



HHA

Gutierrez - Hubbell House

Newsletter - Second Edition

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Hubbell House

Chair Chat

Build it and they will come!

Since our signing of the joint use agreement with Bernalillo County (April 21, 2004) HHA's primary focus has been ongoing Phase I (the southwest wing) rehabilitation. We are making custom sized adobes, mud plastering and removing old window frames for refurbishing. It's still rough, but many thanks to the County, Cornerstones, Youth Conservation Corps along with volunteers from Indio Hispano, 4-H'er's, Pajarito Village, Sandia Labs and HHA members who have manned the workshops. Next the rear portico awaits a distressed corrugated metal roof.

Our second major undertaking was hosting the get together with the Hubbell Family Historical Society and local folks! This was an advance meeting in Albuquerque partly to

Did You Know?

Frank Hubbell, one of J.L. "Santiago" Hubbell's sons, ran in the first election in New Mexico for US Senate in 1916, but was defeated by A.A. Jones. Another son, Felipe Hubbell, lost a race for the US House of Representatives to John Morrow in 1924.



Rear Portico before resurfacing and roofing, courtesy Cornerstones

review the site for the Biannual Reunion in June of 2005. Fun and ambitious; it was HHA's first big social gathering, one of the House's largest groups ever with tours, displays, and full dinner.

We welcome Indio Hispanic Academy of Agricultural Arts and Sciences as a contractor for the project. They are cultivating chili this year! They have supported us in various ways especially at the adobe workshops, by contributing South Valley participation and expertise.

After the upcoming election we will actively establish committees for the many tasks needed to be

done; beginning the grant writing process and one for care taking of the Heritage Orchard.

We have a new address, 6029 Isleta Boulevard SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105 and a new mailbox. We hold our board meetings at the house. It is inspiring for us to be there. We usually meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. Clay Campbell holds the Bernalillo County board seat and we are glad to have him! All are welcome to attend call 897-0337 to confirm place and time. If you have skills, talent, time or energy, now is the time to come forward!

Did You Know?

In 1858 J. L. “Santiago” Hubbell is reported to have had 103,000 sheep.



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Hubbell Archives

The grand opening of the Hubbell Archives and Oral History Museum at the HTPNHS occurred Monday, August 30. While the red ribbon fluttered in the breeze an enthusiastic group toured the archives, which are housed in a steel building with lots of space saver shelving. The Winslow collection of papers, the Hubbell original rugs, and many other artifacts are carefully cataloged and available. The oral histories collected over many years are translated and transcribed into English and made easy with a detailed finding aid for the convenience of the researcher. The Hubbell Trading Post along with the National Historic Site have opened a 5500 square foot Archives and Oral History center housing 66,000 artifacts. The design of the storage area is divided into three rooms, one for archives, another for wagon storage, and lastly a room for everything else.

In addition there are two offices, a research lab, and an archival supply storage room. The \$900,000 cost of the facility included everything from preliminary field archeological surveys, architectural design, construction, and the compact storage system.

Dinner Party!

The Hubbell House Alliance and Bernalillo County will be hosting a dinner for the Hubbell Family Historical Society, a Genealogical Society for all the descendants of Richard Hubbell, the initial 1606 immigrant ancestor, at the house on June 30, 2005. This is the 12th Biennial Reunion of HFHS. Other events include a Special Overnight Field Trip to the Four Corners Area with a gathering at the Trading Post with many of the Navajo and Hopi Hubbell descendants. Visits to several of the former trading posts of Juan Lorenzo Hubbell who was born in our Parajito home in the 1860's. The regular meeting of the HFHS includes governance activities as well as many sessions of interest. The sessions include topics like, Genealogy 101, How to read the Hubbell Genealogy, Highlights from *Hubbells by Choice*, The First 100 Years of Hubbell's in America: A Historical Family Overview, Growing up a Hubbell in New Mexico, Westward Ho! Tracing the Migration of the Pioneer Hubbells, Hubbells in Science. The meeting is open to all. To register for the meeting go to www.hubbell.org and click on "Reunion" or call Heather Kotula 828-9577 to ask for registration materials. The Indio-Hispano Academy of Agricultural Arts and Sciences (IHAAAS) have had a fairly successful growing season. It has planted chili on the Hubbell Property and vegetables on other Bernalillo County Open Space Properties. Its youth participants have been selling produce on Saturdays at the local Grower's Markets and providing WIC families with fresh fruits and vegetables.



