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HHA is Soliciting Proposals for the GHHCC Community Cultural Gallery

Do you know of or have a treasured collection of antique buttons or dolls, artifacts that tell a story or inform about any topic ranging from mules to the Hubbell Space telescope, or perhaps a display of textiles or art that you would like to share temporarily?

General Information:

- Display or collection may feature any aspect of life in New Mexico or the Southwest;
- Topics: farming, food, history, cultural traditions;
- Juried selection with preferences for displays that are: local, interactive, well researched/scholarly.

Deadline for submission for 2015-2016 displays: March 1

Installation: mid April for opening May 1

Time period for displays: 6 months

Proposal Requirements:

- One-page description that demonstrates:
 - ◊ Clear objectives and strong overall consistent intellectual concept or theme;
 - ◊ High level of aesthetic quality and artistic integrity;
 - ◊ Audience appeal.
- Statement of alignment with HHA mission for educational or historical significance;
- Resume or mission statement of submitter;
- Statement of willingness to:
 - ◊ Provide a one-hour training for museum guides;
 - ◊ Assist in preparation and be available for an opening reception and potentially other supporting events;
 - ◊ Participate in an interview.

Supplementary documents may include:

- Supporting research and/or evidence;
- Photographs that help demonstrate the scope of the project and quality of concept, writing and materials;
- References and/or list of other exhibitions;
- Samples.

For specifications on dimensions of space, available equipment, security and insurance, and publicity, etc., call 244-0507 or email: www.gutierrezhubbellhouse.org.

Assemble in well-labeled and sealed box.
Submit no later than March 1, 2015, to:
6029 Isleta Blvd SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87105
or www.gutierrezhubbellhouse.org.
In Care of the HHA Museum Committee

Community Cultural Gallery

The Chair's Column

Flora M. Sánchez

HHA held the General Membership Meeting on November 22, 2014. The Chair's report celebrated many achievements of this past year, most laudable:

- Successful application to Bernalillo County to manage the property through 2017;
- Launch of new website;
- Assist with completion of the Exhibit Master Plan and reopening the fully embellished museum;
- Advocating with BernCo for a major museum expansion.

Also accomplished was the election of two board members for four-year terms: Melissa Armijo and Brett Baker and recognition of the service of two retiring board members, Robert Trujillo and Peter Ives. The Board continues to solicit new members. Please contact the Chair for further information.

Looking forward HHA welcomes the New Year with many plans including:

- Expand museum hours to open five days a week;
- Launch a promotional campaign to increase visitors;
- Inaugurate the Community Room with the first exhibition in May;
- Host 4-5 events featuring distinguished presenters on topics ranging from cultural to agricultural and historical;
- Install the dedicated brick gallery; and
- Restructure its management and operations functions. To this end HHA, is advertising for a new full-time position in January. **See page 3 for more information.**

HHA is definitely on the move to maximize the potential of this amazing property. Please visit our website at www.gutierrezhubbellhouse.org





Amaranth and Acequias

Zuly Fornelli & Edmundo Villalobos

We are students at South Valley Academy and are here at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House History and Cultural Center every week until the end of the school year. As Service Learning interns, we are involved in many activities. At the beginning of the semester we researched the native plant amaranth and found that it is a very easy to grow here in New Mexico as in all arid

climates. This plant can be used in many dishes such as salads and hot cereal and can be cooked like rice. It is high in protein and contains no gluten. These seeds were passed out at the Local Food Festival here in October. At this festival, poet, farmer, artist and writer Juan Estevan Arellano read from his book *Enduring Acequias*. Unfortunately he passed away shortly after his presentation and in his memory we decided to partially transcribe and translate one of his interviews done by Cristina Baccin of KUNM radio.

El Agua es como la sangre que corre en el cuerpo, tiene las venas, tiene los capillaries y así va caminando la sangre por todo el cuerpo y así camina el agua también en la tierra, es la misma cosa que va caminando la sangre en el cuerpo así camina el agua en la tierra tiene que tener el su terreno limpio pa que se mueva si no, no mueve el agua tampoco.

