



**CENTRO CULTURAL
BAHÍA MATANCHÉN**
MATANCHEN BAY CULTURAL CENTER

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Mission: To enhance the dignity and quality of life of individuals, families and communities by creating new opportunities and helping them reach their fullest potential through the power of education, knowledge, culture and fellowship.

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To All of the Supporters of the Bahia Matanchen Cultural Center (“CCBM”):

Thanks to your support and efforts, the cultural center and library are now open and thriving. And, most importantly, they are already making a difference in the lives of the people living, working, and vacationing in our beautiful area of Mexico! Your support is much appreciated!

SECTION 1. CURRENT NEWS

1.1 New Librarians: We now have two librarians being paid by the San Blas Municipal Government, **Yoshio** (Morning) and **Juan** (Afternoon) (231-2331; Spanish

Speaking Only). **Marisol** (Head Librarian) is currently taking a leave of absence. The library is scheduled to be open from **8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday**, except for holidays and when the librarians are sick or at required meetings. We have requested a third librarian to cover weekends and scheduled absences by **Yoshio and Juan**. In the meantime, please contact **Leon Pope** (231-2123; info@matanchen.org), if anyone is interested in volunteering to “fill in” when the regular librarians will be absent!!

1.2 New Furniture: The good news is that we now have **four (4) new real library tables, twenty-five (25) new heavy duty library chairs, two great kids’ room tables along with eight (8) chairs, and additional library shelving** The bad news is that the shipping cost for the new furniture was over **\$3,000 pesos!** Any donations to help with this cost would be very much appreciated. PayPal accepted! Just go to our website (matanchen.org), click the **PayPal** button and follow the instructions! Special thanks to **Dr. Ruben Perez Tovar**, the **Nayarit State Director of Libraries** for all his hard work in securing the new furniture for our Library.

1.3 New Local Museum: A new Community Museum with space for additional workshops for the Cultural Center is coming soon! A building (needing remodeling) and a lot have been donated and planning is now under way. Please contact **Leon Pope** (231-2123; museo@aticama.com) if you would like to participate. Stay tuned!

SECTION 2. PROGRAM IN FOCUS!!

Matanchen Bay Scholarship Fund: One of the most successful community outreach efforts in our area is the **Matanchen Bay Scholarship Fund (“MBSF”)**. **Ken Hallenbeck** (231-2215; kenhallenbeck1@gmail.com) is the point person for the fund. Sustaining sponsors include **Kay and Fritz Baker, Bill and Ann Felice Rogers, Pat Cordes, Fred and Fran Olin, Teresa Dunnigan and Sam James, Gabriele Jahn, and Kate and Greg Wacker**. If you would like to help out financially from time to time or sponsor a student at the university in Tepic, please contact **Ken**. For more information, see the webpage for the **MBSF** at (matanchen.org/scholarshipfund.html). **Also, please see the upcoming fundraising information in Section 4.2 below!**

SECTION 3. UPCOMING EVENTS

3.1 “Mostremos Rosamorada” Photographic Exposition: The **Junta Vecinal of Aticama, the Centro Cultural Bahia Matanchen and the Junta Vecinal de Rosamorada**, cordially invite you to attend the inauguration of the photographic exposition entitled **“MOSTREMOS ROSAMORADA”**, created by **NOELIA MONTAÑO**, a recent winner of an award by the **Fund For Culture and Arts for the State of Nayarit**. The inauguration will be held on **Saturday, December 8, 2012** at

11:00 a.m. at the Bahia Matanchen Cultural Center. The Exposition will remain on display for several days after the inauguration. Please join us and support your Cultural Center!

3.2 “Aticama 2012” Chess Tournament: The “Aticama 2012” Chess Tournament, a statewide chess tournament, will be held at the Cultural Center on **Saturday, December 15, 2012** beginning at **8:30 a.m.** There are more than 100 participants signed up for the tournament. Please contact **Leon Pope** at info@matanchen.com to volunteer to help with the event, donate towards the event expenses, or sign up to play in the tournament!

