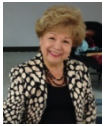




Juan Matias Sanchez



Message from the President

I want to begin by thanking everyone for making this year's Evening in Italy fundraiser a success! Over 200 people attended this year's event in support of ongoing efforts to preserve Montebello's Juan Matias Sanchez Adobe and Museum. The funds raised will be used to continue to refurbish the Adobe and augment our 20th century Montebello history collection to capture even more of Montebello's memories.

I am so grateful to the Montebello Unified School District's Applied Technology Center High School ROP Culinary Arts Program, ATC CHOP Pathway and Bell Gardens High School ROP Culinary Arts Program teachers and students for preparing a delicious homemade spaghetti and meatball dinner and dessert. They also made all of our lovely Halloween centerpieces. Your assistance and enthusiasm helped make our event a success. I want to thank all of our sponsors who again graciously supported our event. And of course, a big thank you to the Evening in Italy committee for all their hard work.

We now look forward to our **Community Holiday Open House on December 19** showcasing our 20th century history room. We have a fun event planned including Christmas caroling, music and dessert. It takes place from 1 - 4 pm at the Adobe and everyone is invited.

I am very proud to have completed the goals we set for this year and share our success with the community. The interior and exterior of the Adobe has been painted and restored. My thanks to all the volunteers that participated including members of the Montebello Rotary Club.

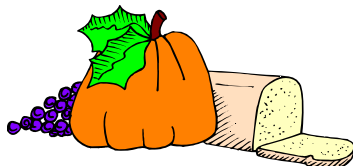
Please continue to support us through membership in the Montebello Historical Society, docent service at the Adobe museum, or donations to the Adobe Museum Fund.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our **general meeting on November 12**, at 7 pm, at the Montebello Senior Center. Social begins at 6:30 pm.

Please visit our new website to keep current with our meetings and other events, including upcoming Adobe work days. There is a slide show of photos under Gallery from the Evening In Italy dinner. We are always looking for historic photos of Montebello. If you have any, please share them with us.

In closing, I want to send best wishes to those celebrating November milestones, along with a Happy Thanksgiving to all. May we all be thankful for our many blessings.

All the best,
Rosie Vasquez, President



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Mexican War Cannonball Found in Montebello Backyard

About two months ago David Castle was trying out his new metal detector in his parents' backyard near Date Street and Montebello Boulevard when a big reading hit. He dug down about a foot and found an old cannonball. He wondered why a cannonball would be in his parents' yard, so he started to investigate the local history. He found out that there was a large battle fought on the banks of the Rio San Gabriel in 1847. Could this cannonball be from that battle?



He contacted the Montebello Historical Society and came to the museum to meet the curator.

There are two stories about the cannons used by the Californios at the Battle of Rio San Gabriel. One is that they were brought up from Mexico around 1817. The four guns landed in San Pedro. The Spanish government was going to build a presidio or fort, but never did. So the guns sat on the beach until 1846 when the local Californios gathered them for defense against the up and coming American invasion.

The other story is that they are from the Russian American Company trading ship, the Mercury, from Boston, which was captured by the Spanish ship Flora in 1813. The Spanish then left six or eight cannons from the Mercury at San Pedro to defend the Spanish crown in case of revolutionists from Mexico. Since most Spanish cannons had a Spanish crest or markings on them, the curator now believes that the four guns with no markings used at the Battle of Rio San Gabriel are of American origin.

Is the cannonball American and used against them at the Battle of Rio San Gabriel? Is it deformed from sitting out in the elements from 1813-1846? Have there been other cannonballs or artifacts found since the battle? If you know of any items, please contact the Montebello Historical Society.

There are three museums in California that feature Mexican War battles that took place near their locations - San Pasqual, Dominguez and Montebello, but none of them have actual artifacts from the battles. We might be the first museum with an actual artifact. The cannonball is now on loan to the museum and there is still a lot of research ahead to find out its origin. Is it Spanish or American?

Submitted by Jon Reed, Adobe Museum Curator

MHS Welcomes New Members

Let us welcome our newest members Sally Acosta and Vivian Frederickson. And our first life member this year, Ruben Rios. Thank you for keeping the history of Montebello alive! Please bring a family member or friend to our next general meeting and share some of your history.

Submitted by Arlene Sandoval, Membership Chair

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We truly appreciate all the gracious support given to the organization!

Evening In Italy Photos



Special Notice

Community Holiday Open House December 19

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 11/12/15** General Meeting/7 pm/Senior Center Downstairs/Social 6:30 pm
115 S Taylor Ave, Montebello
- 11/21/15** Paint/Work Day w/Montebello Rotary
8 am – 12 noon/Adobe Museum
946 Adobe Ave, Montebello
- 12/02/15** Board Meeting/7 pm/Adobe Museum
- 12/10/15** General Meeting/7 pm/Senior Center Downstairs/Social 6:30 pm
- 12/19/15** Community Open House
1 pm – 4 pm/Adobe Museum

Adobe Museum Hours

Saturdays: 1 pm - 4 pm
Docent tours available.

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