

**General
Membership Notice**

General
Membership
Meeting

2nd Thursday of the
month

6:30pm start time

then program and
refreshments to
follow

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10th @ 6:30pm

Guest Speaker

Marge Villa Cryan

All American Girls
Baseball League

April 14th @ 6:30pm

Guest Speaker

Alejandro Morales

On Brick People

The History of Simons
Brick Company

April 30th @ 6pm

Adobe Sanchez Wine
and Cheese

\$20 per person

Adobe Dust

JUAN MATIAS SANCHEZ
ADOBE MUSEUM



MARCH ISSUE

Message from the President



The Montebello Historical Society ("MHS") is built on volunteerism. Volunteers like our members have kept our great organization going for the last 40+ years.

The benefits of volunteering are many, but include connecting to others and transforming our lives. Many of us are members of other Montebello community organizations, such as the YMCA, Women's

Club, Soroptimist International, The American Legion and many others. These organizations have a long history and create the foundation of volunteerism in the City of Montebello. The Montebello Historical Society is part of this tradition of volunteers.

As the MHS President, I believe it is paramount for our organization to reach out to our fellow community organizations in order to develop solid relationships that, in my view, will further our growth and direction. Building community bridges will allow the MHS to get a better feel and outlook of what

our beloved community's wants and needs are. An exchange of ideas and networking will be a grand opportunity to raising the profile of the MHS in our community and truly establish the Sanchez Adobe as a community center.

Let's work together to ensure that we prepare our organization and the Sanchez Adobe for the next generation. Thank you and I welcome your thoughts and ideas.

What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.

-- Aristotle (384-322 BC)

Thank you, Chris Vargas

News From Arlene, Membership

MHS Welcomes our Newest Members

Let us welcome our new & old members: K C Huang, Helio Altamirano, Francisco & Barbara Garcia, Colin & Mai Whipple, & Mary Jordon. Remember now is the time to renew your membership. If you have not done so please send your check today. So you can continue the History of Montebello. Please share some of your history & pictures for the future generation today.

Arlene Sandoval, Membership Chair

New Museum Exhibit



Montebello Monastery

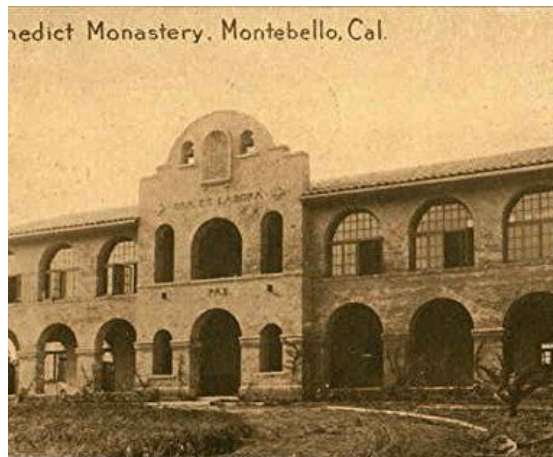
The Benedictine Fathers of Sacred Heart Abbey from Oklahoma was granted permission to establish a monastery in Southern California in October 1905, specifically to minister the needs of the Basque population living in the western states. Friar Leo Gariador purchased 10 acres in Montebello and within a year he raised funds to buy 30 acres.

A wooden chapel and monastery quarters were erected and first Mass was on September 6, 1906. The monastery fronted on Dewey Street which later became Beverly Boulevard. In 1912, the Simon brothers donated land and erected, near Simons Brickyard, a chapel and school for their Mexican employees. Our Lady of Mount Carmel was run by fathers from the monastery.

On May 27, 1910, all but two small building were destroyed by fire. In 1912 a new monastery was built in the California Mission style. The building was 90' by 35', two storied and faced the south. Personnel at Montebello underwent several changes. In 1914 four French fathers went off to Europe to join the effort of their native land in the Great War, WWI. In 1915 a charter was obtained from the State of California creating the corporation of "The Benedictine Fathers of Montebello." In 1916 20 of the 40 acres were sold to relieve the pressure of debt. In 1920s decline in personnel lead to a parish church outside the monastery, but the land became very valuable. 5 acres were sold in 1926. Standard Oil Company brought in two wells.

