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Join us for the
Unveiling and Grand Reopening of

**The Gutierrez-Hubbell House
History and Cultural Center**
“A Diamond on El Camino Real”

Saturday, August 23, 2014 from 8am to 12pm

6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

Indigenous dancers 8am

Welcome 9am

Joseph Sanchez, Historian 9:45am

Dr. Chris Musello, Sightworks, Museum Designer 10:30am

Museum and Property Tours 11am-12pm

Refreshments & Entertainment

A Banner Year at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House Flora M. Sánchez, HHA Board Chair

There is much to celebrate here at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House History and Cultural Center. If you haven't been out to see us lately you'll be very surprised and, I need say, impressed.

Inside the House. The Bernalillo County-financed Exhibit Master Plan executed by Sightworks has been completed and boasts period furnishings and artifacts, hands-on displays and interpretative signage. Trained museum guides are available to provide a more in-depth experience. **Outside the House.** A beautiful *ramada* and low walls, that trace the location of outbuildings that once surrounded the back of the house, now bound the plaza. The thriving Demo and Heritage Gardens serve as an appetizer for the flourishing farm where a cooperative of farmers are growing several acres of organic fruits and vegetables (see pg. 2). An unveiling and grand reopening event, called “A Diamond on the Camino Real”, will celebrate new historic exhibits. You won't want to miss this event.

Elections. The November 16, 2013 General Membership Meeting saw the election of several new members to the Hubbell House Alliance board. Currently serving on the board are: Melissa Armijo, Brett Baker, Carol Chapman, Katherine Cordova, Leslie Fincher, Lorenzo Hubbell, Peter Ives, Diane Reese, Flora Sanchez, Carol Sullivan, and Robert Trujillo. The board elected the following officers for two-year terms: Flora Sanchez, Chair; Diane Reese, Vice-Chair, Carol Sullivan, Secretary, and Leslie Fincher, Treasurer. Committee Chairs include: Katherine Cordova-Museum; Diane Reese-Program; Melissa Armijo-Fundraising; Leslie Fincher-Finance; and Robert Trujillo- Nominating. **The board is actively seeking volunteers to serve on its committees.** If interested in serving contact Flora. (continued on page 2)



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The **Demonstration Garden** is blooming in the plaza. Volunteers and Master Naturalists have spent much time working this garden. The Pajarito Elementary students on Earth Day also planted sunflowers and more. Plans are to incorporate the garden as part of museum educational programming for visitors. We invite your help and your input to assist with this interpretive garden. Please contact Diane Reese at reesedianem@aol.com

Historically Speaking ... Did you know that our newsletter was named after a Spanish language newspaper called La Bandera Americana? One of the Lane brothers came across this information while researching his Hubbell Family. Depending on the source, the newspaper was founded between 1895 and 1900 by such notable men as J. Francisco Chavez and Nestor Montoya. The La Bandera Americana supported the rights of New Mexico's Hispano citizens and advocated statehood for New Mexico. In 1920 Frank A. Hubbell Sr. was the president of the newspaper's publishing company and Nestor Montoya was the managing editor. Photo of **Nestor Montoya at La Bandera Americana, courtesy of Bernadette Zimmerly-Mares.**

What's Growing in those Fields?

With support and technical assistance from the Center of Southwest Culture's Cooperative Development Center (CODECE), the flourishing organic farm is being nurtured by a cooperative of local South Valley farmers. CODECE is an economic development program focusing on sustainable economic cooperatives for underserved communities. Luis Torres is *mayordomo* or leader of the Organic Acres del Valle del Sur Cooperative, currently farming 1.2 acres on the property. He organizes the collective of 15 local farmers who have planted rows of spring mix, radishes, berries, tomatoes, chile and more. They tend crops often until dark. Produce is harvested, washed and bundled for sale to wholesalers and directly at local farmer's markets including the Rail Yard on Sundays. Also farming part of the GHHCC property is local businessman Scott Rasband. He responsible for the buffalo grass covering the middle and south fields. He harvests grass from a portion for his dairy cattle. We credit Bernalillo County Open Space for a visionary approach to increasing productivity of the GHHCC property while providing us with opportunities to learn and appreciate the beauty of these fields and gardens.



New website. Check us out at gutierrezhubbellhouse.org. It's a great place to keep up with what's happening at the GHHCC. Spend some time reading old issues of La Bandera and perusing the pictures.

New contract with Bernalillo County Open Space. HHA applied to continue its contract to manage the GHHCC and on March 10 we were excited to sign the contract for another four years.

