



# Celebrate Santa Barbara...

**S**ANTA BARBARA CAME ALIVE WITH THE SPIRIT OF Old Spanish Day's Fiesta from August 3rd through August 7th. Santa Barbara's 87 year old celebration brought together families and friends for five days of fun filled festivities.

La Presidenta Joanne Funari chose *Celebrate Santa Barbara* as this year's theme because Fiesta is a "Celebration of Life, History, Community, and Cultural Diversity - A Celebration of Santa Barbara." Highlights of this year's celebration included La Fiesta Pequeña, the Children's Parade, El Desfile Histórico, Las Noches de Ronda, the Rodeo, and the Free Fiesta Concert in the Sunken Gardens, among many others.

For a photo essay of more favorite fiesta moments visit online at CasaSB.com and click on the Fiesta link.



Marisa Leon-Haro, Spirit of Fiesta performs at La Celebración de los Dignatarios



Noches de Ronda at the Santa Barbara Courthouse Sunken Garden



Ricardo Castellanos, OSD 1st VP; Anthony Borgatello, 2009 El Presidente; Si Jenkins; and Caleb Stremcha, 2011 Mutton Bustin Champion holding his award at the Fiesta Stock Horse Show & Rodeo



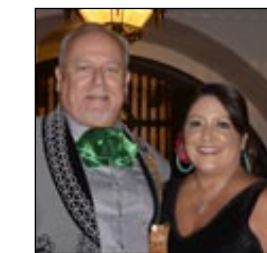
Rigoberto Alcantar riding Neptuno XLII on Andalusian horse in El Desfile Histórico



Hattie Feazelle, Parade Grand Marshal in El Desfile Histórico



Carlos Plascencia and Joanne Funari, La Presidenta at La Misa de la Presidenta



Noches de Ronda emcees Judge Frank Ochoa and Paula Lopez



Linda Vega and Congresswoman Lois Capps, representing the 23rd District of California



Fiesta Pequeña performance at the Old Spanish Mission



Richard Payatt in El Desfile Histórico



Theresa Lemus, 1963 First Lady of Fiesta, celebrating her 80th birthday; Tony Molina Jr., holding his recovered 1962 Children's Parade certificate; and Shelly Hildago, hostess



Mariachis and Señoritas in El Desfile De Los Niños (Children's Parade)



# ¡Viva La Fiesta!



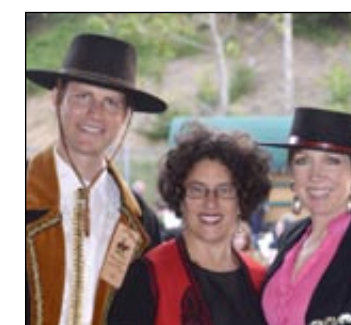
A Tribute to First Responders: Terry McElwee, Division Chief Operations of Montecito Fire Protection District; Michael Dyer, Fire Chief of Santa Barbara County Fire; Michael Mingee, Fire Chief of Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District; and Bill Brown, SB County Sheriff



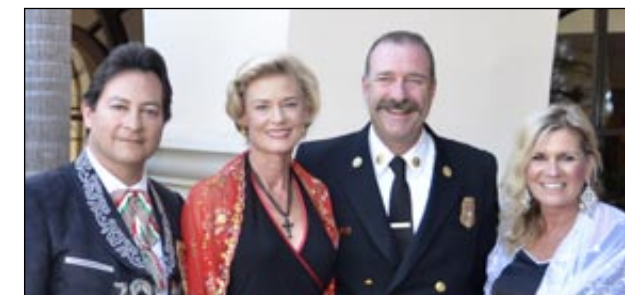
Marisa Leon-Haro, Spirit of Fiesta



Perrin Taylor and Tim Taylor, 2008 El Presidente



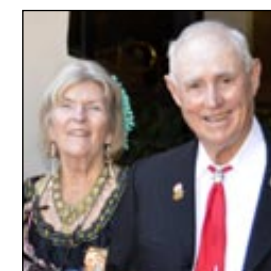
Kevin Goodwin, OSD VP of Entertainment & Production; Helene Schneider, Santa Barbara Mayor; and Erin Graffy de Garcia, OSD Director



Carlos Plascencia; Diane Brighton, Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District Board member; Michael Mingee, Fire Chief of Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District and Joanne Funari, La Presidenta



Virginia Gomez and Richard Gomez, Vice Chairman of Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians



Barbara Hollister and J.J. Hollister, 1992 El Presidente



Ben Feld; Rhonda Henderson, OSD Director; Michael Dominguez, 2010 El Presidente; Ricardo Castellanos, 1st VP OSD; Sheila Busch; Christy Gallagher, 2003 La Presidenta; Kelly Jensen, 2007 La Presidenta



Chris Hartman, OSD Parade Co-Chairman; Hans Loesche, Parade Marshal, Dennis Rickard, OSD VP of Parade & Pageantry Director; Curt Pickering, Parade Marshal; and Cas Stimson, OSD Parade Co-Chairman who presented "Gracias" mementos to Hans and Curt thanking them, at the Parade Marshal's meeting, for their courageous efforts regarding last year's runaway horses.



Kathryn McKee, Director Old Spanish Days, amongst some of the thirty-six poster entries. Pictured are: Fiesta Tile by Jean Gatewood; Dancer in Yellow with Ghost by Sylvia Abudy; Nocha de Rhonda by Beth Preston; and Fiesta Night Celebration by Jim Felland at The Chuch Gallery.