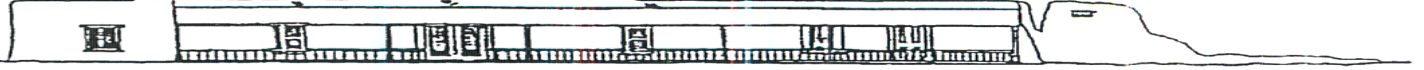


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View from the Inside

Elisabeth “Beth” Stone

Join us at the fully reopened museum!

We are excited to welcome you back to drop-in visits to the museum, tours with our volunteer guides, community workdays, and much more!

The Gutiérrez Hubbell House History & Cultural Center is now open Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. with drop-in self-guided visits during open hours.

We will continue to add programs and additional volunteer and learning opportunities throughout the summer, so stay tuned for updates at bernco.gov/GHH. Guided tours are still available by appointment for individuals and small groups at bernco.gov/OpenSpaceSignUp. New opportunities for large groups are also provided. Contact me at estone@bernco.gov for more information.

Enchiladas: A Global Journey to New Mexico

Join us May 21-September 18 for a taste of local history through an outdoor exhibit this summer and early fall.

Enchiladas: A Global Journey to New Mexico invites visitors to explore the varied origins and paths to New Mexico of key elements in our local foods. We will examine Pueblo agricultural trade and innovation, the impact of Spanish colonization on local crops and foods, and the influence of changing technology on what ingredients are available to New Mexicans. The exhibit tells the story of how generations of farmers and cooks adopted, adapted, and embraced foods from around the globe to create the unique and recognizable flavors that New Mexicans treasure as our local culinary traditions.

Find out more about the exhibit, guided tours, and accompanying programs at www.bernco.gov/EnchiladaExhibit.

The Chair’s Column

Flora M. Sánchez

Mid-summer has found the GHH stretching from its 18-month COVID-imposed quiet. Tours of the property and museum are again being offered, a second outdoor exhibit is drawing many visitors and events are being calendared. Not apparent throughout the quiet time was the enormous amount of work behind the scenes that was done by Bernalillo County, especially by site manager Beth Stone, for a solid reopening. We are indebted to all who managed things during that challenging period.

The Alliance is eager to renew its efforts to support the GHH. Over the next few weeks GHHA board members will be selling Mister Car Wash tickets. 50% of each ticket sold will be dedicated to funding upcoming GHH exhibits. Tickets don’t expire and can be used at any participating Mister Car Wash. Please consider supporting our efforts by emailing us at gutierrezhubbell@gmail.com. A board member will reach out to you to provide as many tickets as you’d like.

I am pleased to welcome our newest board member, Sofia Sánchez. Sofia is a lifelong resident of Albuquerque with deep roots in the South Valley. “I have always been involved with my own preservation efforts from cleaning up our Campo Santos, to working for the Land Grant Studies Institute at my time at UNM, to my most recent role as Deputy District Director for Congresswoman Deb Haaland.” The board will undoubtedly benefit from the vibrant new energy that Sofia brings.

We continue to actively look for new Alliance board members and for GHH volunteers in general.

Email us at gutierrezhubbellhouse@gmail.com. We will follow up with more information.

Historically Speaking...

In 1685, ninety years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Josefa Baca was born in El Paso, Nuevo Mejiço where the Baca family had fled following the Pueblo Revolt of 1680.

Both her father Manuel Baca and mother Maria Hurtado Salazar are descendants of Capt. Cristobal Baca and Ana Ortis who in 1600 followed Onate's original group of settlers bringing reinforcements and supplies to the new Spanish colony. The Baca's settled in San Gabriel which became the first capital of the Spanish Territory.

In 1693 Josefa returned to Nuevo Mejiço with her family and moved with them to Bernalillo in 1699. Like her father, Josefa speculated in land. Records show that she made a number of purchases of property in the Bernalillo area and in July, 1733 Josefa is listed as owner of el Sitio de San Ysidro de Pajarito.

Although there is some question about a marriage in 1701 to Juan Antonio Garcia, it appears that Josefa was not married at the time of the birth of her oldest son Antonio, nor for her other five children, Jose, Rosa, Isabel, Domingo and Manuel, all surnamed Baca. In spite of being an unwed mother, her offspring produced fourteen mayors of Albuquerque and Dona Josefa became the famous matriarch of the Baca family of New Mexico.

