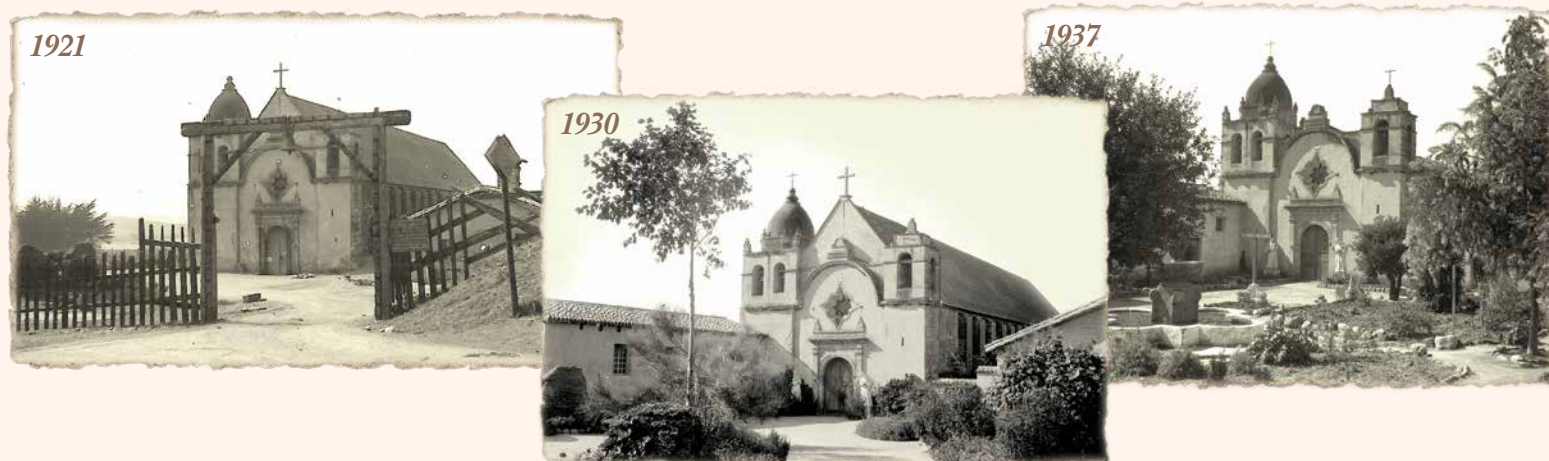


CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION

Cornerstone

SPRING 2021



Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt Project is Underway!!

The Carmel Mission Foundation is excited to announce that the Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt restoration work at the Carmel Mission has begun. With just **\$400,000 needed to reach the \$4 million restoration goal**, we need your support now to complete this important restoration in time to commemorate the 250th anniversary this fall.

Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt Project, Step 1

Step 1 of the Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt restoration began in November 2020 and includes the relocation of the mission's main restrooms from the Downie Museum to a new facility in the Central Courtyard. Local contractor Harvest Construction is overseeing this step of the project and is doing a fantastic job completing the new mission-style building on time and on budget. In preparation for Step 2, the Downie Museum artifacts have been relocated to a temporary space on-site so we can begin the seismic work and restore this 100-year-old adobe structure. We anticipate Step 1 will be complete by mid-April as Step 2 begins.

Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt Project, Step 2

Step 2 is the largest step in this project, which includes seismically strengthening the deteriorating, unreinforced masonry of the Downie Museum adobe. In addition, the interior walls will be opened to expand the museum exhibit space and two new ADA restrooms will be built in the former storage rooms on the west side of the adobe. All flooding and drainage issues affecting the renowned Basilica Bell Tower will be remedied, and the iconic fountain in the forecourt will be repaired. Upgraded irrigation systems will be added throughout the gardens *Continued on page 4*



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The Carmel Mission Foundation's objective is to restore and preserve the historic buildings, grounds, and artifacts of the Carmel Mission, founded in 1771. The Foundation is independent from any religious organizations. The Mission is a U.S. National Historic Landmark, a California State Landmark, and is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places. Since 2008, the Foundation has awarded over \$10 million to support the restoration and preservation needs throughout the Carmel Mission campus.

