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DE LA CASA GUTIERREZ-HUBBELL

Beginning Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 1:00pm
The Hubbell House Alliance-sponsored History and Cultural Series Kicks Off With:

Women of the Pajarito Mesa

The Pajarito Mesa area has been home to many of the descendants of Josefa Baca, Barbara Durán y Chávez and Juliana Gutiérrez. Three women that span over 200 years, their dynasties, their husbands and legacies. Land grantees, heiresses, merchants, mothers and grandmothers, a look at three women who we continue to admire to this day.

Presenter: Henrietta Martínez Christmas, a native New Mexican, a well-known genealogical and historical researcher; she descends from eleven of the soldiers that came with Oñate in 1598. She has written several books which relate to New Mexico's small towns and history and over 130 articles mostly about New Mexico's colonial families. She is a long-time member and the current President of New Mexico Genealogical Society.

Sunday, February 26, 1:00-2:30pm

Traditional Music: The Roots of New Mexico Culture

Don Francisco takes us on a musical journey, with violin and guitar accompaniment, that will span the 18th century through the early 19th century. In a narrative format, Don Francisco depicts the anticipation of an upcoming musical event, such as a *fiesta* or wedding celebration. We will be carried back in time to imagine the ambiance of early Spanish village social life and all the preparations for such a celebration. The music features *valse*s, polkas, *cunas*, *varsovianas*, and other special dances such as *El Vals de los Paños*, *Vals de la Escoba*, and *La Raspa*, hopefully to stir nostalgia and bring back many memories of our grandparents and great grandparents.

Presenter: Frank Chávez, from childhood growing up west of Estancia, was exposed to New Mexico Spanish folk music. Since then, he's taken it upon himself to study and to learn, from older family members and friends, the customs of Hispanics of what he calls "the golden years" of New Mexico music, from roughly 1820 to 1920. Chávez, a fiddler, and his brother, James, who accompanies him on guitar, have played in numerous venues in and around Albuquerque, including the Performance and Events Center, as part of the center's "Walk the Walk" series.

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The Chair's Column

Melissa D. Armijo

HHA Family and Friends:

On Tuesday evening, November 29th, I was graciously voted in as the new Chair of the Hubbell House Alliance, and it has definitely sunk in. I want to thank all the members of the board who put their trust and support in me. I am filling some very big shoes, and I want to thank all those who have taken on this role before me. I feel like I'm in a special club!

At the November meeting we filled some other positions as well. Below are board members who were elected into the following positions:

Treasurer:	Ron Gutiérrez
Secretary:	Robert Trujillo
Vice Chair of Activities:	Patricia Walker
Vice Chair of Operations:	Allen Davis

I would also like to recognize the rest of our board:

Sally Bartos	Carol Chapman
Katherine Córdova	Leslie Fincher
Lorenzo Gutiérrez	Anita Hamel
Cathy Moya	Ronn Perea
Diane Reese	Flora Sánchez

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two remarkable women; Diane Reese, who served as our Interim Chair from July to November and Flora Sánchez, who served as Chair for almost 4 years. Both of these women give countless hours to this organization. We owe them a debt of gratitude for all they have done and continue to do for the HHA.

Our Holiday Open House was a wonderful success. We served posole, biscochitos and hot cocoa to over 125 people, and we were lucky to have the Lady Grey String Ensemble (paid for by a generous donation from Tom and Ruth Montoya) play holiday music for us. It was a beautiful way to end our calendar year. We also were able to bring in 4 new members to the HHA and renew 8 current members. We would like to welcome the following to the Hubbell House Alliance: Helen López, Roberta & Keith Ricci, Pablo Seifert and Jody Gritman.

We are very excited about all of the many events and programs that are filling up our 2017 calendar. Make sure to check our website and visit our Facebook page to find all of the activities we have planned. Hope to see all of you at our next Gutiérrez-Hubbell House event.

María's View

Happy, Happy New Year!

I am thrilled about what the New Year's bringing to the Gutiérrez-Hubbell House. I have heard details about the Backyard Farming Series and some of the topics that will be covered. This year's programs promise to be informative and interesting. Also the new *Buen Provecho* Series after the HHA-sponsored events sounds like fun.

Spring is coming, and, with that, the wedding season will be starting soon. I can't wait to work with Lauren from 'Just Lovely' on her upcoming weddings.

If you haven't done so yet, make sure to get on the Hubbell House Alliance email list to stay up to date on all the wonderful events happening in 2017. You can also check our Facebook page, 'Hubbell House Alliance,' or our website GutiérrezHubbellHouse.org which also stays current on new events.

Make sure to include us in your new year by stopping by. I look forward to seeing you in 2017, and you can check out "My View."



