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At the end of 2020, before we started Zooming, the board held two outdoor meetings (September and October) in Sandra Lee's yard. Then it got too cold and we had to go to Plan Z. From left, Dick Brown, Denise Tessier, Bev Neville, Sandra Lee and Robyn Hoffman.
Photo by Rick Holben



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Robyn makes her first micaceous clay pot at the Tijeras Pueblo Museum.

Message From the President **Making History in the East Mountains**

When I was first elected to the EMHS Board of Directors in December 2019, the last thing I could have expected would be that a year later I would have gone a year without any hugs from family or friends, that I would get a shot of joy when my arm was punctured by a vaccine needle, and that I would be elected Board President. But I am certain you have experienced many unexpected things during this Covid19 pandemic. We are all making history, which future generations will study with wonder.

The Board was flummoxed and perplexed as to how to continue EMHS activities when the Governor issued the first public health order on March 19, 2020, limiting gatherings to 10 persons, and three weeks later, to five. Due to the uncertainty of the highly contagious pandemic, the Board ceased having formal meetings during the spring, summer and fall of 2020. But with the valiant help of EMHS member **Debbie Post**, who volunteered to become our Zoom Master, the Board learned to participate in committee and Board meetings via Zoom.

So we continued Board work and started meeting via Zoom in November 2020. On March 21, 2021, our first on-line virtual program for the membership was presented, a short and fun discussion about our 2021 Calendar: New Mexico License Plates and Route 66. Three more interesting Zoom programs are in planning stages for 2021.

If I look familiar to you, my husband Steve and I have lived in Tijeras for 31 years, and our sons Russell and Rob went to East Mountain schools. Career wise, I am a retired attorney. I negotiated the termination of the Duran prison consent decree while serving as Assistant Attorney General, oversaw the closure of Las Lunas Hospital and Training School while serving as the General Counsel for the N.M. Department of Health, represented the City and County of Santa Fe for six years while in private practice, and represented many municipalities and other governmental agencies around the state. Prior to moving to Tijeras in 1989, I practiced law in Phoenix, where I founded the Urban Indian Law Program, and helped expand Legal Services to Farmworkers. Historically speaking, I was a member of the Arizona Women Lawyers Association in the early 1980s with Sandra Day O'Connor, and a founding member of the N.M. Women's Bar Association in 1991. I have been a member of EMHS since 2012, and have marveled at the accomplishments of the talented members of the Board of Directors.

This month, Tijeras Village Mayor Bruton reached out to the East Mountain Historical Society and asked us to participate on a new board he has appointed for the restoration of the historic Holy Child (Santo Niño) Church in the village. **Rick Holben** and I will assist the village in obtaining funding to preserve the old church, we hope in time to celebrate its centennial five years from now. We are also planning to move EMHS archival materials into a secure location at the expanded Tijeras Senior Center. However, the search for a permanent home for EMHS and a future museum continues.

Thank you for hanging in there with us during these challenging, but still inspiring times.

Robyn Hoffman
President, EMHS

First Virtual Program – *Route 66 and Historic N.M. License Plates* – Soon Available on Website

High among concerns the EMHS board had during the pandemic was being unable to offer public talks and programs. But on March 21 we launched our first foray into virtual programming. And it is opening a door of opportunity. That first Zoom program was recorded, and soon anyone will be able to view it, as webmaster **Kathy Rich** is adding to our website a page that will archive EMHS recorded programs, giving us another way to reach members and further our educational mission with the public.

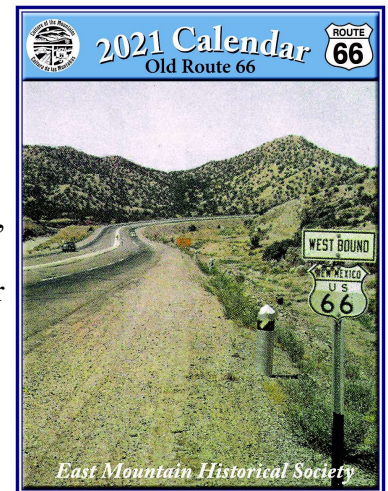
EMHS presented its first-ever virtual program: *Old Route 66 and Historic New Mexico License Plates* on March 21. **Rick Holben**, EMHS vice president and license plate collector, shared his knowledge of New Mexico license plates, going back to the first plates in 1912, with some fun facts about Route 66 thrown in.

