

The Early Days in Las Vegas

by Tracy Crump

The idea for the painting came to me as I was reading the Chipboard. I thought to myself, these people have been very good to me, what can I do to return their kindness. Then the thought of a painting came to mind. I have seen many posts of fundraisers for the club, so I thought this would be a unique idea. I talked to noted artist Carlos Cartagena and he liked the idea and it took off from there. After I spoke to Gene Trimble and Wayne Thompson everything just fell into place.

When the painting was being created I told Carlos that we are dealing with people that collect chips and love anything casino related so the painting needed to have a casino related theme.

I sent him some pictures of some older casinos and he put it together. That's the one thing wonderful about Carlos. Don't tell him what to paint. Just give him an idea and let him run with it. It turns out better that way.



The sale, for the benefit of the Museum of Gaming History (MOGH), was held during the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club's 16th Annual Convention's opening banquet. George Maloof, owner of the Palms Casino Resort, had the winning bid of \$3,500.

Upon winning the painting Mr. Maloof donated it back to the Museum to be placed on display. The CC>CC presented Mr. Maloof with a framed, signed and numbered print (1/1000) of the "The Early Days in Las Vegas".



Carlos Cartagena and Tracy Crump holding the painting at the banquet

A limited number of prints and chips were made which Carlos signed at the banquet and at the convention. Americas Printer, based out of California, printed the posters at a substantial savings to the club and David Spragg took on the impossible task of having chips made at the last minute. Tiny Treasurers donated the frame for the original painting.

22" x 17" high quality prints are available at modest prices (+ mailing tube and/or shipping if required) along with two different framing options for the prints. Chips depicting the painting are also available. For purchase information visit:
<http://buildingfund.marlowcasinochips.com/carlos.htm>

The net proceeds from all print and chip sales go to the Museum Fund.



Carlos signing chips at the banquet with David Spragg



Carlos with his girlfriend Judith Jurasek



Carlos with Allan Anderson