Water is like the blood that runs through the body, it has veins, it has capillaries and that is also how the water runs through the earth. The path has to be clean so the water can run through. If the land is not clean the water will not move.

In Arellano's words, *The community operated watercourse came with the first settlers but of course the indigenous people did have an irrigation system, but they didn't have such a complex one that would create the irrigation canal. It seems like the irrigation system was born in the Middle East and the word acequia came from Yemen and possibly Ethiopia-like the word adobe. This knowledge then traveled to the peninsula area of Morocco and crossed to Spain then the Canary Islands and on to the Yucatan, Mexico City and up north. In 1598 it reached Ohkay Owingeh - San Juan Pueblo de los Caballeros. And that is how the acequias began here in New Mexico. So the first acequia, the oldest one, was created in the area of Okay Owingeh. You cannot do anything if you don't have the water. When you are living in a desert the first business that the settlers had to do was to dig the ditch to take the water to plant, to make adobes, houses, churches because without water you can't do anything. Lots of people say, no, the first thing that the settlers built were the churches, you can't build a church without water. First water, then the church and the houses and everything else, so every community has its ditch. Juan Estevan Arellano 2014*



On Becoming a Certified Museum

Museum work is highly technical and we are slowly achieving this status by protecting and properly storing archival and historical objects such as this wedding dress to the left or these hats to the right in acid free environments.

Donations and memberships contribute to the cost of preserving and processing historical objects.

We thank you volunteers, members and donors!

Many Hands Make Light Work

Many gardeners enjoy looking at catalogs and making plans during the colder winter months. The Demo Garden Team is doing just that—getting ready to jump right back into the soil when the weather warms and the light of day lengthens.

We had a wonderful 2014—we did pruning with the Backyard Farming (BYF) workshop in February, we celebrated Earth Day in April with the Pajarito Elementary School, who planted our annual bed with native wildflowers and took home seeded pots of beans and corn. We expanded our herbs and put in the Three Sister in June along with the BYF students and of course, weeding is a constant! Our volunteers from the Women's Recovery Academy were fabulous—our Garden looked beautiful not just at our big events but every day! And you may appreciate the new plants we added in the fall—lilacs, three leaf sumac and New Mexican olives.

So if you noticed our lovely garden in the Plaza area and are curious—please join us!

Contact Diane at 507-6416 or reesedianem@aol.com.



The Hubbell House Alliance Announces an ...

Exciting and Fulfilling Job Opportunity

This is a perfect position for an individual who is starting his/her professional career or is recently retired but wants to remain active and continue to make a contribution to the community. Live in a beautiful, rural setting on historic property and enjoy open space.

Position: General Manager of the Gutierrez-Hubbell House History and Cultural Center

Essential skills:

- Excellent communication
- Relationship and partnership building
- Organization and planning
- Time management
- Volunteer management
- Proficient in basic office applications

Beneficial Skills and Experience:

- Classroom presentation
- Budgeting
- Non-profits

Forty-hour week, Tues-Sat.

Compensation: \$1000-1500 per month depending on experience, includes housing (1200 sq ft 2 BR, valued by Zillow at \$1200/mo) on property and paid utilities, small benefit package.

Employment Agreement: Starts February 1, 2015

Reports to: Chair, Hubbell House Alliance

Call Flora Sánchez at 280-5572 or email sanchez.village47@gmail.com for job description and further information.

New Mexico Organic Farming Conference Set for February 20-21, 2015

Join organic farmers, ranchers, market gardeners and researchers for the New Mexico Organic Farming Conference at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid, February 20-21, 2015.

The keynote this year features “Coach” Mark Smallwood, Executive Director, Rodale Institute, speaking on “From America’s Oldest Organic Research Farm: Intriguing Questions & Lessons Learned.”

