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DE LA CASA GUTIERREZ-HUBBELL

Presidents Letter

The skies were a radiant Southwestern blue, the weather a perfect 70 degrees and the activity around the Historic Hubbell House was intense. The morning found the house ready for its first party. Tents, chairs and tables, provided by Bernalillo county were decorated by Linda Ortiz and her team while the smell of the meat, tended by Albert Chavez, cooking in a 7 x7 x 7 foot pit, wafted through the air. Benny and his team arrived with food provided by Ted Garcia of La Hacienda and set up. Tables for the registration, raffle, membership, brick sales and retablo painting set up under shady areas. Inside the house displays with history of the house and artifacts were ready and docents were posted in the rooms to give visitors information and the flavor of the house. Handouts were made and set out. The musicians set up Hector Pimentel and Sons Guitar makers in the Grand Sala and the Holy Water and Whiskey band in the middle field surrounded by a hay bale amphitheater. Parking signs were up, the south field ready for cars, flags along the Isleta Boulevard roadside. Everything was ready, the nature trail and

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Students from Our Lady of Assumption work with HHA on the Demonstration Garden during the October workshop.

Demonstration Garden, Heritage Orchard and Nature Trail All Growing Strong

Well! we are open for business and looking forward to a very successful 2008 at the Hubbell Farm! Many activities and efforts have taken place, and the Gutierrez – Hubbell Property is shaping up on schedule.

We have completed most of the nature trail with just a few embellishments remaining. We have ordered trail marker signage and picnic benches to make the trail path a relaxing and educational experience. By the spring of 2008, we will complete the remaining south path of the trail. The Gutierrez-Hubbell trail will be enjoyed by all for many years to come. We would like to thank the many volunteers that helped made this possible, including all the county CCP workers along with several of our board members and their families who participated during our monthly scheduled work days. We would

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Matanza '07

The Gutierrez Hubbell House after 140 years finally went through a rehabilitation that was historically authentic. The Hubbell House Alliance sponsored an old fashion Matanza on Sunday, September 30 2007 to mark this special fundraising event. The Matanza was a huge success with the community coming out to support and view the house and the surrounding acreage. Over 600 people were in attendance and had the opportunity to partake of the lamb and pork that was cooked underground by Chef Albert Chavez and his assistants Clarence Rodgers, Art De La Cruz, Lawrence Lane & Jimmie Candelaria. Frances Ray and Irene Kersting stood by to lend support and offer coffee as the lamb and pork were put underground starting with the burning of the fire at 5:00 AM Saturday morning and the meat cooking until Sunday morning at 11:00 AM. The meat was supplemented with delicious red and green chile, beans, rice, corn tortillas and flour tortillas graciously donated by Ted Garcia from La Hacienda Restaurant.

Entertainment continued throughout the day starting from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Hector Pimentel played his wonderful guitar music in the *sala* of the house, as the public toured the house and Docents Mary Frances Sanchez, Becky Candelaria, Arlette Hill, Laura Torres, Ceil Genero, and Marion Isidoro stood by giving information about the house. Joseph Anthony Wasson was outside near the portal and was a great DJ



The night before, the fire is built that will soon be reduced to red hot coals to cook the meat.



The coals and meat are buried, ensuring no smoke or heat is escaping through the dirt.

playing music and making important announcements as day the went on. In the orchard Holy Water and Whiskey - a bluegrass and gospel band played awesome music. The day was perfect and so fitting for this great event. Hubbell House Alliance wishes to thank everyone who attended and had the opportunity to see the Gutierrez Hubbell House and enjoyed a great afternoon.

Open Space Coordinator Brings Experience, Education and Energy

Jeremy Lewis is the new Open Space Coordinator with the Bernalillo Parks & Recreation. He will help with the many planned events at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House as well as all the other County's open space projects.

He help with the Demonstration Garden Workshops and worked on the Heritage Orchards planting new fruit trees.

Jeremy grew up in Rockport, Mass. He completed his studies at UMASS then served 2 years with the U.S. Peace Corps in Cameroon, Africa. In West Africa he helped develop a sustainable agriculture training center, promotes the reforestation of native trees and served the local communities as an agro-Forestry extension agent. Back in the U.S. Jeremy volunteered, through AmeriCorps, with the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps in Taos. He continued with the Youth Corps as staff to connect positive youth development with conservation and environmental projects. During this time Jeremy met his wife at a Taos County Economic Development Corporation Meeting for the community garden. In 2004 Jeremy and his wife moved to Albuquerque to attend UNM. While attending graduate school for Community & Regional Planning, Jeremy worked as a coordinator for the UNM Service Corps to promote literacy and urban gardening throughout a number of Albuquerque communities. His family is now busy raising a one-year old boy who loves to eat the food they grow!

