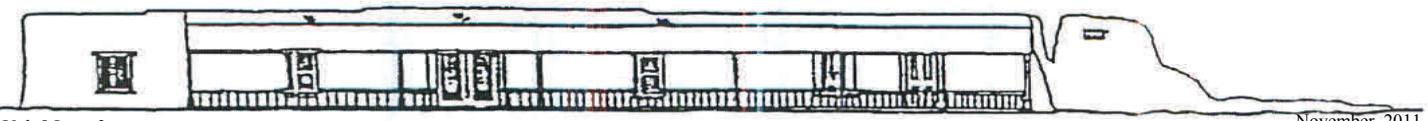


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## DE LA CASA GUTIERREZ-HUBBELL

### New Ideas, New Plans

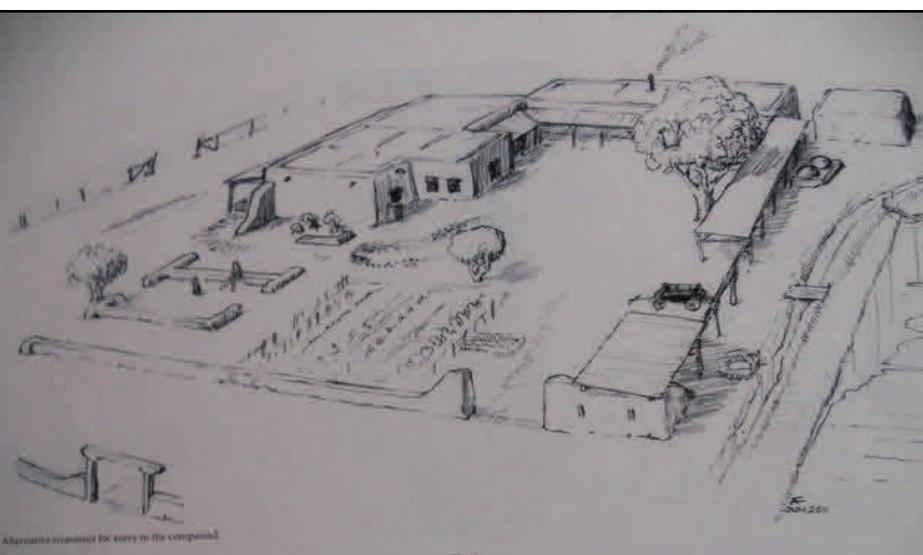
The Gutierrez Hubbell House History Museum, with the expertise of Dr. Chris Musello, **Sightworks** LLC, has created a comprehensive guide for our Bernalillo County, Parks and Recreation Open Space Property and Museum. After many months and with the input of many groups and individuals Sightworks has presented a plan, truly an informed synthesis. The goal for the Exhibit Master Plan is to serve as a guide for implementing a high quality, multi-faceted exhibits that engage visitors of all ages and backgrounds to learn about the history, culture, architecture, environment, and significance of the Gutierrez-Hubbell House, family, property and area. The Exhibit Master Plan aligns the best features of the house, the land, revenue-generating potential, and future contents and exhibits into a cohesive, attractive, historical, informative, and educational destination. Both Bernalillo County Open Space and the Hubbell House Alliance have programmatic objectives that will be aided by an plan and its subsequent implementation and we are all extremely excited by this project that will add even more relevance to the experience of this jewel in the South Valley of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Thank you to all!!



NMSU partner John Garlisch with Los Padilla's Community Center youth and gardening classes.

### Native Bees and Flowering Plants

Bernalillo County Open Space spearheaded the first Master Naturalist program in the state last year, and the Gutierrez House property is one of many beneficiaries of the program's dedicated volunteers. The volunteers go through a 55 hour training over the summer and then do a 40 hour service project—some here at our Gutierrez Hubbell House. Ricardo Avila-Carbajal and Bob Haas are assisting the County Extension Office with the Junior Master



Artist's rendition of Exhibit Master Plan exterior. Notice the proposed additions on the east (left) and west (right) side of the property. Sightworks, LLC

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## Book Review:

### "The Case of the Indian Trader: Billy Malone and the National Park Service Investigation at Hubbell Trading Post"

by Paul D. Berkowitz,

Albuquerque: UNM Press, 2011

This book tells of a true tragedy for both Billy Malone and the Hubbell Trading Post. Malone, a long-time respected trader and manager of the post lost his job, his home, and had his reputation destroyed. This UNM Press publication is about the Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site (NHS) and what happened there since it was purchased from the Hubbell family by the National Park Service (NPS) through Public Law 89-148 signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson in August 1965. According to Berkowitz the law was not only to preserve the site, but it also contained a binding resolution that it was to continue to be run as a genuine working trading post.

