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DE LA CASA HUBBELL-GUTIERREZ

EXCITING TIME FOR HHA

The Hubbell Gutierrez house is entering a very exciting phase. Bernalillo County is in the process of awarding a contract for the rehabilitation of the house and we expect the construction to be completed early next year. There is much to do in preparation. We really need everyone's help, as committee members or on our Hands-on Days.

The home was built for the newlyweds Julianita Gutierrez and James (Santiago) Hubbell in the mid 1800's on the Pajarito land grant, owned by the Gutierrez family. (The exact date is in dispute.) Julianita was the



From Left to Right: James Jr., Ana Maria Gutierrez, young boy Romancito , oldee boy Roman Gutierrez, J. Lorenzo H. (later of Ganado), Barbara Chavez Gutierrez, middle boy J. Felipe, Juan Nepomuceno Gutierrez, small boy Frank A., Julianita Gutierrez, baby Thomas, Charles in rear, Santiago, and Louise Hubbell. Circa 1867

granddaughter of Don Francisco Xavier Chavez, the first governor of New Mexico under the Republic of Mexico. Santiago Hubbell, from Connecticut, was a trader on the Santa Fe Trail and the Gutierrez family had long been trading on the Camino Real. In 1868 the Santa Fe New Mexican wrote, "Captain Santiago Hubbell has finished there one of the largest most convenient and comfortable homes for a residence that we know of in New Mexico"

They had 12 children while living in the house including J. Lorenzo Hubbell. Lorenzo became a famous trader to the Navajo and

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The new year is off to an excellent start for the Hubbell-Gutierrez house and property! The Hubbell House Alliance Board of Directors has a full complement of dedicated members. The new members are as strongly committed to success as the standing board. It is a great and enthusiastic team. While the house is under rehabilitation this year the Board has turned it's

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COMMITTEES NEED YOU

There are many ways for you to help with the completion of the Hubbell-Gutierrez House and its success as a cultural and educational asset to the South Valley and New Mexico.

Participating in the committees is the first level to really learn about the future use of the property and to insure the success of the plan.

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HHA'S NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Julie Seligman

Julia Seligman was born in New York, but moved to New Mexico more than 62 years ago. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a graduate degree from Columbia University. She has taught school at the elementary, high school and college level. Julia worked doing public relations for RKO and was a script supervisor in Hollywood. She was a secretary at the American Consulate in Mexico and worked for Nelson Rockefeller at the Office of Inter-American Affairs. As if this was not amazing enough, she also worked for Senator Denis Chavez. More recently she was the manager and buyer for the gift shop at the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History for 19 years.

Julia was married to Milton Seligman who was a member of a pioneering family and she has four daughters. (One is to be married this fall.) She has been involved in running the family Indian trader business.

Julia also volunteers on a number of boards; Casa Angelica Foundation, All Faiths Receiving Home, Wheels Museum, Salvation Army, Jewish Community Center, and the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History. She currently serves on the Judicial Performance Evaluations Committee.

John R. Baca

John is a life long resident of the South Valley, (born in Jarales, NM). He grew up in Pajarito on Sunshine Rd. and later built a home on Pajarito Road.

His parents were Frank and Juanita Baca, residents of Pajarito and members of Pajarito and Ascension Church since the early 50's. He is married to Victoria Baca and they are the parents of three children; Daniela, Alicia and Juan, and the proud grandparents of 3 1/2 years old Hailey. (All residing in Pajarito.) John has a High School Degree from Rio Grande High School (having attended Pajarito Elementary, Ernie Pyle and Harrison Junior High Schools), a Bachelor's Degree, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration with a Certificate in Gerontology from the University of New Mexico. He served in the New Mexico Army National Guard. He has been involved with the Family Health Centers, Bernalillo County Housing Board, Pajarito Meadows Neighborhood Association, Pajarito Village Neighborhood Association, Pi Alpha Alpha (Public Administration Honorary Society), Meals on Wheels Association of America, and the Piñon Ridge Water User's Association.

John has worked as a Job Developer/Field Representative for Operation SER and Project MOVE; Director of the NRTA-AARP Senior Employment Program; and is currently the Division Manager for the City of Albuquerque's Department of Senior Affairs, Nutrition and Transportation Division.

