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Mission San Luis thanks community with 'Share the Love' event

Mission San Luis says thanks with 'Share the Love'

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DeeAnn Hanlon smiled to herself as she watched her girls try out an interpretation of a Timucua Wedding Dance at Mission San Luis, always a half step behind dance instructor Idy Codington.

It was Hanlon's first time to Mission San Luis with her family since moving to Tallahassee in October. She and other parents agreed they were content to sit on the sidelines with fresh cups of hot chocolate while their kids danced.

Halon added if Mission San Luis is always as willing to share the love like it was on Sunday, she and her family could find plenty of reasons to come back.

"We have friends who volunteer here and dress up," she said, noting the dance was Halon's first stop of the day. "We figured we should come by here and check it out. We're doing a wedding dance and the hot chocolate is great so I'm feeling the love."

Halon and her daughters were among an estimated 300 people to come through Mission San Luis in celebration of the 1,000th Facebook "like" of the museum. Outreach Coordinator Eric R. Lopez said the museum is making a social media push and the community response has so far been quite receptive.



Idy Codington leads visitors in an Indian wedding dance. 'Share the Love' took place at Mission San Luis on Sunday. / Mike Ewen/Democrat

The “Share the Love” event was designed to be a thank-you to the community for its continued support. The event was the first of its kind, and Lopez said it’s no coincidence it preceded Valentine’s Day.

“We thought it would be the perfect time of year to show our love for the community and share our love,” he said.

People who attended the event were able to make Valentine’s Day cards for senior citizens, learn dances, practice archery and help raise funds for the Foundation for Leon County Schools. There was also an open laptop for people to log in to Facebook and “like” the museum’s page.

By 2:30 p.m. Sunday, the page had 1,075 “likes.”

Patricia Roberson, a three-year volunteer with Mission San Luis, said support for the historic site makes it easier for her to come out and volunteer. The museum offers day camps, tours, workshops and craft classes, among other things.

“This is a lot of fun,” Roberson added. “It’s just a pleasure for my family to come out and volunteer. It doesn’t feel like work on a day like this.”