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DE LA CASA HUBBELL-GUTIERREZ

President's Letter

Things continue to move quickly in the rehabilitation of the Hubbell-Gutierrez House!

The county has engaged Crocker Ltd. of Santa Fe to complete the rehabilitation. Experts in adobe, they are moving quickly, the floor is excavated, the kitchen and south walls are restored, the roof is undergoing repair and finishing, the front porch has been removed to be fixed and replaced, the windows and doors are going in, the mechanical building is begun, the adobes are being used. Stuff is everywhere to accommodate the work crew!

October 1st we will have

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From a Family portrait, Juliana Gutierrez-Hubbell (Pajarito Matriarch) and J. Lorenzo Hubbell (Ganado, Hubbell Trading Post).

Juliana Gutierrez, matriarch of the Hubbell-Gutierrez House, was the great granddaughter of Clemente Gutierrez Baca. Clemente was born in Aragon, Spain to Pedro Gutierrez and Maria Gar-

From Spain to Pajarito The Hubbell-Gutierrez Story

cia. In addition to being a successful farmer, trader, and merchant Don Clemente dominated the sheep industry on the Chihuahua Trail. With sheep flocks in excess of 25,000 head, John O. Baxter in Las Carneradas describes Clemente as "King of the Chihuahua Traders". He was also the Business Agent for the Franciscan order in New Mexico, and as such, managed the church's land and livestock and acted as the official collector of church tithes. Don Clemente married Josepha Apolonia Baca of Sitio de Pajarito on Oct. 13, 1755 at Isleta, NM. Don Pedro died April 20, 1785.

The story of the Baca branch of the Hubbell-Gutierrez family is well documented and is responsible for a wealth of New Mexico history. Josepha was the daughter of Captain Antonio

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Restoration Contract Awarded to Crocker Ltd.

The \$1,239,830 contract to rehabilitate the Hubbell-Gutierrez House was awarded by the Bernalillo County Commission in April of 2006 to Crocker Ltd., a New Mexico licensed contractor with a long history of work on architectural conservation projects. Work at the Hubbell-Gutierrez House started this past fall and much has already been accomplished.

The south wall has been completely rebuilt. The north wall of the former kitchen was done in adobe to replace a non-traditional framed wall. The long wood porch that runs along the front of the house has been removed and the wall repaired. The porch will be repaired and replaced at a later date. Installing the new roof is the next task to be completed.

The inordinate amount of rain this summer has set the project back approximately one and a half weeks. Luckily for us, having a professional construction crew on site has meant the house has been covered and protected from the worst of the storms.

Crocker Ltd. is a leader in the conservation field. They have been awarded the City of Santa Fe Heritage Preservation Award for "Preservation of the Unique Historic Character of Santa Fe" and the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Award for "Outstanding Contributions in the Field of Historic Preservation" in 2000. In 1997 Crocker Ltd. was given the National Trust for Historic Preservation Honor Award for establishing training programs in stone masonry with Zuni Pueblo.

Here are a few selected Crocker Ltd. projects:

Underpinning for Leaden Hall School, Cathedral Close, Salisbury, England. English National Trust property. August 2002.

Specialty restoration services, including lime plaster and drainage system, San Ignacio Ranch, San Ignacio, NM. September 2002

Stabilization of wall using "Adobe Cages," Zia Diner, Santa Fe, NM. 2000.

Condition report, assessment and outline strategy for treatment for Casa San Ysidro, Corrales, NM. The Albuquerque Museum. April 2002.

Specialty contractor for remedial treatment of lime plasters at Shakespeare's Globe Theater, London, England. January – March, 2002.

Restoration of historic barn, blacksmith shop and outbuildings (ca. 1880), Buena Vista NM.

Restoration of San Rafael church, La Cueva, NM. With Cornerstones Community Partnerships. 1991 – 1995.

Restoration of La Capilla de San Antonio, Chacon, NM. With Cornerstones Community Partnerships. 1989 – 1990.

Stabilization of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe mission church, Zuni, NM. With Cornerstones Community Partnerships. 1992 – 1993.

Restoration of San Jose mission church, Rociada, NM. With Cornerstones Community Partnerships. 1989 – 1991.

1999

2000

2002

2003

Rehabilitation Design
Appropriation

**Bern. County
acquires property**

Historical Structures Report
funded

Roof & utilities upgrade
appropriations

Crocker Ltd. Is Getting It Done

If you've passed the Hubbell-Gutierrez House lately you might second its neighbor, Juan Carrillo's observation, "They're really getting a lot done over there...I see the dust rising all the time!"

