

# LA BANDERA

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## DE LA CASA GUTIERREZ-HUBBELL



Shade structure up! Thanks to Bernalillo County, Sightworks Inc., Anella Architects and Interstate Builders

### Frances Ray -- Board President

HHA Members: Another great year for our HHA Board. Thanks to the leadership and hundreds of hours of volunteer work of past and present board members and officers, the now named Gutierrez-Hubbell House History and Cultural Center has flourished and served communities in many ways.

The Backyard Farming Workshops; gardening and cultural arts classes for youth; presentations on Pajarito history and genealogy; films on agricultural practices; Master Naturalists gardens; nature walks; weddings; meetings; workshops; high school, UNM and CNM internships; tours and visits of folks from near and far, have all contributed to what I personally call the Diamond on the Camino Real success and promise--the GHHCC.

As you may know HHA is a not for profit organization created by the Pajarito Neighborhood Association in the late 1990's. Many worked to save and restore a dilapidated adobe mansion and nutrition poor field. From 2002 to 2007 funding came through several federal and NM Capital Outlay Grants. Our adaptive reuse mission continues with Bernalillo County, Sightworks, historians, museum fabricators and archivists. The shade structure, room fabrication and adobe fences will fulfill many event and educational needs here.

Some folks who have seen the construction going on have suggested that our newly built shade structure, from Isleta Boulevard, reminds them of sheep or horse stalls--that is exactly what we tried to portray. **As we mature further into a certified museum and educational property please visit us.** A couple of

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**2013 Local Food Festival  
and Field Day**

*"RETURNING TO THE LAND: PLANTING THE FUTURE"*

**Sunday Oct. 13, 2013 | 11am - 4pm**

**Gutierrez-Hubbell House**  
6029 Isleta SW (3 miles south of Rio Bravo)



Farm workers at the Gutierrez-Hubbell land prepare to plant bare root apple trees on the property (1930 photo). Maria Apodaca de Montoya from Pajarito has identified the man on the far right as her father Refugio Apodaca. 1910 Pajarito census lists his birth to be 1899. Can you identify anyone else? Photo, courtesy of Erdal Family



Join us! Become a Gutierrez-Hubbell House History and Cultural History member.

- Yearly membership: \$20
- Business or non-profits: \$100
- Sponsor: \$250
- Patron: \$1000

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### Backyard Farming Workshops

Lead partner, Bernalillo County Open Space with Erda Farms, NMSU Agricultural Extension Office and the Hubbell House Alliance, planners for this free, year-long set of workshops, are clear that it has been a meaningful and successful year. The participants, instructors, staff and volunteers created a rich harvest of knowledge, information and practical skills. **Tree Care, Tree Pruning and Planting, Edible Landscapes, Soil Science and Soil Preparation, Backyard Bee Keeping, Irrigation, Water Harvesting and schedules, Composting Intensive, Backyard Chickens and Goats, Food Preservation and Seed Saving** were attended by hundreds. The next workshop is **November 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Conservation Farming Forum**, we will discuss how we can enhance our precious resources and wildlife -- learn innovative techniques that can create habitat that will invite birds and pollinators into our gardens and property. A panel of speakers will discuss creating food sheds that include and encourage all forms of life. **9 AM – 12:30 PM please RSVP @ [www.bernco.gov/openspace](http://www.bernco.gov/openspace) or call 505 314-0398.** Following the Forum is our **End of the Year celebration from 12:30-1:30** where we can enjoy the opportunity to collectively reflect on our year and start a team for next year! Thank you all!

### Our Fields

Our hoop house constructed with the assistance of folks attending a Backyard Farming workshop under the leadership of Gabe Bauman-Baker, Logan Slock and Joran Viers, proved to be an invaluable space where we were able to expand what and how much we could grow. Over 2,000 pounds of veggies went to the Roadrunner Food Bank. The lack of water and late frost did inhibit our fruit trees. We did harvest squash, tomatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, beans, chile, artichokes, basil, carrots, basil and amaranth. We are getting ready for fall and winter planting of shallots and garlic. Again, join us here on **November 9th at 12:30**, to discuss plans for what we grow next year.

To our dedicated **VOLUNTEERS**, Jan Wilson and Fran & Jay Wheeler, we couldn't do it without you! We appreciate your spirit and effort and hope to have many more like you.

HHA sends out a deep **THANK YOU** to all who came out here to attend classes, plan, work events and activities, teach classes, pull weeds, network with neighbors, clean the facility, donate and assist with fund raising, renew memberships and donate so generously. **We firmly believe our volunteers are the heart of this wonderful place—please never stop beating.**

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rooms are finished and I suggest you come by for a tour soon and then return to see it when the project is complete. It is a treasure now but what a shiny diamond it is becoming for many communities.

We're currently preparing for two events. First, the **Annual Local Food Festival**, which draws over 4000 visitors thanks to lead partner Mid Region Council of Governments, on **Sunday October 13 from 11 to 4 – free!** The other, **Las Posadas**, a community event celebrating the seasonal folk tradition, on **December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.** This will be the third year we hold this cultural event working together with the community as the Gutierrez-Hubbell Family did many years ago. We look forward to seeing you at these events and our **Annual Meeting on November 16th--10am.** Sincerely, Frances Ray



Over 2,000 lbs. of vegetables donated to Roadrunner Food Bank this year



AmeriCorp farmer, Hannah Court, with heavy harvest from our new Hoop House



HHA Board Chair, Frances Ray, assisting with our Cultural Arts classes here at the house with students from Los Padillas Community Center



Partner Amanda Rich from Erda Farms and one of eight dwarf goats



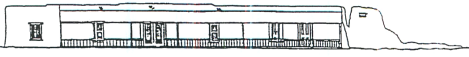
Rest stop for Tour de Rio Grande. Sponsored by Bicycle Coalition of NM



Left: Farmer Gabe giving a workshop to Pajarito Elementary students.  
Right: Mary Jane Edaakie, builder of our hornos and baker of our bread



## Hubbell House Alliance



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Mark your calendars ...

## ELECTION DAY!

The Nominating Committee will present all nominees at the

## **HUBBELL HOUSE ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2013 from 10am-12am

**GUTIERREZ-HUBBELL HOUSE HISTORY AND CULTURAL CENTER**

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All members who paid their membership dues 30 days before the annual meeting are invited to vote and are also eligible to run as a board member. Any member interested in becoming a board member please contact Beva, our Manager, at [505 244-0507](tel:5052440507) and she will forward your message to the Nominating Committee. We would like to thank all of you who have been members and who participate in events that are held at our beautiful Gutierrez-Hubbell House during the year.

Hubbell House Alliance Board: Chair Frances Ray, Vice Chair Carol Chapman, Treasurer Robert Trujillo, Secretary Peter Ives, V. Gina Diaz, Lorenzo Hubbell, Flora Sanchez, Leslie Fincher and Diane Reese. Gutierrez-Hubbell House Manager: beva sanchez-padilla. Assistant Manager from Public Allies NM: Lucy Gouveia. Agriculture Managers: Gabe Bauman-Baker, Hannah Court and Logan Slock. Docents: Mary Tyler, Marion Isidoro, Kathleen Miller, Sandy Head. Master Naturalist: Katarina Gurule. South Valley Academy Interns: Bertha Campos & Justin Krawic. Atrisco Academy Intern: Synder Apachito