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EAST MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Newsletter

Second and Third Quarters 2018

Historical Photographs, Map on Display Sept. 23

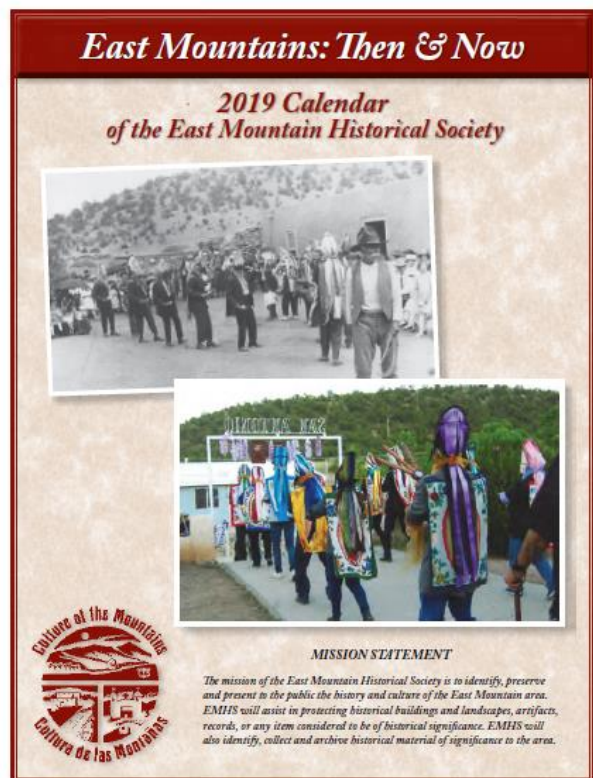
*2019 Then & Now Calendar
Also Will Debut at Official
EMHS Open House*

The East Mountain Historical Society will display its photographic exhibit of East Mountain villages and how they have looked over the last century during an Open House, to be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the historic church in Tijeras. The event is free and open to the public.

The Open House is scheduled to coincide with the East Mountain Celebration hosted by the county during those same hours across the street at Los Vecinos Community Center.

The public is invited to come by the church, next to the East Mountain Library, to view the historic photographs and to see our popular six-by-six-foot map of disappearing and past East Mountain villages and landmarks, which until this month has been on display at the Main Library in Downtown Albuquerque. (See photos, related story, page 2.)

Refreshments will be served as we also celebrate publication of our new *2019 East*

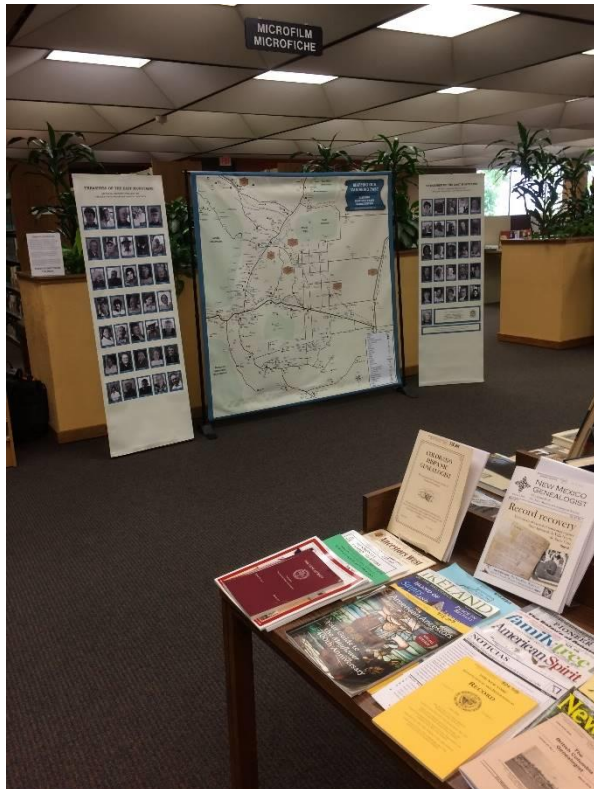


Mountains: Then and Now calendar, featuring 12 months of historic photos paired with photos of those landmarks as they appear today. The calendars will be on sale at the Open House, along with personal-size versions of the display map, *Mapping Our Vanishing Past*, available both as flat

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Open House Marks Return of EMHS Map, New Calendar

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Mapping Our Vanishing Past on display at the Main Public Library's Genealogy Center.

poster or folded, with actual vintage advertisements for East Mountain businesses printed on the back.

