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Tremendous Losses. . .and Tremendous Gains



Anabel Maldonado Sanchez at an EMHS Event in 1998.
Photo by Louise Waldron

As many of you know, on May 8 we lost founding member **Anabel Maldonado Sanchez**.

Membership director and member of the Archives Advisory Committee, Anabel had been an involved and crucial board member ever since she was elected recorder in EMHS' first election in 1993 – almost the entire 30 years of the organization. Please see more on page 11.

In December, EMHS President **Robyn Hoffman** suffered the loss of her husband, **Steve Hoffman**, who, like Robyn, had been a member since 2013. Still, Robyn has continued to steer this organization as we've continued to make incredible progress in this, our 30th anniversary year. Among the gains we can celebrate:

- **The 3rd printing of Timelines.**
- **A return to in-person events.**
- **Receipt of a grant, letting us hire an archivist and assistant.**
- **The opening of EMHS archives in the Tijeras Senior Center.**
- **And more. Details inside.**

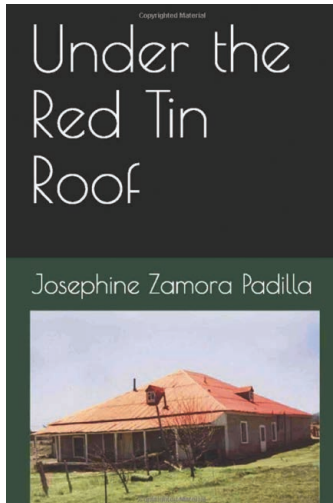
After 2-Year Hiatus, In-Person Programs Are Back

Our first program, held on May 1, featured author Josephine Zamora Padilla, who grew up in Manzano and shared personal memories included in her memoir, “Under the Red Tin Roof.”

Because we had not had a program in so long, and because of the venue, we invited only members to this program. Information was sent electronically to those who had email, and Membership Director **Anabel Sanchez** personally mailed to those without email a flier Program Director **Debbie Post** had created for the event.

Debbie later characterized the talk as “cozy”, which was apt, as the author was seated on a chair, saying she preferred to have a “conversation” with the 20 or so members who attended. Because the historic church in Tijeras is closed for renovations and repairs, Debbie had booked the Tijeras Village Council Chambers.

The youngest of 10 children, seven of whom survived childhood, Josephine said her book was sparked in 2017 with a personal genealogy search; the pandemic gave her time to write. Born in Albuquerque, she grew



up in the town of Manzano in the red tin-roofed house with adobe walls two or three layers thick. Because her mother died when she was three, she was raised by two older sisters. Her family ran a mercantile in the house, including a barrel of hard candy that was a delight to local families. With no phone or TV, her Spanish-speaking father often visited other single men for conversation, including “older men” who lived in Abo; she climbed the ruins of Quarai before it became part of Salinas National Monument. “He would not leave us unattended. He would go into the Cibola National Forest and we would play under the horse wagon while he cut wood.”

Manzano reportedly has the oldest apple orchard in the U.S., she said, and its own fishing lake that “is stocked to this day – and had a couple of drownings as well.” She talked with admiration of the local women who “worked so hard,” keeping pots of beans cooking, serving canned peaches for dessert and “making tortillas as thick as a finger, warmed on wood stoves.” EMHS **President Robyn Hoffman** purchased a copy of Josephine’s book and donated it to our archives.

Events Coming Up in June & July

“Larry Glasebrook and *The Herald of Well Country*” on June 25

Our next program will be held at the East Mountain Library at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25, when Teri Reynoso presents a talk (with lots of pictures) about tuberculosis recovery camps in the East Mountains and magazine editor Larry Glasebrook, whose dream was to open a camp of his own. Glasebrook was editor of *The Herald of Well Country*.

Wheels Museum Tour in Downtown Albuquerque on July 23

Debbie has arranged for us a private tour of the Wheels Museum, starting at 10 a.m. July 23. No fee is charged but donations are appreciated.

