

La Bandera de la Casa Gutierrez-Hubbell

Newsletter - Third Edition

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President's Column

La Bandera

A new year for the Hubbell House Alliance has begun!

We have much in place and much to be done! I will outline the activities here in general. Please contact the people listed directly to participate in any and all activities. Your suggestions for additional activities are welcome as well.

The New Board and slate of officers took their seats in December and began an ambitious work plan for the year. You will see that work reflected throughout this newsletter.

- We have the revised Bylaws in effect.
- The Strategic Plan has been reviewed and gives foundation to the work for this year and the years beyond.
- The working relationships with Bernalillo County and Cornerstones are solid with monthly meetings set up for plan reviews throughout the year.
- The work days calendar has been set for the year. Please check to see which you can attend!
- The committees all have chairs and are actively soliciting participation - your participation!
- The rehabilitation of the House is in full swing with nine Youth Conservation Corps members and four County and Cornerstones staff members full time on the House
- The plans for the electrical and mechanical work are completed and approved for the House.
- Board meetings are held every third Wednesday evening - 7 PM - 131 Adams NE
- Workdays will be every third Saturday of the month from May to October starting at 9 am - 6039 Isleta Blvd. SW
- We will be farming the 8 acres this year planting alfalfa in the south field, sorghum and oats in the middle field and tomatoes and chili in the north field. Look for fresh produce days in the fall!

Dates and activities - which are subject to change due to House's needs:

May 21 - adobe making - plastering in phase 1 - orchard planting - Spring planting

June 18 - clean up the house and yard area - make adobes -

July 16 - trail creation - adobe making

August 20 - trail creation - adobe making - beginning harvest

September 17 - adobe making, plastering Phase 2 - harvesting

October 15 - adobe making - harvesting and putting the gardens to bed

While the rehabilitation will need some help from us throughout the year there are other activities we can do while the construction zone is in force. These will keep us well occupied for the better part of this year. In addition to the House there are 8 acres at the Hubbell Property. This is divided for management into farm land, future nature trail, heritage orchard, house grounds and demonstration gardens.

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Gutierrez - Hubbell

President's Column - Continued

We will be farming the land actively as well as working on the edges. Specific areas of interest where you can help include:

- a). Jim Sais will coordinate the development of the Heritage Orchard on the property. He will need some help! Some of the workdays for 2005 will help with the establishment of this Orchard. The plants are already grafted and some will be ready for planting. Land needs clearing and grading and plants need planting and tending.
- b). Board member Brett Myrick will coordinate work with New Mexico Volunteers for the outdoors to create a nature trail around the property. This will include the clearing of the brush, graveling of the trail for good footing and some sign posting and description of what the walker will find on the trail. We will also delineate the distances to encourage community walking or jogging around the property. Some of the workday activity for this year involves the trail.
- c). We will work with Audubon Society and the Rio Grande Nature Center to create a bird list of the species to be found at the Hubbell Property. Marjorie Hlava will work with these groups to create the bird list.
- d). Marion Isidoro is lining up volunteers and starting the Docent Program. We are creating a Docent Program to give tours of the property and explain what was done locally by the farming and sheep ranching families of the area. Training began Feb 24.
- e) Fundraising and grant writing will be coordinated by Lawrence Lane. We need to raise another \$500,000 to complete the rehabilitation of the house. Additional monies will be needed to develop the trail, orchard and gardens
- f.) We will host the Hubbell Family Historical Society for a dinner on June 30, 2005 during their biennial reunion. Carol Chapman will coordinate the dinner - and of course she needs a team too.
- g) Carol is also keeping an eye on the rehabilitation efforts at the House. Asking questions, reviewing plans etc.
- h) Irene Kersting is working on events and partnerships.
- i) Lorenzo Hubbell is keeping the books straight with the help of Jennifer Cantrell, cpa,pc...
- j) Lorenzo is also doing publicity and public relations for the Hubbell House Alliance.
- k) Juan Carrillo will be leading the effort to farm the 8 acres and is looking after the land on our behalf.

So our plate is full but not overflowing. We are truly excited for this coming year's plan! We welcome - cry out for your help. Please call me at 265-4178 if you have questions, want to help, or have suggestions.

