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DE LA CASA GUTIERREZ-HUBBELL

Presidents Letter

WE ARE OPEN!!

There were times when I never thought we would be able to say those words! But here we re. We are open three days a week. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday staffed by two volunteers each day from 10 AM - 2 PM. Docent led tours through the house and grounds provide visitors with a myriad of details about the place, the techniques, the history of the family, the valley, reconstruction, organic gardens, orchard, vineyard, acuecia system and much more. We all learn something every time we go through! The nature trail is a full half mile trail on soft wood chips. The trail has lovely benches, picnic tables installed for those who can linger in the shade. It's a magical place!

The grand opening ball was help July 26, 2008 at the house. Following the Denim and Diamonds theme the gala showed the southwestern chic at it's best! The decorations glittered and the

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Hubbell House Alliance Has A Ball

On July 26, 2008 the Hubbell House Alliance presented a Denim & Diamonds Grand Opening Ball to the community. It was well received and a delightful evening.

The evening was picture perfect, after a brief rain, but everything was dry under the large white tents. The decorations ably designed by Barbara Najera and Laura Torres was wonderful with the hundreds of twinkle lights, toule and denim to brighten up the evening and made for a very festive night.

Guests made their way from the parking lot, which was attended by Pat, Devin and Ryan Chapman and our own Carol Chapman acting as chauffeur to the guests who were parked outside the parking lot were driven to the luminaria lined path leading to the Gutierrez -Hubbell House. Once on the portal, guests were checked in and greeted by Holly Hlava and Linda Cleland-Ortiz, they entered the Grand Sala where the Silent Auction was staged. The music from Young Edwards floated in from the Ball

Room as guests milled around the Silent Auction items. Many of you

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Young Edward band was perfect! Attendees nearly burst from great food, praise and pride at the unveiling of the jewel of the South Valley! Irene Kersting guided an enthusiastic committee. Much has happened to get ready for these events.

We continue to work with the county in partnership. The addition of Colleen Langan as Open Space Coordinator has taken a load off of Clay Campbell and helped move things forward quickly.

The docents program has been providing rich information and experience to those who join the program. Learning and sharing what they know is a worthy contribution to our operations and a wonderful benefit to the visitors. Read about what Arlette Hill has in store as the fall line up of programs elsewhere in this issue.

The land is beautiful. Lorenzo Hubbell and his volunteer team - have worked hard to make our dreams a reality. The Sudan grass is hip high and verdant in the north and south fields. The new farmer, Steve Ortiz, laser leveled the fields and spent many hours grooming prior to planting.

The new hornos are finished. A pair like the ones in the old house photos were built by Robert Eedake of Isleta pueblo. He and his wife will be baking and demonstrating use of them next month. Construction and coordination is being overseen by Marion Isidoro.

Museum Acquisitions and house furnishing are in full swing. Currently we have a Pump Organ which was ordered from the Sears Catalog in 1906 shipped to the rail head and then moved by wagon to the Isleta, Jemez and Cochiti pueblos to teach music. Also a 1858 Vauple Piano, all hand carved, has been made useable by Fred Strum. We have an engraved Hubbell Silver Fork which revived the legend of the stolen silver, shooting of the thieves as they fled and their ghosts return each time silver is unearthed at the Hubbell land..... Other items from the Erdal estate include a Settee and platform rocker. There is a Hoosier restored and in the kitchen. Wedding Dress & Hats in the museum. A lovely Blanket from Pat Conway and a Victorian Chair which was bought at the Hubbell estate auction has come home to the house.

In addition to those that come to visit from near and far we have local attention. Albuquerque Public Schools Superintendents held an area meeting Hubbell. The park rangers from the Hubbell Trading Post came over from Ganado Arizona, Our Lady of Assumption school classes made a Video. Albuquerque Convention and Visitor Bureau Docents came to tour, South Valley Academy had its graduation at the Hubbell on August 11.

The web site has a lot more information on it and a good listing of upcoming events thanks to webmaster Mary Garcia. There is a lecture series cosponsored by the HUB and coordinated by Maureen Murphy, being given every third Saturday at the house. This is an exciting series and will continue through November and again next year.