Successful Events. In October the GHHCC again hosted the **Local Food Festival** which nearly 6000 people attended. Food, music, information booths, lectures, and contests--there was lots for both adults and kids to enjoy. *Las Posadas* held on December 23rd served as a way for the GHHCC to thank the community by inviting them to participate in a folk tradition and enjoy *posole* and *biscochitos* as the Gutierrez-Hubbell may have done a century ago. Look for announcements of these traditional events in future issues of La Bandera and on the website.

The Hubbell House Alliance is a small non-profit organization, which serves as steward of this historic and cultural place. We thrive only with the help of the many who hold dear this land that so richly embodies the family and history of this South Valley gem. We thank each one of you who have contributed in ways large and small, for helping us get to where we are today. **Come visit, join us, and continue to support us. You are sincerely appreciated.**

Semillas Nativas by Brett Bakker

Although it's certain that crops were planted at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House, there are only a few records that indicate exactly which ones. In New Mexico's past however there are many crops that were common to the entire region with the difference being, for example, a short season blue corn raised in Taos rather than a long season blue corn planted in Socorro. It's easy to surmise that crops historically raised at nearby Isleta Pueblo were also grown in the Pajarito community if not at the House itself.

Before the Spanish *entrada*, the Puebloans planted their own native crops, some originally from Mexico and other parts of Mesoamerica. There were many types and colors of corn for different purposes (flour, *tortillas*, *chicos*, *posole*, *pinole*, *atole* , etc). Common *frijoles* (beans) such as *pinto* or *boletas* were eaten fresh or dry. Numerous shapes, sizes and colors of squashes and pumpkins were planted for edible seed, summer squash (*calabacitas*), winter keepers or dried for later eating (*tasajos*). Gourds were grown for their hard shells (to be used as utensils or musical instruments) but also for nutritious edible seed. Archaeologists claim that chiles were not raised in New Mexico until seeds were brought north from Mexico with the Spanish *pobladores* . Long before the *entrada*, the Pueblo people did in fact trade with the south for many items, such as macaw feathers and copper bells and all farmers love to swap and try new seeds, so it's a bit difficult to believe that chiles were entirely unknown prior to the *entrada*.

Native to Africa and Persia, *sandias* (watermelon) and *melones* (cantaloupe) were introduced to Spain by the conquering Moors. Once brought to *Nueva España* (New Spain a.k.a. Mexico) seeds were quickly traded north by native farmers long before the Spanish expeditions and so were considered "native" crops by New Mexico Pueblos who grew them long before they set eyes on a Spaniard. Also from the Old World came *alverjon* (peas), *garbanzos*, *habas* (fava beans) and *trigo* (wheat) as well as *uvas* (grapes) *manzanos* (apples), *cerezas* (cherries), *albaricoques* (apricots), *membrillo* (quince) and other fruits.

Although most varieties of 18th and 19th century New Mexico garden crops (such as carrots, radishes, etc) have been lost, many of original seed varieties mentioned above still remain throughout New Mexico, thanks to the caretaking by *los viejitos*, both *indio* (Native American) and *manito* (native New Mexican) for many generations. It is hoped that in the coming years, an historically accurate field will be planted at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House to provide a living exhibit, fresh food and seed conservation. In the meantime, we will be exploring each of these crops in future issues of La Bandera.

Gabe Bauman-Baker and Hannah Court growing the ancient "grain" **amaranth** here at GHHHCC



Over 90 2nd graders from Pajarito Elementary walked down for the all day workshops at GHHHCC for Earth Day 2014



2014 Local Food Fest!

Mark your calendars for this enriching and fun gathering of local food vendors and growers, activities and games with children, musicians, cooking demos, authors and films. In partnership with Mid Region Council of Governments, Bernalillo County Open Space, UNM Sustainability Studies and many local groups.

OCTOBER 12 - SUNDAY

11 am to 4 pm

Free!

6029 Isleta SW ABQ NM

Backyard Farming Classes

Saturdays 9am to 12:30pm

@ the Gutierrez-Hubbell House Open Space

August 2, 2014

Chickens, Turkeys, Geese

August 16, 2014

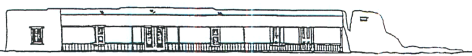
Goats and Livestock

September 6, 2014

Food Preservation

Must RSVP with Bernalillo County Open Space at www.Bernco.gov/openspace or call (505) 314-0398

Hubbell House Alliance



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We thank the **McCune Foundation** for their financial support of our Museum Educational Programming.

We thank Public Allies, Bernalillo County Commissioner Art De la Cruz for this year of support of our brilliant intern Lucia Gouveia. Thank you Lucia for advancing the mission of our GHHCC with your talent, spirit, beauty, skill and knowledge making us a more sustainable educational museum and property!

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