



# NEWSLETTER

of the  
EAST MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
P.O. Box 106, Tijeras, NM 87059

Third and Fourth Quarter/ October 2007

## Calling All Members! Annual Meeting Is Nov. 11

Our annual meeting and elections will be held at from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Sandia Ranger Station's large conference room. *All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.*

The general public is being invited to attend after the business meeting and become acquainted with what we do, and we will honor public officials who have helped in efforts to preserve the addition to the Gutierrez Canyon Open Space.

The public meeting will begin at 2 p.m. **President Anabel Sanchez** will review the organization's accomplishments and plans for the future. **Preservation Chairman Andre Larroque** will honor state and local representatives who have helped secure funds for procurement of the open space. Afterward, local live music and refreshments will be provided.

All members are encouraged to come at 1:30 to vote for the officers for 2008. All of the current officers are running for re-election. They are: **Anabel Sanchez**, President; **Denise Tessier**, Vice President; **Pat Rich**, Treasurer; and **Anne Dacey-Lucas**, Secretary.

Current board members interested in continuing are: **Margaret Garcia, Marie Herrera Dresser, Andre Larroque, Dot Rich, Bay Stevens, Yolanda Stripling, Chuck VanGelder, Lowell Wagner, Louise Waldron, and Gus Winter**. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

The Ranger Station is located about a half a mile south of the traffic light in Tijeras on NM 337.

### *Mark Your Calendars*

1:30 p.m. Sunday, **Nov. 11** – Annual Meeting  
2 p.m. Sunday, **Dec. 9** – Holiday Party (See “News and Notes”, pg. 3)



*Photo by Andre Larroque*

**In the photo above, Chuck Van Gelder stands in Campbell Ranch's historic arroyo. The green swath to the left is vegetation atop a stream that is six feet deep, fed by the same springs that feed San Pedro Creek.**

## ***Campbell Ranch Tour Reveals 'Field Houses'***

On Oct. 13, EMHS Archeology Chairman **Chuck Van Gelder** took members on a field trip to view some of the "field houses" being studied by University of Chicago researcher Mark Lycett in archeological digs on Campbell Ranch. These field houses were likely outliers of the Pa-ako ruins that today are directly across North NM Highway 14 from Campbell Ranch. The field houses likely were occupied by farmers before the arrival of the Spanish.

Chuck says what is now arroyo was likely flat land 600 years ago, cleared of trees for firewood and cultivated for farming. Today, this huge arroyo cuts across the property, beneath which lies an underground stream.

## ***Tijeras Church Renovation Is Near Completion***

The Village of Tijeras is in the final phase of work on the Santo Niño historic church and could finish the project by next spring.

Tijeras Mayor Gloria Chavez told EMHS officers Anabel Sanchez and Denise Tessier the church interior and outside bathrooms are complete. Remaining is the need to bring sidewalks up to disability standards and construction of an outside gazebo. Between the church and playground equipment, a plaque will be placed in memory of three young men killed in the East Mountains, including Tijeras resident Luis Garcia, for whom the church park will be named. A memorial honoring East Mountain veterans of the Vietnam War will be constructed in the hillside at the rear of the church.

2008 will mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the village's incorporation, and EMHS will be working from a historical perspective to help the village celebrate that milestone.

*News and Notes. . . .*  
*of the East Mountain Historical Society*

**Andre and Carol Larroque** will host our annual holiday party. The festivities start at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Larroque home. This annual event is open to members of the East Mountain Historical Society and their guests, and is a potluck. Directions to the home will be emailed to members before the party.



A hearty welcome to our new members: **Kathleen Rich, Christine Koch, and Barbara and Ronald McCarty**. Thank you for supporting the preservation of East Mountain history!



The state Historic Preservation Division reports that Kathy Flynn, executive director of the state chapter of the National New Deal Preservation Association, is collecting stories from New Mexicans and others who were directly affected by New Deal programs of the 1930s. The Depression-era program's aim was to create work in communities so that unemployed families could stay in their home towns. Those who send Flynn their stories will be honored at the kick-off of a series of New Deal-related events that will run a full year, beginning March 31, 2008. Send your stories to Flynn at [newdeal@cybermesa.com](mailto:newdeal@cybermesa.com).



Albuquerque's City Council last month unanimously approved the city's first archeology ordinance, which requires that construction and any other activity that disturbs the earth first be inspected for items of archeological interest. When Councilor Martin Heinrich introduced the Albuquerque Archeological Ordinance in February, several reports of archeological site impact had come to light. Among them: the destruction of a known 10,000-year-old Folsom site during utility work for a new West Side high school and the discovery of a centuries-old pueblo during construction of a school athletic field drainage area. Heinrich worked with developers, PNM, city staff, and archeologists two years in coming up with the language of the ordinance. Previously, Albuquerque's archeological restrictions pertained only to human grave sites, and it's unknown how many sites already have been lost.