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Sunday, March 26, 1:00-2:30pm Medicinal Plants and Changing Landscapes of Central New Mexico

Join Dara Saville, co-creator of the current exhibit at the Gutiérrez Hubbell House and founder of Albuquerque Herbalism, for this free talk with a photographic slideshow on medicinal plants and landscapes of central New Mexico. We will discuss the properties of some common healing herbs in our area and sample a few herbal remedies. In doing so, we will also explore the local landscapes including the Chihuahuah Desert, Sandía Mountains, and the bosque, and see how these dynamic places are evolving and what it means for our selected medicinal plants.

Presenter: Dara Saville, has a Bachelor's degree from New York University and a Master's degree specializing in Geography of the Southwest from the University of New Mexico. She is also a graduate of Dr. Tierona Low Dog's Foundations of Herbal Medicine Program. Her herbalism journey has included apprenticeships with New Mexico herbalists as well as classes with other well-known herbalists from across the country. Dara is also a regular columnist for Plant Healer Magazine and has many years of resource management and field work experience for the National Park Service. Her passion for the plants and landscapes of the southwest has resulted in the creation of the Albuquerque Herbalism bioregional herbal studies program and [The Yerba Mansa Project](#) to restore native plant habitat in the Río Grande bosque.

What's Growing in Those Fields?

There's not much growing in the fields this time of year, but that doesn't mean there's nothing to do! It's a great time to gather leaves and other garden refuse (sunflower and corn stalks, bean chaff, etc.) and mix into a compost to improve the soil. To date, thirty six bags of leaves have been filled twice for a total of seventy two bags of leaves gathered around the compound. In addition a trailer was filled after mowing some of the south field with leaves. I want to thank Larry and Cathy Moya for their generous donation and delivery of two trailer-loads of leaves. All this organic matter will be chopped and shredded and mixed with some manure, a molasses solution, mycorrhizal fungi

and water and left alone to let nature take its course. In the next couple of months, this mixture will decompose into humus, the organic component of soil. I will then mix it into the grow beds and use it to make potting soil for starting plants in the greenhouse.

If anyone would like to start some plants from seeds in the greenhouse, come on by. I should have plenty of potting soil! This year I would like to concentrate on seed propagation and planting medicinal herbs and plants beneficial to pollinators and butterflies.

I will spend the next couple of months building soil and pruning the trees. The wild flower path will be in prime condition for planting this spring. Hopefully, I can get the hugelkultur swales ready along the acequia and be ready to plant. I would like to propagate some *yerba mansa* in this area. If anyone can donate some tractor or backhoe work, I really could use a couple of trenches dug in this area.

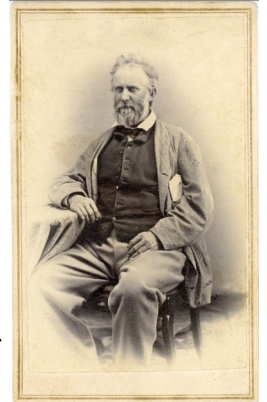
Great news came last week in the form of approving the GHH site as a Master Gardener volunteer site. This will be an added benefit of working volunteers that are master gardeners!

Mick Gorospe

chop wood, carry water, plant seeds, keep bees

Historically Speaking...

Did you know that in the wild, wild, southwest if someone took offense over something that was written about them in the local newspaper, they would come after the reporter with a double barreled shotgun?



James L. "Santiago" Hubbell

Such was the case with Santiago Hubbell, when a new-to-the-Spanish language newspaper man wrote about a *baile* at Pajarito. The reporter meant to compliment Don Santiago, by calling him the "War Horse of Pajarito," but the Spanish got mixed up and he ended up calling the popular old gentleman something closer to a stock farm animal! Santiago and the reporter must have worked out their differences though, because the next siting of Santiago in town noted that he had left his shotgun at home.

Albuquerque Journal 8 Dec 1883

Semillas Nativas: Sembrando y Vecinos by Brett Bakker

As I write this, Albuquerque's first winter storm has just passed. It may seem an odd time to speak of *sembrando* (sowing seeds), but successful seed savers must plan far ahead. This is because in order to harvest true to type seed, we must eliminate cross-pollination. "True to type" means that if we plant, for example, blue corn native to Hubbell House's *vecino* (neighbor), Isleta Pueblo, we want to ensure that the seeds we harvest are genetically the same as the ones we have sown and will not cross-pollinate with, say, a neighbor's popcorn patch.

Plants that cross-pollinate and exchange genes are "open-pollinated." In order to identify which crops readily cross-pollinate, it is essential to learn some Latin. Don't despair! This merely means we need to know the accepted Latin identification of each plant because that will tell us which will or won't cross-pollinate.

