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SCOTSDALE. A STILL POINT
IN A TURNING WORLD.

Docent Connection

JULY 2010

DOCENT NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Mark your calendar! Our Lady of Guadalupe Pageant will be December 11th, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at the Old Adobe Mission**
- **Volunteers are not staffing the Mission the months of July, August, September & August. It is not cost effective to keep the Mission open these months.**
- **Tours are available for groups of 10 or more.**

Celebration at the Old Adobe Mission

On July 7th, 2010, a gathering took place at the Old Adobe Mission. The purpose of the celebration was the installation and blessing of the new display case, located in the Sacristy. The new addition to the Mission will house memorabilia from the many years Monsignor Eugene Maguire served as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from December 1952 to June 1993. (OAM 1952 to 1956).

Boy Scout, Aidan Leaser, as part of his Eagle Scout project, skillfully crafted the wooden display case. It will contain Msgr. Maguire's Roman style vestments.

The case measures 92 inches wide by 87 inches high by 20 inches deep, with sliding plexi-

glass doors.

Msgr. Thomas Hever opened the celebration with a blessing and Gloria Argueso, President of volunteers, read a passage from Matthew 13: 51-53, Treasures New and Old:

51 Do you understand all these things? They answered, "Yes."

52 And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

53 When Jesus finished these parables, he went away from there.

Aidan Leaser cut the red ribbon with Monsignor by his side. Aidan's parents, Joe and Marian, and grandparents were in

attendance along with Msgr. Maguire's niece, Eileen Reali, and her family. It was a ceremony that was in many ways truly a reflection of the "Treasures New and Old".

Paul and Cora Messinger, Tico Dominguez, Pat and Gary Underhill, Bill Swanson (Past President of the volunteers) and many docents, volunteers and visitors viewed the celebration.

We thank Aidan Leaser for his vision, and his hard work that will remain a part of the history of the Old Adobe Mission for years to come. *Thank you!*

Story by: Mary Christmas

Below: Msgr. Hever and Aidan Leaser with the beautiful display case hosting memorabilia of the late Monsignor Eugene Maguire.



Msgr. Tom Hever and Aidan Leaser



Happy July Birthday Mary Ann Minton

*If your birthday is in August, we want to celebrate you!
Please call Theresa at (480) 874-3710.*

The Mission Opening

The Mission will open on Monday, November 1st, 2010. Volunteers are needed. Please pass this message along to your friends, family and neighbors to come volunteer with us and live in the history of the Old Adobe Mission.

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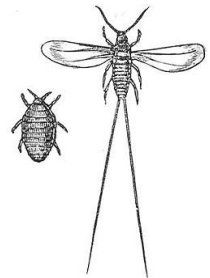
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Mission's Prickly Pear Factoid: Red Gold

Everyone has seen the Prickly Pear or Nopal cactus in front of our Mission. You might have also noticed that it is covered in a white fungus. In reality, this white material is a waxy white substance secreted by the "cochinilla" or cochineal insect's nymphs (*Dactlopius coccus*) to protect them from the sun and prevent water loss. The insects, whose females measure a quarter of an inch, suck the sap from the Nopal to create a crimson colored dye. The insect is native to Mexico, North, Central and South America. The dye is currently used in everything from food to make-up to clothing. During the colonization of the Americas, it was discovered that the native population successfully harvested the cochinilla and its red dye and promptly became

the latest rage in Europe. The Franciscan priests at their missions continued to encourage its harvest which made many poor Indians very, very rich earning the nickname of "Red Gold". Native Americans in the United States used it and continue to use it in their weaving and art work.

We have purchased paint brushes to scoop out the cochinilla and rub them onto paper pieces. **BE VERY CAREFUL** not to touch the Nopal leaf with your fingers because it contains miniature, almost invisible thorns that can be very painful. If you are interested in testing this very interesting feature of our cactus, **PLEASE** use our small paint brushes. Enjoy this factoid!



Female (left) Male (right)



Please pray for:

Jack Donovan, Mary Christmas, Mr. Christmas, Marion "Mimi" Rowan, Chris Swanson