Upcoming editions of La Bandera will continue the story of Josefa Baca, including one involving her role in New Mexico's Romeo and Juliet story.

Agri-Notes

Lisa Lucero-Anglada

The Gutiérrez Hubbell House and Open Space grounds are an excellent place to observe soil and water conservation techniques. As you walk around the grounds, including agricultural land in cultivation through the Grow the Growers program, you can see a variety of conservation initiatives in use.

Learn more about our pollinator-friendly gardens and rainwater harvesting projects on pages 3 and 4.

Workshops are held in person at GHH or virtually and allow participants to learn from experts in a range of fields. They include the Backyard Farming Series, Rainwater Harvesting videos, Quarterly Composting Series, Master Naturalist training, and the Grow the Growers program. There are also opportunities for volunteers to get hands-on experience and guidance individually, at community work days, or through programs such as Master Gardeners, South Valley Bloomers, or our own Garden Committee. These programs will equip you with skills you can use in your own home garden.

You can always check out available opportunities for classes or volunteering at bernco.gov/OpenSpaceSignUp.

The Virtual Gutierrez Hubbell House

Demetria Gutiérrez

The Website

Gutierrezhubbellhouse.org continues to undergo a transformation. The newest update includes a more streamlined front page with a quick reference to the most current events.

Keep checking back on our website as it goes through an overhaul to make it easier for you to find the information you need.

Social Media

We are now on YouTube! Recently, Ryan, of Penfold Live, came out to the GHH to film a variety of promotional videos about the property, the current Enchilada exhibit, and Art Along the Rio Grande - Art Fair. Ryan's very quick turnaround allowed us to use clips throughout our social media platforms.

For the quickest up-to-date information, follow us on social media!

Instagram: [@gutierrezhubbellhousealliance](https://www.instagram.com/gutierrezhubbellhousealliance)

Facebook: [facebook.com/GutierrezHubbellHouseAlliance](https://www.facebook.com/GutierrezHubbellHouseAlliance)

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Bright Spots



A column dedicated to highlighting good stuff!

GHH is excited to partner with Linda Valencia Martinez in hosting the 2nd Women's Art Fair at the GHH. The event, scheduled for September 18, is designed to support all women artists, especially those who struggled during the pandemic. It is already drawing artists from throughout Bernalillo County. \$50 will reserve your space; funds the Alliance will dedicate to future exhibits at the GHH. Email us at gutierrezhubbellhouse@gmail.com for more information.



Are you a wood carver, tinsmith, jeweler, Hispanic folk artist or crafter?
Please join us for a fun fall day at the beautiful historic GHH

Pollinator Week

Do you hear that buzzing sound? Before you swat away that bee, consider all the plants that rely on pollinators to reproduce. New Mexico has its fair share of pollinators, as well as pollinator-friendly plants.

To increase awareness about the benefit of pollinators, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) has partnered with the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County to launch pollinator-friendly projects at locations around the county, including the Hubbell Open Space, South Valley Multi-Purpose Center and Bachechi Open Space.

The county will collaborate with NMDA to identify pollinator-friendly plants for various seasons. Educational signs will be installed to promote the use of these plants in homeowners' yards and gardens.

Mari Simbaña, Open Space Supervisor, Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department, said this project will supplement existing educational resources. "The pollinator habitat enhancements will further the goal of Bernalillo County Open Space to steward our natural resources and, equally vital, provide educational resources to the public," said Simbaña. "Through the partnership with NMDA, we can increase the capacity to serve the local community by continuing to offer hands-on opportunities to learn how to beautify and care for both public and residential spaces."

Project initiation is just in time for National Pollinator Week June 21-27. New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed a proclamation in April declaring June 21-27 as New Mexico Pollinator Week. The proclamation indicates that pollinators are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply.



Residential Rainwater Harvesting: Community Action to Protect the Rio Grande brings new elements to GHH landscape

Residential Rainwater Harvesting: Community Action to Protect the Rio Grande was a partnership of Bernalillo County's Open Space & Natural Resource Services and Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District. Supported by several grants, a rainwater harvesting basin filled with native and desert-adapted plants was installed at GHH in April 2021.

