

San Miguel
Spring 2018



**The San Miguel
Chamber of
Commerce
Newsletter**

Use this resource to keep you informed about recent and upcoming events in San Miguel.

April 3: The San Miguel Chamber Board Meeting at Vines RV Resort Ballroom, with 2 presenters from Central Coast Marketing. 6:30pm

April 14, Caledonia Days at the Rios-Caledonia Adobe, 8am to 4 pm

April 28, Sagebrush Days Parade 8am to 4 pm on Mission St.

May 8, Mixer at Leo's Café, 5 to 7:30 pm

SMCC NEWS

SAGEBRUSH DAYS

San Miguel continues its **Sagebrush Days Annual Parade and Peddlers Faire** on **April 28th** and invites you to be a participant. The Peddlers Faire begins at **8 AM** on Mission Street and along 12th between L and Mission. The Parade line-up is at 10 AM (beginning from 13th Street and Mission) starts at **11 AM**.



Contact Mike Sanders, Parade Chairman, at michaelj.sanders9@gmail.com for an application for either Parade or Peddlers Faire or download these from www.sanmiguelchamber.org

Thanks to SMCC member, Eileen Rogers, this year's Sagebrush Days will feature its inaugural 5 K.



The 5k begins at Fr. Reginald Park, with special awards in **Finisher Medals** as well as in **Plaques** for first place male, female and elder finishers.

For more information contact Eileen at hornetqueen93451@buzzmarathon.org. Or www.sanmiguelchamber.org for applications.



Contact Mike Sanders at michaelj.sanders9@gmail.com for an application for either the Peddlers Faire or for the **Sagebrush Days Parade Entry Form.** Or check online at the SMCC website (on page 1) for applications. Hope to see you there!

Speaking of the San Miguel Sagebrush Days Parade...

Members of the Community are always welcome to participate in the San Miguel Parade Committee. Our next meetings are on March 14th, and April 18th and 25th at 4:30 pm at the San Miguel Mercantile. Your ideas and suggestions for completion of tasks can provide new insights and additions to this 28th Annual Sagebrush Days Parade and Peddlers Faire.

We are actually seeking a music coordinator for an Open Mic event!

New Member:

Morning Glory Farms

The SMCC wants to welcome Susan Moore and her fine company, Morning Glory Farms, from Bradley, Ca. into the chamber community.



Morning Glory Farms has been recognized since 2001 for its sales of fine jellies and jams at farmers' markets on the Central Coast. Its first brick and mortar shop was in San Miguel at the Mercantile on Mission Street where they now proudly display their own signature MGF product: **The San Miguel Mercantile Jalapeño Pepper Jam.**

The company grows its own fresh fruits and vegetables without pesticides or chemicals. Products include: fruit and wine-based jellies and jams as well as cactus and jalapeño jams, salsa, mint jelly, easy pie fillings--even Amish chow chow--and preserved vegetables.

Come see for yourself at the San Miguel Mercantile or contact Susan at morninggloryfarms@sbcglobal.net

Caledonia Days

On Saturday, April 14th, from 8 am to 4 pm, the Rios-Caledonia Adobe will host Caledonia Days, an event that showcases old-time crafts and cooking as well as early model cars. Come enjoy a tour of the old days!



Other Announcements:

The CSD projects the need to raise our local water rates to double the amount a resident already pays. A meeting scheduled for March 9th at 6 pm at the CSD is slated for discussion on the topic. Local residents will have 45 days to comment on the proposed rate hike.

A grant from the Board of Supervisors for beautification of San Miguel was announced by John Pechong at last month's San Miguel Advisory Council Meeting. The grant runs from \$5,000 to \$50,000. A request for the grant will be submitted by the SMCC for Street Lamps by the March 14th Deadline.

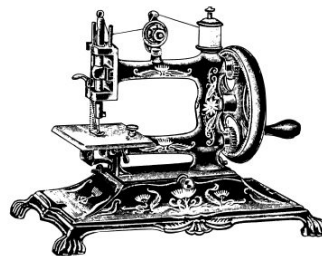
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Traditionally, Caledonia Days has taken place in September, but due to its proximity to Mission San Miguel's Fiesta, which also occurs in September celebrating the Feast Day of the Mission's Patron Saint, the organizers chose to switch to the April date. Linda Elmerick, one of the event's volunteers, says that they are expecting at least 300 guests. They're also still looking for participants who would like to showcase old crafts, such as spinning, weaving and soap-making, to name a few.



The Native Sons of the Golden West, who have been involved in the event for many years, will once again provide samples from their famous Dutch Oven cookery. There will be a quilting demonstration and showcase as well as other examples of crafts and craftsmanship that should provide an enriching experience for children of all ages.

Call (805) 467-3357 or contact www.rios-caledoniaadobe.org or friendsoftheadobes@gmail.com for more information.





Mark your calendars for the **May 8th SMCC Mixer** to be hosted by **Leo's Café** at 10th Street from **5 pm to 7:30 pm**. Leo's is one of our newer additions to the town of San Miguel as well as to the San Miguel Chamber of Commerce.

They offer fine American fare in a friendly neighborhood style dining room. Some of the local favorites include their tremendous 3 egg omelet Breakfasts, healthy Luncheon hamburgers and fantastic Prime Rib Dinners with all the trimmings.

Leo's Café is open 6 days a week (they're closed on Tuesdays) from 8 am to 9:30 pm, they also offer homemade cheesecakes and other delectable desserts.

A continuation of the article

Building San Miguel

By Lynne Schmitz, Journalist and SMCC Member

Eventually, people took tiles off the abandoned buildings, including parts of the mission itself. Adobe walls couldn't withstand the elements without that protection and fell to ruin. The mission and the Rios-Caledonia Adobe are remaining examples of those constructions. By the late 1800s European settlers had arrived with new building methods and styles and by 1900 San Miguel had grown into a western town with wooden sidewalks that linked stores and shops built of wood and bricks.

One original brick hotel, the Makin House (later renamed the Sims) still stands on the SW corner of 13th & L Street although in poor condition. There were more than 40 businesses in town and farming thrived. Other buildings from the era still in use today include the Elkhorn, and The Ranch on Mission Street. Victorian-style homes were built on 'the mesa' – the plateau on the west side of town. The 'Little White Church' with the tall steeple on the NW corner of 13th and L Streets was built c. 1887 on the mesa and moved to its present location in the 1930s.

As the century progressed, styles changed. The Bank of Italy on the corner of 12th & Mission was completed in 1917 in the older style. The town grew again with the advent of Camp Roberts in 1940. The building on the corner of 13th and Mission Streets, which houses San Miguel Market and Deli displays the 1940s classic style. In 1952 a new theater – The Graybill - was built, located today next to the San Miguel Mercantile and a laundromat. In 1992, artist David Settino Scott built a studio which he designed as a modern complement to the Mission. Then in 2001, the county created plans for all of the unincorporated towns in the county. Committees were formed and ideas presented before the San Miguel Advisory, which continues to meet on the 4th Wednesday each month from 7-9pm at the Community Center by the park. You're invited to attend.