Coach has been dedicated to promoting organic agriculture, environmental stewardship, efficiency and conservation for over thirty years. He is a long-time organic farmer and biodynamic gardener, raising chickens, goats, sheep and pigs, and driving his own team of oxen.

As Executive Director of Rodale Institute, Coach has focused his efforts on training a new generation of organic farmers. In partnership with Delaware Valley College, the Institute hosts a one-year organic farming certification program designed for military veterans. In addition, Coach began the Agriculture Supported Communities (ASC) program at Rodale Institute which brings fresh, high-quality organic food to underserved communities and provides an intensive training program for new or established farmers.

In addition to the keynote, 36 breakout sessions will take up production issues ranging from soil building, to pest management to water harvesting, pollinators, understanding the biology and ecology of common New Mexico weeds and farming for the wild.

On Saturday, the 21st, participants will feast on local and organic food at a luncheon recognizing the New Mexico Organic Farmer of the Year. Farm to Table, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, and New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service are organizing the conference. La Montanita Co-op, Santa Fe Farmers’ Market Institute, Skarsgard Farms, New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, Rocky Mountain Farmer’s Union and the Silver City Food Co-op are sponsoring the gathering.

Registration for the conference, including Saturday’s luncheon, is \$100. Conference registration will be available December 1st online at www.farmtotablenm.org. If you have questions call (505) 473-1004 x 10 (Santa Fe) or (505) 841-9427 (Albuquerque). For hotel reservations, call (877) 622-3056 by January 30th. Say you are part of the Organic Conference to get the special room rate.



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.

Contact: Meagen (505) 884-0434

<http://www.occasionserviceevents.com/Contact-Us.html>

What's Growing in the Fields?

Although winter seems like a dormant time the west Heritage Orchard managed by Gabe Bauman-Baker of Erda Gardens has garlic growing. Organic Acres del Valle del Sur, a farming cooperative, is pulling up dead vines for the compost and nursing a Top Bar beehive in the north acreage. Things are buzzing in the fields!



Nicolas T. Armijo 1835-1890
GHHHCC Photo Archive

Historically Speaking...

Did you know that Nicolas T. Armijo at the time of his death was one of the richest men in Albuquerque? In 1892 his wife Barbara Chavez had the N. T. Armijo block built and dedicated the building to her husband's memory. It stood until 1971 at the northwest corner of Railroad Avenue (now Central) and Second Street.

Nicolas T. Armijo was the brother-in-law of Tomas C. Gutierrez and father-in-law of Thomas S. Hubbell.



History Alive is an oral history project begun by South Valley Academy High School interns here at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House in 2010. Veronica Maldonado and Arturo Castillo began video taping elders in the South Valley who recall the Gutierrez-Hubbell House and those who have memories of this Pajarito Village. **Marion Isidoro**, founder of Museum Guide program here (above) and Hubbell House Alliance former board chair and life long Pajarito resident **Frances Ray** (right) have shared their stories. Other elders include: **Madge Hubbell**, great granddaughter of Sydney Hubbell, brother of James Hubbell recalled being raised in Ganado, Arizona at the Hubbell Trading Post; **Charles Bass's** father owned the grocery store now the feed store on Isleta and recalls as a child delivering ice to **May Hubbell** who lived here; **Alejandro Lucero Gallegos** had recollections of May Hubbell in this house; **Mary Apodaca de Montoya's** father **Refugio Apodaca de Montoya** worked for the Hubbells and is pictured as a young man in the enlarged photo at the entrance of the Gutierrez-Hubbell House History and Cultural Center.



Most recently **Manuel Parra** and **Alfredo Pena** spoke with us on tape about blood line connections to the Gutierrez-Hubbell families and those who worked for them here in the Village of Pajarito.

We have interviewed several more individuals and have many more suggested people to talk with. We hope someday soon to have edited versions of these voices be a part of the Community Exhibit room.

Museum Guides & Members Only!

