

# The Burden Basket



## St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Project

### ST. JOSEPH APACHE MISSION GETS SPRUCEDUP

#### Funding Progress

Since fundraising began in February 1998 we have raised \$1,664,920. Of that amount 52% came from private foundation grants, 7% from nonprofit organizations, 22% from our generous donors, 10% through our stewardship program and the remaining 9% from the hard work of raffles, food sales and concerts, plus interest earned. The work continues as funding permits: Expenses to date have been \$1,631,295.

#### Revenue & Expenses 11/1/09—4/30/10

Revenue	
Foundation Grants	\$62,324
Steward Program	\$11,550
Donations	\$ 2,839
Fundraisers & Interest	\$ 967
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$77,680</b>
Expenses	
Payroll Expenses	\$76,655
Equipment & Supplies	\$ 1,556
Roof Project	\$ 4,272
Office Expense	\$ 3,323
Administration & Fundraising	\$ 1,768
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 87,574</b>
<b>Funds on hand: \$44,009</b>	
In-Kind Donations from volunteers, staff and equipment use: <b>\$ 33,556</b>	
Roof Project to date	
Roof Cost	\$217,192
Roof Funds Raised	\$238,718

Volunteers are always a welcomed site at the Mission and already this year we have been fortunate to have two different groups spend their alternative Spring Break here. The first group to come were from Texas Tech. These nine college students really got a workout. They began by moving everything out of the alcoves and cleaning up. This is always a big job after the restoration crew has been working inside all winter.

They also spent a day working with our crew moving scaffolding and did not stop until the job was complete even though it snowed most of the day and was extremely cold.



Texas Tech volunteers working in the snow.



Incarnate Word Academy students moving pews.

There were 72 high school students plus their chaperones in the second group from Incarnate Word Academy in Corpus Christi, TX. The group was broken down into groups of 9 and we had 2 groups for three days. These students dusted, mopped and waxed the church floors, moved back the pews and all of the items back into the alcoves. Some of the volunteers also cleaned up the church grounds and planted flower boxes to decorate the interior of the Mission. This was a tremendous help, and the Mission looks so refreshed.

While they were here they listened to a presentation on the Apache people by author Henrietta Stockel and helped on other projects around the reservation



The High School Group

## WINTER ALCOVE WORK



*Tommy inspecting alcove work*

completed by the time you read this. This will leave 1 alcove roof and the choir loft staircase room roof to complete the roof project. We will be excited to see the last tile installed!



The winter months seemed to last forever, with more snow than we have seen in the past 32 years. The days were spent working in the interior alcoves. This allowed us to leave up the scaffolding for Tommy and Martin to work on the alcove roofs when the weather permitted. We are happy to say that all but one alcove is completed.

Tommy and Martin, now aided by trainee Sam Sosa have completed 3 of the 6 alcove roofs with 2 more to be



*Trainee David Walters working on a alcove window .*

Trainee David Walters has been working with Tommy to get the window opening ready for the stained glass window of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. This is David's third summer working on the restoration. David is a descendant of some of the original builders of the church. Our other trainee, Sam Sosa worked on the roof project last summer and liked being a part of the Restoration Project. His general construction experience is a real benefit to us, and he in turn is learning additional skills that will help him in the future.

## 11TH ANNUAL RAFFLE COMING UP!

We are starting to get excited about our upcoming raffle. Each year we wonder if we will be able to attract prizes as wonderful as in the past, and each year we are blessed with great prizes through the generosity of many people. This year Southwest Airlines has once again donated two round trip tickets for anywhere in the 48 states where they fly. With these tickets will be adding a couple of nights stay from a well known hotel chain. We also will have our \$1,000 cash prize and several Native American made art pieces. One is a pencil portrait that was done by Chino Sumonait at the Institute of Native American Arts when it was at the University of Santa Fe. Artist Kathy Marrow has donated one of her beautiful cutting boards pictured here. You can visit her website at: [kathymorrowstudio.com](http://kathymorrowstudio.com). DJ's Jewelry in Ruidoso has also made a donation of a piece of lovely jewelry.

In all there will be 12 prizes plus 4 prizes for the top ticket sellers. If you would like to contribute a prize it is not too late just let us know. Be sure to watch your mail for your tickets around the middle of July. If you would like to be in the contest for ticket sales please let us know so we can send you extra tickets.

*Cutting board*





*Enjady's group singing a blessing song*

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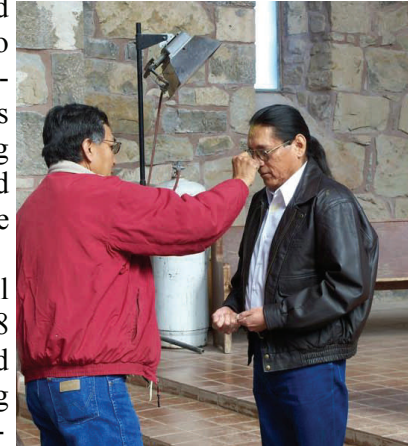


*Eldon blessing workers as Fr. Paul looks on*

## 10TH RESTORATION ANNIVERSARY

To mark our 10th anniversary of full time work on the restoration of our beloved Mission and important Veterans' Memorial we had a traditional Apache Blessing on February 14th after the 10:30 Mass. Father Paul Botenhagen, OFM gave credit to all of the people who have worked in the past and who are currently working on the project to restore St. Joseph Apache Mission.

Mary Serna talked briefly about the restoration's history reminding everyone about the years that Sr. Juanita Little, OSF prayed that God would send us someone to fix the church. God answered that prayer in his own way and time sending



*Eldon blessing Tommy with pollen*

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One of our local traditional Apache Medicine men, Eldon Enjady and his group came to Mass and gave past and present workers a traditional Apache Blessing. It was very moving and beautiful. As Eldon said "the blessing was of thanksgiving for the work already done and for strength and dedication for the current crew to carry on their work safely to completion."

Our next planned celebration will be a three day traditional feast when the restoration project is completed in June of 2014, we hope to see you there!

### CO-DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

### TOMMY SPOTTEDBIRD & MARY SERNA

Each time we prepare these newsletters it is a challenge to condense so much information into such a small amount of print. Lately I have been working on some not so pressing administrative work that was pushed aside as my attention was focused on the roof project. As I was filing some greeting cards it struck me just how many people there are who find this restoration project as important as we do. This prompted me to want to say thank you to everyone who supports us financially, even in these strained economic times. We are grateful beyond words to those who volunteer, provide in-kind services, publicity, prayer and mostly moral support to myself, Tommy, the crew and this project in general.

One of my biggest challenges is to find ways to make this restoration project more visible to a wider audience. Dianna Stallings of the Ruidoso News does a great job for us in the newspaper, and Steve Lee is exceptional at keeping our website maintained. We have been milling over the idea of adding a Facebook site. We'd love to hear your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.



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**Always honoring our Veterans Past and Present**

*Happy Spring! We will be offering calendars for sale starting next fall. They will feature our favorite seasonal photos of the church and our two Mission churches. You will be able to order and purchase through our website, by phone, mail or come in an pick one up in the office.*