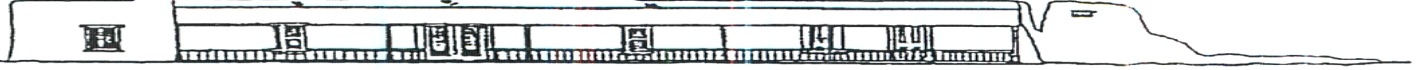


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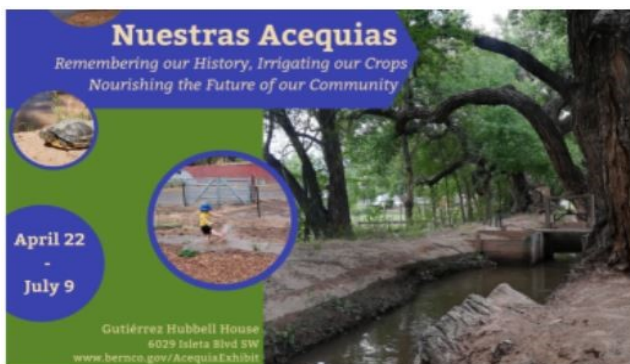
Elisabeth “Beth” Stone

As spring is upon us, Gutiérrez Hubbell House is coming out of its winter calm and diving into a new season of exhibits, garden growth, and fantastic programs. We have enjoyed the popular Birth of La China Poblana, with our guests learning about the unique history of this gorgeous garment. Now we’re preparing to give the China Poblana a fond farewell as we look forward to a summer exhibition focused on our acequias. With indoor and outdoor components and a full suite of programs, guests are sure to find something new in our communal water history in *Nuestras Acequias*. We begin with a lively opening reception with food, music, and friends from the neighborhood on Friday, April 22 at 5pm. Come join us!

The gardens, coming into bloom and greening up, are also looking lovely. The pollinator gardens installed last year will bring new color and life to the courtyard and along the alameda. We’re hopeful that our pollinating friends will enjoy the treats and habitat as they do important work in the fields and gardens.

Programs are taking place nearly every weekend through the spring and into the early summer and we’re training new volunteers in our education, gardening, and collections care areas. There’s never been a better time to come enjoy the museum and grounds - and maybe even to join our team!

Upcoming Exhibit



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The Chair’s Column

Demetria Gutiérrez



We have an exciting event happening on Saturday, April 30th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The 6th Annual Art Along the Rio Grande Art Fair is a collaborative fundraiser between Gutiérrez Hubbell House Alliance and Friends of Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge. In years past, the Friends have taken the lead, and the heavy lift of the event and now it's the Alliances turn.

Looking to become a vendor?

There's still time! Registration closes April 20.

Would you like to volunteer?

This is a volunteer-run event. If you're interested in volunteering the “day-of” please email gutierrezhubbell@gmail.com as soon as possible and we'll get you added to our contact list.

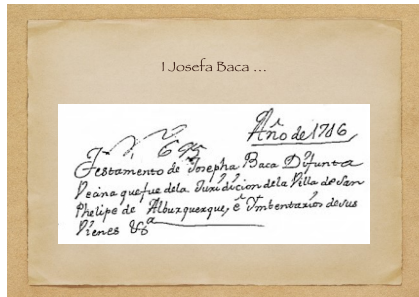
Come join us!

Our gardens will be in bloom so you can enjoy a stroll around the property, buy some art from local vendors, view our newest informative exhibit, and finish off with lunch and snacks from one, or all, of the food trucks.

For more information, please visit

www.gutierrezhubbellhouse.org/art-along-the-rio-grande-2022.

In this issue we conclude the story of GHH's ancestral matriarch Josefa Baca.



Josefa, born in 1685, died sometime before the Spanish colonial census of 1750. Her will is among the most fascinating aspects of her history. In her will Josefa declares that she is a sinner, but repentant. Demonstrating the importance of her Catholic faith, she goes on to detail the particulars of her funeral: to be buried in the habit of St. Francis and interred in the parish church, to have a vigil with her body present, a novena and eight days of masses, and that ten novena masses be said for her soul at each anniversary of her death.

She then lists her possessions and their disposition: a statue of the Infant Jesus, a farm at Pajarito, 950 head of sheep, 75 head of cattle. Notably she had her own brand which was also listed. In addition, providing clues as to what was valued and of importance to people living in New Mexico in the mid 1700's, she listed: several *cajas* or boxes, some leather, a box of locks, a brass mortar, some old skirts and some new ones, three shirts, two white shirts, hose, shoes, a bed with a mattress, sheets, quilt and pillows. Finally, she declared that she had two Indian women in her service, both of whom were to be given their complete freedom along with ten sheep.

