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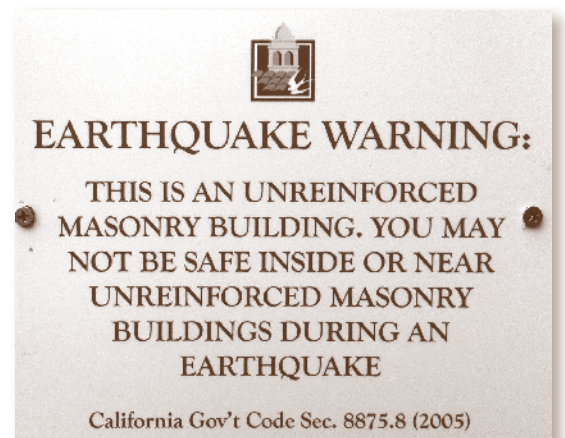
## Basilica Seismic Retrofit Update

Thanks to the kind generosity of our donors, the Carmel Mission Foundation has raised over \$3 million in cash and pledges toward the overall cost of \$5 million for the seismic stabilization of the Basilica. Support for the Carmel Mission has been received from both the Parish and the local community with over 250 donations of \$5,000 or more, and over 20 donations of \$25,000 and above, including the SAT matching grant of \$650,000. With work on the seismic upgrade on the Basilica scheduled to begin this summer, the Carmel Mission Foundation is now organizing to meet the challenge of raising the remaining \$2 million this spring.

To date, \$800,000 in pre-construction work funded by the Foundation has already been completed on the historic Basilica in order to ready it for the extraordinary renovation and seismic retrofit. An experienced team of architects and engineers has been assembled, including an architect of record, preservation architect, seismologist, hydrologist and civil, mechanical and structural engineers. This team has handled the discovery work, testing, master planning, design, construction drawings and permitting, and will now oversee the actual Basilica seismic restoration work.

## What Lies Ahead

The first phase of the stabilization construction work will require the removal of the clay tile roofing material and existing planking for access to roof framing and the protection of the very significant parabolic ceiling from exposure to the elements. The seismic retrofit work will then be completed by stabilizing the 220-year-old walls with over 200 center-cored vertical holes into which steel rods will be inserted and grouted in place, essentially inserting a steel framework within the walls of the Basilica without affecting its look. Also, existing trusses and knee braces of the 76-year-old roof structure will be strengthened. This seismic retrofit work is designed not only to preserve the Basilica but to bring it into compliance with modern building safety codes and standards.





*Pictured from L to R, Carlos Santiago, Victor Grabrian, Kim Fernandez, Bishop Garcia, Nancy De Serpa, Dr. Ruben Mendoza*

## Mission Stamp Unveiled

As the showers cleared on February 28, 2012, the Carmel Mission Courtyard came alive with over 200 serious, or want-to-be, phlebotomists (stamp collectors) for the unveiling of the Carmel Mission Stamp. The ceremony, which was co-sponsored by the United States Postal Service and the Carmel Mission Foundation, included various speakers and dignitaries including our Foundation's president, Victor Grabrian, and Bishop Garcia. The \$18.95 express mail stamp is available at the post office, and celebrates California history. We agree with the Postal Service that the Carmel Mission is an integral part of the state's history and appreciate it being singled out for this national honor.



*Guests attend the unveiling ceremony*

# SERRA MEMORIAL WALL 300 Years ❖ 300 Donors

## The CENTER Plaque

Donors at the \$25,000 level and above are critical to the success of a building campaign of this importance and magnitude. The donors whose names appear below have made generous gifts and pledges to the Tricentennial Capital Campaign for the Restoration of the Carmel Mission. These major gifts will enable the restoration program to fulfill its goal of a safe and stable historic structure in our community. The funding of this once in a lifetime project could not be contemplated without philanthropic leaders like this in our community. Your gift may also remain anonymous, but your generosity will have meaningful impact towards preserving this historic treasure for future generations.



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## Have you seen the Serra Memorial Wall?



In the past few weeks we have completed the educational component of the Serra Wall by hanging the two plaques that describe his life and legacy. This narrative is a fitting tribute to a man who had such an impact on not only our Carmel Mission, but the State of California as a whole. Also, the Serra Cross was

completed by the foundry and is now affixed to the memorial. “What about the next donor plaque you say?” Well, the foundry in Pittsburgh sent it to us and, unfortunately, its finish was deemed to be not up to the standards necessary for us to accept delivery. They apologized and are in the process of remaking it at no cost, and it should arrive here in Carmel in the coming weeks. The final \$5,000-and-up-plaque has only 50 remaining places, and we encourage those of you who want to be included to send your donation or pledge in today.

### **BASILICA SEISMIC RETROFIT UPDATE**, *continued from page 1*

While the roof is off, the infrastructure for a fire suppressant system and electrical and communications upgrades to replace all outside wiring and conduit will be accomplished in the attic. Then the roof decking will be replaced to collect all shear forces and to tie the roof structure to the walls; gutters will be installed and re-roofing completed by replacing the clay tiles. All work will follow the standards and guidelines for the preservation of historic buildings. Concurrently, this work triggers the need to create a new wheelchair accessible bathroom to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is important to note that while all of this work is occurring, the Basilica will remain in continuous use.

