

## Carmen Guerrero

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**To:** Xavier Montes  
**Subject:** Thank you all for an AWESOME 16th De Colores Art Show & Festival

**The 16<sup>th</sup> De Colores Art Show held on Sunday, April 5 was a great success.** We are very grateful to our sponsors: City of Ventura, Artists Union Gallery, Time Warner, Crowne Plaza Hotel, VC Reporter, Ventura County Star, Working Law Group, Amigo Party Rental, Juan Ramirez Video; Albatros Sound Studio, Bruce Mealey, owner; Sada Bolaños, Children's Beading Booth; *Cumulus Broadcasting*: 1450 the Boomer, 103.3 The Vibe, 100.7 KHAY, B-95.1; and *LAZER Broadcasting*: Radio LAZER 102.9, La Mejor 96.7; KOXR La Mexicana. Special thanks to the volunteers, exhibiting artists, vendors, and the community for supporting this cultural event. Please enjoy some photos below. More photos will be uploaded to Xavier's [MySpace page](#) and Carmen's [Facebook page](#). If you didn't make it, you missed a fantastic Festival as the photos show. But you can still come and visit the art exhibit that will continue until May 3. Please visit [www.venturaartistsunion.org](http://www.venturaartistsunion.org) or call (805) 805-643-3012 for information on Gallery hours.



*Mil GRACIAS* Dr. Roberto Vargas for being our Master of Ceremonies.

Your emphasis on education is the message we want to send to parents and youth. Many of our exhibiting artists and performers have bachelor's degrees or higher and showcasing them in a cultural event is a natural. Thank you Roberto, *con todo corazon (from the bottom of our hearts)*!



Setting up our "booth". Wind was so strong vendors could not put up our canopies.



Mexica Cuauhtemóc getting ready for the blessing



Look at the headdress – the wind was **BLOWING!**



After the blessing to the four winds, the winds calmed down. The rest of the day was gorgeous!



We are deeply indebted to Juan Ramirez who donated his time to video the Festival!



The beach and the palm trees – we thought, “We’re in Veracruz.”



Grupo De Colores with L-R Albert Rodriguez, Delia Gonzalez and Xavier Montes



Thanks to Eric Wallner and Michelle Godoy of City of Ventura, Community Services/Cultural Affairs



MEXIKA: Ancient Sounds of Mexico



Poet, Luzmaria Espinoza being introduced by MC, Dr. Vargas



Our thanks to Sada Bolaños who invited children (at no charge) to a beading project at her booth.



Carmencristina Moreno



Conjunto Xi



Thank you to Terry Glass of Artists Union Gallery,  
With Gerald Zwiers and Xavier



Great view from the Café at the Crowne Plaza



Xavier and Dr. Vargas discussing the  
next performers



Crowds of people came to enjoy the art exhibit  
and the wonderful performers at the  
16<sup>th</sup> De Colores Art Show & Festival



Conjunto Hueyapan de la Familia Herrera  
We are grateful for the continued support from these  
Internationally renowned *jarocho* musicians.



Great shot of harpists (L) Xocoyotsin Herrera and (R)  
Fermin Herrera with Ballet Folklorico Mestizo de  
Oxnard College performing a *jarocho* regional dance.



Luzma and Carmen in Xavier's booth



Exhibiting artist, Rick Ortega in his booth.



Ballet Folklorico Mestizo de Oxnard College with director Mati Sanchez kneeling on the right.



Connie Tushla from Santa Paula with Xavier



Another shot of crowd enjoying the performances



Crowne Plaza Hotel guests enjoying the Festival



Mariachi Aguilas de Mexico



Daniela Flores Palomino



Another crowd shot



Folklorico kicking up their heels and "wowing" the crowd.



Ballet Folklorico Mestizo de Oxnard College are a group of talented dancers. The crowd loved them.



Aerial shot of the Folklorico and crowd.  
Thanks to Angelica Ramos-Navarro for this photo.



Crowd asked for a Mariachi encore, then filled the dance floor. Can't miss Xavier in this crowd! Again, thank you Angelica for sharing this photo.

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