From the Executive Director



When I joined the foundation in fall of 2018 I was asked, "What might hinder your ability to complete another restoration prior to the 250th anniversary of Carmel Mission?" The farthest answer in my mind was a global pandemic, and after more than a year of working through shutdowns and restrictions, I am happy to share that this pandemic may have slowed us down but certainly has not hindered us, thanks to your continued support.

The past year has challenged our foundation, board, and donors in a manner few could have anticipated. We continued to be nimble, postponing programs and designing new ways to stay in touch. In early 2020, we kicked off our Community Outreach Programs sharing the rich history of the Carmel Mission with five 4th grade classes on the Peninsula. Unfortunately, our additional scheduled presentations with other local schools, member clubs and rotary groups throughout the community, along with all our fundraising events and our first Gala, were cancelled.

By May we found ourselves in a difficult situation, since most of our funding sources and grant opportunities, understandably, shifted their support to those immediately impacted by the pandemic. We continued to fundraise during this challenging time, staying mindful of our donors' and community's needs, but now we need your help to fund the completion of this upcoming project and support our operations to continue the important work planned for the next year. Through last year's shutdown your past support allowed us to continue forward, and I am thrilled to share in this Cornerstone many of the 2020 successes, highlighted below, and what to look forward to in 2021.

In August, a front portion of the mission perimeter wall deteriorated and was removed for safety. With your past support, the foundation funded this removal and built a temporary wall. If the restoration of this historic wall can be funded, it will be constructed during the upcoming Downie Forecourt restoration project. Also in 2020, we developed the "Evolution of Carmel Mission" photography program to highlight the history of the mission's development. This exciting "Then and Now" photography collection will be shared this Spring.

Having secured 90% of the Downie Forecourt Project funding, we completed Step 1; the construction of a new restroom facility, in the Central Courtyard, to relocate the Downie restrooms and just broke ground on Step 2; to restore the Basilica Forecourt and Downie Museum. With only 10% of our project budget left to raise, we need your help now to complete this project successfully and reopen the Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt this fall to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Carmel Mission.

As we prepare for a busy and exciting 2021, the foundation continues to build our team and are excited to collaborate with Armanasco Public Relations to elevate our communication efforts. As the Downie Forecourt Project is underway, we are thrilled to partner with experienced Project Manager, Steve Aitchison to oversee the project. Our foundation's Board of Directors are looking to fill the three open seats this year as well. If you are interested in helping lead our efforts as part of our board, please contact our office at (831) 624-3261, we would love to hear from you.

With just \$400,000 needed to complete our restoration project's \$4 million dollar budget, we need your help and support now! If you are able to give or pledge at any value, please call us at (831) 624-3261 or complete the enclosed envelope. Whether it

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From the Executive Director, *continued from page 1*

is a one-time donation, monthly giving, or a recognition tile, your donation will make a significant impact in restoring this incredible property for future generations. Please join our wonderful community of stewards who have donated time, efforts, and funds to preserve this historic landmark to commemorate the momentous 250th anniversary this fall.

Thank you,



Stephanie Zelei, Executive Director
sz@carmelmissionfoundation.org

Meet Our New Project Manager STEVE AITCHISON



We are excited to partner with Steve Aitchison, Principal of SRA Project Management, to oversee the upcoming Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt restoration. With a 40 year career in development, Steve is most known for his past 26 years as the SVP of Capital Services for Pebble Beach Company where he was responsible for overseeing the design and construction of all capital projects. After

retiring, Steve started SRA Project Management continuing to oversee the construction of a new guest room building at The Lodge, which opened in February, The Hay golf course opening on April 16th, and the new restaurant overlooking The Hay Course opening this fall. We are thrilled Steve chose to join our restoration team and will successfully lead this next phase of restoration projects at the Carmel Mission.

Evolution of Carmel Mission

The Evolution of Carmel Mission is a photography project that captures current aerial images of the Carmel Mission and surrounding region using drone technology, and matches them with views and vantage points of historical aerial images dating back to the 1860's. A "Then and Now" concept, these aerial images show the transformation of not only the 22-acre property of the Carmel Mission, but also the surrounding areas from Mission Fields to Pebble Beach, and Carmel Hill to Point Lobos. Thanks to the great archives of the Diocese of Monterey, Pat Hathaway Collection, and Harrison Memorial Library, we have fantastic historic images of the mission and Carmel area to



Then & Now: Carmel Mission Orchard and Orchard House / Larsen Field



share. The foundation received grant awards from the City of Carmel and the Arts Council for Monterey

County to capture and edit these "Then and Now" images which we plan to share digitally through social media and our website in late Spring. Now that the community is opening up, we are looking to build a program and raise funds for an exhibit to showcase these incredible images this fall.