Please see flier on the next page for more on these member events.

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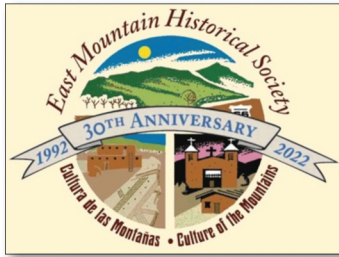
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The EMHS Newsletter aims to inform members and prospective members of EMHS events and endeavors, including committee work, and to serve as a record of society activities. It is also a forum for stories about the area. Thanks to Sandra Lee for help prepping the Newsletter for distribution and mailing, and to Robyn Hoffman for contributions and proofing.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the East Mountain Historical Society is to identify, preserve and present to the public the history and culture of the East Mountain area. EMHS will assist in protecting historical and landscapes, artifacts, records, or any item considered to be of historical significance. EMHS will also identify, collect and archive historical material of significance to the area.

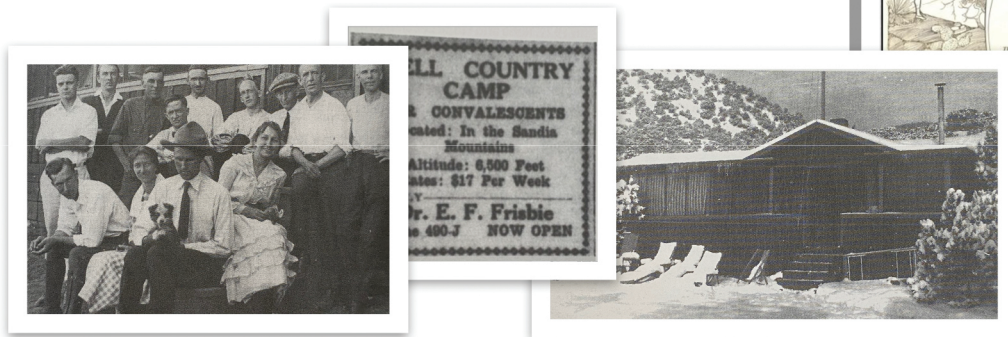
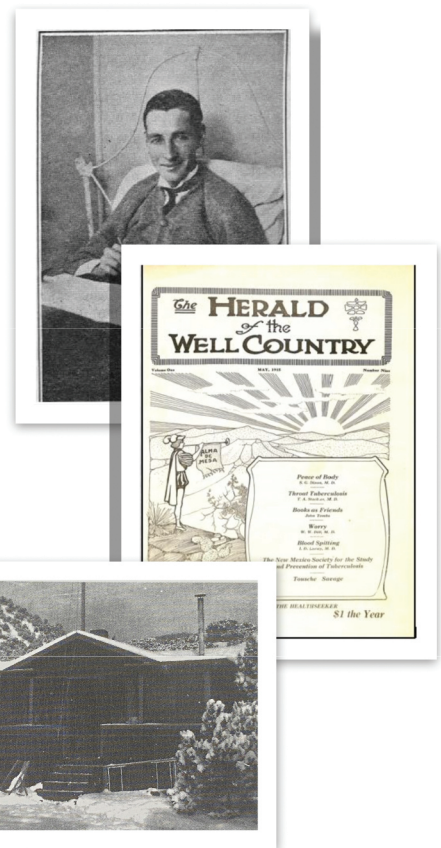
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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT
East Mountain Historical Society
June 25, 2022
Mark your calendars!

Saturday, June 25, 2022, 2:00pm
East Mountain Public Library, 487 Hwy 333, Tijeras
Guest Speaker: Teri Reynoso
Larry Glasebrook and *The Herald of the Well Country*

Those familiar with the rise of tuberculosis tourism in New Mexico might recognize the magazine *The Herald of the Well Country*. Less familiar is Larry Glasebrook, founder of the magazine and eternal optimist whose dream was to operate a co-operative tuberculosis camp in the East Mountains during the 1910s and 1920s. Join Teri Reynoso, staff member at Special Collections Library, as she discusses the founders and editorial staff of the magazine, Larry's dream unrealized, and the fate of Well Country Camp.