John Lorenzo Hubbell, born a son of James Hubbell and Juliana Gutierrez Hubbell in Pajarito, New Mexico in 1853, bought the post which was on private land surrounded by the Navajo Reservation in 1878 and opened it for business. He ran the trading post for more than fifty years and at his death his son Roman, with his wife Dorothy, continued to run the trading post. In the 1950's Roman became ill and the post was more than Dorothy felt she could handle, so they put it up for sale wanting it to become a historic site and continue to operate as a true old-time trading post. The NPS purchased it in 1965 under PL 89-148 and hired the Southwest Parks and Monument Association (SPMA) to operate the post and NPS ran the Monument. Billy Malone was the third of the experienced traders hired by SPMA, (which later became the Western National Parks Association – WNPA) over the years to manage it. He served from 1981 to 2004 when the NPS and the fired him and raided his home seizing what amounted to his life savings, personal property of Billy's and his family and all his records. Malone was never given a receipt for the thousands of items taken.

The original investigator hired by the NPS and WNPA spent a year and a half and thousands of dollars on the case against Billy Malone but found no evidence for the charges against him. At this point the author Paul Berkowitz, a long-time criminal investigator for the NPS, was asked to take over and find something to charge against Malone. They also told him not to use too many resources. Within two weeks Berkowitz saw flaws in the allegations and thought the case had been improperly handled. He continued and finished the investigation. He then bypassed his superiors and turned his report over to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix and at the same time to the Inspector General in Washington, D.C. As a result of their study of his report no charges embezzlement or theft were ever filed against Billy Malone and he and his family finally had their property returned after two and a half years. Since no receipt was given at the time of the raid one wonders if they got everything back.

Hubbell Trading Post is now only a museum with a gift shop. It is no longer a genuine Indian trading post as intended by the Hubbells or the law under which it was sold to the NPS.

--Marion E. Isidoro



Natural Horse Sense owner Ben Martinez volunteers his skilled labor and horses for our events.



Gabe Bauman-Baker and Gina Garland AmeriCorp master gardeners yield over 500 lbs. this season for Food Bank.



Bernnadette Torres, Shabeta Herbalist and Master Naturalist, with neighborhood youth class.



Back Yard Farming workshop participants learn everything from irrigation techniques to canning skills.

# AMARANTH

## Means Non-Withering

By Shania Krawic and Joseph Cordova

Amaranth, presently growing and being harvested on the Gutierrez Hubbell, Bernalillo County, Parks and Recreation Open Space property is beautifully visible from century old El Camino Real, now Isleta Boulevard. We were recently able to harvest this plant and decided to learn more about the maroon colored grain. So then we decided to research the background of the amaranthus plant. In our research we found that there are sixty known species that are over 8,000 years

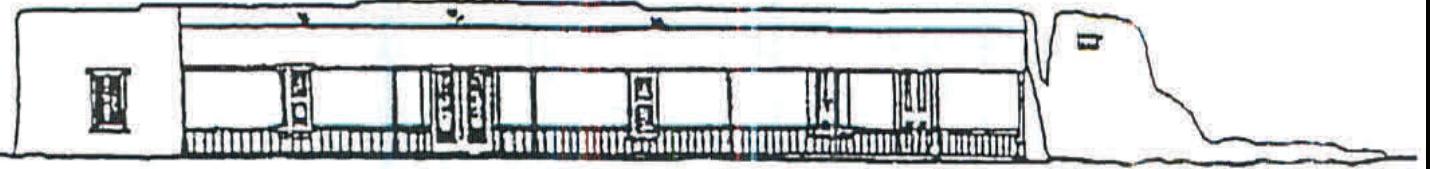
old. We also found out that this grain has thirty percent more protein than most common cereals such as wheat, oat and rye, but without the gluten. The whole plant is edible down to the roots. After harvesting this crop make sure to spread the seed heads out to dry completely, if not done the crop will start to mold. This plant grows all over the world, is easily harvested and is highly tolerant to arid environments. Since this plant is a good source of protein it has essential amino acids like lysine. Amaranth species are cultivated and consumed as a leaf vegetable, its roots are white and can be cooked with tomatoes or tamarind gravy, and the seeds have been used to make tortillas. Since the grain grows rapidly, it's known as the crop of the future. The large seed heads can weigh up to one kilogram and can contain half a million seeds. The history of the plant goes back to the Greeks and the word means *non withering*. It symbolized immortality and was believed to have healing properties. Members of the Hopi Native American tribe in the western United States made a deep red dye from the plant, later a synthetic dye was made and named amaranth. The Aztecs called it huatli and used it to prepare foods and drinks for rituals. Since the Spaniards were trying to expand Christianity in the Americas they outlawed foods that were involved in indigenous religious festivals – and that included amaranth. The amaranth is a very valuable crop that is beneficial for so many great things that can make life better for all. We have always pulled these reddish purplish, plants and threw them away because we thought it they were weeds! *Shania and Joseph are GHH interns from SV Charter HS Academy.*