John has this to say about his election to the Hubbell House Alliance, "My vision for Pajarito includes maintaining and enhancing the rural and traditional nature of the community; working to reduce crime and traffic accidents; improving the environment and infrastructures including sewer and water systems and; enhancing walking, biking and horse riding paths by improving and maintaining our acequia systems. I am on the Hubbell House Alliance Board because I believe the Hubbell House is a treasure that needs to be protected. The Hubbell House can, I believe, serve to preserve and demonstrate the culture and traditions of the Pajarito area for our children and to the larger community."

The Hubbell House with the store and post office. Only the house exists today. (The part pictured with the rail in front.) Circa 1900



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attention and energy to the other things that need to be done. The Board reviewed and updated the strategic plan. The committees have been realigned in concurrence with the strategic plan. The volunteer days are set for the year on the third Saturday of every month starting at 9 am at the property. Four will be for the nature trail development and four dedicated to agriculture. We begin March 18 with a day in the heritage orchard setting up a drip irrigation, pruning and cleaning out the small ditch.

We hope to see you on March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, and October 21!

There are also a number of committees that could use your help. Each operating committee has it's own set of objectives for the year. The main work of the organization is, of course, done by the committees and on the volunteer days.

Membership in a committee is open to all members of the Alliance and the community. You may contact the chair of each to work directly with each group! We welcome your participation

Remember to vote in the Bernalillo County Mill Levy Election which helps pay for Open Spaces like the Hubbell-Gutierrez House.

“MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES.”

The summer of 2005 was a very busy and productive time for the Hubbell House Alliance Agricultural Committee and Mother Nature lent a helping hand. Corn, tomatoes, melons, oats, and alfalfa were all planted in the fields of the Hubbell-Gutierrez House. With plenty of rain the yield was terrific. Many HHA members who assisted in the harvest were able to take some of the bounty home. Some of the produce was harvested by the wild animals living on the property as prescribed by the county contract HHA was awarded. A family of raccoons had an especially good season.

During the Hands-on Days of last year we planted the heritage orchard with 27 apple trees, two black walnut trees, and a variety of other fruit trees. The trees are from an orchard in Truchas, NM. We also constructed a grape vineyard and planted a number of different grape varieties, including some that have been growing on the Hubbell property for a number of years.

Special thanks to Juan Carrillo and Jessie Baca for doing the bulk of the work. Perhaps you saw the stacks of hay and the “For Sale” sign. The last bales of hay were sold in February and produced a hefty profit. Our very first cash crop! Wow.

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his home is now a National Historic Site. After the death of Santiago Hubbell (1885) and Julianita (1899) the house was given to J. Felipe Hubbell and then passed to his wife, May Kelly Hubbell. A 1927 appraisal recorded more that 130 acres of land with a 16-room adobe house with a store and garage, a smaller three-room house,(built by James M. Hubbell) 20 acres of orchard, 59 acres of alfalfa and 42 acres of pasture.

Upon May's death the house passed to four of her children, Philip, May, Louise, and Harold. May lived in the house until 1974 and it was then occupied by Louise and her husband Clifford Erdal. When Louise died the home was sold outside the family. Thanks to the hard work of the Committee to Preserve the Hubbell Property the home was purchase by Berna-

lillo County using open space funds.

The Hubbell House Alliance entered into a partnership agreement with Bernalillo County to organize volunteers, to assist with community outreach, and solicit grant money. The house was recognized by “Restore America: A Salute to Preservation”, a partnership of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the History Channel's Save America's Treasures, and Home and Garden Television. A special documentary was filmed and aired on HGTV.

Hands-on Day Calendar

Third Saturday of the month

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 21

RECOGNITION PAGE

HHA appreciates these companies for their continuing In-Kind support that makes the operation of our events and programs a success.

