



## EAST MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Newsletter

Fourth Quarter 2021

### 2022 Calendar of the East Mountain Historical Society



## 2022 Calendar Commemorates EMHS' 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The cover of EMHS' newest calendar features Matachine dancers at an East Mountain fiesta in 1947. Gavino Campbell at left is dressed as El Abuelo (the Grandfather) and Salvador Herrera at right is El Torro (the Bull).

A different photograph and story highlights each month in the calendar, along with a monthly factoid about EMHS as the organization moves into its 30<sup>th</sup> year. Calendars may be purchased at Triangle Grocery, Roots Cafe, Henderson's in Golden, Brandy's in Tijeras and online at [eastmountainhistory.org](http://eastmountainhistory.org).

### History Calendar Debuts At East Mountain Celebration as EMHS Honors Commissioner

*Photos, story on page 11.*

**TIMELINES Addition:** East End Inn – A  
Saloon at the Mouth of Tijeras Canyon  
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**It's Election Time! Check Inside for Instructions on Voting (page 2), Profiles of Candidates (page 3), and a Complete Look at Our Bylaws for Your Approval (page 6). Then Join Our Virtual Annual Meeting Nov. 6.**

# **Annual Meeting To Be Virtual This Year**

## ***All Members Urged To Attend Via Zoom on Nov. 6***

EMHS has purchased a Zoom package that enables us to host up to 100 people during an online meeting. This allowed us to invite the general public to participate in **Dick Brown's** balloon talk in September. It also enables us to hold our Annual Membership Meeting with member participation via Zoom.

*All members with internet are urged to attend the virtual meeting, at which we will vote on new bylaws proposals and elect our board of directors and Executive Committee for 2022, our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.*

**Members who do not have computer access have been sent paper ballots by postal mail, enclosed in this Newsletter with instructions on the ballot.**

Here is what you need to know:

**The Annual Membership Meeting is Saturday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.**

To attend and participate, you need to download Zoom (free) on your computer.

All members with email will be sent an access code before the meeting. Click on this code on Nov. 6 and join the meeting. You will be prompted as we proceed.

The items of business are the President's Report, Vice President's Report (finances) and Adoption of Minutes from last year's Annual Meeting, along with **two major agenda items** – Adoption of New Bylaws and Election of Officers and the Board of Directors.

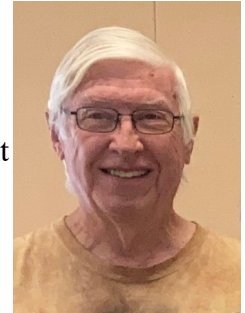
Please join us and help us make this happen!

**Bylaws – Please read the bylaws changes proposed** by the board in this issue of the Newsletter and be prepared to vote on them. They are printed in full beginning on Page 6. While our mission remains the same, the bylaws have had a thorough update to reflect EMHS' professional standing as an organization with several completed projects, publications and awards to its credit. It includes new membership categories, fully outlines duties of board members, especially with regard to financial matters, and allows us to hold meetings and make decisions remotely via electronics. This is the first update since 2008 and we will be celebrating 30 years as an organization in 2022. These were drafted by a Bylaws Committee that included **Robyn Hoffman, Dick Brown** and **Kris Thacher**, with input from the full board.

**Candidates for Board and Executive Committee** – Please read the bios in this issue of the Newsletter and be prepared to vote. Officers up for re-election are **Robyn Hoffman**, president; **Rick Holben**, vice president; **Sandra Lee**, treasurer; and **Dick Brown**, secretary. Bios for these officers and six board candidates begin on Page 3.

## Your Candidates for EMHS Offices and the Board

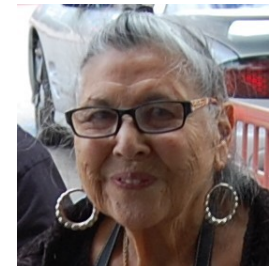
**Dick Brown** joined EMHS in 2015 after visiting our exhibit table at the Historical Society of New Mexico conference in Albuquerque that year. He has served as **EMHS Secretary** since he joined the board in 2018. A 36-year resident of the East Mountains, he is also a balloonist, author, submariner, retired engineer and president of the Grand Canyon Historical Society. He would like to continue on the board “because we are headed into some very exciting times as we strive for improved oversight of archival material, a more permanent foothold here in the mountains, and continuing good exposure through publications and community programs.” He said he believes in complete, accurate record keeping as Secretary.