So who are "They". Crocker Ltd. Is one of two enterprises owned by the Crocker family. Ed Crocker is a 2nd generation New Mexican and a founding employee of Corner-

stones Community Partnerships. He graduated from Tulane University in Anthropology and Archeology, and repatriated here for 10 years working in the water well business, drilling at sites all over New Mexico; so he also knows geology. He became a general contractor in the early 80's; came into Historical Preservation in '86, and is a fellow in the prestigious International Council on Monuments and

Sites.

From their Santa Fe office, wife Ann Lockhart (originally of Salt Lake, by way of graduate school at UNM) does a lot of delegating, keeps a close eye on their financial bottom line and moms the recent "joint enterprise"...their four year old son.

Oldest son (30 something), Jesse grew up in the business. After

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RECOGNITION PAGE

HHA appreciates these companies for their continuing support that makes the operation of our events and programs a success.

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Special Thanks to Jesse Baca and Juan Carrillo for their hard work in harvesting and baling of hay. Jesse, as our agriculture contractor, baled all the fields, yielding HHA 400+ bales. Juan also was there when a truck and trailer were needed to haul the bales to Frances Ray's property to be sold. The Lane brothers, Lawrence and Steve, hoisted the bales with Juan to do the hay ride to Frances. The hay is an excellent crop with a mix of barley and alfalfa.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Members receive: HHA Newsletter, free VIP tour of the Hubbell-Gutierrez House and Property, invitations to special events, Hands-on Days and the HHA Annual Meeting.

Name _____

Company or Organization _____

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Membership Levels*

Individual \$15
 Family \$25
 Business \$50

Sponsor \$100-\$499
 Ally \$500-\$999
 Benefactor \$1000-\$2499

Patron \$2500-9,999
 Lifetime above \$10,000

Success of Hands-On Days

The Hands-on Days have all been great successes; with more than 300 volunteer hours through out the season. We made a huge dent in the over growth that has been left unattended for the last 15 years. We cleared nonnative and unwanted plants from around the Heritage Garden area and cleared the hedgerows between the fields. We focused on the Nature Trail and with the help of Juan Carrillo,

neighbor and past board member, we hauled off sizable pieces

of fallen cottonwoods.

In March, we hosted a wild-fire prevention program with the Bernalillo County Fire Department

The April, May, June and July HODs we installed a drip irrigation system for the Heritage Orchard, leveled and began the foundation for the Nature Trail placing a layer of gravel and sand for erosion control.

The drip irrigation is to conserve water and simplify the watering of the Heritage Orchard.

It uses a modern-low tech technique that keeps the soaking system from clogging.

The volunteers in May dug the main trench for the system by hand. That same Saturday, and in June, we worked wheel barreling the gravel and sand, provided by the County, to the west ditch to begin the Nature Trail. In June the trenches for the irrigation lines between the

trees were dug, this time with a ditch-witch, and work on the Nature Trail continued.

The HODs also focused on other necessary projects to maintaining the property.

The County supplied a chipper for mulching and hauled off all the debris collected. We hosted a Girls Scout troop that, under the guidance of HHA Board member Lawrence Lane, weeded the Heritage Orchard. Clay Campbell and Chip Burglund, from Bernalillo Parks & Recreational Dept. were instrumental through out the HODs, providing all the necessities, like the Porta Potty, the chipper, tools and their expertise. Lawrence also visited the property through the dry months of April, May and June to insure the Orchard was being watered while the drip-irrigation was

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The Nature Trail as it winds south through the west arroyo. The magnificent cottonwood trees umbrella the trail and create the quintessential South Valley aura.



Board members Lawrence Lane and John Baca work hard to dig the trench for the drip-irrigation for the Historical Orchard.

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a "Take a peek" reception at the property. This open house will not include going into the construction zone but will include speakers and much information about what is happening now and what it will look like when it is done. Please join us!

Volunteer days continue the third Saturday of every month. Join us for the September one. We will be working on the trail that day.

The nature trail is about half done, the bird list is underway, we need to select native plants to replace the current hedge rows. (see the photos of the trail).

The orchard and vineyard have a modern low tech irrigation system and the plants are all doing well.

Museum donations have begun to increase and we are ready to accept additions to the inventory (see the Angel List)

We are beginning planning for a Matanza in the summer of 2007 when the house is ready for a gala reopening!