Rainwater that falls in middle Rio Grande urbanized areas flows over surfaces like roofs, streets and sidewalks, and collects pollutants as it races toward the river. Stormwater runoff volumes, the infrequent nature of storms in the arid southwest, and unpredictability make treating urban stormwater difficult. Water quality in the Rio Grande is degraded by urban pollutants like fertilizers, herbicides, petroleum products, animal waste and more. If rainwater can be captured and infiltrated into the soil before it reaches storm drains, fewer pollutants will be carried to the Rio Grande. A wide network of large and residential rainwater harvesting features, also known as green stormwater infrastructure or GSI, can contribute to reduced pollution levels in the river. Rainwater harvesting also provides water to support attractive landscapes and conserves potable water.



Originally conceived as a community workshop, Covid-19 required us to shift gears and instead create a webinar and instructional video series with expert advice on low-tech, low-cost, low-maintenance rainwater harvesting techniques and an opportunity to join a community effort to reduce pollution in the Rio Grande.

The videos are available at bernco.gov/rainwater. The basin, located on the east side of the House near Isleta, is thriving. Interpretive signage will be added in late summer. We encourage you to visit the site, view the videos, and begin planning your own home rain basin.

Learn more:

<https://aridlidcoalition.org/>

<https://www.ciudadswcd.org/projects/urban-storm-water>

bernco.gov/rainwater

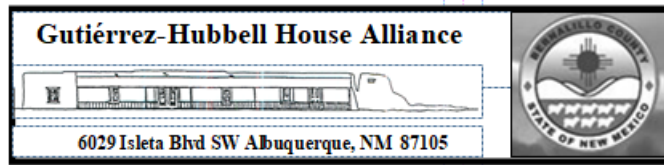
Residential Rainwater Harvesting: Community Action to Protect the Rio Grande is funded by grants from the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Alliance for Water Efficiency. The project also features education on supporting pollinators with funding from and in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. Additional funding and in-kind support was provided by Bernalillo County Natural Resource Services and Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation.



Upcoming Exhibit

Fiestas in our Mountain Villages: Place-based history by children

August 6 - October 2, *Fiestas in our Mountain Villages* will share drawings and local history from a 1955 classroom project. In accompanying programs we will be collecting more stories and drawings for a 2023 exhibit, building on the tradition of documenting our own traditions. History by the community, for the community, of the community.



GHHA Memberships

Stephanie Sánchez

Thank you to those of you who have become GHHA members in the past year! From the ongoing History & Culture events to agricultural education to partnerships with local schools, GHHA membership helps support the important work of engaging the community through place-based cultural programming that brings the past into the present.

You can become a member at either the Student level (\$10/year) or the General level (\$25/year).

To become a member, visit our website:
<http://gutierrezhubbellhouse.org/memberships/>

Are you a local business owner and would like to become a GHHA partner? GHHA-business partnerships are mutually beneficial relationships connected through common goals and shared missions. These partnerships foster cross-marketing, volunteerism, in-kind donations and more.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Sánchez with the Membership Committee at gutierrezhubbellhouse@gmail.com.

Fall Membership Drive

Stay connected for more information on our upcoming Fall membership drive!

GHH is seeking Garden Committee Members

Do you have a green thumb and a love for the Gutiérrez Hubbell House grounds? Are you interested in sharing your thoughts and expertise with other volunteers and BernCo staff to help shape the future of our gardens and orchard? We are looking to revive our Garden Committee, a group of volunteers who will help determine seasonal chores, identify tasks for volunteers, and help guide the interpretation and direction of the gardens. We are seeking members willing to attend quarterly meetings for a commitment of one year, as well as participate in some of our monthly work days on Wednesday evenings. Contact Beth at estone@bernco.gov for more info.



Community Work Days

After over a year with few volunteers on-site, we are looking to spruce up our grounds and gardens. Join us for drop-in outdoor community workdays the first Wednesday of the month, July-October, 6-8 p.m. We'll be planting, weeding, and making other upgrades to our gardens and grounds. No experience is necessary; we provide equipment. Avid gardeners are encouraged to bring their favorite tools.