Today the Mission is an active parish, a major tourist attraction drawing over 150,000 visitors annually, and a primary economic engine for the Monterey Peninsula. It is also the venue for many Peninsula events including the Concours d' Elegance, Bach Festival, and numerous corporate and private gatherings. We enjoy this historic treasure today thanks to the preservation efforts of those who have gone before us. Now it is our turn to preserve this treasure for future generations.

## Foundation Elects New Officers

**The Carmel Mission Foundation** is pleased to announce the election of Victor Grabrian as its President and Chief Executive Officer. In this capacity Mr. Grabrian will be responsible for the overall direction of the Foundation's efforts in support of the restoration and preservation of the Carmel Mission complex. He has been a Director and Vice President of the Foundation since 2009.



*Newly elected President / CEO Victor Grabrian with Chairman Samuel L. Wright*

Mr. Grabrian succeeds Sam Wright, one of the original Founders and President of the Foundation since 2008. Mr. Wright's term as President ended in December of last year; however, Sam will continue in a key role as Chairman of the Board of Directors. “We thank Sam for his outstanding leadership and dedication these past four years and welcome his continuing involvement as we proceed with the critical task of restoring and preserving the Carmel Mission,” said Victor Grabrian, President.

The following Foundation officers were also elected for 2012: Mary Kay Teresa, Vice President; Doug Hayashi, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer; and Brian Call, Corporate Secretary. ❖

## TRIBUTES AND REMEMBRANCES

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*In Memory of Historian & Educator Marcia Frisbee DeVoe*  
Melissa Eason

*In Honor of Sharman Esse*  
Donald and Sharman Esse

# YOUR GENEROSITY is APPRECIATED

The following donors have made generous gifts to the Carmel Mission Foundation from January 1 – December 31, 2011. They will be recognized in the **Serra Memorial Register**. This handmade bound leather book was commissioned by the Carmel Mission Foundation from noted book-maker and restorer Constance Hunter of Soquel, CA. At the conclusion of the Tricentennial Capital Campaign, this book with its listings of donors to the campaign at any amount, will be housed and on display in California's first and oldest library. This is, of course, our very own Serra Library on the Mission grounds. Thank you for your generous and heartwarming support.

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## Announcing the Formation of the Harry Downie Society

Harry Downie (1903-1980) was the curator charged with directing the second restoration of the Carmel Mission, beginning in 1931. He devoted nearly five decades of his life to this endeavor and, according to multiple sources, the Carmel Mission Basilica is one of the most authentically restored of all the mission churches in California due to Downie's dedication. He is buried in the Mission's cemetery. We are very proud to name the planned giving program after this tireless advocate of Mission preservation.

If you have already included the Foundation in your estate plans, please notify us so that we may thank you.

