

The Burden Basket



St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Project

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

PETER A. BOEGEL O.F.M.

Funding Progress

Since fundraising began in February 1998 we have raised \$426,520.00. Of that amount 36% came from Foundation Grants, 53% from our generous donors, and the remaining 11% from the hard work of raffles, food sales and concerts. With 28% of funds needed, we are well on our way!

Expenses to date have been \$351,386.00

Funds needed to complete project:

\$1,500,000.00

Funds raised per fiscal year (July 1—June 30):

To Date	\$44,824.
2002	\$136,095.
2001	\$115,899.
2000	\$63,189.
1999	\$44,777.
1998	\$21,773.



I am in a uniquely gratifying position as restoration director. I get to say "Thank You" to all of you for helping to insure that St. Joseph Apache Mission will continue to meet the needs of our parish community and to stand as a living tribute to veterans. I say thank you to so many, on behalf of so many! When you hear my thanks, I hope that you hear the incredible array of voices grateful for the work we are accomplishing together. For the part you play, and for being an irreplaceable member of our restoration project community, it is my great pleasure to say, Thank You.

Repointing Work Progresses

During the course of the summer the crew repointed the exterior walls of the north transept. With the completion of this work we have successfully repaired the Mission walls that were in the most severe state of deterioration. In this work we have not only been repointing the stonework of these walls, but have been replacing much of the decayed bedding mortar. Our bat problem was not as bad this year, but we still have areas where they manage to find a way to get in. We will continue to work on this as we move the repointing work around the Mission.



Bells Ring at the Mission



Richard and Sue Mackey donated a bell system for the Mission bell tower in honor of the late Katherine Miller Mackey. Katherine's children were born here in Mescalero and all were life long friends of Fr. Albert Braun, OFM.

Many friends gathered for a bell blessing at noon on Oct. 23. Richard spoke of the love his mother, Katherine had for the people of Mescalero and the Mission. He also said that the bell not only gives honor to his mother, but to all of the people of Mescalero. Fr. Peter Verheggen, OFM blessed the bell system, Clarice Rocha, Mabel Blake and Sr. Juanita Little led everyone in a song for the occasion. The three had been good friends of Katherine. The blessing ceremony was followed by a potluck lunch enjoyed by all.



CREW GETS TRAINING EXPERIENCE AT THE 2002 SICRAT WORKSHOP AT ACOMA PUEBLO

Harry and Tommy on a tour of Sky City.

Brother Peter Boegel, Harry Vasile, Tommy Spottedbird and Brother David Paz all attended the International Seminar for the Conservation and Restoration of Earthen Architecture (SICRAT). The purpose of the SICRAT workshop is to bring together professionals and amateurs in the field of preservation to share ideas and experiences. During the

field work, participants get hands-on practice and have the opportunity to share their skills and techniques with others.

The workshop-conference was sponsored by National Institute of Anthropology and History, Cornerstones and The National Parks Service.

“It was a real

privilege and thrill to work at the Acoma Pueblo.” stated Br. Peter “We did some mud plastering of the corral wall of San Estephan del Rey church. This was a great opportunity to learn from other people involved in restoration work from Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico.”

SISTER JUANITA’S 50TH JUBILEE

We all took a break from the restoration work and celebrated with a two day feast!

Sr. Juanita Little, OSF, came home 29 years ago to serve her community in Mescalero as a Franciscan Sister; first at St. Joseph Apache Mission and currently at Tribal Human Services.

Sister Juanita wanted to mark her Jubi-

lee with a traditional Apache blessing. So on August 9th & 10th with the help of her family, friends and staff here at the Mission we had two days of food, prayer, songs, dance, and fellowship.

Around 300 people came from all over the country to join in the

festivities.

Fr. Larry Gosslin, OFM helped us celebrate Mass on Saturday and Sr. Juanita invited all the woman present to dance up the aisle with her and stay as she renewed her vows.

It was a very beautiful celebration for a special lady, everyone had a great time.



AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER DAY

Forty five volunteers from Holloman Air Force Base joined the Otero Native Plant Society pulling weeds on the hillside and removing the planters in front of the Mission on August 12, 2002.

People from the parish prepared frybread and a potluck lunch. Everyone worked hard all day, and enjoyed the day so

much that most are planning on joining us again next year!



PETE MOLD HAS RETURNED AND IS TRAINING OUR CREW IN THE ART OF DRY STONE WALL CONSTRUCTION.



Pete Mold, a British stone worker who specializes in historic building preservation, stands with the pile of stones donated by Susan Latimer of Albuquerque, NM. This is Pete's 4th visit to the Mission, he was here when our restoration project got off the ground and worked with Bar-M Construction and the crew to give us training in the use of lime mortar for repointing stonework.

We are thrilled to have him here. This trip he is helping us on three different projects. The

stone wall at the bottom of the hill in front of the Mission is replacing a rotted wooden retaining wall. This will be a beautiful addition to the Mission grounds. The crew is enjoying building a wall as a change of pace from repairing walls! As Pete says, "A change is as good as a rest."

The second project that Pete is overseeing is repairing and lime plastering the interior of our parish hermitage. This lime plastering is good practice for us because there are some interior walls in the Mission sacristy and storage room that will have to be plastered in the future.



Lastly Pete is here to lend his expertise and training for the crew's repointing work on the Mission. Even though Pete says "This crew has been working longer and more consistently than any project that I have been exposed to. I am very impressed with the workmanship and the fact that they are so dedicated to the project and the quality of the repointing work they are doing".

Pete will be working with the crew in some repointing work to see if we can streamline the process.

THE RAFFLE: A GREAT SUCCESS!

Our 3rd Annual Raffle was a great success, thanks to all those who supported us by donating the prizes, buying tickets, selling tickets and helping with the mailings.

Our drawing was held on Oct. 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, after noon Mass and was followed by a lunch to honor the restoration crew.

The raffle raised a total of **\$6,248.00**. Of that **\$2,462.00** was extra donations made by people who purchased tickets. Mailing and printing costs were \$351.91 so our net was: \$5,896.09

Congratulations to the winners!

Bolo Tie: **Eric Sandoval** Bent, NM.

Sculpture: **Ezra Sandoval** Bent, NM.

Painting: **Bernard Fillback** Portland, OR.

Basket: **Hope Trevino**, Corpus Cristi, TX.

\$200 Walmart Gift Card: **Thomas Suddarth** Phoenix, AZ

\$500 Cash: **Lynn Corona**, Cloudcroft, NM.

A special thanks to artist Minnie Pino who painted the Mission, Lucy Garwood for the wonderful basket she made, to Walmart Ruidoso, and to the Restoration Committee members who donated the cash prize, sculpture and bolo tie.



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Juanita Little, OSF a Mescalero Tribal member celebrated her 50th Jubilee as a Franciscan Sister. Sister is pictured here with Alheah Shaffer, Rita Baca and Natasha Little.