NEXT PROGRAM: Saturday, July 23, 2022, 10am
Wheels Museum Tour, 1100 2nd St SW in Downtown Albuquerque

For more information about these events, please contact the
EMHS Program Committee Chair, Debbie Post, 925-315-1672.

To learn about EMHS activities and publications, please visit our website:
<http://eastmountainhistory.org>

President's Message

A Hard Message To Write

This is a hard message to write, because there are no words to adequately express feelings of grief and loss. As some of you know, this has been a hard season for me personally because my wonderful husband Steve died in December, after having been my favorite companion and supporter for 41 years. And the recent loss of our beloved EMHS founding Board member Anabel Sanchez on May 8 compounds my feeling of turmoil from loss. No doubt, the thousands of deaths, societal changes and other losses sustained during the two and a half years of this pandemic have affected everyone. We have all had to relinquish cherished rituals and cultural activities, cancel, alter or downsize family and community celebrations, and often engage in new forms of communication that are poor substitutes for the prior routines of our lives.

An African proverb, sometimes attributed to Malian diplomat and writer Amadou Hampate Ba says, "When an elder dies, a library burns to the ground." Musician Michelle Zauner says in her memoir *Crying in H Mart* on the death of her Mother: "She was my champion; she was my archive. . . She had taken the utmost care to preserve the evidence of my existence and growth, capturing me in images, saving all my documents and possessions." As our elders pass away, we no longer have the in-person evidence of the lifestyle and ways of their personal history and culture. And as an elder myself, I have observed that lifestyles and cultures in the East Mountains have taken dramatic shifts, and in some ways been up-ended by drought, economic factors, and the world-wide pandemic.

The mission of the East Mountain Historical Society has always been to identify, preserve and present to the public the history and culture of the East Mountain area. Our mission statement itself includes the aims of identification, collection and archiving of historical material of significance to the East Mountains. And so it is propitious that in our 30th year of existence, EMHS has obtained the services of professional archivists to bring order to our collections, and make them more accessible to our members and the public. We are grateful to the Village of Tijeras, Mayor Jake Bruton and the Village Councilors and staff who have joined with EMHS in obtaining the National Endowment for the Humanities grant to establish our archives. Because of the current on-going restoration of the historic Tijeras Village Church where we previously kept our collections, they are now safely housed in the Tijeras Senior Center. To preserve the wisdom and history of our elders, we aspire to restart an oral history program so that our metaphorical library does not burn to the ground, but is preserved for the benefit of posterity.

– Robyn Hoffman



EMHS member Steve Hoffman, a whiz in the kitchen, making his famous chicken enchiladas.

Photo courtesy Robyn Hoffman

EMHS Receives Prestigious State History Award Second Year in a Row



Photo by Sandra Lee

For the second year in a row, EMHS has been awarded the prestigious Lansing B. Bloom award, which recognizes an outstanding publication in New Mexico or Southwest borderlands history by an institution affiliated with the Historical Society of New Mexico. EMHS is an organizational member of HSNM.

Last year, EMHS won the award for publication of its book, *Timelines of the East Mountains*. This year, EMHS was honored for its quarterly *Newsletter*.

“You’ve done it again! On behalf of the Historical Society of New Mexico Awards Committee, I am pleased to inform you that your East Mountain Historical Society newsletter has been selected for the Lansing B. Bloom award,” HSNM awards director Dennis Daily wrote in announcing the prize. “Your quarterly newsletter is a wonderfully informative publication with articles on East Mountain history, activities of the EMHS, society news and notes, etc. Putting together a newsletter of this scope, and with nice design, takes a serious committed effort and we commend you on this work.”