Board Elections – Volunteer - VOTE!!

The Hubbell House Alliance will have their annual meeting and potluck this Nov. 10th at 6 pm. Elections for the Board of Directors to the Hubbell House Alliance will be held during this annual meeting at the Hubbell House, located at 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105. Three new board positions are to be voted upon.

This is the best chance to participate in choosing the direction the Alliance takes for the future. Our current Board of Directors encourages your participation. All members in good standing may vote. The criteria set forth state to be in good standing state you must be a paid member of the Hubbell House Alliance for the year 2004. No proxy votes will be accepted.

The Nominating Committee will draw up a slate of candidates from among the members in good standing to be voted on by those members. Other Members are encouraged to submit names for nomination. All nominations must be received before October 10th. If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors or wish to nominate someone else, please call Lawrence Lane at (505) 232-8667 or mail nominations to the Hubbell House Alliance address listed above. Marion Isidoro, Jim Sais, and Lawrence Lane form the committee.

Board Members and officers serve for three years. Both Board and Officer positions are limited to three consecutive terms. Officers of the board are elected at the first board meeting following the November Board Election.

Show your enthusiasm and come out to vote it makes a difference!

Red or Green? : NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST!

Have you pondered where to step out to for a good New Mexican Food Meal lately? Here's a tantalizing brainstorm solution: Submit by October 10th your winning name for our HHA Newsletter (Mail, including your name, address and phone #'s) to:

**HHA Newsletter Name
6029 Isleta Blvd, SW Albuquerque,
NM 87105**

All, and multiple, suggestions are welcomed from members and non-members alike.....

.....Winner to be announced at the November 11th Annual

Membership Meeting! **Winner receives a dinner for FOUR at Abuletia's Restaurant!!**



May Helen Hubbell Circa 1900's Courtesy Cornerstones

Agriculture Committee Report



Future plans for the Hubbell House property are to develop an Heirloom Orchard and plant grapevines that have been an integral part of the property since the 1780's.

When the Spanish Missionaries came to New Mexico they brought with them European grapes that really were not that adapted to New Mexico and they had to learn how to protect them from winter damage. One grape, the Mission Grape, did survive and can still be found growing in the valley areas. The bunches are loose and they do not ripen evenly, but the flavor is excellent. We have started some cuttings and will continue to make cuttings next spring to plant on the property.

In the late 1890's records indicate that the Hubbell property had over 1000 fruit trees planted. The records indicate that there were at least 30 apple varieties planted. We anticipate planting some of these same varieties in the Orchard next spring. The varieties planted in the 1890s include: Twenty Ounce, Gentian, Early Harvest, Ben Davis, Golden Pippin, Wine sap, and Rhode Island Greening.

In addition we will be looking at heirloom fruit trees that are grown in New Mexico. There are several fruit trees that are estimated to be over 100 years old. The committee will evaluate these trees to include in the orchard.

A note of interest, in the near by Manzano mountains, near Albuquerque, there is a small town called "Manzano", which means "apple" in Spanish. The Franciscan priests built a small mission there in about 1629 and planted an apple orchard. The church has since disappeared but the orchard remained. It was said that some of the trees were planted in 1659 and survived until 1939. At that time, we are told, an over zealous person decided to fertilize the neglected old trees and unfortunately killed most of them. In 1962 it was reported that there were still some 20 trees that were quite old in the orchard and were known only as Mexican Apples. These apples had a yellow skin and were sweet and stored well.

Members of the Hubbell House Alliance have traveled to the Agricultural Experiment Station in Alcalde, New Mexico to see their organic orchard experiments. A clover that is being tested at the Station shows promise in providing natural nitrogen for tree growth. We anticipate planting New Zealand Dwarf White Clover in our orchard as well.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Lawrence Lane

Lawrence Lane's grandmother, Julie Hubbell was born at the Hubbell House. He spent 10 years in Europe working in the French Army before going to San Francisco, California, where he was a restaurant management consultant. He returned to New Mexico a year ago and has been working for the president of the NM State Senate.

