

**General
Membership Notice**

2nd Thursday of the
month

At the

Sanchez Picnic Table
Area from
June-August

6:30pm start time

July 14th meeting

Pizza/Sub Sandwich
night. Bring a pizza!

**Montebello High
School Interact
Club**

Adobe Dust

JUAN MATIAS SANCHEZ
ADOBE MUSEUM



JULY 2016

Message From the President—Chris Vargas

President's Message

We are seven months into 2016 and summer is upon us. The MHS has been very active and accomplished much. Some of our activities have included:

Commemoration of the Battle of Rio San Gabriel, January 1847.

Marge "Pancho" Villa, hall of famer in women's professional baseball, special guest and speaker.

Simon Brick Yard's Peoples. Presentation of documentary film and Dr. Alejandro Morales.

Wine & Cheese Event at the Adobe. Featuring Youth Mariachi from East Los Angeles.

Memorial Day Event at Montebello Park. Featuring The Rodriguez brothers and U.S. Marine legacy.

Montebello High School Interact Club teamed up with the MHS and conducted our inventory and cleaning maintenance at the adobe..

Visit and tour of Adobe for Girl Scouts of America, Troop No. 6548, hosted by one of our docents, Kathleen Rabago.

Rancho Fiesta Days, Juan M. Sanchez 208th Birthday.

Our new talent and soon to head up communications for the MHS, Carolina Ibarra-Mendoza, has setup Instagram (social media platform allowing one to post videos and photos) along with our Facebook pages to communicate with our local and broader communities. These communication tools are the future and present method for reaching out to the public. We travel the 21st century destined to keep up with it, but at the same, share the history of the past.

Girl Scouts of America, Troop No. 6548, visit the Sanchez Adobe



**Rancho Fiesta Days/
Juan M. Sanchez
208th Birthday**



The Sanchez/Lobo Gardens

The Sanchez/Lobo Adobe Gardens are in full bloom with summer upon us. The adobe built in 1845 certainly had its own gardens (most-likely vegetables along with a vineyard, citrus and fruit trees) as a food source given there were no local markets in the early days. There was probably a garden with flowers and other plants as well. Some nearby adobe owners grew wheat when the cattle industry started to decline. Certainly, the *Alta California* Missions grew to be very proficient in wheat output and maintained vineyards, citrus trees, etc. to become a colonial economic powerhouse in *Alta California*.

Our adobe gardens and its many plants are native to Southern California and are extremely suitable for our current drought. They require minimal water and care, but are extremely beautiful. These drought tolerant plants include: sage, cacti, agave, California native bunchgrasses, yucca Whipple, and many more plants.



White Sage



Purple Sage

We also have a pomegranate and olive trees. There are also a several iconic palms trees in front of the adobe



Pomegranate Tree



Olive Tree



Palm Trees

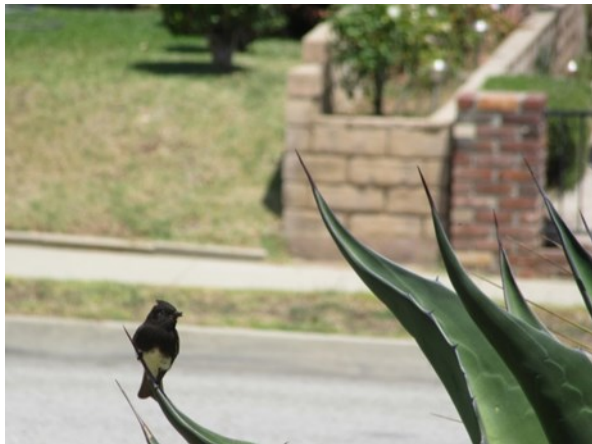
Our Adobe gardens are a natural habitat for various species of birds, bees, butter flies, squirrels, and lizards. The pomegranate tree is full of pomegranates that are ready to pick in a couple of weeks. If we don't pick them, then the birds will feast on them. The two olive trees produce olives every season, but they usually fall to the ground and are eaten by the ants and birds.

Come by the Sanchez Adobe and visit our gardens and the adobe.

—Written by President Chris Vargas



Yucca Whipple



Agave



Membership News—Arlene Sandoval

Please let us welcome our newest & renewal members: Lupe Arriola, Mathew, Vincent, Phillip Sanchez, Iris & Janis Agajanian, Vangie Sanchez, & Linda Erickson.

Remember your history & share it with us. Keeping The History Alive! Bring a family member or a friend or bring a neighbor to our next event Become a member!!!

Heat Precautions

Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion: heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, headache, nausea or vomiting and dizziness.

Warning signs of heat stroke may include an extremely high body temperature, unconsciousness, confusion, hot and dry skin (no sweating), a rapid, strong pulse, and a throbbing headache. If symptoms of heat stroke occur, immediately call for medical assistance. Move the person to a shady area and begin cooling their body with water.

Recommended Heat Precautions:

Drink plenty of water, not soda or alcohol

Limit outdoor activities

Never leave kids, elderly or pets in the car

Wear light-colored and light-weight clothing

Stay out of the midday sun

Check on elderly neighbors

Provide shade and water for pets and livestock

The Sinking of the SS Montebello

The SS Montebello was a steam propelled oil tanker built in San Pedro in 1921. It was owned and operated by the Union Oil Corporation of California. When fully loaded, it could transport 73,570,099 barrels of (40 gallons/barrel) of crude oil. On December 23, 1941, the tanker left Avila, CA with a load of Santa Maria crude heading to Vancouver, B.C. The tanker didn't get very far when it was struck by a torpedo from a Japanese I-21 submarine while still in California waters.

After hitting the tanker with a torpedo, the submarine fired several shells from its deck gun. Residents in the nearby community of Cambria heard the loud explosions and saw the flashes from the deck gun.

Fortunately, the torpedo hit a dry cargo hold and not a hold that was full of crude oil --

otherwise there would have been no survivors. There were no fatalities as all the crew were

safely rescued from their lifeboats by the residents of Cambria. Currently, the ship is in 900 feet of water and is close to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary off Big Sur. Due to

its extreme depth, it would be very hard a costly to salvage the ship and/or remove the oil. The Juan Matias Sanchez Adobe/Museum has an exhibit of the SS Montebello in the 20th Century room. Please visit us on Saturday from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and take a look at our exhibit of the SS Montebello.

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