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Mother Road Revisited: Route Sixty-Six Then and Now

Thursday, July 28, 2016 – Sunday, September 18, 2016

By Michelle Sifuentes, Curator of Collections

U.S. Route 66 was one of the first official highways, established in 1926, the highway connected Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California. *Mother Road Revisited* aims to explore the idea of travel and America culture through interactive



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The Museum Associates is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit support group for the Ontario Museum of History & Art. We provide support financially, through our fundraising and membership efforts; educationally, through our support of the docent program; and throughout the community with our representation at events and activities.

This newsletter is prepared by the Museum Associates.



photography. Photographs taken in the 1950s and 1960s along Route 66 are paired with contemporary photographs by Natalie Slater taken along the modern day Route 66, from the exact same location and vantage point. This project is an effort to show what American has done to its once booming American symbol, the "Mother Road." ©Natalie Slater, exhibition is organized by art2art Circulating Exhibitions.

The museum will be screening Disney's Cars (2006) on Saturday, August 6, 2016. Refreshments and a hands-on craft will start at 5:30 PM with film screening at 6:00 PM. On Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM Luana Hernandez, Route 66 Inland Empire of California Vice President, will discuss the history and restoration of the Cucamonga Service Station, a local historical gem located in Rancho Cucamonga. Join Pomona Valley Model-A Club representative, Richard Delman and learn about the Ford Model-A Car on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 2:00 PM. Local Model-A clubs will be present with their cars for viewing. All programs are free admission and reservations are required. Call the museum at (909) 395-2510 for additional information and to make reservations.

Highlights from the Collection

Sunday, September 25, 2016

(2 PM to 3:30 PM)

By Michelle Sifuentes, Curator of Collections

It is time to grab your notebook and sharpen your pencil as we go back to school. Officially founded in 1911, Chaffey High School has been a staple of the community for over a hundred years. In 1885, the educational dream of George and William Chaffey, Chaffey College of Agriculture opened its doors. The Chaffey Brothers established a trust fund for the college and an agreement with the University of Southern California to supervise the trust and oversee the college was made.

In 1901, USC had ended its relationship with Chaffey College and the college dissolved.

After the college ended, a school district was created and the site where the college stood was used as a high school, originally known as Ontario High School. In 1911, a Union High School District was established, which included the cities of Ontario and Upland, and Chaffey Union High School opened its doors for students.

Come learn more about the history of Chaffey High School and see artifacts from the museum's collection on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 2:00 PM in the old City Council Chambers. Admission is free, reservations are required. For more information call (909) 395-2510.



Image courtesy of the Bryant Collection, Ontario Museum of History & Art.

Evening for Educators: Art and Our Community

Thursday, September 22, 2016

(4 PM to 5:30 PM)

By Rebecca Horta, Curator of Education

To preview the Ontario Museum of History & Art's annual *Día de los Muertos: Seasons of Life* exhibit which will be on view from October 6 through November 13, 2016, educators are invited to attend our quarterly series Evenings for Educators on Thursday, September 22, 2016 (4:00 PM to 5:30 PM). Learn how you can integrate *Día de los Muertos* into your curriculum and build your own classroom ofrenda (altar) with a presentation by Curator of Education, Rebecca Horta. Participants will receive a free resource packet with lessons and craft templates and participate in a mini workshop of repujado (metal embossing).



Evenings for Educators includes light refreshments. Admission is free and reservations are required. For more information please call (909) 395-2510 or email museumtour@ontarioca.gov.

The Chaffey brothers altar created by: Artist Anna Torres, Ontario Museum of History & Art staff, volunteers, and visitors, 2015. Photo courtesy of Ontario Museum of History & Art.

Faces of the Community

Thursday, April 7, 2016 through Sunday, August 7, 2016

By Rebecca Horta & Michelle Sifuentes

Located in our South Wing Carlson Gallery is *The Faces of the Community* exhibition. The exhibit explores the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and its surrounding neighborhood in Ontario.

Through individual interviews and drawings, artist Andrea Benitez documented the personal histories, experiences and memories of twenty parishioners. Upon entering the exhibition, visitors will see *The Faces of Community* publication. Visitors are encouraged to take a free copy of the book and use it as a guide while viewing the exhibition. They can read the stories Ms. Benitez recorded and learn more about each participant.

