

2010 Old Spanish Days

LA PRIMAVERA

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LET THE PARTYING BEGIN! Fiesteros gathered this past weekend to kick off the Fiesta season

with the annual La Primavera celebration at the Carriage & Western Art Museum.

This year's El Presidente Michael Dominguez announced that the 2010 Old Spanish Days theme will be "A Gathering of Friends" and revealed the poster and pin design for the annual festival which will take place August 4th through 8th.

"This is a great way to start the year," began Dominguez as he greeted the 130 patrons and supporters in attendance. "When choosing the theme for this year, one thing kept popping up, friends. Eighty-six years ago a group of friends got together to form Fiesta, and here we are again 86 years later celebrating fiesta with friends; some old, some dear, and some new."

In choosing the image for the poster Dominguez zeroed in on the theme. While walking through the halls at the Courthouse a painting by Theodore Van Cina of people in Fiesta costume coming through the main arch of the courthouse caught his eye. "The painting ties in with the theme perfectly," noted Dominguez. The Van Cina painting is appropriately titled, *A Fiesta Gathering*.

With permission from the Courthouse Legacy Foundation, Debbie Oquist, an OSD board member and graphic artist, arranged for a photograph to be taken of the painting by David Orias. Then Oquist went to work, creating the artwork and design for the poster.

After the official poster with a burgundy border was revealed, Fiesta First Lady Sheila Bush unveiled a second

poster that is a limited edition of the poster with a blue border. "We had many discussions about the border color," shared Bush. "I was very surprised to see it in blue. I liked the blue from the beginning, but Michael thought the red was more traditional."

The Courthouse arch was also incorporated into the pin design. It was created from photographs of the arch from a different angle,

taken by Old Spanish Days Office Administrator Tisha Hawkins.

Following the presentation, Fiesta's 2010 Spirit Erika Martin del Campo and Junior Spirit Tatum Vestal took the floor for their first official dances of the season.

The celebration has been sponsored by Bartlett, Pringle and Wolf, LLP for the last four years and was co-chaired by Denise Sanford and Becky Villanueva who have been working together on this fundraising event for the past seven years. "It's always fun

working together because we are really close friends," they shared. "We enjoy seeing all the people come out and bringing everyone together."

For more information visit www.oldspanishdays-fiesta.org.



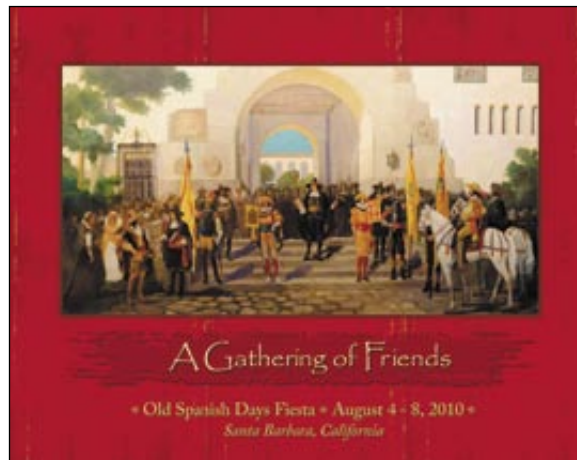
Miguel Dominguez, El Presidente 2010; First Lady Sheila Bush; Tatum Vestal, 2010 Junior Spirit; Stephanie Petlow, OSD Vice President of Celebrations; David Edelman; and Erika Martin del Campo, 2010 Spirit of Fiesta



Erika Martin del Campo, 2010 Spirit of Fiesta



Tatum Vestal, 2010 Junior Spirit



Becky Villanueva; Ben Feld; Rhonda Henderson; and Denise Sanford



Back: Rebecca Tannebring; Cas Stimson; Neil Dipaola, Dipaola Foundation; and Bibi Moezzi, Business First Bank. Front: Miguel Dominguez, El Presidente 2010; Michael Mendoza, El Presidente 1998; Joanne Funari, Primer Vice Presidente; Cynthia Acosta; Neil Amarante; and Bill Pessa of KLITE



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Bob Grissom, GM Cox Communications and Joan Grissom



Back: Diana Replogle-Purinton, 2009 St. Barbara; Laura Foss, 2005 St. Barbara. Front: Kevin Goodwin, Board of Directors; Ricardo Castellanos, OSD Segundo VP; and Helen Cornell St. Barbara 1954 (Reina del Mar Parlor #126)



SB Judge Frank Ochoa; Scott Hadley, CPA Managing Partner Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP; and Paula Lopez KEYT3 news anchor



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