

Mission Foundation mixer to show what's next for historic landmark

By MARY SCHLEY

THE CARMEL Mission Foundation, which has raised more than \$10 million for the restoration and preservation of the historic Mission and its buildings, grounds and artifacts, will host a mixer in the garden at the Mission Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.



Stephanie Zelei

Established in 2008, the nonprofit, which is independent from any religious organization, aims to help preserve the Mission founded by St. Junipero Serra in 1771 and its 22-acre grounds.

Major projects included restoring the nine bells in the south tower and seismically retrofitting and upgrading the Basilica, one of the best known elements of the Mission, which is listed on the

National Register of Historic Places and is depicted in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea's official seal.

Those Phase I projects cost \$5.5 million and were complet-

ed in 2013. As proposed several years ago, Phase II, a \$20 million effort, included renovating the courtyard and fountains — work that was completed in summer 2016 — and seismically strengthening and restoring the property's five museums, California's first library and the Orchard House, California's oldest adobe residence. The city's historic resources board ap-

proved the proposed upgrades in 2016.

At the mixer, CMF members, guests and the public will gather to "take a closer look at the Harry Downie Museum, its history, and plans for its future."

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The Carmel Mission Foundation funded the restoration and replacement of nine bells in the south tower of the Basilica in 2010.



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marketing and outreach the market operator would do, what the person would want the city to do, and how it would be staffed and cleanup would be handled. Applicants will have to provide a proposed operating budget detailing anticipated costs and revenues.

In by fall

After the deadline, Wright and an ad hoc committee of community activities commissioners Linda Califore and Donna Jett will review the applications for completeness and then evaluate them for feasibility and each applicant's "understanding of the work to be completed" and "expertise and experience as related to the required work of operating a certified farmers market which focuses on local produce and organics." They'll review references for each market the person has managed during the past five years and want contact information for any public officials who were involved.

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Guests will also have the chance to chat with the foundation's new executive director, Stephanie Zelei, who took over this year after Vic Grabrian, who oversaw the nonprofit for nine years, retired in June 2018. A 1995 Carmel High School graduate, Zelei started her career in event management in New York City. She later moved back to the Peninsula, working as national sales manager for the Pebble Beach Co. from 2006 to 2010 and then starting her own business development firm, The Zelei Group, which she ran from 2010 until last year.

Wine and light snacks will be served, and the mixer is free for members and \$10 for guests. For more information, call (831) 624-3261 or email events@carmelmissionfoundation.org. For more about the foundation and its fundraising efforts, visit www.carmelmissionfoundation.org.

Wright said she plans to have a new operator in place by the fall. She's accepting questions about the city's requirements and other issues related to the market via email to awright@ci.carmel.ca.us until Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. Applications

are due at 5 p.m. Aug. 16. For all the details, including a sample of the contract that a market operator might sign with the city, visit www.ci.carmel.ca.us and click on the "City Bids & RFPs" button.

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rockfish," Craig Tims said. About 10:30 a.m., as they motored across Monterey Bay and picked a spot several hundred yards off Spanish Bay, their engine suddenly died.

"We lost power," Debbie Tims said. "The engine would restart, but you couldn't put it in gear."

"At first I thought there was kelp caught in the prop," Craig Tims added. "But the prop was clear. I don't know what the problem was."

Without power, the boat was at the mercy of the wind and the current, which slowly carried it toward the rocky shore-

line. Fortunately, the surf wasn't too high.

"As soon as we hit something big, a wave came in and just pushed us over the rocks, which was lucky, I guess," he said.

As the boat bumped and scraped, the family scrambled onto dry land. Tourists who were enjoying the scenery called 911, and one bystander came down from a nearby parking area to try to help.

"I didn't see it happen, but somebody said he tripped and fell on his face on the rocks," he said. "He had blood all over his face."

As a fire engine, ambulance, police and lifeguards arrived, the Tims family waited in the parking lot, while the bystander received medical care.

According to Cal Fire Capt. Greg Leonard, when high tide came in, the Coast Guard recovered the boat from the rocks.



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