- Abuelita's Restaurant
- Access Innovations, Inc.
- Unisource

Partnership Organizations

- Cornerstones
- Bernalillo County Parks & Recreation

Individuals:

- Chip Burlund
- Clay Campbell

Media

- S. Valley Ink
- West Side Journal

Major Contributors

- Sponsors
- Ann and Harvey Hubbell IV
- Allies

Special Thanks

The Docent/Education Committee lost an important participant in Nancy Christine who generously opened her home for the committee meetings. She is moving out of town. Jim Sais and Juan Carrillo, recently left the HHA Board. They were dedicated workers and true assets to HHA. Jim has expressed he is available to give education talks and training. Juan will remain active, especially in farming.

To join the Hubbell House Alliance clip this form and mail it to: 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105 . Make checks payable to HHA.

Membership Form – Pass it on!

Yes, I you would like to help by becoming a member of the Hubbell House Alliance.

Members receive the HHA Newsletter and a Free VIP tour of the Hubbell House and Property.

Name _____

Company or Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____ Merbership Level _____

Membership Levels*

Individual	\$15	Sponsor	\$100 – \$500	Patron	\$2501 – \$10,000
Family	\$25	Ally	\$501 – \$1000	Lifetime	Above \$10,000
Business	\$50	Benefactor	\$1001 – \$2500		