She left all her worldly goods to her six children, in equal shares. The will was signed June 10, 1746. Her estate was valued at 2,184 pesos, a fortune in that time. Even by today standards Josefa would be considered "well off." Perhaps of even more importance was the legacy of her children and her children's children, many of whom served as community leaders, including 14 mayors of Albuquerque!



In March 2018, Josefa Baca's role in New Mexico's history was honored, one of only 100 women so honored in the state, by the placement of a roadside historical marker placed at Gutierrez Hubbell House.

The marker reads: *Josefa Baca c.1685-1746 Josefa Baca, descendant of colonists arriving in 1600, acquired the Sitio de San Ysidro de Pajarito, which included a hacienda and large tract of land south of present-day Albuquerque. Establishing a ranch with 950 head of sheep, horses, cattle and goats and with her livestock brand, Josefa became the progenitor of generations of New Mexicans. The village of Pajarito developed around the Baca family compound.*

Become a GHH Guest Curator for 2024

Community-curated exhibits are at the heart of our work, helping us create a space where a diversity of voices, ideas, and perspectives are at home in our galleries and programs. As a community-based museum, GHH is a space where the knowledge and wisdom of our local communities, especially our neighbors in the South Valley, is treasured and shared. We hope you will join us in our goal of celebrating and preserving our memories and stories for our own communities and for all our visitors.

New to museum curation? Don't worry. Our exhibit development is collaborative. We are here to support all steps of the process, from honing the initial idea through to installing the exhibit. Every exhibit comes together including museum staff, GHH volunteers, and community members, each bringing their own skills and perspectives. We will release our call for exhibits at the end of April. Find it at <http://gutierrezhubbellhouse.org/exhibit-call> or email exhibitions@berncogov to be added to the distribution list. Please share the announcement with anyone who might be interested.





A column dedicated to highlighting good stuff!

Irene Kersting has a long history with the Gutiérrez Hubbell House. She was among the community members who joined the initial effort, in the mid 1990's, to save the house after it had been sold to a developer. Irene served on the Alliance board for eight years and as its treasurer for several terms. She fondly, and ruefully, remembers the early days at GHH, days of hard work renovating the house and building the Alliance board, as well as helping with successful fundraising events like the *Matanza* and the annual Denim and Diamonds dinner and dance. Irene and her husband Albert Chavez are active Alliance members and support the House by attending most events. They generously donated the striking blue flowerpots that grace the north portals, and Irene sees that those pots are filled with flowers by organizing an annual spring work project with the South Valley Bloomers.



The South Valley Bloomers gather in April to tour the GHH.

In 2012 Irene, and GHH neighbors and friends, Kathy Duffy and Janet Ward, co-founded the South Valley Bloomers. Irene serves as primary organizer setting up monthly meetings for the garden club. In addition to gathering to learn about gardening and, as all members agree, "so much more," the group donates the time and money to buy and plant the flowers in the blue pots. Visitors love the color and life this traditional project brings to the historic house. GHH is so very fortunate to have a friend like Irene and her friends, the South Valley Bloomers.

Thank you one and all!



What's Growing?

Spring at Gutiérrez Hubbell House is a busy time. The fields, orchards, and gardens are in bloom and the first waters, bringing life-giving water to the landscape, are flowing down the *acequias*. A new batch of Grow the Growers trainees are out maintaining the fields, starting seeds, planting crops, and clearing out weeds to ensure a fruitful harvest this coming season.

Soon we'll be installing new signs in the gardens to help you learn about the pollinator-supporting species that we planted in 2021. We'll be looking for volunteers to help put in signs, maintain the gardens, and continue to plant additional varieties suited for our garden space. Contact us if you're interested in helping in this or any of our outdoor projects.



Special shout out and thanks to Dustin Chavez-Davis who contributes to many of the articles and is so often on site to lend a helping hand.

Nuestras Acequias: Remembering our History, Irrigating our Crops, and Nourishing the Future of our Community, an indoor and outdoor bilingual exhibit, shares the dynamic history and vibrant future of South Valley irrigation systems. The exhibit is accompanied by a full roster of programs for all ages and a wide range of interests. Learn more by joining us for in-person and virtual events throughout the run of the exhibit. All programs are free, but some require reservations. Reserve your spot today at bernco.gov/OpenSpaceSignUp or through the individual links below. School fields trips and group tours are also available.