Marjorie M.K. Hlava
President
Hubbell House Alliance



New Board Member – Brett Myrick

Brett is a resident of the East Mountains where he proudly admits his energy independence and building of his own solar electric and water collection systems on his 20 acre property.. He is a direct descendant of Octaviano Larrazolo, the 4th Governor of New Mexico in 1917...Brett served 10 years in the U.S. Navy Seals and headed many of their department operations. After his service in the Navy, he worked several years with the United States Forest Service as a Wilderness Ranger. Brett has been both a community activist on public TV and radio, and has fought for conserving our wildlife and forestlands. Brett provides tours to the Navajo Nation and US Forest lands for student groups from across the US, Canada and Australia, promoting cultural and community awareness. Currently, Brett is consulting and designing solar and wind generated power systems in the Silver City community. We look forward to his expertise and his experience and anticipate his generous contribution to rehabilitating the house and property.

Newsletter Banner Winner

The Hubbell House Alliance Newsletter has a new name and a new look. A contest was held during the annual meeting in November of 2004 and the Board of Directors selected the winner during their December board meeting.

Board member, Lawrence Lane submitted this winning name. (We had a contest with dinner for four at Abuelitas as a prize.) Mr. Lane generously donated his prize back to HHA for a future prize/fundraising event.

And his winning entry is*La Bandera de la Casa Hubbell y Gutierrez*. The original La Bandera Americana was started May 6, 1895 by Manuel Salazar in Albuquerque, New Mexico. On August 3, 1901 the newspaper was purchased by Frank Hubbell and Nestor Montoya and was published for the next 20 years.

Did you know, Frank Hubbell was born at the Hubbell House on October 12, 1862 to James L. (Santiago) Hubbell and Julianita Gutierrez. He founded the Frank A. Hubbell Company and was a Director of the Occidental Life Insurance Company. Frank was also half owner of the Albuquerque Water Company later purchased by the city to become the municipal water utility. Frank Hubbell served in both the House and Senate of the Territorial Legislature. Frank Hubbell ran in the first U.S. Senate election but was defeated by A. A. Jones. Sen. Jones later became the Secretary of the Interior. Frank was the county chairman as well as a key player in Republican politics. He was a delegate to the National Republican Conventions that nominated McKinley and Roosevelt. Frank married Trinidad Garcia on September 15, 1888. She was the daughter of Don Juan Garcia and M. Librada Landavazo. One of Frank's sons, Lawrence, was with General Pershing when he pursued Pancho Villa into Mexico.

We hope you will enjoy reading the newsletter and hope we can live up to the reputation of the original Bandera!

Agriculture Committee Report

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GRAPES

Grapes were an important crop grown on the Gutierrez/Hubble property. Records indicate that by 1792 vineyards were planted by Lorenzo Gutierrez.

Grape culture in New Mexico dates back to the coming of the early Spanish settlers. *Vitus vinifera*, the European grape was brought to New Mexico by Spanish mission priests and grown in the various missions in New Mexico. There is a cultivar called *Mission* that is still found on many farms in New Mexico that is reported to have survived from these early plantings.

European grapes do not take winter cold well and frequently freeze. Therefore the Spanish priests learned that they could tie the grape vines together and bank soil around the plant to keep them from freezing. In early April, the soil mulch was removed and the grapes were pruned to 2 buds. This was a tedious method, but it did keep the vines from freezing. This method was used on some farms in and around the Albuquerque area until the late 1960s...

The American grape, *Vitus labrusca*, is more winter hardy and tolerant to many of the diseases and insects that plague the European grapes. In recent years researchers have hybridized these two varieties to increase winter hardiness and disease resistance. These grapes are known as European or American Hybrids.

Plans are being made to root cuttings from the *Mission grape* to be planted on the Gutierrez/Hubbell Property.

NEW BOARD MEMBER - Irene Kersting

Irene was voted to our Board on the elections held on November 10th. 2004 We are very excited and honored to have her.

Irene was educated at the University of New Mexico, Western Business College and attended a fellowship at the Smithsonian Institute on Museum Management.