*All Contributions are Tax Deductible

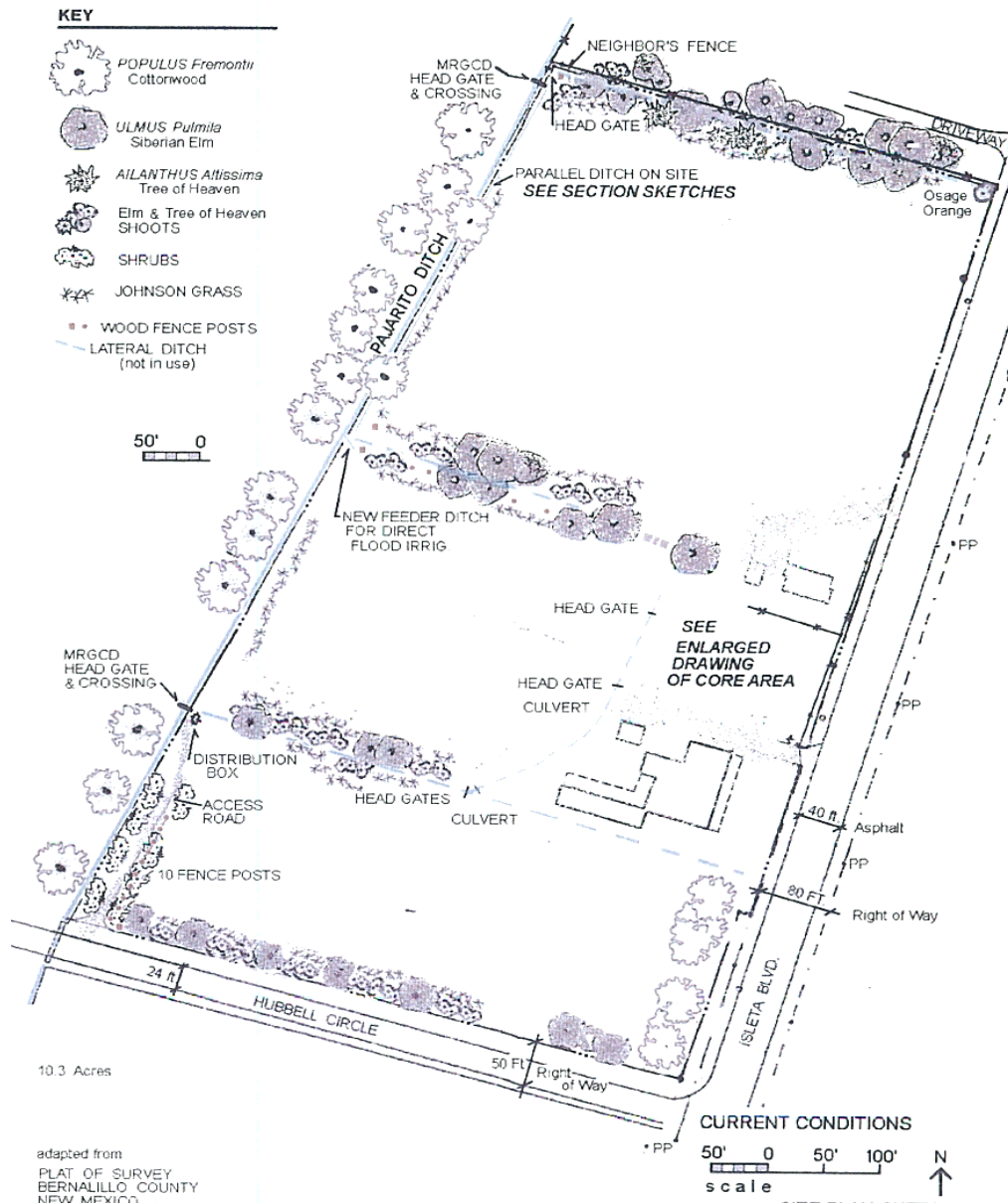
NATURE TRAIL HANDS-ON DAY

The Hubbell House Alliance and Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation would like to invite you to attend our Nature Trail Development Workshops, starting on our second Hands-on Day, April 15 at 9:00am to 3:30pm. Learn how to create a trail without being invasive to the natural terascape and wildlife habitat. This year we plan to further the trail through the north end of the property and the south end. We will work alongside the Audubon Society, who will build bird thickets to help protect the safety of migratory birds along the Bosque.

It is our hope to install bat houses along the property. Bats are a friend to the Bosque and were once more numerous! They did much to control rodents and unwanted insects and insure a healthy eco system. And speaking of insects, in 2007 we plan to attract some local beekeepers to the property and produce honey. We have our eye set on an area of the property that will become a natural pond populated by friendly frogs, another important creature for maintaining a healthy environment, just about anywhere!

Come and make a difference and learn how to be a good steward of the Bosque. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference and be a part of an historical project that will benefit our community and its residents. This year we plan to hold 5 – 6 Nature trail Hands-On Workshop Days...The workshops will

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Committees (Continued from page 1)

Without committee participation the HHA cannot perform as intended.

Every committee has set objectives and strategies to achieve the overall goals of HHA.

The only thing missing is you.

Those who volunteer will see their contribution rewarded by knowing that what they have helped with is important and needs doing.

From the crops in the fields to the flourishing wildlife, from a community resource to a living museum, there are opportunities for every type of person to contribute.

If not for your interest in adobe work, then a desire to learn new things, there is a place for you to become involved.

We need your expertise, your strong back or even just you wanting to learn more.

The Hubbell House Alliance can be reached at 244-0507.

Board Officers and individual Board Liaisons to the committees can be contacted at:

Board Officers

Chairperson

Margie Hlava 975-5578

Vice-Chairperson

Carol Chapman 897-0337

Treasurer

Lorenzo Hubbell 710-2703

Secretary Steve Lane 256-9500

Committee Liaisons

Agriculture & Farming

John R. Baca 873-1186

Joran Veirs 220-0903

Membership

Steve Lane 256-9500

Committee Liaisons (Continued)

