



# 2025 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## Santa Barbara/Puerto Vallarta

### Sister City Committee



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### **FIESTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST Aug. 3rd** **Contreras Flamenco Arts Studio Dancers**

Members attending the breakfast were treated to performances by the many talented dancers of the Contreras Flamenco Studio.



**GENERAL MEETING**  
**SEPT. 14, 2025**  
**2:00 – 6:00 PM**  
**FRIENDSHIP CENTER**  
89 Eucalyptus Lane,  
Santa Barbara, CA. 93108

Meal catered by  
Villanueva Catering:  
Mole Rojo,  
Bistek en Jitomate,  
Costillas de Puerco en  
salsa verde  
Make your own  
Ice Cream Sundae

RSVP early to:  
[Sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com](mailto:Sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com)  
**Cost is \$35.00 pp**

Let's Celebrate  
Mexican Independence Day  
Come in costume

We hope to have a rep from  
the Mexican Consulate to lead  
us in the "Grito" de  
Independencia

Dancing, prizes, donations for  
wine and beer



Jessalyn Contreras, head of the Contreras Flamenco Arts. This was a great venue to see the performances of these talented young dancers.



Mariachi Fiesta Mexicana was also present to add to the Fiesta vibe. Our member, Anne Hefferman also in fiesta attire, is in the background, left or the vocalist. Everyone likes lively Mariachi music. Thank you Anne!



Many thanks to the American Legion Post 49 for allowing us to present this program during their annual Fiesta Breakfast event. It was a win-win for both of our programs. Thanks AmVets, Fred and Patrick!!

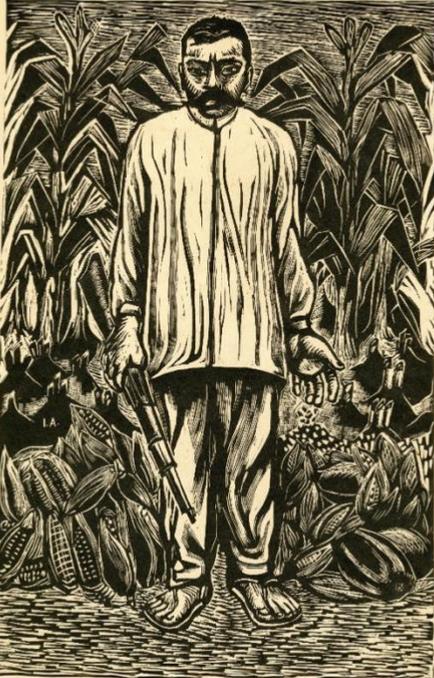
IN HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
EL DIA DEL CAMPESINO

The creation of “Farmworker Day” in the County and City of Santa Barbara recognizes the support provided by farmworkers in a number of ways, considering its focus on equity, community support, and strengthening local economies, especially in agriculture. The “**Day of the Farmworker**” provides formal recognition and visibility for farmworkers, who often do not receive the recognition they deserve, despite being essential to the region’s economy and food security.

## Mexican Prints

The Garcia-Correa Collection

Sept 13 - Dec 7



Art, Design & Architecture Museum  
University of California, Santa Barbara

Ignacio Aguirre (b. Mexico, 1900–1990),  
Emiliano Zapata, 1930, linocut,

Collection planned in the years ahead that will showcase this unprecedented addition to the Museum’s permanent collection.

Focusing on prints from the 1920s to the 1980s, the Garcia-Correa Collection of Mexican Prints highlights the importance of the graphic arts in Mexico. Unlike other collections of mid-century Mexican prints, this collection thematically focuses on labor, gender, and domesticity—key aspects of campesino culture and its farming community that have inspired the lives of the collectors.

Museo de Arte, Diseño y  
Arquitectura de la UCSB [events@museum.ucsb.edu](mailto:events@museum.ucsb.edu)

UCSB is presenting a reception for three new exhibitions at:

**Design & Architecture Museum,  
UCSB 552 University Road,**

**Santa Barbara, CA 93106**

**Sept. 13, 2025 5:00 – 7:00 PM**

UCSB will be featuring three exhibitions:

1. Beyond the Object: Selections from the Permanent Collection
2. Environmental Communications: Big Nang Beat LA
3. Artwork donated from the Correa/Garcia Collection

You are invited to celebrate” the extraordinary gift of a remarkable collection of Mexican prints from local collectors Gil Garcia and Marti Correa de Garcia, the AD&A Museum will be mounting an exhibition this September. Featuring a selection of prints by renowned artists such as Emilio Amero, Leopoldo Méndez, José Clemente Orozco, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and Alfredo Zalce, this forthcoming exhibition will represent a preview of a larger, more comprehensive presentation of

the Garcia-Correa



## Members meet with Teddy Bear Foundation

Members Sebastian Aldana, Mike Hernandez, Gil and Marti Garcia met with Brittany Avila Wazny of the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation of Santa Barbara in their new offices on Dela Vina St., next to SB Cottage Hospital. The meeting was to gather new ideas on how to support the Children with Cancer Program in Puerto Vallarta. They came away with many new ideas and a plan on how best to help the children in the future.