Members of the historical society will be on hand to talk about East Mountain history and describe our all-volunteer preservation efforts. It's also an opportunity to buy our Route 66 vintage reproduction postcards, booklets on East Mountain history, past calendars (each year featuring different then-and-now photos) and turquoise T-shirts featuring the EMHS logo.

Church parking is available at the library and senior center. Across the street, the East Mountain Celebration will offer live music, a car show, local vendors and food trucks. Designated parking for that event is at A. Montoya Elementary and Roosevelt Middle schools.

Photos by Denise Tessier

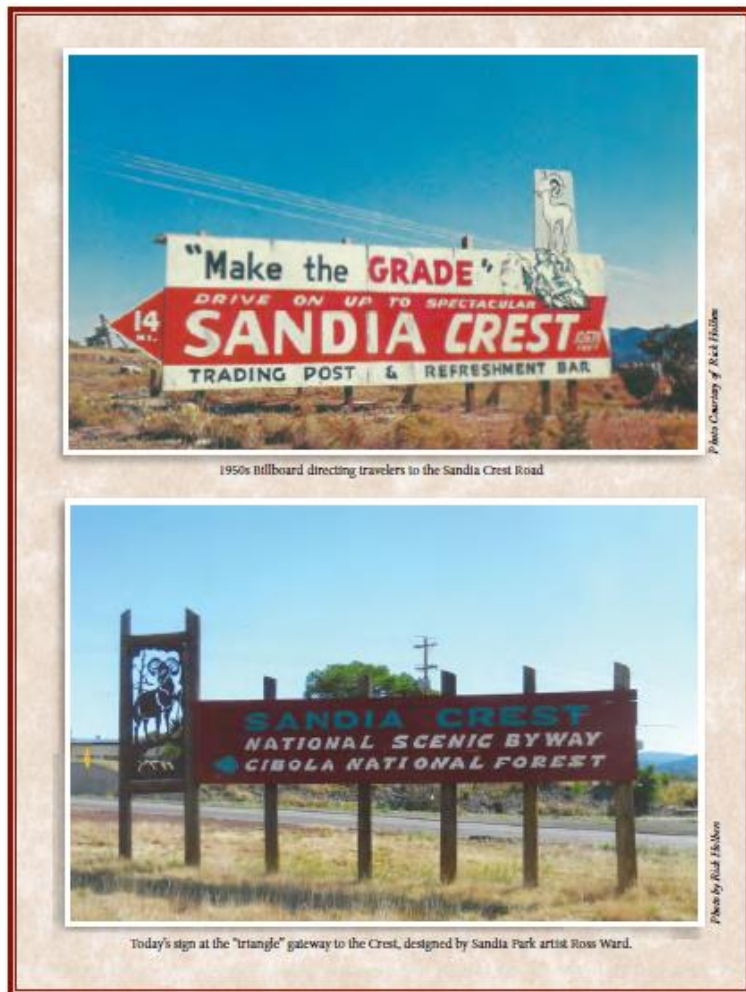
Librarian Lisa Kindrick's E. Mtn. Connection

Lisa Kindrick, librarian at the Main Library's Genealogy Center (right), was happy to have our map at the center over the summer. She advertised it on facebook and the library web site and said many people spent time looking at the map. Among them: her father, Joe Paul Kindrick, born near what is now Edgewood. "My father has Venus, New Mexico, on his birth certificate, which was the nearest post office to his home at the time in 1931. My grandparents, Sam and Bessie Kindrick, had six children and grew pinto beans and had a small dairy near Edgewood. Their house was on the north side of Route 66. My father remembers many of the landmarks on the map and enjoyed roaming the hills in the area looking for arrowheads, interesting rocks, and observing the wildlife. I gave him a copy of the map and oral histories from the East Mountain Historical Society for his birthday last year and it's brought up a lot of memories for him."



