

Señora del Rocío pilgrimage



The presentation

Photo: City hall

By Barry Wright

THE NUESTRA Señora del Rocío romería (pilgrimage) in Elche gets underway today (Friday) and continues throughout the weekend.

The pilgrimage leaves for Elche reservoir from the Sagrado Corazón de Jesús parish church at 16.30 today. People who intend to spend the night at the reservoir can use the services of a coach which departs at 15.00.

To finish the day at the reservoir, the pilgrims will give a rendition of the Salve Rociera hymn at 24.00.

At the reservoir at 06.00 tomorrow morning, there is a Rosario de Aurora (dawn rosary) and a horse show, and at

20.00 the Gramaseca choir will perform a sung Mass in honour of Nuestra Señora del Rocío. Following this, at 22.30 the group Suspiros de arte will give a concert of live music.

At around 01.00 on Sunday morning the traditional 'jumping the fence' religious observance takes place, where pilgrims do their best to reach the effigy of the Señora del Rocío by climbing over the fence surrounding it.

During Sunday night there will be a bar service at the reservoir.

At 17.00 on Sunday the pilgrimage begins its return journey and will enter the parish church at around 22.00.

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Amata market changes



Visitors at a previous craft fair

Photo: Amata

THE SUNDAY morning Amata art and craft fair in Jávea port comes to an end on June 25.

Daily, from 19.30 onwards, starting on June 30 and running until the end of August, Amata is hosting a summer fair

Both events take place at the small plaza on the seaside boulevard at the end of Avenida Jaime I.

The fair is currently attracting

more and more artisans and public, and is recognised for the variety of authentic arts and crafts on offer.

Amata guarantees that only true artisans participate - people who only sell their own work and are happy to carry out special commissions, should you do not find what you are looking for.

Further information is available online through the Facebook page www.facebook.com/feriaartesanijavea



Detail from Silencios 1 (silences 1)

Photo: provided by IB gallery

'Red fog' in Jávea

THE IB Isabel Bilbao art gallery in Jávea is hosting a new exhibition of works by M J Bagazoitia entitled Niebla Roja (red fog).

Recalling the title which Mariajosé Bagazgoitia gave to one of her canvases from 2007, the gallery notes: "Las cosas invisibles' (invisible things), the fog that always seems to cover her work, sometimes dense, reveals however a deep and rich world, full of energy, in which the shapes hide characters and the characters embody souls."

The gallery goes on to suggest that her 'evocated titles, to which we are accustomed, reappear in Niebla Roja', with offerings called 'silences', 'blue sometimes', 'Javi', 'brief space', 'for no apparent reason', 'the blue background

of memory', 'things happen' and 'November', adding that 'within the intimate observations in all these works, looking at them openly serves as a reflection on the land where we set foot, full of life, expanded nature and a channel towards the eternal, stripped of tribulations or not, where the being shines'.

Niebla Roja is open Monday to Saturday from 10.30-13.30 and in the afternoon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 17.00-20.00, until June 28.

IB Isabel Bilbao art gallery is situated at Avenida Ausiàs March, 11,

For further information email ib.galeria@isabelbilbao.com or visit the Facebook page at Isabel Bilbao - Galería De Arte.

Tours of Guardamar's history in English



The fascinating Ingeniero Mira house museum

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GUARDAMAR town hall is offering guided tours highlighting the town's history, through visits to important natural and cultural sites within the municipality.

The activity is in English and called 'Memories of Sand'. It takes place every Friday in June and leaves from the entrance to Guardamar castle at 11.00.

Covering a total of 2.5 kilometres and lasting around two and a half

hours, the tours will visit the castle, the Ingeniero Mira house museum, Alfonso XIII park and the Phoenician Fonteta and Moorish ribat archaeological sites.

General tickets for the tour are €5 or €4 for people aged eight to 18 and retirees. The activity is free for children aged seven and under, and people with disabilities.

Tickets are available online from www.agendaguardamar.com