

2025 HERITAGE AWARD Commemorative Booklet



Beacons of Hope:

Assurance Home, Community Kitchen,
Harvest Ministries, and Poor Clare
Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe

by the
Historical Society
for Southeast New Mexico, Inc.

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Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico

The Historical Society for SENM receives no federal, state or city funding.

We are supported by memberships and your generous donations.

The Heritage Dinner is our major fundraiser and the proceeds from this special evening will help cover the operating costs for the museum and archive facilities for the coming year.

The Mission of the Society:

**“TO ASSEMBLE, PRESERVE AND INTERPRET
THE HISTORY OF SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO AND TO
PROMOTE A GREATER INTEREST, UNDERSTANDING AND
APPRECIATION OF THE AREA’S PAST.”**

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Heritage Dinner Past Honorees

1981	Robert O. Anderson
1982	R. Rogers Aston
1983	E.W. Lander, MD; I.J. Marshall, MD; U.S. Marshall, MD; Joe P. Williams, MD
1984	Clarence E. Hinkle; Truman Sanders, Jr.
1985	J.P. White, Jr.
1986	Lt. Gen. Richard T. Knowles, USA (ret); Lt. Gen. James P. Riseley, USMC (ret)
1987	Minor T. Huffman
1988	Henriette Wyeth Hurd
1989	John F. Russell
1990	Chaves County Public Schools; New Mexico Military Institute; Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell
1991	Lt. Col. L.T. Godfrey
1992	Harvey E. Yates; Martin Yates, III; S.P. Yates; John A. Yates
1993	Hal Green Bogle
1994	Morgan Nelson
1995	T. J. (Jack) Deason, Jr.
1996	Police Chiefs Tommy Thompson and L.M. Hall
1998	The John B. Gill Family-Roswell Seed
1999	The Robert H. Beck Family-The Roswell Daily Record
2000	Fred Henninghausen & The Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District
2001	Judge Richard (Dick) G. Bean
2002	Congressman Joseph Skeen
2003	John & Betty King-KBIM Radio
2004	Dale & Kay Rogers-Roswell Farm & Livestock Supply
2005	The Armstrong Family-Bill Armstrong, Bob Armstrong
2006	The Hobson Family-Harold Hobson, Larry Hobson, & Jerry Hobson
2007	Ladies of Distinction-Dr. Judy Armstrong, Sally Anderson, & Judy Stubbs
2008	Three Judges of Impact-Judge Bobby Baldock, Judge Alvin Jones, Judge Bill Schnedar
2009	Sages of the Southwest-Elvis Fleming & Arthur McQuiddy
2010	Renowned Roswell Retailers-Don Bullock, Bob Chewning & Charles Smith
2011	Pecan Pioneers-Bill Bonham & Virgil Haley
2012	Silent Servants-Bobbi Alcorn, Richard Kraft & Ron Malone
2013	Senator Timothy Z. Jennings
2014	Dorothy Peterson and Kim Wiggins.
2015	The Gene Reischman Family & The J. Kenneth Smith Family
2016	1956 Lions Hondo Little League World Series Championship Baseball Team
2017	Southwestern Public Service Company
2018	The Merced and Francisca González Family
2019	The Dairy Industry of Chaves County
2020	Restaurants of Roswell Past and Present
2022	Taking A Trip Down Memory Lane - Honoring All Past Recipients
2023	Mary Lou Glass "Silent Servant"
2024	Troy Hays

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special occasion with an annual contribution to
the Historical Society for SENM.
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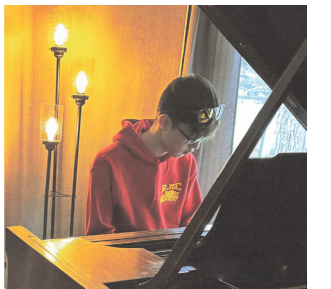
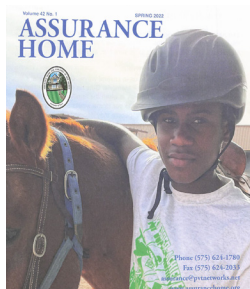
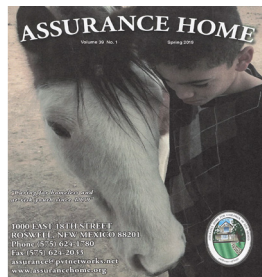
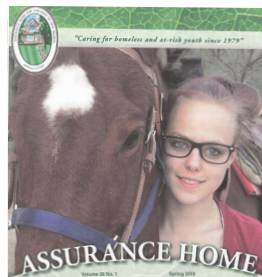
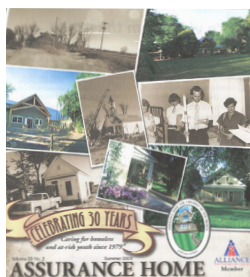
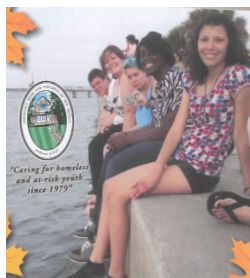
Assurance Home