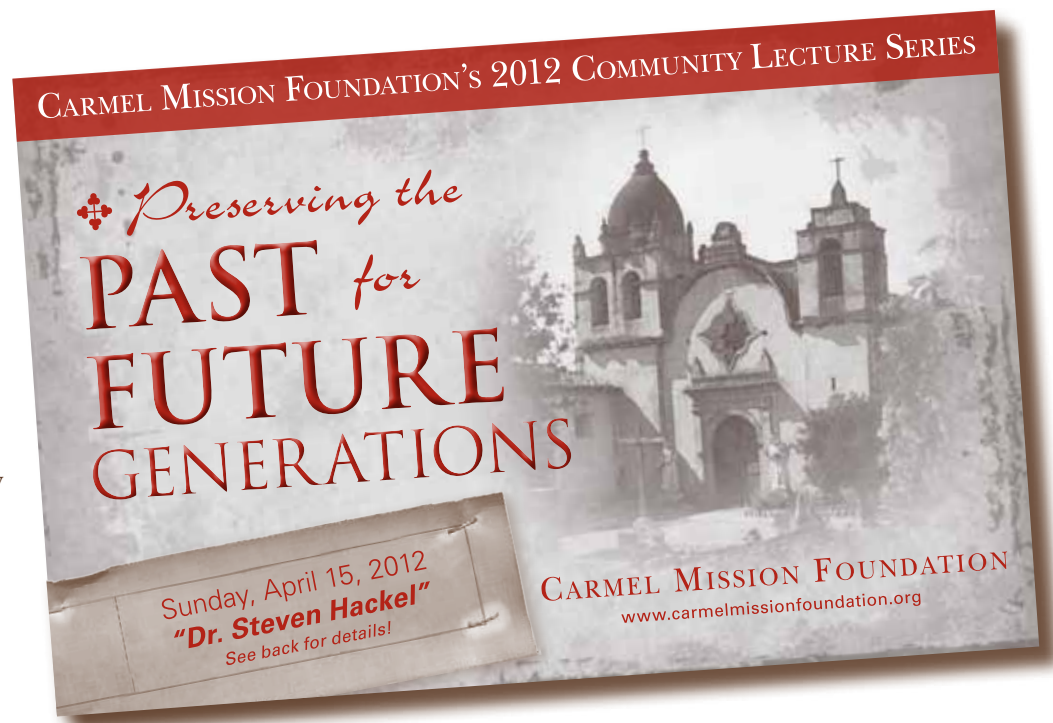


Harry Downie Collection

# Super Lecture Series in 2012 off to a Grand Start

On “Super Bowl Sunday” over 125 historians and art lovers packed Sunset Center’s Studio 105 for a superb lecture by **Peter Hiller**. In his presentation, “**Jo Mora: From the Mission Trail Journals to Sculpting Serra at Carmel,**” Peter shared stories of young Jo Mora’s 1903 horseback tour of the missions, which were a prelude to “the supreme professional effort of my life,” the Serra Cenotaph. Peter also shared rare video footage of the October 1924 parade through Monterey celebrating the dedication of the Cenotaph.

Our thanks to Peter for this fantastic afternoon.



**NEXT UP..... JOIN US!**

**Sunday, April 15, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.—Free!**

**Studio 105, Sunset Center, Carmel, CA**

**“Father Serra and the Indian Community”**



*Dr. Steven Hackel*

*Sponsored by the Carmel Mission Foundation as part of its commitment to support historical and artistic exhibits connected to the understanding of the historical importance of early California and the California Mission System.*

**Noted Serra scholar, Dr. Steven Hackel, will present “Father Junípero Serra and the Indian Community at Carmel Mission.”**

Dr. Hackel is an Associate Professor of History at UC Riverside, and the author of *Children of Coyote*, *Missionaries of Saint Francis*, as well as the forthcoming biography on Junipero Serra. Born and raised in California, Hackel earned his B.A. at Stanford and his Ph.D. in American History from Cornell, with specializations in early America and the American West.



Looking forward, on **September 23, 2012, Weston Naef, Curator Emeritus, of the J. Paul Getty Museum**, will join us in Carmel to share the stunning photography of Carleton Watkins, one of California’s first and most well-known photographers of the 1880’s.

Finally, our series will conclude **November 4, 2012** with **Architect and Author Jock Sewall** as he shares stunning photography, drawings and research from his newly published book on the Architecture of the 21 California Missions.

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## Inaugural Excursion a Hit!

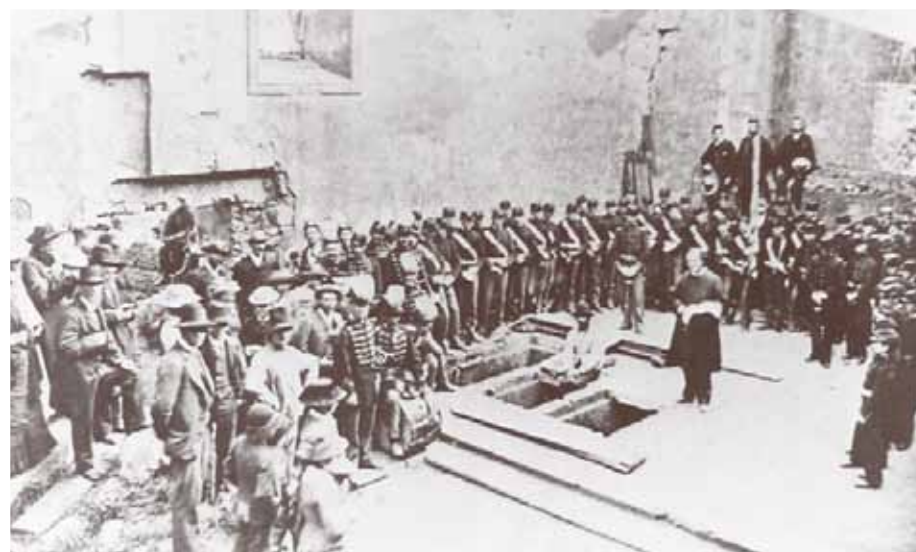


The Carmel Mission Foundation's inaugural field trip took place on March 27 to Mission San Antonio de Padua in Jolon. Unfortunately, the wildflowers are late bloomers this year and very few had shown their lovely carpets of color. However, our on-the-bus wildflower expert, Helen Breck, was able to point out a few beauties along the roadside. We were also fortunate

to have the guidance of Mission San Antonio Archeologist, Dr. Robert Hoover, and Joan Steele, Administrator of the Mission, who provided the historical background that gave us a real appreciation for what mission life was like in Fr. Serra's time. A delicious lunch, followed by a stop at the Hahn Winery, was the perfect way to end a lovely day.

## *DID YOU KNOW?*

You probably know that the Blessed Father Junipero Serra is buried under the gospel side of the altar of the Carmel Mission Basilica. But did you know that his remains have been unearthed three times since his burial in 1784 to verify their existence? That's true. They were dug up in 1856, 1882 and the last time in 1943. The first two times, the Basilica was roofless. The last time was under the direction of Sir Harry Downey, who was knighted three times in his life. More about that next time.



*Opening the tombs of the padres in 1882. Father A.D. Casanova, standing; Christiano Machado, sitting on stone of Father Serra's tomb. Boys in uniform are the St. Patrick's Cadets from San Francisco.*