A cozy hangout during trying times.

Tickets are available now for, see contact Info on the flyer!! If you cant't make it to the cruise, donations are welcomed!!

**Santa Barbara/ Puerto Vallarta Sister City Committee**  
*Presents*  
**5th Annual**  
**Cruise For A Cause**

**Saturday Oct. 11th** | **Meet at 3:00PM**  
**3:30-6:00PM** | **301 West Cabrillo**

**\$75**  
**Tickets**

*No-Host Bar (ID Required)*  
*Silent Auction*  
*Complementary Lunch*  
*Raffle Prizes*  
*DJ & Dance Floor*

**CRUISE ALONG THE SANTA BARBARA COAST TO BENEFIT AID TO FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MX**



**Info and Tickets at**  
**805-965-1573**  
[sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com](mailto:sbpvsistercity805@gmail.com)



We still have a few space available.  
After this date, cost may rise due to increase in airfare cost.

**YOU MUST BE A SANTA BARBARA PUERTO VALLARTA MEMBER  
TO TRAVEL WITH US ON THIS TRIP**

**2025 SANTA BARBARA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE VISITATION**

**Dates: December 1 – 11, 2025**

rev. 7/23/25

12/1/25 Airbus to LAX to Guadalajara – 6 nights in Guadalajara  
12/7/25 Guadalajara to Puerto Vallarta - 4 nights in Puerto Vallarta  
12/11/25 Return to LAX, Santa Barbara

Space is limited, to reserve your spot, please send your deposit no later than August 25, 2025.

Please include a copy of your passport with your initial payment.

Hotels are quoted at double occupancy.

Single room options are available. Please contact names listed below for pricing.

*Estimated Cost*

Airbus/ Airfare to Guadalajara / Return to LAX.	\$575
Hotels Guadalajara/Puerto Vallarta	\$935
Activity Fee	\$ 90
Trip Donation	<u>\$200</u>
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$1800.00</b>

<b>August 25, 2025</b>	<b>Payment to cover airfare and Airbus</b>	<b>\$575 per person</b>
<b>Sept. 25, 2025</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> payment due</b>	<b>\$625</b>
<b>Nov. 5, 2025</b>	<b>Final payment due</b>	<b>\$600</b>

To send payment by mail, send a check or credit card info  
(2% fee for credit card)

Include a copy of your passport.

Mail to: SB/PV Sister City

P.O. Box 3718, Santa Barbara, CA. 93130

For more information or questions, contact

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**Please support our Rotary Friends.  
They are our partners in many Puerto Vallarta  
Programs.**



Pat Fallin. RIP 8/5/2025

It is with great sadness that I share the news of the passing of our longtime Sister Cities International representative, Pat Fallin.

Pat was very active in local Sister Cities programs. And she was a great support for many of our groups. She was Chair of the Santa Barbara Sister Cities Advisory Board for many years. Although Pat had relocated to Oklahoma, she remained in close contact and continued to offer her support and guidance whenever needed. Her commitment never wavered, and her presence was felt even from afar. Pat was more than a colleague—she was a valued mentor, a steady source of wisdom, and a trusted friend to many of us.

We have all missed her since her move, and now we mourn her loss with heavy hearts.



Photo Courtesy of Bonnie Carroll  
On the occasion of Santa Barbara /Puerto Vallarta's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at City Hall

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Nancy Doris Alfaro  
Dolores Soto-Castro  
Cristina Soto Garcia  
Eva Lopez  
Henrietta Maitland  
Dulce Soto

**RENEWING MEMBERS**

Carl Lovgren  
Emiliano Campobello

TOTAL 164

**Coming Events:**

**9/14 Mexican Independence Day Celebration**  
Friendship Center

**9/27 UCSB – Dia de Campesino, reception for**  
Correa/Garcia Art by RSVP only

**10/1 Sister Cities International Dinner**  
Direct Relief Int'l – by RSVP only

**10/4 Oktoberfest – Rotary Event –**  
Chase Palm Park

**10/5 LA Greek Fest – Los Angeles**  
Patras Sister City Event

**10/11 Cruise for the Cause – fundraiser**  
Children with Cancer in PV

**11/5 November General Meeting**  
Cesar's Place

**12/21 Posada Holiday Celebration**  
Moose Hall

**Board of Directors 2025**

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Join us! We meet for breakfast on the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. at the beautiful historic Santa Barbara Club, located at 1105 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, California, USA



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