The program was a take-off on the 2021 EMHS calendar, *Old Route 66*, which was put together by Rick, and we used the opportunity to raise awareness about that calendar, which we sold to interested online viewers at a discount. Rick's talk included photos of historic license plates and by-gone East Mountain views of Route 66 that appeared in the calendar, and more.

Thanks to Zoom master **Debbie Post**, we were able to do this and also host a practice session for viewers. Due to the electronic format, we only sent notice of the talk to those on our email list, but soon anyone will be able to view the program on their own time. *Old Route 66* is the first of what we expect to be several web postings of talks to come and perhaps of some past programs.

Many thanks to Rick for sharing his expertise in such an interesting way, and to the Program Committee for pulling off what was a real learning experience for all. Thanks especially to Program Chair **Constance Baca Busheme**, who had to completely rethink programs after being unable to do the in-person talks and field trips she had planned for 2020. Others on the committee were **Denise Tessier**, who outlined a script for the program and interviewed Rick in real time during the recording at her home (both were wearing masks), and Debbie, who guided us through Zoom and added title pages and calendar photographs, with additional photos from Rick and some Debbie found on her own. The recording was remotely integrated into the March 21 broadcast, which enabled **Robyn Hoffman** to introduce the live segment and let viewers ask questions in the "chat," with Rick at the ready with answers. **Anabel Sanchez** is also on the committee, helping us select from our recorded archives programs suitable for public sharing via the website. Thanks also to **Sandra Lee** for use of her home as we navigated how best to go about recording while maintaining distancing.

Want to help? We need you. Constance, who was raised in the East Mountains, has resigned as program chairman in order to move to Florida. We have enjoyed her company and help with board activities for several years and she will be missed. We are looking for a new Program coordinator. Please contact Robyn at president@eastmountainhistory.org. We have lots of ideas to help you help us.



TIMELINES Selling at Local Outlets



Roots Cafe has a nice display of our books and calendars for sale, right next to the farm-raised chicken. It's also a great place to lunch.

Photo by Sandra Lee

Timelines of the East Mountains continues to sell well both via our online store and at several local outlets, and Treasurer and sales chairman **Sandra Lee** reports that she is busier than ever keeping shelves stocked, now that more people are out shopping.

Our newest outlet is **Henderson's Store** in Golden, which carries *Timelines* and the EMHS map that inspired it, *Mapping Our*

Vanishing Past.

Roots Cafe in Tijeras has been carrying *Timelines* and our calendars throughout the pandemic, and **Triangle Grocery** in Cedar Crest is "still very active" selling *Timelines*, calendars, maps and our Route 66 vintage reproduction postcards.

Other outlets supporting EMHS with sales are **Hey Mavis** in Tijeras, the only shop that offers our unfolded, poster version of *Mapping Our Vanishing Past*; the **Owl Cafe** in Albuquerque, which sells postcards; and **Ten Points** on South 337, which is selling our folded maps. You can also find our postcards, books and calendars at **Brandy's Hair Salon** in Tijeras.

Another supporter of EMHS is ***East Mountain Living* magazine**. The next issue, featuring a story about Moriarty pioneer Rita Davis, encourages readers to visit these local outlets to get more history stories via *Timelines*. EMHS greatly appreciates the support of these local businesses.

Triangle Grocery in Tijeras has a great display of our books, calendars and maps, along with works by other local authors.

Photo by Sandra Lee



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Tijeras

The Story of Juan Pino (also known as Chauncey Lathrop)

– by Rick Holben

Juan Pino and his family moved to Tijeras in the early 1910s after purchasing property between what is now the Tijeras Senior Center and the historic little Catholic Church. The Village of Tijeras has improved what remained of the vacant Pino land, adding benches and parking for the Senior Center.

I had become familiar with the property and Juan Pino and some of his descendants while researching *Timelines of the East Mountains*, but knew little about them. Then in early 2020, Juan Pino's 82-year-old grandson, Manuel Pino Jr., contacted EMHS to see if we might have any photos of his family at Carlito Springs. He said he knew they had worked there for Dr. Meacham in the '30s and in 1940.

His inquiry was prompted by his discovery of a YouTube video of the 2015 Bernalillo County Carlito Springs Open Space dedication ceremony (during which then-President Denise Tessier gave a historical presentation). I unfortunately had to report to Manuel that we had no photos to offer. But his letter and initial contact provided some interesting details of his family's history in Tijeras. He was out of state, but I was able to spend a couple of weeks conversing with him, recording and researching as much history of the Pino family as I could.



