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Goings On in the Old Mission Museum

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Many of you have undoubtedly noticed the flurry of activity going on in the Old Mission Museum of late. Because we are in the throes of upgrading and improving access to the Old Mission Museum, visitors have found themselves temporarily restricted from access to three key areas. Current projects include (a) the effort to create an access route through the Mission Model Room by downsizing the platform atop which the Mission Model rests (Room 6, See Map below), (b) clearing extant exhibits from Room 10 for the purposes of installing a new USGS seismograph for an upcoming 1906 Earthquake Centennial exhibition, and (c) the repair of the severely rutted redwood plank floor of the former Vestments Room entryway (Room 12).

As these and related projects move forward, some areas of the Old Mission Museum will from time to time be taken off line for the duration of those project activities required. Nevertheless, we hope to reopen the Mission Model room, replete with full access via the existing Gift Shop, within the coming two to three weeks. That will be followed by the installation of the aforementioned US Geological Survey seismograph and related exhibits by summer. The seismograph will eventually permit visitors to view real time seismic readings via flat screen monitors provisioned for that purpose. While one monitor will permit visitors to view seismograph readings from the museum, another will permit visitors in the arcade area to view the same data courtesy of the US Geological Survey.

New Plans for New Exhibits

The attached site plan presents the proposed new route through the Old Mission Museum. Exhibit areas are as follows: **1-2** New Gift Shop (Padre's Kitchen), **3** Visitor



The Mission Model platform is currently being resized to permit access from the Gift Shop through the Museum and its exhibitions. Photo © Ruben G. Mendoza. 2006.

Orientation, Archaeology, History, and Paleography Exhibits (existing Gift Shop), **4** Breen Family Room Exhibits, **5** Mutsun Heritage Area, **6** Architectural History/Mission Model Room, **7** Mission Manuscripts, Hymnals, and Vestments (Sala), **8** Mission Ceramics, Cookware, and Food Preparation, **9** Mission Dining Room, **10** 1906 Earthquake Exhibition w/ Seismograph, **11** Victorian Room, **12** Mission Church, Icons, and Solstice Exhibits, **13** Music Room, **14** Church, Baptistry, and Funeral Chapel Areas, **15** Main Altar Reredos Area, **16** Cemetery, **17** Guadalupe Chapel entry (Deck), **18** Blessed Sacrament Chapel (Robbing Room / Boiler), **19** Guadalupe Chapel, **20** Mission Gardens Tour, **21** Archives Room, **22** Mission Era Pozoleria or Kitchen, **23** Mission Archaeology Areas, **24** Exit Mission Grounds via Gate to Arcade and Plaza.