Nuestras Acequias is a collaboration of Bernalillo County Open Space, CESOSS, American Friends Service Committee, South Valley Regional Association of Acequias, and Gutiérrez Hubbell House.

How to Participate:

Location: Gutiérrez Hubbell House, a Bernalillo County Open Space; 6029 Isleta Blvd SW

Hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; Subject to staff availability, large groups, schools, and other community organizations may request tours outside regular hours.

Trails, grounds, and parking open dawn-to-dusk, every day.

Call 505-350-5117 for more information or to request accommodation.

Museum and grounds are ADA compliant and NM Safe Certified for COVID-19 safe practices

Opening Reception with music and refreshments

Friday, April 22, 5-7 p.m.

Please join us for a special reception to open *Nuestras Acequias: Remembering our History, Irrigating our Crops, and Nourishing the Future of our Community*. Meet the curators, enjoy music and refreshments, and tour the exhibit in this drop-in reception.

Water Rights and Environmental Justice Panel

Thursday, April 28, 6 p.m., online. Registration required at <https://cerv.is/0097gDpwDpA>

In partnership with Valle de Oro's Environmental Justice Day, we welcome a panel of experts who will share a range of perspectives on the ways that water is central to environmental justice, community health, and equitable access to resources.

San Ysidro Day

Sunday, May 15, 3 p.m.

** Off-site at Isleta & Arenal SW. Check afsc.org/NewMexico for more detail **

In New Mexico, people have gathered for centuries on San Ysidro Day and make processions to the farms and along the *acequias*. Branches of juniper and piñon trees are dipped into the *acequia* and then used to sprinkle the fields. The songs, prayers, and dances reflect the many faiths and traditions here. Join us for this annual start to the agricultural year. The event begins at the corner of Isleta and Arenal S.W. Please dress for the weather and bring water for drinking.

***Acequia* Walk & Talk**

Thursday, May 19, 6-8 p.m.

Enjoy an evening walk along the Pajarito *acequia madre* with Santiago Maestas, President of the South Valley Regional Association of *Acequias*. This program is entirely outdoors, beginning at Gutiérrez Hubbell House, and will follow the *acequia* north 1 mile to Durand Open Space. Please dress for the weather and bring water. The walk will end at Durand Open Space, 4750 Isleta Blvd SW, and participants can then return to GHH or may wish to coordinate carpools so that they can leave from Durand. Register here: <https://cerv.is/0097gsAJebS>

Wonder of Water Family program

Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m.- noon

Drop-in any time. Storytime at 10:30 a.m.

Bring the whole family to celebrate the role of water in our lives. Hear a story about San Ysidro at 10:30, look for wildlife living along the *acequia*, and enjoy hands-on explorations of the ways that waterways and river change over time. Guides will be on-hand as you visit the exhibit *Nuestras Acequias* and there are plenty of indoor and outdoor activities throughout the morning. Register here: <https://cerv.is/0097gNXNyor>

Rainwater Harvesting Panel and Workshop

Thursday, June 23, 6 p.m., online, registration required at <https://cerv.is/0097gWEpAS8>

Saturday, June 25, 9-11 a.m., on-site, registration recommended at <https://cerv.is/0097gAyv5dx>

In two separate programs, we'll continue our exploration of care and maintenance of passive rainwater harvesting basins. The Thursday evening webinar builds on a series of training videos released in 2021 on how to design, install, and maintain residential-scale, passive rainwater harvesting features. In passive water harvesting, rainwater is conveyed directly to a landscaped area and infiltrated into the soil. Local rainwater harvesting experts will discuss passive water harvesting best practices and

take questions from the audience. On Saturday, we'll focus on how to select plants for rainwater harvesting basins. We will address factors that influence plant selection, including local bioregions and wetness zones within the basin. This workshop will take place at the Gutiérrez Hubbell House Rainwater Harvesting Learning Landscape, where participants will be able to see an example plant palette chosen for an arid-adapted rainwater harvesting feature. The training will also include information from the ABQ Backyard Refuge Program on plants that support local wildlife. Join us for one or both sessions. Participants are encouraged to watch the Residential Rainwater Harvesting video training series at www.bernco.gov/rainwater prior to this workshop. Bring your questions on how to put the guidance in the videos into practice. This training is offered through a partnership between Bernalillo County, the Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Arid LID Coalition.