Founded in 1975, the Roswell Assurance Home actually opened its doors to struggling young people in April of 1979. Through the efforts of a caring group of people in our community, it was discovered that there was a need for a program to serve older youth, ages 12 through 18, who were homeless or who were having a difficult time living in family environments due to early childhood trauma. One member of that group, Ron Malone, has helped guide the Assurance Home program for over 46 years and continues to lead this valuable mission as their Executive Director.

Stressing compassion and kindness, the Assurance Home can offer young people different options when it comes to their living arrangements. The Home can provide temporary respite care, short-term shelter care or longer lasting supportive care. The Assurance Home provides our young people with a beautiful, homelike setting, surrounds them with loving adults and can offer them therapeutic opportunities to help them cope and thrive. On-staff, Master's Level Therapists are available to assist our young people with their struggles and provide therapy to help process their trauma.

Thousands of youth have benefited from the Assurance Home program during some of the most important and formative years in their young lives. The Home is considered a stable and important asset for homeless and struggling young people in the state of New Mexico.

The Assurance Home is thankful and truly blessed to operate and thrive in the generous and caring community of Roswell, New Mexico.



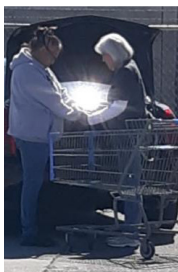
Community Kitchen

The Community Kitchen of Roswell, NM, was established in the Spring of 1983. Since then, they have served over one million meals—1,100,000 and counting to be more specific. The meals, served at the headquarters at 114 East Bland, are provided at no cost. The four full-time employees for the Community Kitchen have served for 25 years together. The Community Kitchen also relies on other volunteers throughout the week, along with support from various businesses, churches, civic organizations, foundations and everyday citizens. Some donate their time to the community Kitchen helping prepare and serve meals, while others donate food and utensils. In the words of the Community Kitchen staff, meals are free to anyone who is hungry. Hot meals are provided on lunch trays on weekdays from 10:30AM to 12:15PM, while sack lunches are handed out on weekends from 12:30PM-1PM. Among local organizations who aid the Community Kitchen are Altrusa International, Roswell; Assumption Catholic Church; Calvary Chapel, Christ's Church; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Church on the Move, First Baptist Church; First Presbyterian Church; First United Methodist Church; Grace Community Church; Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico; Immanuel Lutheran Church; Leprino Foods; McClellan Oil Corp.; Pecos Flavors/Liberty; Pecos Valley Production; Pioneer Bank, Richland Auto; R. Marley, LLC; Roswell Association of Realtors; Sanders Law Firm; Southwest Feeds; St. Andrews Episcopal Church; Target (Roswell); Trinity United Methodist Church; and Westminster Presbyterian Church.



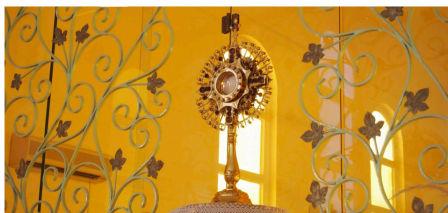
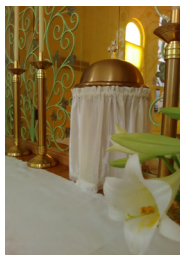
Harvest Ministries

Harvest Ministries began inauspiciously when Rubie Rubenstein - a retired police officer, chef, restaurateur, and pastor - took it upon himself to help the homeless in Roswell. He began feeding the homeless community who lived in the arroyo under the Berrendo River Bridge out of the back of his pick-up. In 2001, Pastor Rubie handed the baton to Pastor Mark Green who continues this legacy today. Eventually, this outreach grew into Harvest Ministries, which processed close to one million pounds of food for those in need in the year 2024. More specifically, Harvest Ministries served 21,655 household members, 15,033 breakfasts, processed 997,662 pounds of food, and has had 14,211 visits for food boxes in that same year. In addition to supplying food to the needy, Harvest Ministries also offers referrals to other service agencies for counseling regarding marriage, jobs, financial needs, and other services. They also provide laundry services, showers to the homeless, and assistance obtaining IDs. Besides serving their own clients, Harvest provides food support assistance for 14 other regional agencies. Overall, Harvest Ministries is the hub of all food rescue and recovery in Chaves County, distributing hundreds of thousands of pounds of food each year. It lends its helping hand by distributing food Monday through Thursday between 9AM to 12PM and serving breakfast Monday through Friday from 8AM to 10AM.



Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe was founded in Roswell, New Mexico, in November of 1948, observing the Primitive Rule of St. Clare of Assisi. It is today one of twelve monasteries of Poor Clares of the Colettine observance in the United States, which together form the Poor Clare Federation of Mary Immaculate. At the urging of Archbishop Edwin Byrne of Santa Fe to found a new monastery in New Mexico, the founding abbess, Mother Immaculata, arrived in Roswell in 1948 with her companion, Sister Annuntiata, from the Poor Clare Monastery in Chicago, to find a site for the new monastery. Archbishop Byrne knew the area would benefit from what he fondly called “the praying nuns,” and it has for over seventy-five years now. In November 1948, the rest of the founding sisters made the long train trip to Roswell and began the Poor Clare life in the little farmhouse-turned-monastery. In her 1956 book, “A Right to be Merry”, Mother Mary Francis stated, “To anyone who thinks that the Gospel cannot be taken quite literally today, we can only borrow Our Lord’s words to St. Andrew, ‘Come and see!’” Currently, the Poor Clare community numbers twenty-seven, with Mother Mary Angela serving as the abbess since 2005. Mother Mary Francis, who had served as the second abbess of the monastery for forty-one years, received the title of “Mother Emerita” in October 2005, four months before her death on February 11, 2006. Over the years, the Roswell monastery has become the motherhouse to five daughterhouses located throughout the United States. Every day the cloistered, contemplative Poor Clare nuns continue to dedicate their lives to prayer and penance. Through intercessory prayer, they pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and individuals, offering their lives as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for the love of Him who has called them to be His very own in a most special way.



The Historical Society for SENM presents the Mary Lou Glass Legacy Award to **MaryAnn Schrank, 2025 Volunteer of the Year**

“This is an excerpt from the biography written by MaryAnn’s family. The full tribute can be found on our website and the current newsletter.”

With deep appreciation and admiration, the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico proudly honors MaryAnn Schrank, a dedicated and beloved docent whose quiet dedication, creative spirit, and tireless service have left a lasting mark on our museum and community.

Since her retirement in 1994 from a distinguished career as Vice President and Manager of Otero Federal Credit Union, MaryAnn has given herself wholeheartedly to the Historical Society, logging thousands of volunteer hours—always with grace, precision, and humility.

MaryAnn brought her gifts of organization and design to every corner of the museum. Her creative eye and love for visual storytelling became central to many of the museum exhibits. From clothing and textiles to china, dolls, and glassware, MaryAnn created countless displays in the museum and archives. She particularly enjoyed leading tours for children and visitors, bringing the past to life.

She has been an active member of the Roswell Garden Club, served on the Altar Guild at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and is a gifted seamstress and floral designer. Her home is often filled with vibrant bouquets, carefully arranged with an artist’s touch.

MaryAnn’s life is rich with love and devotion. She and her husband, George, have shared 71 years of marriage, raising three children—Kim, Ed, and Melanie—and now enjoy the blessings of five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Those of us lucky enough to work alongside MaryAnn know that her legacy is woven into the fabric of our museum—through every thoughtfully arranged display, every lovingly catalogued artifact, and every visitor who walked away with a deeper appreciation of our history thanks to her.



Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**



In honor of Troy and Linda Hays, any donation to the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico Scholarship Fund is appreciated.

2025 YOUTH CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS





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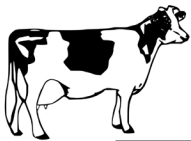
- We continue to work on the sprinkler system of the Museum and Archives.
- We planted grass seed and installed some sod.
- We have installed concrete to divert water away from museum foundation.

Although we have made progress, we still have outstanding needs regarding security, lighting, and signage.

In the words of Mrs. Mary Lou Glass, "WE ARE NOT DONE YET, WE NEED TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE!"

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To assemble, preserve, and interpret the history of Southeast New Mexico and to promote a greater interest, understanding and appreciation of the area's past.

Practical ways you can help!

1. MEMBERSHIPS (Help spread the word)
2. DONATIONS
3. Donate office supplies/office equipment
4. BOOK PURCHASES (Call office 622-8333 or log onto www.roswellhistory.org)
5. Call and just ask "What can I do to help?" Make a difference today get involved..... together great things can happen!!!!!!

YOUR INVITATION

The Officers and Board of Directors cordially invite you to encourage others to become a member of the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico, Inc. The Society is a private, nonprofit organization which receives no governmental support and relies solely on donations and memberships. Please invite others to visit the museum and/or make a donation to the Historical Society.

**Keep the memories alive
for future generations!**