite hobbies is to ride her horse, Stylish Contessa, and compete at cutting horse competitions. In 2018 Brenda was 8th in the world with "Contessa" in the National Cutting Horse 15K Amateur class.

Duane retired in 2018 from being a Chief Business Official. He has worked for several school districts in the area, primarily in facilities management, construction, and fiscal business operations. You can find Duane some weekends working in the tasting room, and he will tell you all about Marin and

a little bit about the wine. Duane and Brenda are parishioners at Mission San Antonio de Padua.

Although Marin's vineyard is small, they believe that they can make an impact. They strive to hand-craft wines that reflect their grassroots and ranching heritage. Their wines have won numerous gold and double gold medals and even made the best white wine in the largest California only wine contest in the world. ■

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