**Hallie Brown** is a native of the East Mountains and works for the Village of Tijeras. She is not yet a board member, but attended three of this year’s meetings as our host in the Tijeras Village Council Chambers. She has supported EMHS by setting up QR codes for sales at the East Mountain Celebration, helping draft the application for the New Mexico Humanities Council American Rescue Plan grant (to professionally set up our archives), and building a successful application for the Frontier Communities program through N.M. Mainstreet for rehabilitation of Historic Santo Niño Church. Hallie is interested in continuing her involvement with EMHS, not only as a community partner through the Village, but as a member of the board.



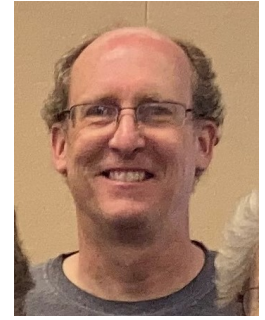
**Maria Herrera Dresser**, a native of the East Mountains, is one of the founding members of EMHS and first joined the board as Finance Officer in 1993. She continuously has served on the board ever since, holding the offices of Co-chairman (the equivalent of Co-president) in 1999, 2000 and 2003, as Vice President in 2017, and as Member at Large. It was Maria who came up with the EMHS slogan, *Cultura de las Montañas* (Culture of the Mountains), which adorns our logo. She says she enjoys working with EMHS because “it’s necessary to keep our history alive. A lot of places, the history dies out and they don’t talk about it anymore.”



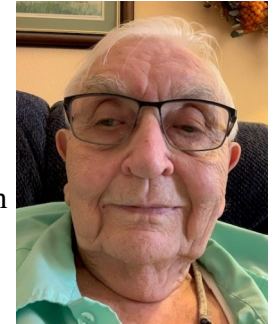
**Robyn Hoffman, EMHS President**, has lived in the East Mountains 33 years. She and her husband Steve joined EMHS in 2012. She retired from the practice of law in 2018 and was elected to the Board in 2019 to serve in 2020. She was elected President for 2021, navigating the difficult year of the pandemic by having EMHS activities on line. She helped obtain a grant in partnership with the Village of Tijeras for the restoration of the Historic Santo Niño Church, chaired the Bylaws Committee to formalize virtual operations, and prepared for professional maintenance of EMHS collections by seeking grant funding for an archivist from the N.M. Department of Cultural Affairs. Robyn would like to continue to serve on the committee to preserve the historic church, to continue developing the excellent relationship with the Village of Tijeras and add synergy to the efforts to create a Tijeras Corridor Cultural Center. She would also like to relocate the EMHS collections to a safe and secure location that is more accessible.



**Rick Holben, Vice President**, joined EMHS in 2013 and came on the board as Member at Large in 2014. He served as Treasurer from 2015-2019 and in 2020 became Vice President. Immediately after joining EMHS he wrote *A History of Forest Park Resort*, sales proceeds of which benefit EMHS. He has coordinated since 2015 each year's popular EMHS Calendar of historic photos. He was chief researcher and Photo Editor of *Timelines*, and contributed maps, photos and about 180 stories to the book. Rick also handles the mailing of all purchases made on the EMHS web site, and is a member of the Sales Committee. He would like to stay on the board because he never tires of discovering history.



**Gerry Jones**, a long-time member, has served on the board since 2011 and served as Treasurer in 2013 and 2014. He was a resident of the East Mountains as a youngster, when he attended grades 4-7 in a two-room school in Tijeras from 1942 to 1948, a time that “holds a lot of memories.” He has been a valued at-large member of the board with a continued interest in history and in working toward preserving it. He was a terminal manager for Continental Trailways and retired from Amtrak in 1991. He currently is a volunteer at Presbyterian Kaseman Hospital.



**Sandra Walton Lee, Treasurer**, joined in 2013 and immediately contributed to the organization’s knowledge of local history, having grown up in Tijeras where her parents ran Walton’s Store. She joined the board in 2016 and became an active contributor of photographs and historical knowledge during three years of meetings of the *Timelines* Book Committee. She also raised money to help with its publication. She served as Vice President in 2018 and 2019 and has been Treasurer since 2020. She is Chairman of the EMHS Sales Committee. An enthusiastic member, she is known for being a goodwill ambassador for EMHS wherever she goes. She says her three children grew up in the East Mountains and she feels it’s important to know what is going on in her community, both present and past.