Irene retired from the Albuquerque Museum as Assistant Director and also filled in, during vacancies, in the capacities of Registrar and Public Relations Officer.

She has been an active member of the community and has served on the following boards: *Magnifico*, Bernalillo County Arts Board, and is a Certified Master Gardener. She also served as a Mentor for Rio Grande High School. Irene was also selected as an Outstanding South Valley Citizen.

Irene, drawing from her past experiences, hopes to contribute to the Hubbell House Alliance in various capacities, notably the Docent Program, and formulating the museum, and archives. She feels that this is an exciting project and looks forward to participating.



HOUSE HAPPENINGS

our **HAT'S OFF**, in case you haven't noticed at Hubbell House!

removal of the roof on HHA's Phase II (main house) began after Christmas. No small task!

unds that had been designated for the House's restoration had to be expended or would revert. So, off came the

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ive days a week, they'll phase-thru the above, bringing their studies into practical applications: batch-up mud,

rains,

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It's been a WET time in the Old Town this year! While the Southwest's in need of the moisture, we didn't need the wholesale collapse of 30 plus linear feet of the midsection of south wall (Right out from under it's new roof!). Best it happened now though, prior to completing the interior finish work. Fortunately, adobe is easily reconstructable.... And our diligent crew is working on it.

Additionally, erection of the new outbuilding should begin later this year. Two handicapped accessible bathrooms, coupled with a mechanical area which are much needed. Linking to Phase I's west end, by an open breezeway which will echo the adobe, flat roof character of the main building.

All in all, Spring '05 is ambitious and promising! Saturday's volunteer Adobe Workshop Series will resume tentatively in May. Hopefully, June's re-welcoming of the Hubbell Clan's Reunion will Permit a pause for a "Hospitality Climax"!

In the meantime, we're a hard core, Hard Hat site...and thus necessarily can avail only minimal and limited, prescheduled escorted public access.

HATS OFF TO HARD HATS!



Picture taken fall '04
Scoping and re-
insurance costs. We are hoping
roof will be over Phase II
month or so.

Phase I: An inaugural
n commenced in February.
Bernalillo County, Youth
vation Corps (YCC)
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at T-VI (South Campus)
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crew's and Cornerstone's
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ading this promising,
breaking, new program
Construction Certification)

at Hubbell House.

Trivia-

Josiah Gregg in his writings that were published in the book, "The Commerce of the Prairies," gives some idea of agriculture in New Mexico. He relates his observations of his trips and published them in 1844. He writes, "Agriculture, like everything else in New Mexico is in a very primitive and unimproved state." He indicates that the hoe is the most used implement, and that very little plowing is done except with a plow, made from a section of tree trunk and a handle made from a branch, that is then pulled by yoked oxen. He indicates that the entire plow was made of wood!



Gutierrez - Hubbell House Docent Program

Now that work is progressing on the restoration of the Gutierrez-Hubbell House we need to start training for a Docent Program, so we can give tours of the house and property when it is ready. We are now looking for members who would like to become docents.

The first docent training session was held February 24th. It is not too late to join the group nor does it commit you to become a docent. We just hope you will find it so interesting you will want to be part of the group. All the meetings but one are on Thursday afternoons at 1:15 at the home of Nancy Christen 8810 Vidal SW. If you are coming please call Marion Isidoro 877-4440 so there will be enough chairs and to get directions to Nancy's house.

Thursday March 3rd at 1:15, Cornerstone's Francisco Uvina came from Santa Fe to talk about adobe construction and what is involved in restoration of a historic structure. Tuesday March 8th at 1:15 Jim Sais discussed the history and the importance of agriculture in the South Valley. All the rest of the sessions will be held on Thursdays at 1:15. You will learn about the history of Pajarito, the house, the Gutierrez-Hubbell family, the valley environment, information on organic gardening, and the steps involved in giving a tour. Come join us! Being a docent and sharing what you learn can be a very enjoyable experience. If this is something you might be interested in doing, or want more information about, please contact:

Marion Isidoro
4025 Camino del Valle SW
Albuquerque, NM 87105
Phone 505-877-4440

UPCOMING EVENTS - Join US!