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Frances Ray 321-2299

Museum & Collections

Lawrence Lane 232-8667

Irene Kersting 450-4443

Docents/Education

Marion Isidoro 877-4440

Public Relations

Carol Chapman 897-0337

Irene Kersting 877-1653

Nature Trail

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Joran Veirs 220-0903

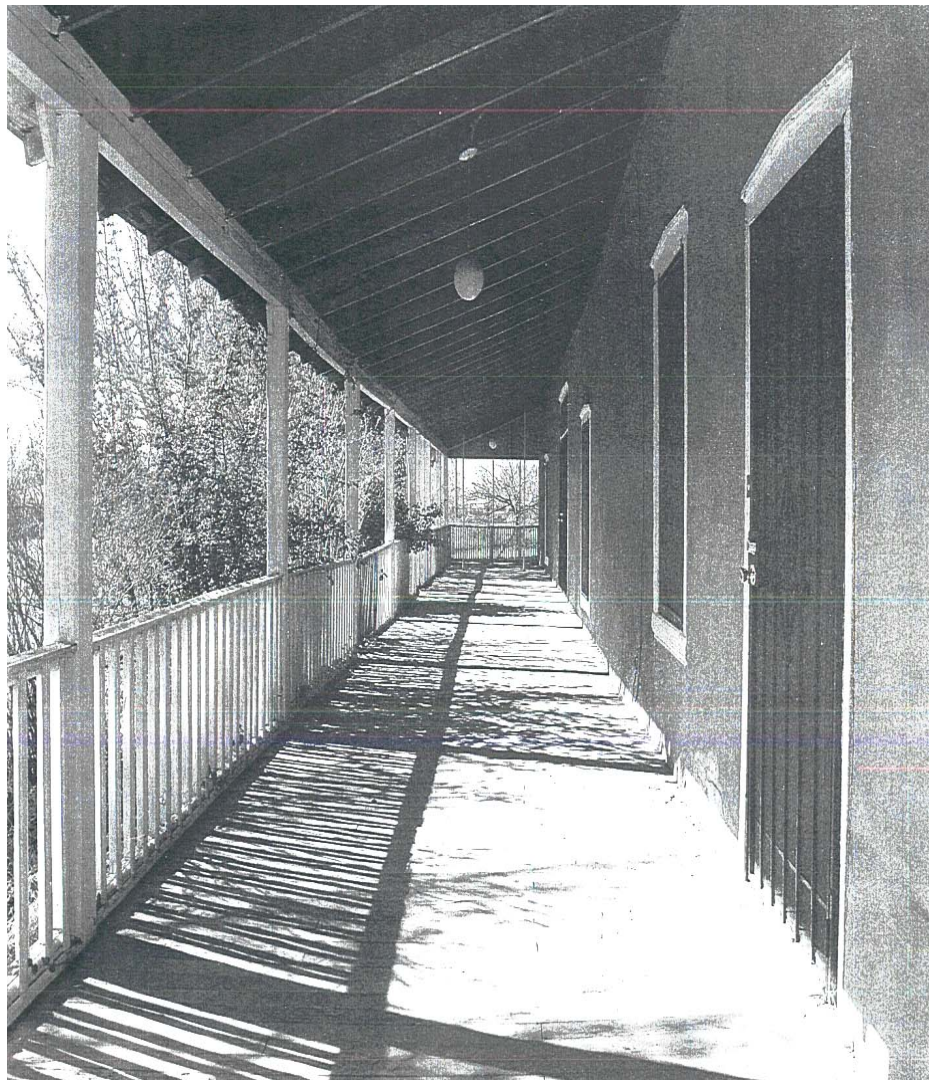
Social

Julie Seligman 255-2239

Frances Ray 321-2299

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be held April 15th, June 17th, August 19th and October 21st. (Every other Hands-on Day). With an additional two days for students, pending scheduling. Please bring gloves, water and good eye protection. If you have a rake or a pruning shears they are always appreciated, as we may not have enough for everybody. We will provide lunch and refreshments so come and have a great time and meet new fascinating people, who like you, care about the local environment.



The front porch of the Hubbell-Gutierrez House on a sunny spring morning.

FREE

OPEN TO PUBLIC

HANDS-ON DAY

Saturday, March 18th, 2006
HUBBELL-GUTIERREZ HOUSE
6029 Isleta SW
9am-4pm
CALL 897-0337 or 256-9500

Lunch & Refreshments Provided
Bring Work Gloves, Hat, Sunscreen
Some Tools Avail., Bring Your Garden Tools, Too

A Partnership of Bernalillo County
and
the Hubbell House Alliance

- YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME INVOLVED**
- Rehabilitating a Historical Territorial Adobe Hacienda
 - Creating the Heritage Orchard
 - Developing a Nature Trail
 - Cultivating an Open Space for Wildlife

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY
March thru October

HUBBELL-GUTIERREZ HOUSE LEARN ABOUT THE HOUSE

Help Install Drip-Irrigation for Heritage Garden
Sat. March 18th 9am
6029 Isleta SW

www.hubbellhousealliance.org

Learn how to protect your home from a wild fire from the Bernalillo County Fire Department

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