**Debbie Post** has been a board member since September, when she was welcomed by unanimous vote. Debbie volunteered as Zoom Master in October 2020, facilitating all monthly Zoom board meetings; this enabled EMHS to meet remotely during the pandemic that has kept us from meeting in person since early 2020. Debbie also attended all three in-person masked Board meetings in 2021. She has agreed to serve as Program Director, and will be handling the Zoom functions at our Annual Meeting. She was a critical part of our two Zoom programs (on N.M. license plates and the historic balloon flight); she also will be coordinating the team working on two recorded presentations about our exhibit panels. Debbie recently retired from Sandia National Laboratories, where she was an engineer. Debbie has been an EMHS member since 2013 when she moved to New Mexico from California. She has greatly enjoyed EMHS programs (submarines, buffalo hunting, Jicarilla Apache botany, gold mining, Route 66) and wants to be part of the board as a way to give back to EMHS.



**Anabel Sanchez** has been a member of the board since EMHS' first election in 1993, when she was elected Recorder (secretary). She became Vice-chairman (Vice President) in 1995 and served in that position until 1998, when she became Treasurer. She served as Treasurer eight years, during which time she secured for EMHS its 501 (c) 3 status as a non-profit. In 2006, she became EMHS first President under this new status (rather than Chairman), and served three terms, after which she served four terms as Vice President. She was an active member of the Oral History, Map and *Timelines* Book committees and has served as Membership Chairman since 2014. She also edited the Newsletter in the organization's early years. She would like to participate in the decision-making regarding organizing our archives and looking for a permanent home for EMHS.



**Denise Tessier** has been a member of the board since 1995, when she was elected Recorder (Secretary). After stints as Vice President (three years) and Co-chairman (the equivalent of Co-president), she was President seven years, during which time she was actively involved in the Centennial oral history project, *Mapping Our Vanishing Past* project and the launch of the *Timelines of the East Mountains*; she continued working on the book for its three-year duration. She created/wrote EMHS' original six-page website in 2008, has produced the award-winning Newsletter since 1998, and has been responsible for EMHS publicity. She is currently EMHS Historian and Communications Director and a member of the Sales Committee. She has a continuing interest in history and would like to help in organizing the archives and working toward finding a permanent facility for EMHS.



## ***Thanks to Retiring Board Members, Who Contributed Much!***

**Kathy Rich** is retiring after 12 years on the board. When she joined it in 2009, father Pat was Treasurer and her mother Dot was a Member at Large. Kathy had joined her parents in attending EMHS functions after moving to New Mexico and soon became tremendously involved. She helped EMHS scan documents and photographs that community members brought in to share. She digitized our massive photo collection on CDs. Then, using these historic photographs, she created in 2014 our first calendar of historic photographs. A graphic designer with a printing business, Kathy has been able to publish subsequent calendars that EMHS has produced with board member Rick Holben every year since. She created EMHS' first business card, stationery and a correspondence card with our logo. She made for us a vinyl East Mountain Historical Society sign used at every public event and sales table, and most recently modified our logo to create a full-color icon for our 30th anniversary in 2022. She recently created a banner specifically for *Timelines of the East Mountains* for use at sales events. She also took over from Denise Tessier maintenance of our web site, adding to Denise's original six pages five more – [Photos](#), [Articles](#), [Past Events](#), [Recorded Programs Archive](#), and an [EMHS Store](#), complete with PayPal capability. She revamped the look of the entire site and gave it added security. She has helped with publications, from sales order forms to booklets like *Great People, Great Stories* (oral history project) to the massive 700-plus page *Timelines of the East Mountains*. Kathy is retiring from the board to focus on her business, East Mountain Graphics, but will continue to update the web site and provide printing services at a discounted rate. Thank you, Kathy!

**Beverly Neville**, who left in September, joined the board in 2010. She had given an EMHS presentation in March 2009 on the history of the U.S. Army Camel Corps during the Civil War, soon after which she agreed to join EMHS and serve as Program Director. A camel owner herself at the time, she became Secretary in 2012 and served in that position until 2018, when she agreed to serve as President. She held the title three years, although, as she told the writer for *East Mountain Living* in 2020, EMHS couldn't have programs or meetings during that last year because of the pandemic. While on the board, Bev pitched in wherever needed, working at our Open Houses and East Mountain Celebrations, and she was among the members who “jumped into action” to help a writer research the history of Chilili in 2019, scanning documents and family photos at a history preservation event. She also served on three important committees – the Oral History, Map and Book Committees, contributing two stories to the book, *Timelines of the East Mountains*. Many thanks to Bev.