He added, “Our communities’ histories are largely preserved and disseminated by local historical societies across the state doing volunteer work out of the sheer love of New Mexico’s cultural heritage. Thank you for your contributions in this area.”

The award, named after the first editor of the *New Mexico Historical Review*, was presented in the form of a medallion, as it was last year (see photo). This year, the medallion was presented at the state history conference held in April in Las Cruces. It was accepted on behalf of EMHS by President **Robyn Hoffman** and EMHS Historian **Denise Tessier**, who has served as editor of the *Newsletter* since the 1998 fall issue. “EMHS is so grateful to our talented Editor Denise Tessier of our award-winning newsletter for her dedication and outstanding production of the newsletters for the last 24 years,” Robyn said. “EMHS asks now that volunteers step up to help continue the tradition so that Denise can relinquish this role to concentrate on her roles as Historian and Archive Advisory Chair.”

The EMHS Newsletter editor also won first place in the non-profit newsletter editing category in the communications contest sponsored by the New Mexico Press Women, which was announced during its conference in Farmington in March. The editor has been notified that the first place *Newsletter* also has placed nationally in the contest sponsored by the National Federation of Press Women, results of which will be announced in June.

It appears this is the first time HSNM has honored an organization with the Lansing B. Bloom award two years in a row. In addition to the medallion, the award also grants EMHS free membership in HSNM for the year 2023.

EMHS Sets Up Archives in Senior Center in Tijeras



Archivist Amy Padilla, left, and Caroline Hess, right, met with founder Joyce Mendel at her home in May. Amy said she was “honored to get this opportunity to meet the woman who is responsible for gathering so much of the material we have in our archive.”

Photo by Cliff Mendel

will work with the archivist and review materials before they are deleted, among other tasks. **Anabel Sanchez, Mo and Rick Holben** agreed to be part of the committee, and Anabel was able to visit the archives before she passed. A second grant application, drafted mostly by **Caroline**, has been submitted so that work can continue beyond the temporary parameters of the first grant, which concludes in October.

The village of Tijeras moved EMHS’ holdings from the historic church into what was the Computer Room at the Senior Center. The village gave EMHS a file cabinet and map-size file cases and the Village Council has approved an agreement that, among other things, makes the village fiduciary agent for administering the grant.

EMHS Represented at Joint Meeting of Historical Societies

On May 28, Program Director **Debbie Post** and Archivist **Amy Padilla** attended a joint meeting of historical societies hosted by Martha Liebert and the Sandoval County Historical Society. Amy reports: “They really rolled out the red carpet! There were representatives from Placitas, Cuba, Corrales, Sandoval County and Debbie and I from EMHS. We took a brief tour, and it was impressive what they’ve put together, but the thing that seemed most valuable to me was being with others who are like-minded and hungry to know more. Martha Liebert, a former librarian and head of the society, proudly showed us their wonderful collections, built over 44 years, of photos, artifacts and their ever expanding library, brimming with books about New Mexico. I had multiple requests for some training regarding keeping collections archivally, and it made me think that if we get the second grant we applied for, maybe we can include some of these folks in our training sessions. “We were there for almost three hours, and the time just flew by. Martha said that we are welcome back anytime, and I really encourage . . .the EMHS crew to go take a field trip there, it’s a wonderful place for those of us who love New Mexico history.”

Tijeras

The Strumquist Cabin

– by Rick Holben

The small cabin on the hill above I-40 just west of Tijeras has been quietly watching the progress of civilization in the canyon for over 90 years now. The house was built in 1931 by the Strumquist family and was used by their daughter Niles Strumquist, who taught school at nearby San Antonio and Tijeras schools through the 1930s. Niles was born in 1905 to John and Anna Wilds Strumquist, a financially successful and socially connected family who lived in Albuquerque and owned a plumbing and engineering company.

