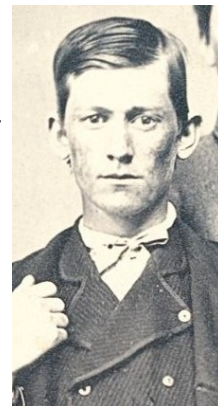




Historically Speaking...

Did you know that on June 4, 1874, the oldest son of James L. Hubbell and Juliana Gutiérrez graduated from the Law School of Georgetown University? His name was Santiago Francisco Hubbell, born October 10, 1850. Santiago had been nominated to West Point by his mother's cousin, J. Francisco Chaves, but after getting into a spot of trouble, he went on to Georgetown. After graduating, Santiago set up his law practice in Old Town, Albuquerque where he briefly practiced before succumbing to pneumonia and then dying on October 13, 1876.

Another interesting fact, according to the book *Old Town, Albuquerque, New Mexico: A guide to its history and architecture*, the author, Byron A. Johnson, writes that oral tradition suggests that James L. Hubbell and Juliana Gutiérrez built a house at the present address of 201 Romero. In 1880 it was the corner of James and Santiago.



Agri-Notes

Lisa Lucero-Anglada

Water shortages and climate affects agriculture in New Mexico

New Mexico resides in a high desert plateau and, receiving less than 10 inches of rain each year, often struggles with water shortages that accompany such arid climates. Both the water table and above ground water resources are dissipating faster than natural renewal processes that occur. Considering these water shortages, local farmers often struggle with questions that concern what crops are best to grow here. Water shortage and climate issues are so prevalent that the annual farmer's conference of 2020 hosted topics dedicated to mitigating water shortage and the effects of climate change. Farmers had many questions about the variables for growing crops here. These variables include climate and elevation regional divisions, soil quality, temperature, and how water evaporation and wind affect the propagation and success of crops. For more information about this topic, please contact the New Mexico Climate Center at New Mexico State University at <http://weather.nmsu.edu/> or phone 575-646-2974.

References:

<https://weather.nmsu.edu/climate/about/#:~:text=New%20Mexico%20has%20a%20mild,common%20to%20the%20Rocky%20Mountains.>

Celebrating Grant Awards

In partnership with Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District, Bernalillo County Natural Resources Services and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space have received two grants to support education around green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) from the Alliance for Water Efficiency and the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission. GHH will host the first of a series of GSI installations and workshops. While workshops have been delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will have dates for a rainwater retention pond and landscaping installation as well as workshops to help you learn how to create a home rain garden soon. The GSI garden will be east of the building, along Isleta Blvd. The grant also includes middle school curriculum that we are excited to introduce to our volunteers and schools. We look forward to the installation which will beautify a sometimes-overlooked area of the site and provide a new arm to our public and middle school educational offerings.

Bright Spots

A column dedicated to highlighting good stuff!



Over many years GHH has greatly benefitted from many partnerships with community groups and organizations. Today we'll highlight two such groups which help make GHH the special place that it is and for which we are infinitely grateful.

The **South Valley Bloomers** garden club is led by long-time member and former GHHA board member, Irene Chavez. The dedicated group has made beautifying the portals and plaza of GHH an annual project. Irene and her husband Albert donated the six large, beautiful vases that line the portal and every spring the Bloomers purchase, plant and care for the flowers that add an abundance of color and catch the eye of all visitors.

Pajarito Elementary School. Our neighboring school has brought students on field trips for many years. They have participated in annual Earth Day projects, and in November 2019 mounted an exhibit, *Pajarito School: our families, our histories, our community*, including families creating a community ofrenda, home altar, as part of Day of the Dead celebrations at GHH. In addition, Pajarito staff regularly participate in various projects and, in return, GHH has contributed to the school's garden project.

GHHA Memberships

Stephanie Sánchez

The Gutiérrez-Hubbell House Alliance has had an exciting year. Our mailing list, which is relied on to email monthly announcements on GHH exhibits and events, reached more people than ever before. Also, we capped off the year with a successful membership drive. Within our two-month drive (September-October), we recruited **28 new members!** Members joined at the student (\$10/year) and general (\$25/year) levels, and we also received numerous large donations to help continue the important work of the GHHA. Thank you all for your support!

GHHA members enjoy various benefits, including voting privileges at our annual meeting, a subscription to the quarterly *La Bandera* newsletter, exclusive members-only tours and sneak-peaks for exhibit openings (currently paused due to COVID-19 public health measures), as well as to discounts from local community partners (an on-going project) and opportunities to volunteer with GHHA committees and events.

We look forward to more opportunities in 2021 for our members to get involved and enjoy the beauty and programming of the Gutiérrez-Hubbell House. See you there!

For membership inquiries, please contact Stephanie Sánchez, Membership Committee Chair, at gutierrezhubbellhouse@gmail.com.

The Virtual Gutiérrez-Hubbell House

Demetria Gutiérrez

The Website

The Communications Committee has been working diligently to create a more user-friendly online experience for our website, gutierrezhubbellhouse.org. For starters, we have switched around our menu to help you more easily navigate the different facets of Gutiérrez-Hubbell House. Thankfully, as we continue to make changes, we don't anticipate any website downtime so you can continue to find information on the latest events.

If you have any suggested changes, you can find the link to our Google Form (a comment box, of sorts) at gutierrezhubbellhouse.org and let us know what type of changes you would like to see.

Social Media

If you are looking for the quickest up-to-date information, follow us on social media! We are now on Instagram as [@gutierrezhubbellhousealliance](https://www.instagram.com/gutierrezhubbellhousealliance) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/GutierrezHubbellHouseAlliance](https://www.facebook.com/GutierrezHubbellHouseAlliance).

Call for volunteers

If you have some experience working with social media or websites and you would like to volunteer to help GHHA stay current, contact us at gutierrezhubbellhouse@gmail.com and let us know how you would like to help.



**Enduring Querencias:
Lost and Reclaimed Expressions of Home**



Photographs, Poems, and Reflections on the South Valley
Gutiérrez-Hubbell House History and Cultural Center // 19 December 2020 - 27 March 2021

***Enduring Querencias:
Lost and Reclaimed Expressions of Home***
19 December 2020 - 27 March 2021

Explore a South Valley daughter's photo-poetic journey mapping her *querencia*.

This exhibit reveals loss and resilience through remembrance of overlooked people and details whose stories make up the South Valley's cultural landscape.

Esther M. Garcia, Guest Curator & Artist
MA candidate/Chicana and Chicano Studies
University of New Mexico

See bernco.gov/EnduringQuerencias for program reservations and current information on museum access. Due to COVID-19, the museum has limited hours and requires advance ticketing.

Admission and programs are **FREE**.

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Reserve your spot online for these special programs!

***Exhibit Opening:
Curator-led tour***

Virtual event
Saturday 19 December
1-2:30 p.m.

Youth Photo Workshop

In-person, limited capacity
Saturday 16 January
12-3 p.m.

Live Poetry Reading

Virtual event
Saturday 20 February
1-2:30 p.m.

***Panel Discussion: Querencia
Lost & Reclaimed***

Virtual event
Saturday 6 March
1-2:30 p.m.

***Closing Day:
Curator-led tours***

Tentative
Saturday 27 March
1-2:30 p.m.



Gutiérrez-Hubbell House History & Cultural Center, a Bernalillo County Open Space
6029 Isleta Blvd. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105
Call 505-244-0507 for more information or to request accommodation.
Museum and grounds are ADA compliant and
NM Safe Certified for COVID-19 safe practices.