The Gutierrez-Hubbell House has a special event that you are invited to attend! Tim Kimball a guest speaker will be giving a presentation titled "Becoming Santiago Jobel, 1844-1864" at 1:00pm, Jan 18, 2015.

RSVP 244-0507 or
gutierrezhubbellhouse@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

January 18, 1:00-2:00pm

"Becoming Santiago Jobel, 1844-1864" by Tim Kimball. Kimball explores the life of Santiago and the Hubbell and Gutierrez families during territorial-era New Mexico using original documents. He rejects or modifies many of the long held claims about Santiago and his times found in secondary sources and proposes a verifiable and at least as admirable portrait.

This is a museum guide and members only event.

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Backyard Farming Class
February 7, 9:00am-12:30pm

Tree Pruning

Call for registration 314-0398 or
www.bernco.gov/openspace

February 28, 10:00-11:30am
March 7, 10:00-11:30am

"From Plow to Pantry: How to Plan (and Preserve) Your Garden

Harvest" by Teresa Valverde. With more than 30 years of practical gardening experience and a passion for food and family, Teresa Valverde has perfected techniques for local growing and harvesting. Valverde has documented, practiced and refined techniques and philosophies from three generations of enthusiastic farmers and gardeners. This two-part series will focus on planting, harvesting and preserving enlivened by heartwarming stories that combine local traditions and homegrown culture that will artfully weave the connection between food and heart.

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Backyard Farming Classes
March 14, March 28, April 11

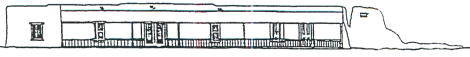
Topics and times to be determined.

For more information call
314-0398 or
www.bernco.gov/open space

Upcoming Speakers

Dr. Joseph Sanchez
Date and time to be determined.
Henrietta Martinez Christmas
July 18, 10:30-11:30am
Francisco Uvina
Date and time to be determined.

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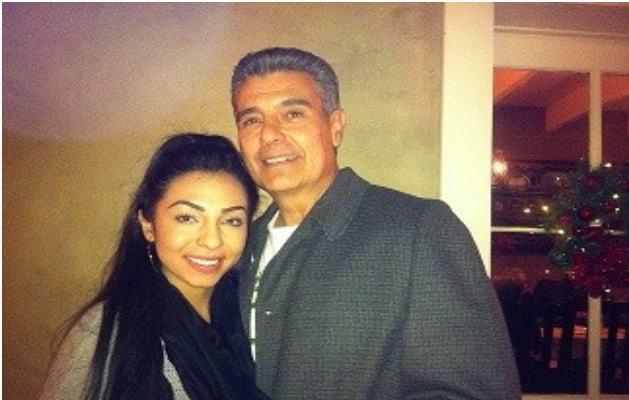
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- free entrance to museum
- invitations to Member Only events
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463-8307**



Holiday Open House at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House History and Cultural Center brought early investors Federico Pohl and daughter Vanessa (above) whose engraved brick purchase in 2008 stands firm on the property. Marion Isidoro, Majorie and Paul Hlava and Carol Chapman (photo on right) also joined us this evening. These early founders, investors, researchers and leaders of the GHHHCC came out for a night of caroling lead by Ronn Perea and Billy Isidoro. The delicious posole was provided by our own Abuelitas!

Deep Gratitude to all who make the GHHHCC the educational and agricultural space that it is becoming. HHA Board Members Flora Sánchez, Diane Reese, Carol Chapman, Leslie Fincher, Melissa Armijo, Katherine Cordova, Brett Bakker and Lorenzo Hubbell. A special thank you to Robert Trujillo and Peter Ives who upon leaving the Board have left a legacy with their wisdom, and time. Thank you museum guides: Mary Tyler, Wayne Presser, Ronn Perea, Kathleen Miller, Mac Rodriguez and Cheril Raub. Thank you members, visitors and a special thank you to GHHHCC Manager beva sanchez-padilla.

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