The cabin was built on U.S. Forest Service land adjacent to property owned by Niles' half-brother, Ralph Hill. Though Niles used the cabin, that might not have been its only purpose. In 1931, Niles' mother Anna sought to acquire a mineral entry patent for 69 acres of public land, that would have included the cabin site, for use as a stone quarry. In 1931, Anna filed her mineral claim application at the State Land Office, but the Forest Service opposed it, resulting in a federal court hearing, "United States vs. Anna Wilds Strumquist".

The Forest Service contended the mineral claim would constitute illegal use as the stone there was unfit for building purposes. Anna testified she was "in the stone quarry business," and she submitted as evidence photos described as showing "a rather stately mansion she had built out of the stone from the property." It is unknown what home the photos depicted, but it may have been the house John and Anna had built in Tijeras.

The house was on Tijeras' west side, near the spot where I-40 passes over Carlito Springs Road. In late '31 and early '32, Anna advertised in the *Albuquerque Journal* the "Shamrock Stone Quarry" in Tijeras Canyon, supplying "superior building stone at an attractive price." Her mineral claim ultimately was denied in May 1932 after Forest Service witnesses testified that that the stone was of inferior quality and the land was best suited for residential or recreational uses.

Niles Strumquist taught school at San Antonio a few years, but she mainly taught at the Don Canuto School in Tijeras, where she lived in the Tijeras cabin during the school season. In the summers she lived with the family in Albuquerque or would travel. During the summer of 1934, she was a hostess at the Chicago The World's Fair Century of Progress, New Mexico exhibit. In the summer of 1936 she and her cousin Gertrude Byrne opened a "summer shop" at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs,, which they called the "Aztec Gift Shop," stocked with Indian and Mexican souvenirs. Newspaper accounts through the 1930s record social events Niles held at her "Tijeras cabin" for her University of New Mexico Alpha Delta Pi sorority alumni and pledges.

In 1943, Niles married Donald Breakiron, a WWI veteran from Washington and California who ran an upholstery business in Albuquerque near her parents home on Sixth Street. They moved to California for several years and had a daughter, Niles Jean, before returning to New Mexico and moving into her parents' home in Tijeras in 1947. The large home, with its surrounding rock wall, was called the "Casa



*East Mountain Schoolteacher
Niles Strumquist in 1934*

de Fe,” according to several articles in Albuquerque newspapers. Niles worked at the cafeteria in the new A. Montoya school after it was completed in 1949 and she lived in Tijeras until her death in 1962.



Strumquist Cabin

Photo by Rick Holben

The little cabin on the hill remained a Forest Service lease property until 1961, when it became part of a nearly 52,000-acre land swap that the Forest Service negotiated with the estate of Ralph Rounds, a lumber dealer in Wichita, Kansas. In the 1940s, Rounds bought the Rancho del Rio Grande Land Grant in Taos County from the Santa Barbara Pole and Tie Company. In 1960, the Forest Service approached Rounds about that 90,000-acre property, which they wanted to add to the Carson National Forest. Rounds was an avid outdoorsman and fully in favor of returning the property to the people of New Mexico. Rounds was at this time 80 years old and died unexpectedly during the negotiations, but his heirs finalized the deal.

The heirs received more than 350 small parcels of Forest Service land scattered over several counties in New Mexico. Many were in Bernalillo County, including parcels in the East Mountains that now include Tres Pisos Open Space, Mountain Home Estates subdivision and many residential areas near Pine Flats, Yrissari and Juan Tomás that are

surrounded by Forest Service land. The Strumquist cabin was on an approximately 80-acre piece that bordered the north side of U.S. Highway 66. It was later purchased by Barefoot Construction of Albuquerque, which divided it into small lots, including a lot for the cabin, bringing it into private ownership.