**2011 LOCAL FOOD FEST AND FIELD DAY—** 3000 folks came down on October 9th to enjoy local food, Solar power, Music, Speakers, Youth games, Horse rides, Star chefs, Books and Films. Thanks to Mid Region Council of Governments, NMSU Extension Services, County of Bernalillo Parks and Recreation Open Space, UNM Sustainability Studies, Edible Santa Fe and the many families, members, volunteers and HHA Board Members!!

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Gardener Program with kids. Youth from the Los Padillas Community Center's afterschool program venture onto the Gutierrez Hubbell property to learn how to grow food. Another volunteer, Bernadette Torres who is also an herbalist, is assisting with youth activities as it pertains to the areas unique history and culture. She is directly working with Manager Beva Sanchez-Padilla. Diane and Tom Tanner led one of the Backyard Farming Series workshops on building wood burrowing bee habitat. They even gave away some of their own artistic bee houses to workshop participants and donated many tools for us. Rebecca Belletto just finished her project by organizing a pollinator garden planting event. Mixed into the vegetable beds are flowering plants that specifically attract native bees—helping both the bees and the vegetables! Thank you to many and all!





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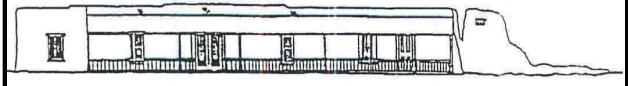
Photos: 1. HHA Membership Annual Event 2010. 2. Over 500 lbs. of fresh produce from our middle field to pass on to the Road Runner Food Bank. 3. Ricardo Avila-Carabajal, Master Naturalist, leads a class of local youth in fundamentals of gardening. 4. el dia international de la mujer celebration with community women and NHCC and Young Women United partners. 5. Madge Hubbell is interviewed by South Valley High School students and HHA interns Veronica Maldonado and Arturo Castillo as part of the History Alive program. 6. Cyclists in the 2011 Tour de Rio Grande with Gutierrez Hubbell as a destination rest stop. 7. weddings, events and rentals.

Need a birthday card?  
Need a candle?  
Need a jar of man-  
go salsa?  
Need a toy or a ee  
shirt?  
How about some  
strawberry rhubarb  
jam?  
A book?

# Gutierrez Hubbell House Mercantile Store

*Come by any Tuesday,  
Thursday and/or Saturday  
between 10am and 2pm  
and shop - museum hours.*

**All Volunteers Welcome!**



**Mail to: HHA 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW Albuquerque, N.M. 87105**

Make checks payable to Hubbell House Alliance gutierrezhubbellhouse@gmail.com

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

Members receive: HHA Newsletter, free VIP tour of the Gutierrez Hubbell House and Property, invitations to special events, Centennial Celebrations and the HHA Annual Meeting.

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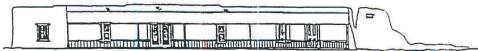
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As the Hubbell House Alliance *we sincerely thank you* for your continued support in the enriched and ongoing creation of this magnificent adobe mansion and property. Our Denim and Diamonds Dinner and Silent Auction was a great success, financially and more. *Bravo!* We thank all those of you who come and get grit under your fingernails, prepare and plan and work events and projects, teach classes, network with the neighbors, renew your membership, donate money/talent/time, garden, clean and participate in the many activities we have here. You are the village it takes to keep our partnerships and promises flourishing. Members and volunteers – you are the vision and the strength.

Please know we always welcome your museum or gift store visit and any **volunteer assistance** in any area you are able to share. Just call us at 505 244-0507, email us [gutierrezhubbellhouse@gmail.org](mailto:gutierrezhubbellhouse@gmail.org) or visit us on our website and calendar [www.hubbellhousealliance.org](http://www.hubbellhousealliance.org)

Please join us for...

**HHA Election Annual Meeting**  
Saturday, November 19, 2011  
10:00 a.m.

**Gutierrez Hubbell House History Museum**  
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**Election of Officers and Board Members**