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also like to extend special thanks and gratitude to BCPR who without their help this would not have been possible: Clay Campbell, Chip Berglund, BJ Lucero, Mark Lopez, and Ed Chismar. We would also like to welcome a new member of BCPR, Jeremy Lewis who has a strong background in sustainability.

The demonstration gardens have proceeded nicely. We have completed 8 raised beds. The work was done with the help of CCP workers, Lorenzo Hubbell, Lawrence Lane, Ryan and Carol Chapman and Irene Kersting. Also, it is worth mentioning the use of a donated backhoe to trench out our garden pipe needs

from Joseph Bizzell of Bizzell Electric. The demonstration garden is headed by Eric Garretson, President of the Downtown Growers Market. The gardens will include 8 Anasazi sunken beds, and capture water by using natural methods both traditional and through Anasazi agricultural practices. We will also install a modern high tech drip emitter system known for their reliability and efficiency. In addition, will plant 15 fruit and walnut trees from Tulley's Tree Farm throughout the property and expand our existing Heirloom Orchard. Eric Garretson held a workshop on October 26th and 27th which had a included

students from Our Lady of Assumption Parish, UNM Biology Department, Also special thanks to Mayor Martin Chavez and his staff for providing several people on the October 26 and 27th Mayor's Volunteer Day! We also had several Pajarito residents participate in the workshop. The demonstration gardens will feature a winter vegetable garden a very unique and interesting approach in promoting sustainability and year round farming.

The Agriculture Committee is also working with schools through the Public and Private Ecowiser Teacher Grants. These grants are for ecological education targeted at New Mexico students. Information is available at www.ecowiser.com. We anticipate in 2008, series of agriculture speakers and educators on a variety of topics. This program will be chaired by Maureen Murphy with the USDA who has volunteered her time to increase environmental awareness and sustainability, by providing a consistent lecture series on the property.

We anticipate the expansion of our vineyard and the enhancements of the property to include hornos, general landscaping, a barn, a slight shift from alfalfa to a vegetable crop along with an ecologically sound bio-habitat.

All this is not possible without you! This is a great time to become involved in the project and be a part of history. If you would like to learn more, and refine our vision of the Gutierrez-Hubbell farm, please give Lorenzo Hubbell a call at 710-2703.

2008 will be an exciting year to be apart of the Gutierrez-Hubbell House Farm!

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Matanza Guests tour the newly completed House and its many rooms that will be available for use by the community.

To support all this activity we have docents to gather and train, grants to write, speakers bureau to begin. We plan a GRAND opening in the Spring. The county will lay the groundwork for the last two sections of the nature trail by moving the dirt piles on the south side of the house. The Casita will be rehabilitated and ready for use in the Spring. A few of these things are already underway. Marion Isidoro has agreed to see that an horno is built on the grounds and the educational program surrounding it implemented. Marion and Carol Chapman have agreed to help with fundraising. Linda Ortiz has taken on the brick fundraiser, Arlette Hill has agreed to guide the docent program, Maureen Murphy will organize the speakers bureau, Barbara CDeBaca will help with grants writing. The Board will do a long range and strategic planning meeting in December. Irene Kersting will help with the purchasing of the furnishings and Julia Seligman

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grounds were groomed, the house looked grand! Enthusiasm was high. Worry too. We were having a party, would any one actually come? Yes they did! Over 700 people joined us for the Matanza on September 30. It was worth every ounce of effort! Offers of support came with most attendees. of what life was like, visiting the mercantile, riding the old buggy and interactions in the South Valley were abundant! It was a grand event for the South Valley and we will have many more! The Matanza marks a major turning point for the Hubbell House Alliance. We now move from a planning group to an action group. We have the house to furnish, museum to create, library and oral history programs beginning, offices to set up, community outreach and educational programs to implement.

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has agreed to help set up the store, while Frances Ray has agreed to help with staffing. We need more helpers to make these things happen, so if one strikes your fancy please call or email me (or any board member) to become a volunteer. You will read about the incredibly active Agricultural program led by Lorenzo Hubbell in another section of the newsletter. The demonstration gardens are underway with the help of Eric Garretson and we can accommodate educational programs in side and outside the house now. Although we will not be open regular hours until the spring we are glad to take groups through on tours now. An endowment fund for the Hubbell House Alliance has been started. I want to thank the Janecky Family administering the estate of Bruce Erdal for the \$50,000 bequest from Bruce's Estate. Bruce Erdal's parent were the last Hubbells to live in the house. Our annual meeting will be held at the house on Nov 28. Please join us. We will cover the progress and the plans as well as elect the Board for the coming year. It takes many hands to make this a success and the jewel of the South Valley!

Marjorie Hlava
President HHA

HHA Annual Meeting

November 28th, 2007

7:00p.m.

At the

Gutierrez-Hubbell House

All Members Welcome



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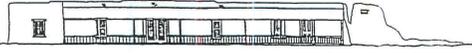
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