If you have an interest in supporting this upcoming Exhibit, please contact our office at (831) 624-3261.

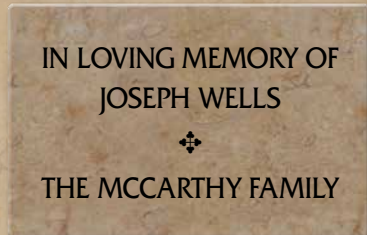


Serra Circle Tiles

Add to your legacy, commemorate your organization, honor someone special, or remember a loved one with a gift of a permanent, custom engraved Serra Memorial tile. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support the ongoing restoration of the historic structures and artifacts throughout the Carmel Mission property.

For additional information, contact our office at (831) 624-3261 or email office@carmelmissionfoundation.org.

8"x8" tile	\$ 6,000
8"x16" tile	\$ 12,000
16"x16" tile	\$ 25,000
16"x24" tile	\$ 50,000



Project Underway!, continued from page 1

and new landscaping with native drought tolerant plants will help conserve water. At the mission's front entrance, the emergency wall removal that occurred this past summer will be finalized by removing the 30ft temporary wall, and

constructing a new, permanent perimeter wall and gate to mirror the existing historic wall.

After the original cracked and uneven concrete surface of the Basilica Forecourt has been removed, and

exterior fire lines, utilities, and drainage trenched in, minor grade alterations will be made by bringing in fill to reduce the steepness of the slope from the entrance gate to meet ADA requirements and deliver a more enjoyable visitor experience. Step-free paths will connect the courtyard to the fountain, gardens, and Downie Museum. The entire Basilica Forecourt will be resurfaced to resemble the look it has today with revived gardens and a restored glow.

Our goal is to complete the Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt restoration this fall, in time to celebrate the momentous 250th anniversary of the founding of the Carmel Mission in 1771. With the help of generous grants, a major sponsor, and individual donations, we have secured 90% of the \$4 million needed to complete this project by mid October. We need your help now to fund the final 10%. Completing this project ensures the preservation of the museum and forecourt, so future generations can safely access and enjoy the museum's art, artifacts, literature, architecture and rich history for many years to come.

Your gift matters! Please consider making a donation today. A gift at any value will make a significant impact on this project's success, simply complete the enclosed envelope or contact our office at (831) 624-3261 or office@carmelmissionfoundation.org. For more project information, please visit www.CarmelMissionFoundation.org.



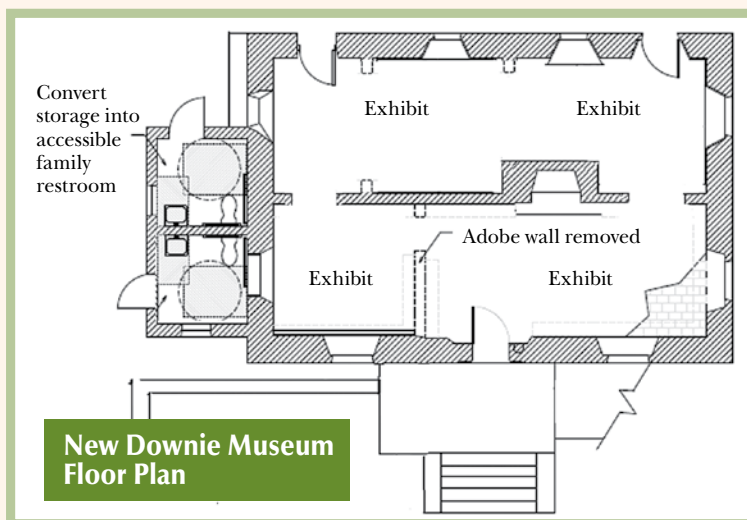
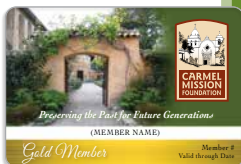
Downie Museum & Basilica Forecourt Restoration Project

6-month project

\$4 million

Join Us!