Did You Know...

...the origin of today's Sandia Crest sign?



For the September pages of our new 2019 *Then and Now* calendar, EMHS member and calendar organizer extraordinaire **Rick Holben** paired a photo of the 1950s directional sign for Sandia Crest with the shot he took of the sign that sits at the Triangle turnoff today.

Those familiar with the style of artist Ross Ward – who for decades designed and painted nearly every sign on NM-14 between I-40 and Madrid – might recognize Ross' handiwork, and not be surprised to know that Ross designed and carved the sign leading to the Crest today. As his widow, EMHS member **Carla Ward of Tinkertown**, confirmed:

Not only did Ross design the sign but he hand-carved it and we paid for the whole project ourselves, with the help of Sherry Perry from the Sandia Crest House who

raised about \$200 for its construction. Sam Nelson used his plasma cutter; Ross created the cutouts. PNM helped install it with Ross' supervision.

It was all done with very little fanfare but it is a mighty sign!!

It was all done in 1988 ... when (then-Sandia District Ranger) Floyd Thomson got the Forest Service to designate the road to Sandia Crest as a National Forest Scenic Byway – different from the National Scenic Byway Designation we (the Turquoise Trail Association) obtained for the Turquoise Trail through the Federal Highway and Transportation Department in 2000.

The Friends of the Sandias volunteer group maintains the sign beautifully because they repaint it every couple of years!

Families Turn Out for Genealogy Event in Chilili

By Anabel Sanchez

Members of the East Mountain Historical Society traveled to Chilili April 22 to meet with local residents, who brought to us their old photographs to be scanned and copied. The photo copies will be placed in our photo archive.

The event was planned by EMHS board member **Anabel Sanchez** and Jose Alfredo Martinez, both of whom are descendants of the early settlers of Chilili.

Jose Alfredo is interviewing Chilili residents and collecting old records and photographs to aid him in recording the history of this mountain village, with plans to compile the information in a book.

Some EMHS photo panels were transported to Chilili for the event, which were received enthusiastically. Those who attended expressed their appreciation of the historical society for their role in preserving the history of the east mountain villages.

It was an exciting day. People were exchanging photographs and sharing memories.

Residents also bought EMHS T-shirts, *2018: Then and Now* photo calendars, *Mapping our Vanishing Past* maps and historical post cards.

A special thank you to EMHS members **Kathy Rich, Joyce Mendel, Rick Holben, Roland Curtis, Beverly Neville, Dick Brown** and **Sandra Lee** for all of their help, and thanks to all who brought refreshments.



Member Susan Olsen, left, with new honorary members Lena and Alfred Ortiz, center, and EMHS Vice president Sandra Lee at right, in front of EMHS photo panels in Chilili.

Photo by Rick Holben



On display at the Chilili event was this board created by Anabel Sanchez, which features photographs related to Chilili history and a photo family tree of descendants of Francisco Maldonado and Dolores Mora Maldonado. The Maldonados were great-great grandparents of both Anabel and Jose Alfredo Martinez, organizers of the April event.

Mourning the Loss of Four Honorary Members

We are greatly saddened to report the loss of four honorary members this summer. Honorary status is bestowed on those interested in membership who have lived in the East Mountains 50 years or more.

Former EMHS board member and beloved field trip traveling companion **Margaret Geneva Garcia** died July 22 at the age of 71, which was a shock and surprise to all of us on the board. She was born in Carnuel and has been buried in the old Carnuel Cemetery. Margaret graduated from the University of New Mexico with her Bachelors and Master's Degrees in Elementary Education, and followed her passion by teaching children at Roosevelt Elementary School in Gallup before returning to the East Mountains. She will be greatly missed.

*Margaret Garcia at Balloon Fiesta
Photo by Louise Waldron*



Adelicio G. Herrera, 93, passed away on June 22. He was the brother of EMHS board member Marie Herrera Dresser, who along with the late Tomás Herrera were among EMHS' founding members. With the loss of Adelicio, Marie and her sister Elvira are the only surviving Herrera siblings.

On Aug. 7, we lost **Adelina Griego**, who was born in Tiroteo, which no longer exists. On Aug. 22, she would have been 92. Services and rosary services were held in Tijeras and Cedro.