Juan Pino in the 1920s with his "peg leg," dressing a deer near his home in Tijeras. *Photo courtesy Manuel Pino Jr.*

The history of Manuel's grandfather Juan Pino retains some mystery and leaves unanswered questions. He was born in 1874 in Milwaukee, Wis., as Chauncey Lathrop. His parents were Lorin and Katie Lathrop, and he had a younger brother George and sister Jennie. The 1880 census shows the family living in Chicago, with Lorin working for the railroad. Not long after, in the early 1880s, the family ended up in Santa Fe. Manuel Pino Jr. said he believed Lorin was working for the railroad, though few records of Lorin and Katie Lathrop in New Mexico provide further information.

What records there are – the 1885 and 1900 census – suddenly list Chauncey Lathrop as Juan Pino, adopted son of Nicolas and Juana Rascon Pino of Galisteo. Evidence to support the name change and that it is the same person can be found on Juan Pino's death certificate, which indicates: "Father's name was Lathrop but was adopted by Nicolas Pino" and his parents are listed as Lorin and Katie Lathrop. Juan Pino's siblings Jennie and George are found living in the Galisteo area until their deaths in the 1930s, but they continued using the Lathrop name. Nicolas Pino was a wealthy land owner and prominent figure in New Mexico, known for having slaves and indentured sharecroppers on his land. He also employed tenant farmers, leading them into what was known as debt peonage. It's unclear what Juan Pino's status was during his time with the Nicolas Pino family or if his parents and siblings had any connection. His mother Katie

Lathrop is listed as giving birth to a child in 1884 in Santa Fe when she was apparently separated from Lorin, who later shows up in records as having remarried in California, where he died in 1922.

In 1906, Juan Pino married Donaciana Nuanez, who was born in Tijeras in 1883 to Jose Manuel Nuanez and Juliana Eulogia Garcia Lopez. The wedding took place in Pecos on July 8, 1906. This was Donaciana's second marriage; her first husband was Jose Fernando Encinas, who was born in Pecos. In September 1910, Juan and Donaciana were living in Galisteo, where they had a daughter, Amalia, and a son, Manuel Nuanez Pino. Shortly thereafter they moved to Tijeras, where they had five more children: Willie, Silvano, Avelardo, Lidia and Lizzie.

In the 1920s, Juan Pino suffered an accident that caused part of his left leg to be amputated and he spent the rest of his life with a wooden "peg leg." Manuel Pino Jr. recalled the family story that his grandfather lost his leg by "falling off of a wall at the Tijeras church," but he knew nothing more about it. The old Catholic church in Tijeras was built in 1926. According to an interview done in the early 1990s of lifelong East Mountain resident Tomás Herrera, the Pino family is among the families who contributed labor and materials in building the church. So, we can speculate that Juan Pino may have actually lost his leg while helping to build the church.

After Juan Pino lost his leg, a Ramon Griego moved in with the family to help with heavy work around the house. According to Manuel Pino Jr., Ramon became part of the family and was known as "Primo" (cousin), and on his death bed in 1932, Juan Pino told Ramon Griego he could live the rest of his life in the house. In the 1970s, when the Pino property was condemned for construction of I-40, property owners included Ramon Griego as well as Silvano and Avelardo Pino.

In 1935, Juan and Donaciana Pino's oldest son, Manuel Nuanez Pino, born in 1910, married Lucinda Gonzales. Lucinda, born in 1917. She was one of 19 children born to Jose Serafin Gonzales and Josefa Chavez, who lived in Primera Agua. Manuel Nuanez Pino met Lucinda in 1935 while he was working for the CCC. One of the projects he worked on was the Juan Tabo picnic area on the west side of the Sandias.



Manuel Nuanez Pino, son of Juan Pino, with his wife Lucinda Gonzales, daughter of Serafin and Josefa Gonzales of Primera Agua.

Photo courtesy Manuel Pino Jr.

After he left the CCC, Manuel worked with his brother Silvano at Carlito Springs. In 1937, Manuel and Lucinda had their first child, Manuel Pino Jr., born in Tijeras at his grandmother's home. In the early 1940s, the family moved to Albuquerque, where Manuel Sr. worked as a building supply company foreman until he died in 1962 at the age of 51.