*Editor's Note: **Rick Holben** wrote many stories in TIMELINES OF THE EAST MOUNTAINS and has continued to conduct research since its 2020 publication. Those who have purchased the book are invited to clip this 2022 article and add it to the book's **Tijeras** section.*

WANTED! EMHS is looking for volunteers to donate a few hours of their time a week or per month.

Current positions open, which are critical to the membership, are:

Newsletter Editor – Which involves proofing, editing, some writing, and working with writers, the layout person and the printer. This is more than four hours each issue, but is only four times a year. The editor would not need to do layout or distribution.

Membership – Are you familiar with Mail Chimp or equivalent? We need you to download EMHS' membership data into a program and help us keep track of membership rolls. It only involves a few hours a month.

We also need folks to help with **Oral History**, **Hospitality** and **Newsletter Production** (folding and stamping).

Please contact President Robyn Hoffman at president@eastmountainhistory.org to help.

Tremendous Gains . . .and Losses

EMHS has had a tremendous amount of activity since last December, not yet reported because the First Quarter *Newsletter* for 2022 was strictly focused on the Stone House Donation proposal. This issue will attempt to summarize this activity, including a number of historical “firsts”.

Election Results

For the first time in its history, EMHS held its Annual Meeting remotely via Zoom. The Nov. 6 virtual meeting also included EMHS’ first remotely held elections. (When the previous year’s Annual Meeting was canceled due to the pandemic, elections were conducted by email and postal ballots.)

Members on Nov. 6 voted on three important measures – elections for the board of directors, elections for the four members of the executive committee and whether to adopt new Bylaws.

Officers and Board of Directors

All 10 of the board members running were elected, and after their selection four were elected to the Executive Committee. Voted in as the Executive Committee were **Robyn Hoffman**, president; **Rick Holben**, vice president; **Sandra Lee**, treasurer; and **Dick Brown**, secretary. Elected to the board of directors were **Hallie Brown**, **Maria Herrera Dresser**, **Anabel Maldonado Sanchez**, **Gerry Jones**, **Denise Tessier**, and **Debbie Post**.

Bylaws Updated

Extensive revisions to the **EMHS Bylaws** were also passed at the meeting, and took effect immediately after the vote, as stated in these Bylaws. Among the significant changes is a provision that allows EMHS to **hold the Annual Meeting virtually**. EMHS had purchased an upgraded Zoom package so that virtual meetings could accommodate the membership. Previously, the board had met via Zoom, precipitated by the pandemic.

Another significant change: Board members and officers are now elected for **two-year terms**, rather than one-year terms. There is no restriction on how many terms a director may hold, but officers are limited to three consecutive two-year terms in office.

Board Vacancies

The Bylaws allow the Board of Directors to appoint replacements should an officer or board member leave during the term of elective office. Since the election, EMHS has lost two of its board members. **Gerry Jones** resigned as of the March meeting for health reasons, and we lost **Anabel Sanchez** when she passed away on May 8. A vase of flowers was placed at her seat at the May 14 board meeting.

At its June 11 meeting, the EMHS board voted to invited **Jeannie Place** and **Lisa Darnold** to fill out Gerry and Anabel’s terms. Jeannie has been organizing EMHS finances via Quickbooks. Lisa created a professional summary of the structural aspects of the old Campo stone house after she, her husband **Joel Darnold** and several others toured the property.

Note: The newly adopted Bylaws may be viewed in full online on the EMHS website in the [2021 Issue 4 Newsletter](#).

Campo Stone House Update

On March 8, a Zoom membership meeting was convened to gauge interest in accepting donation of a stone house offered to EMHS by owner Chuck Jackson, whose ancestors had lived in the home. A vote, conducted virtually and by postal mail, resulted in 27 members in favor and 3 opposed. Although Zoom attendance was sparse, significant interest was evidenced, which led President **Robyn Hoffman** to appoint a group of volunteers to evaluate the property and report on the viability of a restoration.

