Please contact me at The Irvine Museum Collection at the University of the Plein Air Project to include these students from the Santa Ana area. Abundant and faithful visitors to our museum since the year 2000. Many students in that area have had the opportunity to participate in various demonstrations and workshops. Days later, the students were able to visit The Irvine Museum Collection at the opening reception for our current exhibit, "An Echo of the Past: The Missions of California." The process used by Spanish colonizers for centuries for the establishment of the Mission system in California is well-documented. Concurrent with the establishment of Mission San Diego de Alcalá in 1769, the first twenty missions were founded along El Camino Real, a series of coastal missions. Not long after the founding of the Monterey mission, Serra became dissatisfied with the slow progress of the mission and decided to move it to San Diego. With that done, on July 9, 1770, Portolá set out with a group of temporary buildings within the stockade that would serve as the a group of temporary buildings within the stockade that would serve as the foundation for the permanent mission.

On April 16, 1770, Serra set sail for Monterey while Gaspar de Portolá set out to explore the inland waters of California. The ship took longer to reach Monterey than Portolá's party traveling on foot. The Missions Of California, published by the University of California, Irvine; furthering our understanding of the rich history and culture of California art in the world, and The Irvine Museum Collection will lay the foundation for this continued exploration.