Manuel Pino Jr. attended school in Albuquerque, where he lived during the school year. In the summers, he lived with grandparents Serafin and Josefa Gonzales at Primera Agua. He recalled that his grandparents' home was on U.S. Highway 66 near the "fork" to N.M. 10 (now N.M. 14), but the home was lost to construction of I-40. In summer, he said, he gathered flagstone from a

hillside near his grandparents' home and sold it to people in Albuquerque to build patios and walls.

Doing farm work in summer was another memory he related to me. Serafin Gonzales had a 160-acre homestead he received in 1913, located southeast of Bartolo Baca near the old community of Tablazon. Once, while working the land, Manuel asked his grandfather, "How much of this land is yours?" Gonzales replied, "As far as you can see is all mine." As a young child Manuel imagined it must have been a million acres. All work was done by hand and with horse-drawn plows; crops were corn, peas and pinto beans, all raised by the dry-farm method without irrigation. Many family members helped and all shared in the harvest.

Although Manuel Pino Jr. did not go to school in Tijeras, he did remember the "two-room stone school on the hill" – Don Canuto school. Both of his parents attended classes at Don Canuto in the 1920s. His mother told him his grandfather Juan Pino used to come to the school and tell the children stories about places "back east," where he had lived as a child.

Manuel Pino Jr. left Albuquerque in 1953 and married in 1957. He joined the U.S. Army and made a career of that, retiring in 1976 as sergeant major. He then moved to Salt Lake City, where he worked for the U.S. Postal Service until 2004. He died there in January 2021. The *Salt Lake Tribune* obituary of Manuel Pino Jr., who generously shared family history with me in his last months, aptly described him as a devoted family man and "a great storyteller" – interested in history and genealogy.



Manuel Pino Jr.

Editor's Note: Rick Holben wrote many of the stories in the EMHS book, 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 2021 article and add it to the Tijeras section.



***TIMELINES* Wins Prestigious N.M. Historical Society Award**

On April 17, EMHS received this message from Dennis Daily, chair of the Historical Society of New Mexico Awards Committee:

"Congratulations! Your book *Timelines of the East Mountains* has just been named winner of the Historical Society of New Mexico's Lansing B. Bloom Award. This award is given annually for an outstanding publication in New Mexico or Southwest Borderlands history by an institution affiliated with the Historical Society of New Mexico.

"The Awards Committee and reviewers were very impressed by massive undertaking of producing this book and the commitment displayed by those involved in seeing this project through. The book will serve as a standard "go-to" reference source for anyone interested in learning about the unique history of the East Mountain area. The book, as well as your related oral history and mapping projects, demonstrates how a dedicated group of individuals in a local historical society can

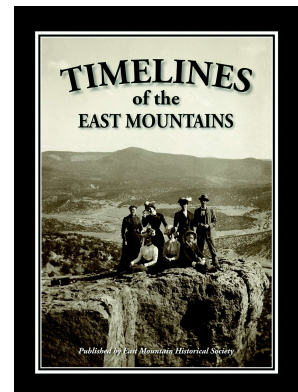
make a significant impact in preserving our state's history. The Historical Society of New Mexico is proud of the work the EMHS has accomplished as an affiliated HSNM institution and we congratulate you on this wonderful book.”

HSNM will not have a conference this year at which to present the award, but EMHS will receive an award medallion and free 2022 membership in HSNM.

Book Committee chair **Kristin Thacher** in turn thanked the committee, many of whom worked three years on the book:

“...It is hard to believe that (on April 17) it had been one year – to the day – from receiving the first shipment of books at Rick's house to winning the Bloom award. In this past pandemic year, we sold out of the first printing of 400 books, then received the 2020 NM-AZ Book Award in History, and now are well into selling the second printing of 500 books. The feedback from the East Mountain community has been so positive. Lately, we have been receiving emailed comments and questions about articles in the book that have us doing more research and trying to find more answers. *Timelines* has started a community dialog that looks like it will be ongoing. ...”

Order Your *Timelines of the East Mountains* By Mail or Online



TIMELINES OF THE EAST MOUNTAINS provides a history of hundreds of place names. It is a record of unique traditions and stories from the area. It also remembers many of the remarkable, yet forgotten, men and women who made their mark in the East Mountains just a century ago. *Be among the first to receive a copy of this historic book by ordering today.*

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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 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** and **Anabel Sanchez** for proofing, and to **Sandra Lee** for help in preparing for mailing.