Become a foundation member and join a special group of people interested in preserving the Carmel Mission for future generations. Members receive invitations to all social events, exhibit openings, free museum admissions and more. Join today and contact us at (831) 624-3261.



Emergency Wall Removal

In August emergency repairs were needed when a portion of the front perimeter adobe wall of the Carmel Mission deteriorated and had to be removed immediately. With the past support of our donors the foundation was able to fully fund this emergency removal. The Carmel Mission Foundation worked together with the Carmel Mission Parish team to carefully tear down the deteriorated wall and build a temporary wall in just 2 short weeks. Demolition crews removed 30 feet of adobe wall stretching from the front gate to the museum store. A temporary wall was erected to secure the property during this volatile year as we continue to raise the additional \$60,000 needed to rebuild this historic wall during the Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt restoration project.

To contribute to this historic wall restoration, please contact our office at (831) 624-3261 or make a donation at www.carmelmissionfoundation.org



Harry Downie Society Planned Giving

The Harry Downie Society honors those who have chosen to provide support by including the Carmel Mission Foundation in their estate plans. Members of this special group share the common bond of philanthropy and vision and have committed to creating a lasting impact in preserving the Carmel Mission through bequests and life income gifts.

Please consider including the Carmel Mission Foundation in your estate plans and make a lasting impact on restoring this incredible landmark. If you have remembered the foundation and are not honored here please contact us at (831) 624-3261 so we can recognize your commitment to preserving the Carmel Mission for future generations.

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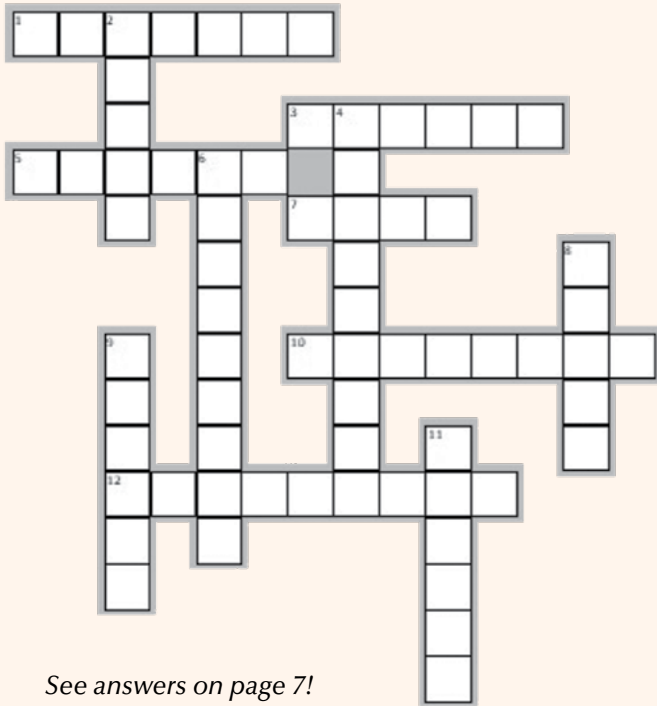
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Carmel Host Lions

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Cornerstone Crossword

ACROSS

1. This Carmel hotel, built in 1905, used the Mission's star window in their design, which can still be seen today.
3. Which California Governor used Serra's Bible to take his oath of office?
5. Since the 1950's, this celebrity contributed to Mission restoration through his annual golf tournament.
7. Which tree, planted in this 1930's, still thrives in the Basilica Forecourt today?
10. This founder of a well-known university sparked the first restoration by contributing funds to put the roof on the Mission Church ruins in 1884.
12. Which renowned author visited the Mission in 1875 and wrote about it in his essay, starting the first restoration?

DOWN

2. This padre spent thirteen years assisting Father Serra in establishing the mission system is most known for establishing the border between modern Mexico and the U.S. in 1773.
4. The upcoming "Then vs. Now" photography exhibit is named The _____ of Carmel Mission.
6. Believed to be one of the oldest statues in California, Our Lady of _____ was entrusted to Serra on the first expedition to Alta California in 1769 and resides at the Mission today.
8. What memorial located at Carmel Mission can you engrave a stone tile in honor or memory of a loved one to be remembered in perpetuity?
9. Which building was moved from the Central Courtyard in 1951 to its current location off Lasuen Drive?
11. Built as quarters for visiting priests, what museum was dedicated to honor the Mission's great restorer in 1980?