Closing celebration

Saturday, July 9, 11 a.m - 2 p.m. Guided tour at 11, followed by a reception and music. It's your last chance to view *Nuestras Acequias*. Join us for a guided tour of the exhibit at 11 a.m., followed by a reception with music and refreshments. Meet the curatorial team and other partners and celebrate the close of the exhibit. Register here: <https://cerv.is/0097g49cuEA>

Pajarito Acequia Community Survey

Geography students at the University of New Mexico are conducting a community mapping project around the South Valley *Acequias* as part of Dr. Maria Lane's Critical Cartography (GEOG 413/513) course. They are seeking survey respondents from people who live in the South Valley. The brief survey will inform project partners (Bernalillo County Open Space, and South Valley Partners including CESOSS) in better understanding how the community currently utilizes and engages with the *Acequias* of the South Valley—in particular the Pajarito *Acequia*, located between the Durand Open Space and the Gutiérrez Hubbell House. *Acequias* are communal irrigation ditches that have rich histories rooted in place, culture, and worldviews. The survey is mostly multiple choice and will take about 15 minutes to complete. Answers to this survey are anonymous and only the creators of the survey can see who filled it out. A Spanish version of the survey is also available within the link provided. (Para ver esta encuesta en español, escoge la opción en la esquina derecha en la computadora o en la parte abajo de la página en el teléfono.) The students greatly appreciate your consideration and are happy to answer any questions you may have. Questions on the project can be directed to criticalcartography413@gmail.com.

Take the survey here: <https://communitysurvey.usahidi.io/posts/create/2>



Pajarito Acequia Extent
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The ABQ City Nature Challenge 2022 Returns to Art Along the Rio Grande



The Albuquerque City Nature Challenge will take place from April 29th to May 2nd. The City Nature Challenge is a friendly community science competition between urban areas across the world to see which communities can make the most observations of nature. Our project will document wildlife in Bernalillo, Valencia and Sandoval Counties.

Join us in showing the world our amazing biodiversity as we participate once again in the City Nature Challenge as part of Art Along the Rio Grande where on April 30 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m you can tour new pollinator gardens. and start recording observations.

Last year we beat both Phoenix and Tucson. Help us keep up our winning streak by signing up or joining us onsite and all weekend long. Learn more about the City Nature Challenge. No experience necessary and prizes are available! To participate, download the iNaturalist app to your phone.

Volunteer with us!

We're always looking for new volunteers at Gutiérrez Hubbell House and now is a great time to start your volunteer journey. We share both the history and the future of agricultural life in the South Valley at the historic house, history museum galleries, interpretive gardens, and working farms. There are opportunities for all levels of experience and commitment and in all mission areas. For more info, email Beth Stone at estone@bernco.gov or call 505-350-5117.

Volunteer and Internship Opportunities

K12 Lesson Leader: Change a child's life in an afternoon of local history. Find out more about becoming a lesson leader for elementary school field trips or help us develop new middle school and high school programs. Training: one 2-hour session. Time commitment: four 2-hour visits; irregular but scheduled in advance.

Museum Guide: Lead groups on tours of the house, galleries, and grounds. Develop tours for the needs of different audiences. Training: monthly 1-hour sessions plus one-time orientation if starting after April. Time commitment: three 30-60 minute tours/year; irregular but scheduled in advance.

Gallery Attendant: Greet visitors, offer brief orientations to the museum, and help with record-keeping, visitor studies, and historical research. Training: one 30-minute session. Time commitment: 2-4 hour shifts, 1-4x per month, on a regular schedule.

Collections Assistant: Assist in the documentation, care, and preservation of objects and architectural features in the gallery, house, and collections. Training: on-the-job. Time commitment: 4-8 hrs/week.

Field & Garden Assistant: Help care for the interpretive gardens of medicinal, culinary, and heritage plants. Assist farmers in one of several fields. Participate in projects to enhance the gardens and grounds. Training: on-the-job. Time commitment: variable.

Garden Committee Member: Help guide the planning and care for interpretive gardens. Participate in quarterly planning meetings and monthly workdays. Training: on-the-job. Time commitment: 3-4 hours/month.

Special Projects: Ask us about special projects in all areas of our work, whether you want to be indoors or outdoors; public speaking or behind the scenes; working with plants, objects, documents, or people, we have a place for you! Training and time commitment: variable.

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Nuestras Acequias

Remembering our History, Irrigating our Crops, Nourishing the Future of our Community

On exhibit April 22-July 9, 2022 at Gutiérrez Hubbell House

Programs

More info and links to sign up at www.bernco.gov/AcequiaExhibit

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Call (505) 350-5117 for more information or to request accommodation. Museum, grounds, programs are open to all and ADA compliant. All programs and museum admission are free!

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