In addition to the artwork, the museum has incorporated personal items from a few of the parishioners and the artist. Items include Ms. Benitez' notes and tools, an Aztec drum played at the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Day and a footstool that marked the start of establishing a new home in Ontario. These items bring a special personal touch to the wonderful drawings. The book and exhibit were made possible by grants from the Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and in collaboration with the Ontario Museum of History & Art Museum Associates, Chaffey Community Museum of Art and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.



Ontario: A Dream Come True

By Cherry Dobbs and Leslie Sherwood-James

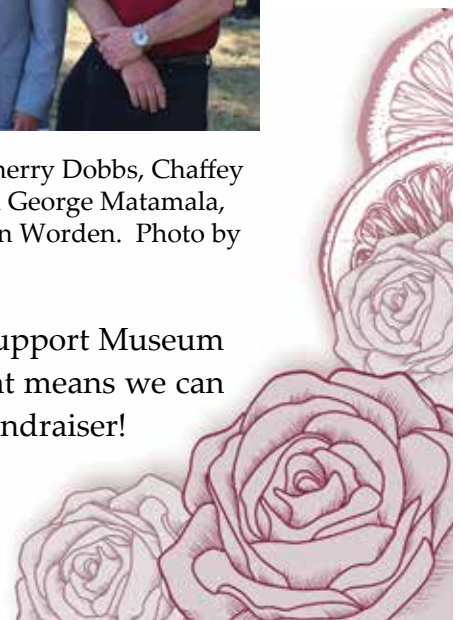
Ontario: A Dream Come True, the Museum Associates' celebratory fundraiser, was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2016 and was a rousing success. Over 85 attendees enjoyed a wonderful afternoon and evening at the old-fashioned street fair, which featured many local treats. Attendees enjoyed music from Colony High School's jazz band and Chaffey High School's choir. Also Joe Blackstock, former writer for the Daily Bulletin, gave an entertaining talk about Ontario characters of the past. Next, Ann Davis a descendent of George Chaffey, delivered a heartfelt speech thanking the Museum for highlighting the contributions of the Chaffey brothers. As a bonus, delicious food and local wines were enjoyed by those in attendance. The many silent auction and raffle prizes donated by area merchants and residents added excitement and interest to an already fantastic evening.

Thanks are owed to so many: our fantastic MC, Chaffey High School Principal George Matamala, Joe Blackstock, Ann Davis, Colony High jazz band, Chaffey High School's choir, the Chaffey ROTC program, our generous sponsors, donors, and attendees, the Fundraiser Committee (bakers of the yummy cobblers served for dessert), and the Museum Board of Trustees, Museum Associates Board and Ontario Mayor pro-Tem Debra Dorst-Porada.

We had a great time, as we raised money for a great cause. The Museum Associates support Museum education programs and outreach. The success of this event means we can continue to do so. We look forward to the next fun filled fundraiser!



Museum Associate Cherry Dobbs, Chaffey High School Principal George Matamala, Museum Director John Worden. Photo by Rocky Cabral.



From the Director

By John Worden

By the time of this newsletter issue, we will be in construction mode for the nearly \$1 million grant-funded Urban Greening project. The “Sustainable Landscape and Education Gardens” grant was awarded by the California Natural Resources Agency. The project replaces our unsustainable landscaping with low-water and California native plants, a Tongva/Gabrielino native plant garden, interpretive signage, and innovative design features. These design features are meant to limit the use of water and include: vegetative bioswales to capture storm water, smart irrigation, and permeable pavers in place of asphalt.

The project opens a new realm of interpretive and educational opportunities for our area youth and other museum visitors. Our new docent training class, beginning at the end of April, will include new material about the landscaping project, and we will be inviting our established docents to also participate in these training sessions. It is hoped that these education programs will increase community knowledge about water conservation and will inspire future landscape design in our community.

Volunteer Recognition

By John Worden

The museum is fortunate to have so many talented and dedicated volunteers that can be counted on in for all our activities. Docents are a major aspect to our volunteer program. Our marvelous docents lead educational tours for school children and other community groups. Passing on the history or our community and keeping the stories alive for the future. We are also grateful for our many other volunteers; including our Board of Trustees, the Museum Associates Board of Directors, our committee and education volunteers, collections committee members, and our growing group of high school and college interns.