On March 26, a team of retired professionals in construction-related fields did a walk-through and examination of the property at 12 Cirquela Road in San Antonio and produced an illustrated report of findings and recommendations. In order to undertake a project of this magnitude, the following challenges emerged. *The project would require leadership to address each of these challenges:*

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- **Waste Water Treatment:** The property, reported to be .42 acres, must be evaluated in terms of county ordinances to determine the viability of installing a septic system for a public-use facility.
 - **Zoning:** Now M-H, Mobile Home and Single-Family Residential, can zoning be changed to convert the former residence to a museum-type facility open to the public? What would that be?
 - **Insurance:** EMHS has State Farm insurance. Its agent said the company does not write insurance for restoration of historic property. If any reconstruction is done by volunteers, liability insurance must be procured from a reputable company. What other coverages would be required?
 - **Water:** How will water be provided? The property has evidence of a defunct well. Due to water shortages in the area, a new well would not likely be productive. Adequate water for a facility to be used by the public is necessary for the restoration. What options are available at what cost?
Electricity: Electricity could likely be provided by PNM, as electric lines are present for the nearby residences. What restoration of the site is necessary for connecting?
 - **Legal:** A new non-profit corporation should be created, and federal 501(c)3 status obtained. Title to the property must be examined and evaluated. The title insurance report has been requested of the donor, but not yet provided. The family has indicated a desire to retain a contingent reversionary interest, which would make government grants unavailable. An acceptable legal devise would be required so that government cultural preservation grants could be accessed.
 - **Maintenance and Staffing:** Presuming restoration is accomplished, how will on-going expenses – utilities, janitorial, landscaping, security and maintenance – be funded? How will the premises be staffed, given that EMHS is comprised of volunteers, only a small portion of whom contribute to on-going activities?
 - **Financial and Grant Writing:** All of these initial steps to evaluate the viability of a restoration to a habitable property have a cost. How will they be funded?
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Conclusion: All of these questions must be analyzed and successfully problem-solved in order to proceed with a restoration of the stone house. Assuming that could be accomplished, to proceed with the establishment of a museum/office/cultural center open to the public requires long-term planning regarding operating expenses of a facility (utilities, ground maintenance, security, insurance, parking, event planning, staffing, taxes, etc.). Options are being explored by the Board of Directors to address these issues. If you have an interest in assisting with this endeavor, please contact any Board member or e-mail Robyn at president@eastmountainhistory.org.

Remembering Anabel

Love of genealogy brought **Anabel Maldonado Sanchez** into EMHS; her love of East Mountain history kept her involved nearly 30 years. It was at an Albuquerque genealogy event that she met **Maria Herrera Dresser**, who was doing research on East Mountain churches. Anabel told Maria she'd help.

Maria invited Anabel to the 1993 fall meeting at which EMHS held its very first elections, and an enthusiastic Anabel was elected recorder (secretary).

Born in 1949 in Yrisarri, this native daughter of the East Mountains lived in Albuquerque and Denver before returning to the mountains, where she lived several years before moving to Albuquerque to be closer to family.



Anabel was re-elected recorder in 1994, then served three years as vice chair, the equivalent of vice president. In 1998, she was elected treasurer, a job she held eight years. During two of the years as treasurer, she also was co-chair (equivalent of co-president) with **Louise Waldron**; she continued as co-chair after leaving the office of treasurer in 2006.

As treasurer, she did two things many said could not be done without a lawyer – she filed the papers that got EMHS incorporated. And she succeeded in filing the paperwork that got us our 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt status as an educational organization.

Once incorporated, EMHS held a spring election in 2006 at which Louise and Anabel were elected co-chairs. In the fall, after bylaws were revised to reflect that EMHS was no longer a subcommittee of the East Mountain Area Association, another election was held, and Anabel became the first to hold the title of president. She continued as president in 2007 and 2008. From 2009 to 2012, she stayed on the executive committee as vice president, and she continued on the board as membership chairman since. Her mother, Rachel (Raquel) Nieto Maldonado, became one of EMHS' first honorary members.