T.J. Jaramillo also passed away this summer. He was a veteran who very much enjoyed attending EMHS events and getting out in the community. He was seen visiting at the Tijeras Senior Center just a few days before he died. He was 92.

Our condolences to their loved ones, friends and families.

Have you visited our website lately?

Our graphics designer and webmaster **Kathy Rich** (who also prints our calendars) has revamped our website. It's not only easy to navigate, it's been reconfigured so that it will show up higher in web searches. She's added lots of EMHS archival photos and an articles section, plus new Pay Pal features and a security layer that helps prevent pop-ups.

Check it out at eastmountainhistory.org.

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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. Please send your ideas or stories for future newsletters to the Editor, P.O. Box 379, Cedar Crest, NM 87008, or by email:
newsletter@eastmountainhistory.org

All stories and photos by **Denise Tessier** unless noted otherwise. Many thanks to **Dick Brown** for 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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News and Notes . . .

A hearty welcome to these new members: **Marci Mroz** of Edgewood, **Mark and Susan Parra** of Rio Rancho, **Jean Payne** of Tijeras and **Susan Olsen** of Albuquerque.

We also welcome these new honorary members, some of whom joined during our April event in Chilili: **Alfredo and Lena Ortiz, Rose and Noe Gutierrez, Placida and Elias Gutierrez, Ernestina Gutierrez** and **Mary Griego**.

Honorary membership is bestowed on those interested in membership who have lived in the East Mountain area 50 years or more.



Albuquerque will be the site of the Historical Society of New Mexico next annual conference, so mark your calendars for March 28-30 at the Embassy Suites. EMHS plans to host a table at the event and sell our calendars, maps, postcards, booklets and T-shirts, and we will be asking for volunteers to help us work it as we get closer to the date. For information on the state group, of which EMHS is a member organization, visit hnm.org.



Many thanks to program director **Roland Curtis** for setting up our members-only trip June 14 to the Gutierrez-Hubbell House in the South Valley. We had enough members show up that we were given simultaneous tours of the historic house by two docents. Afterward, we enjoyed lunch at Abuelita's next door.



Several board members on Sept. 13 trekked up to Madrid and Golden, led again by program director **Roland Curtis**, scouting sites and meeting up with local historians to gather ideas for possible field trips for next year. Plans are now percolating for a members-only field trip to one or both of those historic towns.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Membership year is from January 1 through December 31. But those who join now receive membership for the rest of this year and all of next.)

Visit our membership page at eastmountainhistory.org/join.html or print this form and mail it with your dues to the address below.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

ANNUAL DUES (please check appropriate line):

Student (\$10) _____ Individual (\$15) _____ Family (\$20) _____

Sponsor (\$25) _____ Corporation (\$50) _____

Donation/Amount _____

Does your employer match your charitable donations?

Please remember EMHS in your giving.

Honorary members (residents of the area more than 50 years) do not pay dues.

Dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Make checks payable to:

East Mountain Historical Society

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Established in 1992, the goals of the East Mountain Historical Society are to:

- Collect historical data pertaining to the East Mountains.
- Conserve, preserve, and protect historic buildings, archaeological sites, and historically significant landscapes.
- Enhance public appreciation and understanding of East Mountain history and culture.

You're Invited – *Please, Mark Your Calendars*

Sept. 23 (Sunday) – **East Mountain Historical Society Open House**, noon to 4 p.m., at the historic church west of the Tijeras Library, to coincide with the East Mountain Celebration going on at the same time across the street (at Los Vecinos Community Center). Free parking at the library and Tijeras Senior Center.

Nov. 11 (Sunday) – **Annual Membership Meeting** and elections, featuring current EMHS Board Secretary **Dick Brown**, who will talk about East Mountain connections to the Navy in honor of Veterans Day. Business meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.; talk at 2 p.m. in the little historic church west of the Tijeras library. Free and open to the public.

Would you like to become a member?

Those who join now receive membership for the rest of this year and all of next. Please join us and support our efforts.

You may join online and pay by credit card/PayPal by visiting our website at eastmountainhistory.org.