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The Albinger Archaeological Museum, located at 113 Main Street in Ventura, will reopen its doors to the public weekends from June 6 through September 6, on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 4 pm. Admission to the museum is free all summer long.

#### **June 6 & 7 at the Albinger Archaeological Museum, 113 E. Main Street**

To celebrate the reopening, children and their families are encouraged to participate in hands-on activities including weaving, carding and tours guided by costumed staff discussing Mission life.

The 24th annual Children's Celebration of the Arts (CCA) Exhibit will be on display at the Albinger, featuring artwork by students who participated in workshops ranging from Japanese paper-cutting, Sumi brush painting, stained glass and French impressionism to Chinese block printing, Mexican tin art, Native American masks, art under the microscope, Chilean Rain Sticks and sun prints. More than 8,000 students from 20 elementary schools throughout Ventura attended the artist-led Children's Celebration of the Arts workshops.

Named after Ventura Mayor Albert R. Albinger, the museum is built on the home site of saloonkeeper and early Mayor Angel Escondon and displays artifacts spanning 3,500 years of Ventura history encompassing five different cultures (Chumash, Spanish, Mexican, Chinese and circa 1850 U.S.) from a single archeological site next to San Buenaventura Mission.

Displays of stone bowls, a tomol (plank canoe reproduction), shell beads, arrowheads, bone whistles, crucifixes, bottles, buttons and pottery inside the exhibit building are complimented outside by excavations of the foundations of the lost Mission church, Native American barracks, well and the oldest standing structure in Ventura, the mission water filtration building.

#### **June 6 – 21 at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main Street**

The CCA Exhibit will also be on display at the Museum of Ventura County, and is open to the public from June 6 to June 21 during regular museum hours, Tuesdays – Sundays 11am – 5pm. Museum admission prices are \$5/adults, \$3/seniors, \$1/children age 6-17 years, free for children age 5 and younger.

The CCA exhibit sponsors include: the City of Ventura Department of Parks Recreation & Community Partnerships Office of Cultural Affairs, Busy Bee Café, DVP (Downtown Ventura Partners), NOM Tequila Grill, Pizza Man Dan's, Shanghai Beer Garden, Ventiki, Ventura Unified School District, and Watermark on Main.

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