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## ***East Mountain Land Grants: Political Subdivisions***

**By Denise Tessier**

*More than 40 attended our second public event on land grants June 10. Co-sponsored by the Cañon de Carnuel Land Grant, it was an East Mountain follow-up to our state land grant talk by former state historian Robert Torrez. What follows are excerpts of the talk.*

**Macario Griego**, president of the Carnuel Land Grant, credited Moises Gonzales with getting the Carnuel LG better organized when he assumed presidency of the group in 2002. The group started following parliamentary procedure and the board found a greater voice. Its “most important achievement” came in 2004, Macario said, when Carnuel LG and other state land grants formed a non-profit association that successfully lobbied for legislation that made land grants *political subdivisions* of the state. Before, they were quasi-municipalities. In 2006, Carnuel LG revised its bylaws to confirm this political status.

Griego said Carnuel LG has benefited the community by selling and donating land for Roosevelt and A. Montoya schools. The land grant hall, he said, was built with money from the sale of land to the highway department. Its bar was the land grant’s first revenue source, and needed to pay property taxes. Today, the land grant earns \$10,000 a year from leases related to a sand and gravel enterprise, cell towers, a few mobile homes and a billboard. He said the group’s goal is to set up a trust fund, with 20 other land grants, and buy “land taken from us by the Forest Service.” He noted that pueblos have recouped water rights under the Winter’s Doctrine. “That’s how the land grant is going to try to get water rights,” he said.

**Dr. L.M. “Manuel” García y Griego**, associate professor of history and director of the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute at the University of New Mexico, and a Carnuel LG heir, said the grant originally totaled 90,000 acres, stretching from Sedillo to the top of the Sandias, and is recognized as 2,000 acres today.

The Carnuel settlement was founded twice, he said. After settlement in 1763, Albuquerque in 1771 took the land away because Carnuel was abandoned and “too dangerous”. It was settled again in 1818, with 75 original settlers, but within a year 35 had left. Jose Antonio de Noriega was the most important of these settlers because of his descendents. He had eight children with his first wife, Ignacia Candelaria, who died in childbirth, and he then married a 15-year-old, with whom he had 15 more. Almost 300 descendents of Jose Antonio were recorded by 1900, Manuel said.

These descendents were “survivors, who farmed, herded goats, and raised some cattle.” Indian orphans, or *jenizeros*, were adopted and raised by the Spanish families, who baptized them and gave them Spanish names. Manuel, who grew up in Carnuel, has been asked to do its history by the Hispanic Cultural Center, and wants to involve the community in that effort. His current focus is on census records. The 1900 Census reported fewer than 2,000 residents in the entire East Mountains, he said. He will present EMHS with a first draft of his interpretation of the census data, when it is ready.

**Moises Gonzales**, now president of the San Pedro Land Grant, said the settlement of Carnuel in 1763 was “a vision of hope even though it was very dangerous.” He said the San Antonito LG stretched from Cañoncito to San Antonito. San Pedro Land Grant was then created, then Chilili, then Manzano, Tajique and Torreon. The main grants, he said were Carnuel and Las Huertas (Placitas).

**Enrique Lamadrid**, director of Chicano Hispanic Mexican Studies at UNM and a Spanish professor at UNM, presented a historic timeline of events at the talk.



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## *Cornucopia of History Events Unfolds in Bernalillo*

There's still time to attend one of the cornucopia of history-themed events being put on by the Sandoval County Historical Society as part of the Smithsonian Institution's exhibition, *Key Ingredients: America by Food*.

EMHS member **Marie Herrera Dresser** will give a talk on herbs at the Nov. 3 event.

All of the events are being held at the Sandoval County Historical Society's Delavy House in Bernalillo at 2 p.m.

*The talks and events are:*

Saturday, Oct. 20 – Abe Pena, “Hispanic Villages and Traditions”

Sunday, Oct. 21 – Nasario Garcia, “Festivals and Food of Northern New Mexico Villages”

Saturday, Oct. 27 – Henry Street of Ponderosa Winery, “History of Wine in New Mexico” (This talk feature a wine tasting with Maria Rinaldi, sponsored by Sandoval County wineries.)

Sunday, Oct. 28 – William Dunmire, “Hispanic Plants and Foods in the New World,” including illustrations by Vangie Dunmire

Saturday, Nov. 3 – Symposium on Foods, featuring Dr. Irene Blea (cactus), Ken Kloepfel (bread), Joe Liebert (garlic), Nancy Flint (chocolate), and Marie Dresser (herbs)

Sunday, Nov. 4 – Jake Lovato, “Chuck Wagon Foods,” a lecture and demo, plus an Ethnic Style Show, “Immigrant Foods From Around the World,” directed by Katherine Pomonis.

*To get to the Delavy House: Take I-25 north to the Bernalillo exit at NM 44. Turn west on 44. Go through the light, past the fast food places and gas stations and cross the Rio Grande. One street past Coronado Monument ~ on your right ~ is the turnoff. There is a sign. The Delavy House is open every Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.*

**The newsletter of the East Mountain Historical Society, published quarterly, aims to inform members and prospective members of EMHS events and endeavors, including committee work, and to serve as a record of society activities. It is also a forum for stories about the area. Please send your ideas for future newsletter items to Denise Tessier at P.O. Box 379, Cedar Crest, NM 87008, or contact her by email at [newsletter@eastmountainhistory.org](mailto:newsletter@eastmountainhistory.org).**



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