Anabel helped with oral histories, and was the subject of an oral history herself. Most recently, she wrote stories for *TIMELINES OF THE EAST MOUNTAINS*, and has helped with research, the newsletter, field trips and with translation of ancient Spanish documents. She went to Santa Fe to research and copy documents related to EMHS' work in obtaining the \$32,000 grant that stabilized the historic little church in Tijeras; her Power Point presentation to the village of Tijeras helped ensure EMHS could continue using the church for meetings and events.

A member of the Archives Advisory Committee, she was looking forward to doing archival work, and she did visit the new archives office in the Senior Center. Her passing marks the loss of her priceless knowledge of the people of this area, her warm ability to connect and her genuine caring, all of which have played no small role in the progress EMHS has made with the community, with the village and even within our organization, helping us to get where we are today.

WANTED: Someone with knowledge of Mail Chimp or equivalent to download EMHS' membership data into such a program and become our Membership person. It only involves a few hours a month. Please contact President Robyn Hoffman at president@eastmountainhistory.org to help.

News and Notes . . .

Our First Quarter Newsletter was devoted strictly to the Stone House Donation proposal. So, a belated hearty welcome goes out to **Nicholas Coleman-Watkins, Susan Thom Loubet, Robert and Susan McGuire, and Joseph Rodman**, all of Cedar Crest; **Jan Wier** of Dallas, Texas; **Joel and Lisa Darnold** of Albuquerque and **Phil Ward** (who now has a lifetime membership; thank you, Phil!), **Evelyn McGarry** and **Deborah Taylor**, both of Edgewood; **Glen Miller** and **Carolyn De Heffner**, both of Tijeras; and **Kathy Freas** and **Elyse Ahnael**, both of Sandia Park.



EMHS' *Timelines of the East Mountains* received mention as "an exhaustive trove of area history compiled by the East Mountain Historical Society" in the April *New Mexico Magazine*. The nicely done "East Mountains High," by Joline Gutierrez Krueger, can be viewed [online](https://www.newmexicomagazine.org) at [newmexicomagazine.org](https://www.newmexicomagazine.org).



Agendas for regular Board Meetings are published on the EMHS website. Members who would like to attend or present an item to the Board may do so by contacting any Board Member in advance of the meeting via the [Contact page](#) at [eastmountainhistory.org](https://www.eastmountainhistory.org).



Bernalillo County has delayed reopening of Carlito Springs because of fire danger. The open space property, which has been closed for renovations since March 2018, was to open this summer.



The Route 66 Visitor's Center on Albuquerque's West Side Nine Mile Hill might be opening in July. The city project will house the **Mountain Lodge** sign that once stood in Tijeras Canyon.



Chris Wilson has received the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award from the N.M. Historic Preservation Division. For 12 years, EMHS has sold copies of Chris' *Historic Resources Reconnaissance Survey of the Manzano and Sandia Mountain Villages*, which he graciously allowed us to print as a fundraiser.

Timelines is now in its 3rd printing and is sold at Triangle Grocery, Hey Mavis, Roots Cafe, Henderson's in Golden, Brandy's Hair Salon and online through the EMHS store.



A big thank you to member **Mo Palmer**, who donated a printer/scanner to EMHS for use in our archives at the Senior Center. Thanks also to member **Jan Wright**, who donated 15 high quality magazine binders for our archives. We'll put them to good use!



We are saddened to report that honorary member **Adeline "Lena" Minchow** passed away in November. Raised in Edgewood, she traveled the world as a military wife before settling in Sandia Park. At one point, she worked at the Barn Dinner Theater in Cedar Crest. Services were held April 23. She was 89. Our condolences to her son, EMHS member **Bruce Minchow**, and to her brother and sister-in-law, **Gus and Teresa Garcia**, honorary members of EMHS.

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