3.3 First Annual Local Color Art Exposition: The **First Annual Local Color Art Exposition** featuring the artwork of our very own local artists will open on **Thursday, December 27, 2012** and run through **Sunday, January 27, 2012**. **Jane Romanishko, Gilles Brandt,** and other volunteers have been working hard to make this exposition a reality. The **date and time of the inauguration** will be announced soon! This is a great opportunity for the **CCBM**. Please contact **Jane** (janerom@shaw.ca) or **Gilles** (gilles@braulthoodesign.com) if you would like to volunteer to work on this project or help with the funding. More details to follow!

3.4 2nd Annual Matanchen Bay Arts Festival: The **2nd Annual Matanchen Bay Arts Festival** featuring the artwork of our very own **James Vitale**, will open on **Friday, March 15, 2012** and run through **Saturday, April 13, 2012**. Jim is fresh off of his most recent successful art show at our state capital of Tepic last Spring. There are plans to have numerous original works of art including paintings and sculptures on display at the **CCBM**. This is a great opportunity for the **CCBM** to generate a lot of publicity around the state and country for our cultural center by having an art exposition of this quality. Please contact **Leon Pope** (231-2123; info@matanchen.org) if you would like to volunteer to work on this project or help with the funding. More details to follow!

SECTION 4. CONTINUING AND RECURRING EVENTS

4.1 Sunday Market: The Sunday Market is being held every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **(The Sunday, December 9th Market will also include a special Tianguis with all proceeds going to the support of the Scholarship Fund of the Cultural Center. See below).** Please join your friends each Sunday to sample great food and shop for local crafts, flowers, vegetables, and plants. We are also looking for local vendors who wish to sale their products and crafts. Please encourage your local friends and employees to contact **Trilby Dickson** (231-2257; trilby_dave@yahoo.com) or **Victoria Stewart** (231-2129; doniavictoria@gmail.com) to sign up as a vendor.

4.2 Fundraising: We have our next fundraiser scheduled for **Sunday, December 9th** at the Centro Cultural in the form of a **Tianguis** or garage sale for the benefit of the **Matanchen Bay Scholarship Fund!** The coordinator for the event is **Teresa Dunnigan (teresa.dunnigan@yahoo.ca)**. Please clean out your store rooms, garages, etc. to see if there are items that you would be willing to part with for the sale. Items can be **dropped off** at the Cultural Center this **Saturday afternoon (December 8, 2012)** prior to the event on Sunday, December 9, 2012. **100% of all proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund of the Cultural Center!**

SECTION 5. CONTINUING CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

5.1 Friday Afternoon Story Time: Our good friend and all around great person, **Dr. Rosa Lee Patron**, is looking for a bilingual person to help her with the **Friday Afternoon Story Time** at **4:00 p.m.** each week starting in January. The classes are open to children from the ages of 4 - 7 and a signup sheet will be available at the library. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to take their children to this class when it begins again in January. Contact **Rosa Patron (254 - 9314; roseleep@earthlink.net)** if you would like to assist or otherwise participate in this great program.

5.2 Language Classes: **Teresa Dunnigan**, coordinator of language classes for the **CCBM**, and her team of instructors have all been working tirelessly and doing fantastic jobs with the language classes at **CCBM**.

5.2.1 English:

English Classes are currently held Mondays. We have both adult and children's classes with students of all language levels. Please contact **Teresa (teresa.dunnigan@yahoo.ca)** if you are interested in teaching or assisting in the teaching of an English class or have any general questions. We need experienced teachers!

5.2.2 French:

Ana, in addition to her many other talents such as website and graphic design, has given **French classes** on Sunday afternoons at **CCBM**. Her class is for all levels, including adults! Please contact **Ana (anne@braultdesign.com)** for more information. Don't be shy! It will be a lot of fun and you might even learn some French!

5.2.3 Spanish:

We have had many requests for Spanish classes at the **CCBM**. Please notify **Teresa** if you know of someone (maybe a local teacher?) who is interested in teaching a class. Also, please give feedback to **Teresa** as to the days and times that would work for classes.