We continue to make progress on membership and a big membership drive will round out the year for us.

Our Annual meeting is November 18. Come and vote for the new board, you can nominate people for the board by contacting me directly.

Thanks for your help and encouragement.

Margie Hlava, HHA President

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Angel List

Angel List will feature (and solicit) donations and acquisitions for the Hubbell-Gutierrez House.

Early New Mexican pieces will be the foundation for the museum.

We want to hear about the history and the heirlooms of your family with roots to the area, and for you and your family to be a part of the museum.

If you have an items that may be connected to the family, area or era, and wish to know more about it, we can help research its provenance.

The Museum & Collections Committee is lead by Lawrence Lane (ph#256-9500) and Irene Kersting (ph#450-4443).

History (Continued from page 1) Baca and Monica Duran y Chavez. She purchased 40,000 acres in Pajarito from her father on March 10, 1785. Official measurement and division of Sitio de Pajarito took place on May 1789 for inheritance purposes. Josepha petitioned Gov. Juan Bautista de Anzo to secure the property and he recognized claims to the Sitio de Pajarito by the family. She died on Jan. 14, 1817.

For an excellent telling of this story read Tim Mac-Curdy's book The Caesar of Santa Fe.

The first generation to arrive in the New World was Luis Baca and he settled in Mexico City from Toledo, Spain. In 1600 his grandson, Captain Cristobal Baca (Vaca), traveled north to present day New Mexico with reinforcements for Onate. Born in Mexico City, Cristobal made his home in San Gabriel de los Caballeros, now the San Juan Pueblo area. He stayed in the original Spanish colonial capital when others moved to colonize Santa Fe in 1610. He had three daughters and two sons, Alonso and Antonio.

Alonso was the first Baca male born in New Mexico. He led expeditions into Indian Territory as an Army Captain. Antonio Baca was elected Alcalde of Santa Fe in 1641. The two brothers became involved in one of the early conflicts between the residents of New Mexico and the Spanish governors.

Both Alonso and Antonio Baca were accused in the murder of Governor Luis de Rosas in 1641, Antonio, along with 7 others, was executed in Santa Fe July 21, 1643 on the order of Governor Pacheco (1642-1644). Alonso was not executed and was reported living in the Rio Abajo district of New Mexico in 1662. The conflict involved the Franciscan brothers representing the church, Governor Luis de Rosas representing the crown and his own greed, and families like the Bacas who had settled the area and had long-term interests. While the murder was said to be the result of defending the honor of a Baca cousin, Nicolas Ortiz, whose wife had been seduced by the governor, the real reasons are much more complicated. Nothing is ever simple in New Mexico history.

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being installed. The ongoing construction of the Nature Trail and the maintenance of the Heritage Garden will be the focus for remaining Hands-On-Days

HHA, with the help and support of Bernalillo County and Cornerstone's Community Partnership have hosted numerous enriching Hands-On-Days.

The *Mudding* or plastering, in particular, was very popular.

Volunteers were taught adobe plaster making and restoration of walls using historical techniques.

Experts from Cornerstones were on-hand overseeing the process and explaining the importance of preserving these arts.

Hands-on Day
3rd Saturday of the month
September 16
October 21

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graduating high school he eschewed university, instead, following his heart into construction. By his dad's own proud acknowledgment, "with diligence he's become a masterful mud and plaster", and the obvious boss of the eight man crew on the Hubbell-Gutierrez House project.

The Crockers have been integral in helping develop historical preservation and restoration standards around the state

They've enjoyed a long rapport with SHIPO, the New Mexico Historic Preservation Office with nearly four hundred projects.

Citations and Awards from the following: American Institute of Architects, City of Santa Fe, New Mexico Historic Preservation Division (SHIPO), Old Santa Fe Association, The National Trust and US Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Mr. Crocker, in the monthly column in "Real Estate Guide," for the Santa Fe New Mexican discusses topics like building codes, graffiti removal from adobe, home tours, Rastra and straw bale, adobe characteristics and cross breeding with other materials, for starters.

From aquifers to substrata, foundations, parapets, to bell towers, this organization is encyclopedic! Alliance, members, family, neighbors, and the South Valley are multiply blessed that Bernalillo County, Cornerstones and Crocker Ltd. are tangibly rebuilding our history. As Juan says, "We see the dust fly, we see it as we pass

Take-A-Peek

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October 1st
1:00 to
3:30pm
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244-0507

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or to
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