NEW BOARD MEMBER - Steve Lane

Steve Lane, 37, is 4th generation Hubbell. His Great-grand father, J. Felipe Hubbell was raised at the Hubbell House. Steve has fond childhood memories of many Christmas Eves spent at the house visiting his great-Aunt Louisa.

Steve holds a BA from N.M.S.U (Government and Journalism).

After college he was an Event Coordinator with the N.M. State Fair and a Food and Beverage Manager with two successful Albuquerque restaurants. More recently Steve was the Aquatic /Sports Director with the YMCA of Albuquerque. Currently he is a property manager with Keith Properties.

Steve wishes to contribute his diverse management background assisting with the development of events, programming and fundraising. He recognizes the Hubbell House as a historical, cultural and educational asset as well as the heritage of the South Valley.

Did You Know?

Sydney Hubbell, the brother of J. L. "Santiago" Hubbell was appointed by President Lincoln to serve as a judge to the 3rd Judicial District in Las Vegas NM, and served two terms until 1867. Born in Salisbury Connecticut in 1826 he arrived in New Mexico in 1849. He died on April 2, 1880 and is buried in the Mason's Cemetery in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Sydney Hubbell was also a co-owner to the Juanita Mining Claim in the Magdalena District. which produced ore at 60% silver.

Adobe Workshop



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The volunteer day and adobe workshops have been very successful! They are a great chance to learn the traditional craft of adobe construction as it was practiced in the 1800's. The most recent get-together was held August 28th. The Alliance relies on volunteers for much of the work needed to complete the construction phase before the Hubbell House can begin its new life as a community resource. The work at hand is to build up the exterior walls of the southwest rooms.

To complete one wall involves several steps: Using a mud mixture, several layers are applied to the wall to fill the holes and level the wall. The final layer is smooth and flat. The dirt must first be shoveled through a screen to get a uniform size, and then is mixed with water, sand, and straw to compose a mortar, which is spread on the wall using a trowel. The exact formula and trowel method are two of the skills you can learn and perfect by attending these terrific workshops. There are experts from the Santa Fe's non-profit -Cornerstones and the Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Dept. to teach and assist volunteers. These are not just academics; we roll up our sleeves and get our hands dirty.

At the July and August events we were able to finish most of the walls as well as start the re-framing of some windows. **The next scheduled workshops are September 25th and October 23. The day begins at 8:30am but you may join us anytime.** We will provide a lunch but please bring gloves, hat, sunscreen and extra water. For more information or to reserve your place contact Lawrence Lane at 232-8667.

New Grants and Contributions

We can't do this without you! Many Thanks

Bill and Marie Hubbell,
Harvey and Ann Hubbell,
Roman G. Hubbell II,
D. Mariah Martin,
Suzanne Braun Stern,
Geraldine Hubbell -Wacker,
Kathleen and Spencer Wilson, and
Nancy Roberts!



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.

First - what is docent? The word comes from the Latin verb "docere" which means to teach and in this case to work with small tour groups of children (school classes, scouts, 4-H, etc.) and adult groups who want to learn about the historic Hubbell property.

Second – what would becoming a docent involve? It would mean attending 8 to 10 two hour sessions where you will receive material and training from experts on subjects such as Parajito history, agricultural background of the property, organic gardening, history of the house, information on the Gutierrez – Hubbell family, adobe construction, environmental information, and learn how to present what you have learned to the different kinds of groups who come to visit. After the main training sessions there will need to be one docent session a month to keep up with what is happening. It could also occasionally include field trips.

Third – when you finish the main training sessions, you will be needed at events held at the property to tour groups and answer questions. Later there will be school classes and adult groups who will schedule tours.

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

We hope to start training for a docent program sometime between mid- October and mid-November 2004.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Join US!

Learn to make Adobes, help restore the Hubbell house.

September 25 - Fourth Adobe Workshop with Cornerstones, Bernalillo County and volunteers.