We had a wonderful Spring event with the Mid Region Council of Governments on May 17 which we hope will be an annual event. We are looking for funding to build a badly needed barn. We need more help! Board elections will be next month and we have a number of openings for committee chairs and board slots - send me your nominations. We also need help in getting the shop operational. We need more help to staff the house on the days we are open. Docents are recruiting for the fall if you would like to learn more. We need people who would like to learn to cook in the new hornos. The agriculture committee would love to have more people contribute to the development of the farm. We need people to help in the library - choosing the books for the collections and cataloging the materials we receive.

Come and join us. Drop by when we are open and talk or drop me a line.



Left: Fred Strum works to restore the 1858 Vauple Piano,.

Right: One of the many new picnic tables and benches for visitors to enjoy the nature trail.



MATANZA



**A day for all to visit this
historic landmark.
Tours, Music, Entertainment, Arts/Crafts
and Great Food**

**October 19, 2008
Gutierrez-Hubbell House
6029 Isleta Blvd. S.W.
Time: 11am-4pm
Cost: \$15.00 (under 12 free)
Ticket Available at
La Montanita Co-Op
More Info: Carol at 897-0337**

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were so generous and donated wonderful items for the Silent Auction thank you, thank you.!

Everyone commented on the delicious menu catered by the Cooperage and were able to enjoy their meals while looking out over the heritage orchard as a wonderful breeze floated through the tents. The momentos of a tile with a picture of the Gutierrez- Hubbell House was a special touch and well received by everyone.

The atmosphere was wonderful and made the evening seem magical. Thanks to the many of you who attended and made the Denim & Diamonds Grand Opening Ball a success.

the Ball Committee, under the leadership of Irene Kersting consisted of Frances Ray, Julia Seligman, Margie Hlava, Laura Torres, Barbara Najera, Kathy Duffy and Holly Hlava. This committee is to be commended as the results of the Ball was an indication of their dedication and hard work.

COUNTY CORNER

Rehab for Casita

Design for rehabbing the casita is about 95% complete. Additional sub-contractual assistance from mechanical and structural engineers was delayed, A new design contract is expected to be signed in early September 2008. Requests for Bids should be issued by the end of 2008 with rehabilitation construction starting in early 2009, subject to being able to award the bid.



MEMBERS NEEDED

HHA is a membership driven organization and your continued support is needed.

There are many levels of membership available and many benefits for members (free VIP tours of the House and Property, special member events, invitation to the Annual Meeting).

Please, Join or Renew Your Membership Today.

Board Officers

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For each brick ordered, please print up to 13 characters per line for 2 lines.

Enclose a check for \$50 for each brick

Make checks payable to:

Hubbell House Alliance.

For additional bricks please fill out an additional sheets.

The bricks will be placed at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House engraved as ordered below.

A registry will be maintained in the library so you can easily find your bricks.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Email _____

Brick 1 _____

Brick 2 _____

Mail Forms To:
Brick Committee
Hubbell House Alliance
6029 Isleta Blvd. S.W. Alb. N.M. 87105

Visit our website: www.hubbellhousealliance.org

DOCENTS LEARN AGRICULTURE, GEOLOGY AND HISTORY OF THE SOUTH VALLEY

The docent program resumed on September 10th with a talk by Lorenzo Hubbell. He shared a bit of Hubbell history (his grandfather was born at Hubbell House). He also gave an overview of the agricultural areas at the House and talked about ways to docent those areas. On October 8th Paul Hlava talked about the geology of the area and how it affected the settlement patterns of the Spaniards, and on November 12 Jim Sais will cover the history of agriculture in the Rio Grande Valley. All docents are expected to attend these sessions, and the sessions are open to other members of the Hubbell House Alliance who may be interested. Additional training sessions/instructions for making bread in an horno or a field trip to a site related in subject matter to our museum, will be announced. In late January there will be a coffee to welcome prospective docents who are interested in what the house is and does. The first training session of the new season will be on February 11th. In that date, March 11th and April 11th, Robert Torres, a former state historian, will give a series of lectures on the Spanish settlers and New Mexico history. Anyone who knows someone who might be interested in the docent program is urged to call HHA at Ph.# 244-0507

AGRICULTURAL BRIEF

The Historic Gutierrez-Hubbell House welcomes your participation with our agricultural activities slated for 2008. We are looking for committee members and a chair to help lead this project now and into the future. Currently, the 10 acre site has alfalfa fields, a vineyard, an orchard and sustainable demonstration gardens, showcasing edible year round plants and vegetables