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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A big welcome to our newest members: **Helen Beatty** and **James Loughran** of Cedar Crest; **Marilyn Stoops**, **Michelle Jones** and **Dianne Rossbach** of Albuquerque; **Randall and Katherine Gauntt** of Edgewood; **C.B. Allen** and **Sandra Vieth**, **David** and **Aurora Lane**, **Yvette** and **Dean Stoor**, and **Zeke Browning** and **Mike Milroy**, all of Sandia Park; and **Ash King**, **Joe** and **Anne Allen**, and **Monika Kos** and **Rob Gonzales**, all from the Tijeras area. Thank you for joining and for your support!

Longtime members **Margaret Loner** and **James Carroll** have moved to Tennessee. Margaret writes that “we will miss you all. Thanks for all you do.”



EMHS Secretary **Dick Brown** has been elected to a 3-year term as president of Grand Canyon Historical Society. A member since its founding in 1984, Dick has served four years on its board. In his role with this prestigious group, certified by the Arizona Historical Society as a Historical Institution, Dick works with Grand Canyon National Park officials and “a very talented, diversified board of directors (like ours),” he says. Congratulations, Dick!



Researchers have [renamed](#) the well-preserved 300-million-year-old shark skeleton that was found in 2013 in the Manzano Mountains. This month, they announced that what was known as the “Godzilla Shark” – named for its immense size – will now be called *Dracopristis hoffmanorum*, or “Hoffman’s Dragon Shark,” named after the Hoffman family on whose land it was found. (No relation to our EMHS president.)



[Groundbreaking ceremonies were held](#) March 21 for the Route 66 Visitors Center on Nine Mile Hill west of Albuquerque. The Mountain Lodge sign – for decades a landmark in Tijeras Canyon – will be housed at that project, which is expected to take 13 months to complete. A story on the sign’s history can be found in the [2020 Second and Third Quarter issue](#) of the EMHS Newsletter.

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Co-Founder Joyce Mendel Honored

EMHS co-founder Joyce Mendel has retired from the board of directors, and was honored Dec. 12, her last meeting day, with a recap of her contributions by EMHS Historian Denise Tessier and the promise of a plaque to be mailed, as we were meeting via Zoom. This is that recap.



Joyce with her plaque.
Photo by Denise Tessier

EMHS grew out of Bernalillo County meetings in the early 1990s to create an East Mountain Area Plan. Joyce, reporter for the *East Mountain Telegraph*, headed up the plan's history section. Chuck Van Gelder approached her about going beyond that and doing something to protect the ruins at Paa-ko, and more importantly, she says, encouraged her to "create an organization more formal than our little EMAP committee." Through her interviews, Joyce had become acquainted with locals, and she was encouraged by Rose Diaz at the Center for Southwest Research to preserve their stories by conducting oral histories. The need for a historical society became apparent, and Joyce asked Louise Waldron to help.

Together they asked the East Mountain Area Association (EMAA) to let EMHS under its tax-exempt umbrella. Thus EMHS was formed as a subcommittee of EMAA in 1992 (that's why Joyce and Louise were co-chairmen, not co-presidents in 1993). In '94 and '95, Joyce was elected sole chairman. In 1996, as past chair, she joined the EMHS steering committee (which after incorporation became the board of directors).

She stepped off the board in 2001, but continued to attend meetings, serving as a source of advice and memory – she in fact created many of the organizational and local history folders in our filing cabinet today. She transcribed all the interviews she had done in the organization's early days, eventually ensuring they were safely donated at CSWR. She came back to the board in 2018. She'd

been on the board about a dozen years, but she has been continuously active the entire 28 years since the founding.

During those early years, she started and edited the newsletter, organized programs and tours and conducted oral histories. She shared information with UNM's Chris Wilson and arranged for Maria Herrera Dresser and Maria's brothers, Tom and Lorenzo, to lead Chris on a tour of the East Mountains after he was selected to its survey historic buildings, which resulted in the book we sell today as a fundraiser. (Maria and Tom attended EMHS' first meeting, she says, and "became an important part of the organization's backbone.")

Less than a year after founding, Joyce, Pat Rich, Anabel Sanchez and Kathy Hanlon attended a Tijeras Council meeting to discuss using its little church for history displays. With the village's permission, she and other members cleaned up the church and in 1996 Joyce secured and administered the \$4,400 Endowment for the Humanities grant that allowed us to create a 13-panel exhibit; Joyce coordinated our volunteer labor over the course of a year. Most of the photos in the exhibit came from community events held the year before, at which residents brought in their family and landmark photos for copying, made possible with a separate \$1,000 grant Joyce had secured. She has been a presenter: in 2000 she shared a pictorial history of the East Mountains with the public at an event in the San Antonito Elementary School gym.

