

Foundation to Produce “Carnevale Ventura” *Italian Renaissance Celebration in Ventura, February 2013*

To many of us, the idea of utilizing the Historical Figures® to build cultural tourism in Ventura has been a dream that is now becoming a reality. With the enthusiastic support of community and business leaders in the city and county, we are now moving forward on this ambitious cultural project.

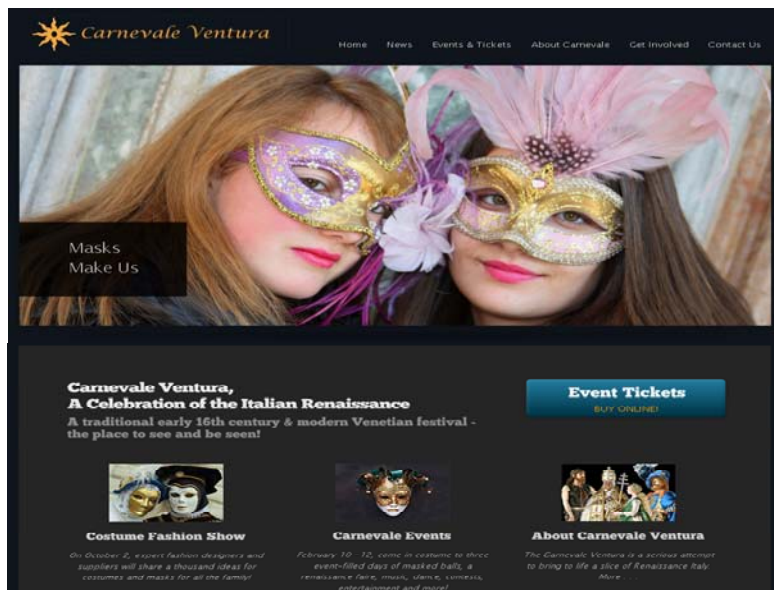
In February 2013, the Foundation will present the **Carnevale Ventura**, a weekend of exciting events taken from 16th century Italian festivals with a touch of modern Venetian costuming. Everyone is encouraged to join in the celebration with an appropriate costume and mask. Visit www.carnevaleventura.org.

Period Fashion Show in October, 2012 will lead off Carnevale when premiere costume designers share information on how to make, acquire and wear Renaissance attire.

Italian Renaissance Faire will be created in Mission Park by Ventura resident producer Angel Jones. More than a hundred vendors and period entertainers are expected.

Grand Doge Ball in the MVC Pavilion will highlight a series of entertaining performances, including Renaissance dancers, musicians, acrobats, jugglers and more.

Costume & Mask Contests for all ages will be held during the three-day weekend. Over the next year, there will be classes available in mask and costume making, and more.



New Carnevale Ventura website at www.carnevaleventura.org.

Renaissance and Reformation Historical Figures will be on exhibit in the Smith Gallery and feature the Borgia family, who bribed their way to the papacy in 1493.

Special Monolog by Mr. Stuart will describe the turbulent times of Italy during the early 16th century.

Annual HFF Meeting and Membership Renewal



HFF Membership Earns Free Tickets to Carnevale Ventura Events!

Join up or renew you membership and receive the *Figuratively Speaking* Newsletter plus —

- Angel, \$1,000 Donation
4 Fashion Show VIP tickets, 4 Grand Ball tickets
- Patron, \$500 Donation
2 Fashion Show VIP tickets, 2 Grand Ball tickets
- Full Member, \$250 Donation
1 Fashion Show VIP ticket, 1 Grand Ball ticket
- Associate Member, \$50 Donation
2 Fashion Show General Admission tickets

Saturday Lunch at Tutti's!

Our Italian Renaissance activities makes Tutti's in Ventura a great location for our annual meeting on November 12 at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program \$35, RSVP card enclosed.

- *Reports on recent Foundation activities.*
- *Carnevale Ventura plans review*
- *Surprise appearance of a very special person*
- *Prizes and drawings too!*

Join or Renew Now!

It's that time again to renew your HFF membership and thereby support our activities, including the exciting and ambitious Carnevale Ventura.

Good news! Membership will earn you big discounts at Carnevale events and you will continue to receive this newsletter. Just complete the enclosed card and return with your check in the envelope provided.



Queen Charlotte Sophia Makeover Replaces Hair and Coronation Skirt

When faced with new facts, George Stuart will change his mind—and any Historical Figure.

Soon after creating George III's new wife, he found that Charlotte's hair color was wrong. He also knew the pattern on her skirt should more closely match Allan Ramsay's contemporaneous painting.

Stuart carefully copied the design and LU Zhengliang's Art Suzhou Studio embroidered the complicated brocade.

Sharp-eyed readers may notice the robe colors of the portrait and Figure are different. According to Mr. Stuart, royal robes were painted blue in many Georgian portraits, yet surviving robes are red. Authorities in England are also uncertain.

< Ramsey painting

Stuart Historical Figure >



Many Norse Figures Debut on the Foundation Website

The "Figures of Germanic Myth and Legend" are finally beginning to appear on the Foundation's premiere website at www.galleryhistoricalfigures.com.

A second batch of Norseman is still undergoing a comprehensive restoration process.

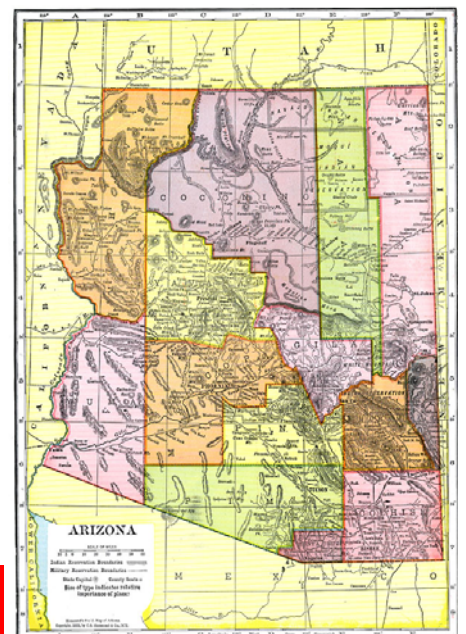
Meanwhile, the gods are starring in the DVD *The Nordic Gods, Our Origins?* available on the Foundation website.



Historical Figures to Illustrate Arizona History in Statehood Centennial Celebration

The Mini Time Machine is an elegant, new boutique Museum for historical miniatures. (See FSN No. 19.) The staff had wanted to exhibit George Stuart's Historical Figures, and the Arizona centennial became the perfect reason. With encouragement and support of HFF Director Pat Bergen, an exhibit of fourteen Figures is scheduled to open in Tucson on January 31 and run through April 14, 2012.

What do Historical Figures and Arizona have in common? Lots, it turns out. We all share common "roots" with many of the Movement West Figures, going back to Spain and later to Mexico. That is why the exhibit will include 14 Figures spanning 400 years from Queen Isabella, King Ferdinand and Christopher Columbus to the conquest and colonization of Mexico and the American Southwest. Other Figures: Moctezuma, Pope Alexander VI, Hernán Cortés, Malinche, Leopard Warrior, Jedediah Smith, Kit Carson, Abraham Lincoln, John & Jessie Fremont—each with their own story of Arizona. Of course, the Figure of the popular Father Eusebio Kino will lead the entourage!



1911 Arizona map

HELP! The Foundation needs the use of a van or larger SUV to shuttle Figures to Tucson in January and back in April. Any ideas? Please call Leroy Becker at (805) 641-3100.