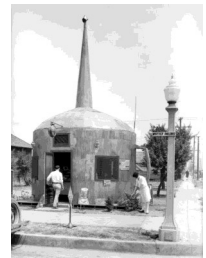
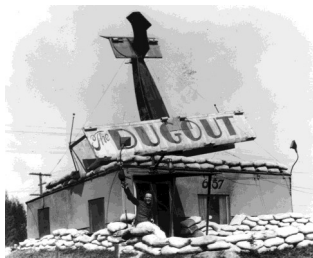
By 1929 a new St. Benedict brick church was built on North 10th Street. In 1938 the old monastery went out of existence. Father Charles Espalette arrived in 1933 and served Basque families because he spoke their language. He was also assigned to Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Simons Brickyard. In 1952 the Health Department condemned the church and half of its homes were razed by fire. Father Charles continued to offer Mass at the monastery each Sunday. Father Charles served 25 years and died in 1958 at 75 years. The monastery was demolished after his death.

The land was purchase by the City of Montebello in 1965 and the City Hall was on the site.



Who Remembers?

Who remembers these three eating establishments on Whittier Blvd. in Montebello? One is still around. Which is it?



Baseball's Opening Day

APRIL 16, 2016

MARGE VILLA CRYAN (PONCHO) started out with a bang in the All American League. She set the record with most total bases in a game, with 11, and for the most RBIs, with nine - and she was only a rookie!

Technical Advisor to the 1992 hit film "League Of Their Own."

JUAN MATIAS SANCHEZ
ADOBE MUSEUM

Meet Marge

12:00PM - 4:00PM
For an autograph & photos
at the Juan Matias Sanchez
Adobe Museum

**ALL AMERICAN GIRL PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE
1946-1950**

Montebello Historical Society

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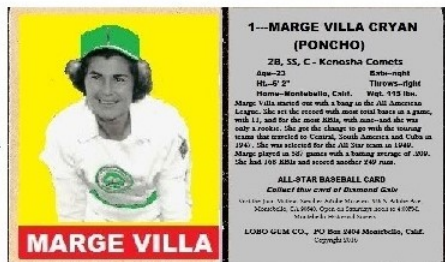
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Guest Speaker Series

Presents

March 10, 2016 6:30PM

**Marge
Villa Cryan**
she played baseball
for the All American
Girls Professional
Baseball League
from 1946-1950



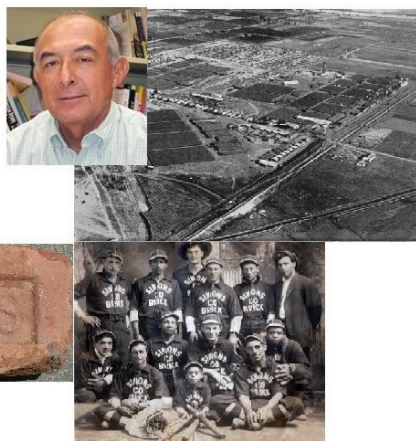
Montebello Senior Citizen Center
115 S Taylor Ave, Montebello, CA 90640

Montebello
Historical Society
Guest Speaker Series
Presents

Professor
Alejandro Morales, UCI

The Brick People
The History of Simons
Brickyard
Documentary

April 14, 2016 6:30PM



Montebello Senior Center
115 S Taylor Ave, Montebello, CA 90640
Downstairs



SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016
6:00 P.M.

926 ADOBE AVE., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640

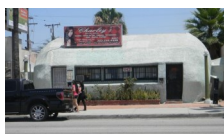
Historical Costumes
Vendors & Fun!
\$20.00 per person
Event Donations will go to the Adobe's Revitalization

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The Answer: The Tamale with the modern photo



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