As a member of the *TIMELINES* Book Committee, she offered her input attending three years of meetings and she contributed several articles, based on stories done in her early years at the *Telegraph*. Most recently, she arranged for Andre Larroque to recreate

a map that had gone missing from our traveling exhibit panels. She recreated other text and photos that had gone missing, ensuring almost complete restoration of this popular exhibit.

The plaque given to Joyce, written by the EMHS historian, says:

In recognition of her co-founding the East Mountain Historical Society in 1992 and her dedication and active, continuous service within the organization in all the years since. Because of her foresight and dedication, she laid the foundation for – and played a part – in the recording, documentation and/or preservation of hundreds of stories, photographs and events, and helped the community recognize the need for preservation of the historic church in Tijeras. These efforts have provided education and enjoyment to the public and an opportunity for research study for generations to come. Dec. 12, 2020

Editor's Note: At its March 2021 meeting, the EMHS board voted to create a new membership category – Emeritus – and to give Emeritus status to **Joyce Mendel** and **Louise Waldron**, EMHS co-founders, waiving their annual dues. At the October 2020 meeting, the board voted to designate **Denise Tessier** as EMHS' official historian.

Remembering Founding Member Dot Rich

We are sad to report that longtime EMHS board member Dorothy “Dot” Rich passed on Dec. 8, a few days before her 93rd birthday. She and husband Patsy “Pat” Rich were among the founding members of EMHS.

Pat, in fact, was president of the East Mountain Area Association when EMAA agreed to serve as an umbrella group for EMHS, which started as an EMAA subcommittee. Pat joined the board with the first EMHS election in October 1993. Dot joined the board soon after, staying on through 2000. She helped in creating our exhibit panels, cleaned the historic church before its EMHS-spearheaded stabilization and pitched in with whatever else needed doing.

After leaving the board, she continued to attend meetings, events and field trips and worked the EMHS table at East Mountain Celebrations. She and Pat also hosted a board meeting at their home on Sept. 14, 2002 – the year they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. (When Pat died in January 2013, they had been married 60 years. Pat was EMHS treasurer from 2006 up until that point.) In 2005, encouraged by fellow board members, Dot returned to the board and stayed on until 2017.

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Kathy, left, and Dot Rich working to gather photos and documents from the public in February 2009.

Photo by Denise Tessier

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Daughter Kathy Rich said, “Mom enjoyed the many friends she made through EMHS, and even though she was not able to attend meetings or events in the recent years, she always wanted updates on what was going on and how her friends were.” Kathy herself has been an integral member of the board since 2009 – designing our business cards, serving as webmaster and coordinating the printing of calendars, maps, brochures, booklets, our T-shirts and *Timelines*. Daughter Susan Rich has also actively helped EMHS. Our hearts go out to all in the Rich family. *A private viewing and burial service were held for immediate family, due to pandemic restrictions, but Kathy says a celebration of her life will be held at some point.*

More News and Notes . . .

In December, EMHS members for the first time voted electronically and by postal mail. Past elections were held during annual membership meetings, but an in-person meeting was not possible in light of pandemic risks. Officers elected were **Robyn Hoffman** president, **Rick Holben** vice president, **Sandra Lee**, treasurer, and **Dick Brown**, secretary. The membership also approved as its Board of Directors **Anabel Sanchez**, **Maria Herrera Dresser**, **Denise Tessier**, **Kathy Rich**, **Bev Neville**, **Gerry Jones**, **Kris Thacher** and **Constance Baca Besheme**.



In March, N.M. Press Women announced that **Denise Tessier** placed first in its Communications Contest for her 2020 Second and Third Quarter [EMHS newsletter](#). The newsletter won in the non-profit organization category, and will now go on to compete at the national level.



EMHS’ six-foot by six-foot *Mapping Our Vanishing Past*, the map that inspired *Timelines of the East Mountains*, is now on display at the East Mountain Library in Tijeras.

A friendly reminder from our Membership Chair: Have you paid your dues? We’re updating our mailing lists. Please make sure you stay with us. Mail a check to EMHS, PO Box 106, Tijeras, NM 87059, or use PayPal [online](#).