For example *Zea mays* is the genus and species of *maíz*/corn. Every *Zea mays* - flour corn, popcorn or sweet corn - will cross-pollinate with another, sometimes even up to 1/4 mile apart! If you're growing tender sweet corn, you don't want hard kernels of flour corn mixed in. If you're growing flour corn to grind for *atole*, you don't want gummy sweet corn kernels that will hinder milling. But most importantly, if you're sharing your *semillas* with others through exchanges, seed banks or as a commercial grower, you are obligated to provide seed that is exactly what you label it to be. Sadly, we don't have the space here to go through every traditional crop, but we can cover the most basic of basics.

Frijoles/beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris*), *alverjones*/peas (*Pisum sativum*) and *tomates*/tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*) do not readily cross-pollinate, so more than one variety of each may be grown in the same season. However, cross-pollination by insects can occur, so be sure to separate plantings of different varieties by twenty-five feet to deter insect crossing and also to ensure that none are accidentally mixed together. Lima beans (*Phaseolus lunatus*) are the exception since they will easily cross with other Limas. When in doubt, increase distance between different varieties of the same crop. The further the better!



Guajes/gourds (*olanum lycopersicum*), *melones*/cantaloupes (*Cucumis melo*), *sandías*/watermelons (*Citrullus lanatus*) readily cross-pollinate, so plant only one variety of each for absolute purity. Or separate as far as possible combined with barriers like tall trees and buildings, or surround with densely-planted tall crops (sorghum, corn, etc.) but be prepared for a noticeable rate of cross-pollination.

To sum it up, not only be sure to know what can cross-pollinate in your own gardens, but take the time to visit with your *vecinos* to compare garden plans. *¿Quién sabe?* you may even offer them

some of *your* seeds to ensure that their corn patch won't genetically "contaminate" yours. ¡Buena suerte!



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Backyard Farming Classes

January 28, 9:00am-12:00pm
Tree Care and Pruning Demonstration

February 11, 9:00am-12:00pm
Introduction to Tree Grafting

March 4, 9:00am-12:00pm
Sustainability in the Home Garden and Role of Soil

March 18, 9:00am-12:00pm
Successful Soil Practices and Role of Water

April 1, 9:00am-12:00pm
Successful Water Practices and Role of Plants

Call for registration (505) 314-0398
or
online www.berncogov/openspace

Community Cultural Gallery

Now Until April
"Folk Healing Traditions of New Mexico: Medicinal Plants of the Middle Rio Grande" Herbalists, Dianne Rand and Dara Saville. Curated by Katherine Córdova.

History & Cultural Series

January 29, 1:00pm-2:30pm
"Women of the Pajarito Mesa"
Presenter: Henrietta Martínez
Christmas

February 26, 1:00pm-2:30pm
"Traditional Music: The Roots of New Mexico Culture"
Presenter: Frank Chávez

March 26, 1:00pm-2:30pm
"Medicinal Plants and Changing Landscapes of Central NM"
Presenter: Dara Seville

Bernalillo County is sponsoring a history series on the Camino Real.

Times and dates are yet to be determined. Check our monthly flyers, or the Bernalillo County website for further information.

La Bandera is sad to report that two of the Hubbell House Alliance's dedicated long time-supporters have passed away.

Roman "Butch" Hubbell II
29 April 1940 - 27 November 2016

A cowboy and a cattle rancher, he would ask, "What can I do for you?"

Janet Stewart
1955 - 6 December 2016

She was an educator, fostering a love of nature and science in young children.

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With a \$25 Membership Fee you can help support HHA's educational initiatives!



Former Isleta Pueblo Governor Verna Teller and grandson Sonny with photo of Philip Hubbell



Vera Lente, Richard Garcia and Terry Lente Speaker and organizers for the historical presentation, "Isleta Pueblo since time immemorial to the 21st century"



The Río Rancho Royal Rowdies came for a tour.



The Eagle Dance performed by the Riley family from the pueblo of Laguna



Hubbell Family reunion at the Local Food Festival
Carol Chapman, Lorenzo Hubbell, Patty Hubbell, and Walter Hubbell



Museum Guides at the ThanksforGiving Party with the new Chair, Melissa Armijo



Chris Candelario performed for us in the sala during the Local Food Festival



Interested in having an outdoor wedding?

Our natural Open Space land is perfect for your **dream wedding** or **special event**. Rich with history and beauty, our venue will fulfill your dreams and leave you with a lifetime of special memories. Our gorgeous landscape, including the natural beauty of our cottonwood trees, will make your ceremony or reception a magical event.

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