Wanted Volunteers Interested in:

Agriculture
Organic Gardening
Historic Preservation
Raised Bed and "Anasazi Type" Sunken Bed Gardening
Nature Trail activities that include design and maintenance
Your Experience and ideas are Welcome at the Hubbell House Historical House Organic Farm and Demonstration Gardens
This is your opportunity to shape this historic property and enjoy it's natural beauty. Learn from experts in Organic Gardening and lend your expertise.
For more information on this exciting project, contact Lorenzo Hubbell at 710-2703 lorenzo-hubbell@hotmail.com or Lawrence Lane at 505-366-9908 you may also contact Marge Hlava at mhlava@accessinn.com for more information.



Above: The organic garden at mid-summer, notice the raised bed with tall onion stalks and the over flowing beds behind it. Below: Hornos under construction showing the core of lava rocks collected from the New Mexico Malpais for their heat distribution capability.



HHA ANNUAL MEETING

November 19th 2008

7pm

6029 Isleta N.W.

Election of Board Members

Join HHA and Attend

WANTED

**HHA Board
Members**

Get Yourself Nominated

Contact
Lorenzo Hubbell at
Ph# 710-2703

REWARDING



Mail to: HHA 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW Albuquerque, N.M. 87105

Make checks payable to Hubbell House Alliance



MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Members receive: HHA Newsletter, free VIP tour of the Hubbell-Gutierrez House and Property, invitations to special events, Hands-On-Days and the HHA Annual Meeting.

Name _____

Company or Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ New Renewal

Membership Levels*

Individual	\$15	Sponsor	\$100-\$499	Patron	\$2500-9,999
Family	\$25	Ally	\$500-\$999	Lifetime	\$10,000+
Business	\$50	Benefactor	\$1000-\$2499		

- - Please Support HHA By Joining Or Renewing Your Membership Today. If You Have Already, Pass Onto A Friend. - -

(Re-) Build It and They Will Come

Launch day was very heartening, as more than a few of the curious public found their way to 6029, and introduced themselves to the lovely old adobe's striking reincarnation.

The gleaming wood floors receive the first declarations (since we have little furniture as yet), and then the soft earthen colored (hand applied mud plaster) walls. They blink little glints of gold off the bits of straw traditionally embedded in their surfaces.

The thirteen chambers are generously ample, certainly for back then, and even more so for today. Small wonder they adapted to so many purposes. Their numbers, reduced by half now, tell of an overflowing family and purposeful drive to prosperity ... and an even grander picture that used to be.

Wide bands of shining white woodwork broadly outline the doors, windows and border the floors. Those deep set windows...many generously framed in flared white wood returns, seem to further amplify the wall's depths and splay light into the rooms' interiors.

High vigas form huge ribs overhead.

The span of planking that form the ceiling between them are patinaed with age (and the occasional stain from a by gone leak). Can you find the old license plate up there? ... that was thriftily used to patch that hole? What is that gently "S" shaped iron piece protruding from high up on the wall in the Ballroom? Aloft, curling fans waft each room a gentle breeze, alluding to the slow motion of the times the old earthen structure has adventured through.

In front, the porch grins broadly out at the Camino Real (Isleta Blvd.). Its width and depth begs for some rockers, fresh baked cookies, slushy lemonades, and a little warm lazy time to luxuriate in it all.

The portal at the back, smoothly patterned in terracotta brick is a cool wide "L" shaped reposing retreat. One looks out over the verdantly swaying calypso of the fields, listens to nature's little multi-specie's whispers, and envies, even wonders, over the people who used to occupy this breathtaking home.

Hubbell House Alliance



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Don't Forget Matanza Oct 19th

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One Civic Plaza, NW, 6th Floor

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Absentee Information 468-1291
Voter Registration 468-1291
Recording & Filing 468-1291
Marriage License 468-1290
Real Estate 468-1290
Maps & Plats 468-1290

Economic Development 468-7185

Finance
Payroll Office 468-7020

Human Resources Department 468-1500

Probate Court 468-1233

Under the Sheriff's Department
TDD (Hearing Impaired) 468-7232

Substance Abuse Programs Department
Administration 468-1550
Detoxification Program (MATS) 468-1555
DWI Program Administration 468-1550

Treasurer
Property Taxes Customer Service 468-7031

Westside Community Center 314-0176



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