Learn to make Adobes, Farm and plant an Heirloom Orchard!
Let's help restore the Gutierrez- Hubbell house.

March – April, Tilling and planting of our very own organic farm. Learn specialized farm techniques of the Bosque area. Board Member Juan Carrillo, current Bosque farmer and resident will lead this exiting spring introduction.

April - May, Planting of a Heritage Orchard reflecting the variety of fruit trees planted by the Gutierrez- Hubbell family. Board Member Jim Sais, renowned horticulturalist, will head up this program.

For information on how to get involved contact:
 Jim Sais (Heritage) at 299 - 4567
 Juan Carrillo (Farming) at 877-9050

Who are you?

Don't you wonder how and where you fit in? Who might be "kin" to whom? We'd like to start a genealogy committee. We would work toward displaying a family tree at the 2005 HFHS / HHA reunion. Hubbells, Gutierrez's, Ruby's, and all others with blood ties should be chronicled. We'll support it...will you join it? Call 897-0337 to join.



Did You Know?

Josepha Baca, the mistress of the Hacienda in Pajarito had a few hundred head of *ganado menor* (small livestock) which were probably sheep and a few goats. In 1746 Josepha claimed ownership of 600 Ganado Menor, which she had all out on shares to residents in the Rio Abajo. Many sheep raisers turned their flocks to herders on sharer, the so called "partido" system. The shepherders entered into a contract with the owner agreeing to pasture and care for the sheep year round for a share of lambs born. The downside of this system is that the herder has to pay for any loss of animals, be it from death, straying, wolves, Indians or rattlesnakes.

We Need your Help!!

We are currently seeking replacement board members, committee members, volunteers and leaders to spearhead many of the interesting and rewarding projects that the Guitierrez-Hubbell House will embody. **Be a part of history!**

The Guitierrez-Hubbell House will one day become a wonderful and valuable community asset, hosting seminars, conferences, and meetings. It will function as a living museum, detailing the history of the home and community, but also exhibiting art and culture from many places with a focusing on the wild southwest. In addition, one will be able to learn what it's like to community farm and what it is like to farm the Bosque, much like how the original residents of this area once did! With our eyes and hearts protecting the Bosque and coexisting within this natural environment, you can see that this is no small task. We need many people to make this vision happen and make our town a better place to live for future generations to come. So with our Board set-up and our Committees assigned, we need you!

Below we have included our Board Members phone numbers, and Committees they chair. If you are interested in that aspect of the project please call that Board member and let yourself be known. Take an active part in shaping this truly exciting and rewarding piece of history!

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| 1) Juan Carrillo (Farming and Physical Building) | Phone # 897 – 9050 |
| 2) Carol Chapmen (Partners and Alliances) | # 897 – 0337 |
| 3) Irene Chavez-Kersting (Museum & Docents) | # 877 - 1635 |
| 4) Margie Hlava (Strategic Planning) | # 265 – 3591 |
| 5) Lorenzo Hubbell (Finance & Public Relations) | # 710 - 2703 |
| 6) Marion Isidoro (Education/docents) | # 877 - 4440 |
| 7) Lawrence Lane (Fundraising/Museum and Collections) | # 232 - 8667 |
| 8) Steve Lane (Membership) | # 256 - 9500 |
| 9) Brett Myrick (Open Space) | # 321 - 0061 |
| 10) Jim Sais (Agriculture) | # 299 - 4567 |
| 11) Growers Market (OPEN POSITION) | |

Membership form – pass it on!

Yes, I would like to help support the preservation of the Hubbell property by becoming a member of Hubbell House Alliance.

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

E-mail _____

New Member

Renewal

Memberships *

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$ 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Organization	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$ 25		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	\$100 - 500		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ally	\$501 – 1000		
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$1001 - 2500		
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$2501 and above		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime	\$10,000 and above		

** Your contributions are tax-deductible*

Make checks payable to: Hubbell House Alliance

Mail to: 6029 Isleta Boulevard SW, Albuquerque New Mexico, 87105

Members in good standing will receive the HHA Newsletter and a free VIP Tour of the Hubbell House and Property.

I would like to become a Hubbell House Volunteer

My Interests include:

Workdays

Committees

Other _____



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