5.3 Art Classes: Sunday Afternoon Art Classes are scheduled to begin again in January on a weekly basis at 4:00 p.m. **Jane Romanishko** and **Gilles Brault** are the instructors and have a very successful program. Please contact **Jane** (janerom@shaw.ca) or **Gilles** (gilles@braultdesign.com) for more information or to make specific donations of art supplies or other financial assistance. The instructors are providing all of the material at no cost to the participants!

5.4 Special Classes and Workshops: Any ideas for special classes or workshops are appreciated. Please contact **Leon Pope** (231-2123; info@matanchen.org) with any of your ideas!

SECTION 6. RECENTLY COMPLETED EVENTS

6.1 Annual Halloween Children's Party: The **Annual Children's Halloween Party** was held **Wednesday, October 31, 2012** at **Leon and Jorge's** house. Thanks to **Kate Wacker, Lesley Poulsen, and Rosa Patron** for helping with the decorations (and their great costumes as well!); to **Chuck Poulsen, Greg Wacker, and Jorge Gonzalez** with helping provide the food; and to **Ken Hallenbeck, Barb McKay, Gabriele Jahn, Meche Rodriguez,** and the other volunteers for dishing out the food! The party was a great success with over **300** kids from **Aticama, La Palma, Santa Cruz, and Los Cocos**. Watch for the pictures coming to our website very soon! (See if you recognize the witch!)

6.2 Dia de los Muertos: Altars celebrating the **Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos)** were displayed in the patio area of the Cultural Center on **November 1, 2012** and **November 2, 2012**. The judging of the altars and awarding of the cash prizes for first and second places was held at **6:00 p.m.** on **Friday, November 2, 2012**. The high school in **Aticama** won first place and the high school from **La Palma** won second place. Numerous pictures of the beautiful and elaborate altars will be coming to our website soon! Thanks to all who participated and helped with the decorations and planning.

6.3 Installation of Junta Vecinal de Aticama: An event celebrating the installation of the new **Junta Vecinal de Aticama** was held on **Saturday, November 11, 2012**. A very informative lecture about the history of our area over the last 3,000 years was given by a representative of the **Institution for the Archeology and History of Mexico (INAH)**. This is the organization that will help plan and develop the new **Community Museum** in Aticama. The statewide director for **INAH** also attended as well as representatives from various *juntas vecinales* across the state (including our very own **Dr. Rose Lee Patron**). Thanks for all who attended and participated! Special thanks to **Noe Sanabia Castellanos, Nayarit State Coordinator for Community Museums,** for all of his hard work to secure the recognition of the **Junta Vecinal de Aticama** and on the new **Community Museum**.

SECTION 7. GENERAL MATTERS

7.1 Library Cards:

Please sign up for your library cards! We will have someone issuing cards at our **Sunday Market on Sunday, December 16, 2012**, There is no cost for the card! The more library memberships we have, the better our numbers look! Donations always accepted! Please bring **two (2)** passport size photos or simply make **two (2)** copies of another identification card that has your photograph (such as a passport or immigration card) and we will cut the copies to size!

7.2 English Library Section:

The English Library Section is growing exponentially! We just added new shelving with 500 more books. Check it out at our next **Sunday Market (December 9, 2012)**. Some books will need to be checked out and returned, but the vast majority are part of the book exchange program (**bring in 2 books and exchange for 1 new book or purchase 1 book for 10 pesos**). Don't forget to sign up for your card! Its free! A library card will be necessary to check out books!

7.3 Fundraising:

We need your financial support! The success of our Cultural Center and Library is entirely dependent upon the largesse of our supporters. Without your financial support, we cannot execute our mission. Please contact **Leon Pope** for any cash donations (231-2123; info@matanchen.org) or go to our wesite (matanchen.org) and click on the PayPal button to donate through PayPal.

7.4 Volunteers:

We need volunteers! We need volunteers like you to help with painting, events, fundraising, website copy, Spanish translations, and in many other areas. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact **Leon Pope** (231-2123; info@matanchen.org).

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!!!