We are grateful to have the opportunity to recognize all of our volunteers at our biannual “Volunteer Celebration and Recognition,” to be held on Saturday, July 23rd, from 2 PM to 4 PM, here at the museum. The event has its serious side, but we also include a strong dose of fun – just like our many volunteers. With particular awards tailor-made for our volunteer personalities and our vast array of trials and tribulations, there’s something special in it for everyone. Be sure to save the date!



Docent Linda Cammack is preparing children for an outdoor tour. Photo courtesy of Ontario Museum of History & Art.



Docent Carol Perez shares stories of the road in the exhibit Road Ways. Photo courtesy of Ontario Museum of History & Art.

Día de los Muertos: Seasons of Life

Thursday, October 6 through Sunday, November 13, 2016

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) emphasizes remembrance of past lives and celebration of life. It is a tradition with roots to Mexico's oldest civilizations. Explore Día de los Muertos through the artwork of local artists at our annual exhibition showcasing contemporary work in painting, sculpture, mixed media, photography, ofrendas (altars), and the winners from the city-wide Mask Making Contest! For more information or to make a reservation for the following events call (909) 395-2510.

Día de los Muertos Mask Workshop

Saturday, August 20, 2016 (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Design your own Día de los Muertos mask and enter the citywide contest, co-hosted by the City of Ontario's Ovitt Family Community Library, Recreation & Community Services Department and the Ontario Museum of History & Art. The winners of each age group are featured in our annual Día de los Muertos exhibition. Materials will be provided. Reservations required. Free.



Carmen Vargas
The Colors of the World
(Los colores del mundo)
Mixed Media, Altar
2015

Photo courtesy of Ontario Museum of History & Art.

The Museum Welcomes New Board of Trustees Member Sarah Galvez

Sarah Galvez has joined our Board of Trustees in March 2016. Sarah is a member of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, Lodge #345 – an organization that has existed in Ontario since 1886. Sarah has two degrees from the University of California, Riverside, including a BA in Art History and a BS in Anthropology. Her special interest area is focused on the arts in the community.

Event and Program Calendar

July

Exhibit FACES OF THE COMMUNITY	Thursday, April 7 through Sunday, August 7, 2016
Exhibit MOTHER ROAD REVISITED: ROUTE SIXTY-SIX THEN AND NOW	Thursday, July 28 through Sunday, September 18, 2016
ON THE DANCE FLOOR: SAMBA	Saturday, July 9, 2016 (2:00 PM to 3:30 PM) RSVP
EXPRESS YOUR COLORS: COLORING PARTY!	Thursday, July 14, 2016 (6:00 PM to 7:30 PM) RSVP
LANDSCAPE DESIGN BASICS	Saturday, July 16, 2016 (2 PM to 4 PM) RSVP
VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION	Saturday, July 23, 2016 (2 PM to 4 PM) RSVP Requested
GIRL SCOUT SCAVENGER HUNT	Thursday, July 28, 2016 (6 PM to 8 PM) RSVP

August

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION	Thursday, August 8, 2016 (6:00 PM to 7:30 PM) RSVP
FILM SCREENING: CARS	Saturday, August 6, 2016 (5:30 PM, Film Screening at 6:00 PM) RSVP
WATER EFFICIENT IRRIGATION SYSTEMS	Saturday, August 6, 2016 (2 PM to 4 PM) RSVP
CUCAMONGA SERVICE STATION LECTURE	Thursday, August 11, 2016 (6:00 PM to 7:30 PM) RSVP
DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS MASK WORKSHOP	Saturday, August 20, 2016 (2 PM to 4 PM) RSVP
THE SCIENCE OF PICKLING WITH CHEF ERNEST MILLER	Saturday, August 27, 2016 (2 PM to 3 PM) RSVP

September

MODEL-A CAR LECTURE WITH RICHARD DELMAN	Saturday, September 10, 2016 (2:00 PM to 3:30 PM) RSVP
ON THE DANCE FLOOR: CUMBIA AND MERENGUE	Thursday, September 15, 2016 (6:00 PM to 7:30 PM) RSVP
EVENINGS FOR EDUCATORS: DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS	Thursday, September 22, 2016 (4:00 PM to 5:30 PM) RSVP
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTIONS: CHAFFEY HIGH SCHOOL	Sunday, September 25, 2016 (2:00 PM to 3:30 PM) RSVP

For more information on exhibits, programs and events or to make a reservation please call: (909) 395-2510.

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