October 23, LAST Adobe Workshop with Cornerstones, Bernalillo County and volunteers.

MUCHAS GRACIAS!!

New Grants and contributions have been received from **Bill and Marie Hubbell, Harvey and Ann Hubbell, Roman G. Hubbell II, D. Mariah Martin, Suzanne Braun Stern, Geraldine Hubbell -Wacker, Kathleen and Spencer Wilson, and Nancy Roberts!**

Unisource Worldwide, Inc. has donated a 15-foot oval conference table and 14 chairs, a wonderful addition to the meetings space in the house. (thanks to Lorenzo Hubbell)

Access Innovations Inc. has donated an extraordinary desk and credenza originally used as the bank manager's desk in Belen. It is a lovely addition to the office. (Thanks to Marjorie M.K. Hlava)

Who are you?

Don't you wonder how and where you fit in? Who might be 'kin to who? 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.

Cornerstone's Communiqués:



The National Trust for Historic Preservation has chosen Cornerstones Community Partnerships for its 2005 prestigious "Honor Award for Excellence", to be received by Donna Vogel on September 5 in Louisville Kentucky, BRAVO Partner!

Bosque Schools 9th Grade Class has chosen Cornerstones and Hubbell House to work with for as this year's community service project!! This will start in October and continue into early 2005.

Noche Feliz, Cornerstone's annual Santa Fe, Gala Dinner, fundraiser will be November 18, 2004. "Mouth, Eye & Social Candy to be sure! (Call 1-505-982-9521 for festive details)

Cornerstones is working towards participation in a program bestowing a certificate or accreditation for those youth who complete their Earth / Adobe Program. This would give grads references and credentials for future job applications and/or credits for higher institutional education advancement.

Work on the Hubbell House is going well...expecting some new youth to come on line soon, to augment the program.

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 *

Individual	\$ 15
Family	\$ 25
Sponsor	\$100 - 500
Ally	\$501 – 1000
Benefactor	\$1001 - 2500
Patron	\$2501 and above
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 _____

Calendar: HHA's Recent events

April 9 - HHA and IHAAA first work day at Hubbell House...clearing and preparing the secondary irrigation ditches

April 21 – Joint use partnership with Bernalillo county & HHA signed

May 8 – Some HHA Board members attend Hubbell Trading Post famous rug auction...meet native American Hubbells, continue arrangements for June 04 gathering

May 8 Movie filming at the Hubbell House location – film name: The Hidden Hand, Director James Cameron (nominated for a short film entitled “Fairy Tales”) Lorenzo Hubbell grabs a cameo appearance in the film!

May 15 Petroglyph Park, with Mr. Dunn, attracts 45 people, including historian Mary Davis, Authors Martha Blue and David Bruges to tour Hubbell House.

May 19 – Formal introduction of HHA Board to IHAAA is organized at South Valley Sheriff's Sub Station

June 6 – First Adobe workshop with Cornerstones, IHAAA, Velando 4-Hers and volunteers at HH. 10 PM News coverage segment by Channel 4!

June 8 “How to Have a Party” Article by Barbara Armijo, and pictures in west side edition of the Albuquerque Journal

June 10 IHAAA Sponsors tour, including Bernalillo County and HHA of their projects starting at HH for Senator Bingaman's Danny Milo, Richard Romero (President Pro Tem New Mexico Senate),

June 15 NM State Historical Preservation Office's Pilar Cannizzaro and Staff visit and assess HH at Bernalillo County's request, give their okay to proceed on renovation projects.

June 25 Clean up for 7/27 Begins at HH

June 27 HFHS and HHA with Bernalillo County Dinner tours and reunion. Our maiden party!

July 31 Second Adobe Workshop with Cornerstones, Bernalillo County Sandia Labs and 4hers as volunteers

August 18 Continuation of 6/10/04 IHAAA Tour for Senator Bingaman

August 19 “Quick Study” front page picture and article by Barbara Armijo in West Side edition of the Albuquerque Journal

August 28 – Third Adobe Workshop with Cornerstones, Bernalillo County as volunteers.



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