**Kris Thacher** is retiring after 11 years on the board. She joined EMHS in 2010 when urged to do so by former EMHS archaeology chairman Chuck Van Gelder, who was moving to TorC. When it became clear the board wished to get back to doing oral histories, she found a Bernalillo County oral history-related grant for neighborhoods. She and Denise Tessier, who was president at the time, teamed up and attended several meetings to ensure EMHS got that grant, even though EMHS was not a neighborhood, leading to a two-year partner project with the East Mountain Coalition of neighborhoods, during which EMHS trained volunteers and conducted more than a dozen oral history interviews. Kris became chair of the Oral History Committee, and after the project's success and a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Centennial celebration of its participants, she agreed to serve as Vice President, doing so from 2013-2016. During that time she chaired the Map Committee and then went on to hold three years of meetings at her home as head of the Book Committee, which produced the award-winning *Timelines of the East Mountains*. As Editor, she facilitated meetings, kept work on track and coordinated the book's production. She also worked on grants and other projects, and most recently served on the Bylaws Committee. Kudos and thanks to Kris.



(Proposed, for consideration by the membership, recommended by the Board)  
**BYLAWS OF THE EAST MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY (EMHS)**  
Established 1992, Incorporated March 10, 2006  
Bylaws Amended November 2021

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME and CORPORATE STATUS**

The name of the organization is East Mountain Historical Society, hereinafter referred to as EMHS. The EMHS is a New Mexico non-profit corporation, tax exempt as provided in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3).

**ARTICLE II**  
**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. General Membership**

Membership is open to any person. Membership categories are: Individual, Family, Sponsor, Student, Corporate, and Honorary, as defined by the Board.

### **Section 2. Membership dues**

Dues will be determined by the Board and subject to change on a yearly basis. The annual dues are payable as of January 1 of each year. Annual membership starts January 1 and ends December 31.

### **Section 3. Exemption from Dues**

The following categories of membership are exempt from paying dues:

- (a) Honorary Members
- (b) Lifetime Members
- (c) Emeritus Board Members

## **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. Annual Meeting and Elections**

- (a) The annual business meeting of the membership shall be in November or at the call of the EMHS Board for the transaction of business of the EMHS. Meetings will be open to the membership and invited guests. Members of the EMHS will be duly notified as to time and location of meetings.
- (b) The annual meeting may be held on an online platform which allows for live streaming membership participation, such as Zoom or Google Meet, at the discretion of the Board. Members who do not have internet access will be notified of the manner in which they may submit motions and statements to the Board prior to the annual meeting.
- (c) A financial report from the preceding year will be given.
- (d) Committee Chairs will state the plans and needs of their committees and solicit new members.
- (e) The Nominating Committee shall cause to be published a call for Board member nominees. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of Board member nominees to the Board of Directors 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Information about the nominees will be communicated to the membership at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- (f) Voting: At an in-person meeting, the election of Board members and officers will be made by majority vote of those members present and voting. If the annual meeting and election of Board members is held via the internet, a written ballot will be sent electronically to those having internet access, and by mailed, paper ballot to those who do not. The election of Directors and Officers will be made by majority vote of those submitting ballots.

### **Section 2. Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or by majority vote of the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be held in person or on an online platform.

### **Section 3. Programs and Activities**

The EMHS will offer educational and cultural programs and events to the public. The EMHS will offer special members-only programs, events, and outings consistent with the organization's mission.

## **ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1. Governing Body**

The business of the EMHS shall be conducted by its Board of Directors. The Board Members shall act in accordance with the mission of the EMHS, attend Board meetings, and participate in activities and events sponsored by the EMHS.

### **Section 2. Composition of the Board**

The Board shall be composed of at least seven (7) members, not exceeding fifteen (15) members exclusive of Emeritus board members.

### **Section 3. Emeritus Board Members**

Emeritus Board Members are non-voting lifetime members of the Board of Directors, as elected by the Board.

### **Section 4. Quorum**

A quorum of the Board consists of at least fifty percent of existing board members.

**Section 5. Term of Office**

A Board member is elected for a two-year term of office. Should a Board member leave during the term of elective office, the Board of Directors may appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

**Section 6. Board Meetings**

The President of the Board, with input from Board members, shall establish the agenda for each Board Meeting, and the agenda shall be made available to the EMHS membership in advance of the Board Meeting. Members wishing to attend and address the Board at a Board Meeting may do so by notifying any officer of the Board prior to the meeting and will be included on the agenda.

**Section 7. Virtual Board Meetings**

A meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President to be held by virtual meeting technology, such as Zoom, Google Meet, or other technology which provides for teleconferencing and videoconferencing.

**Section 8. Voting**

At in-person and live online virtual meetings, a motion must be made and seconded in order to call for a vote. Time for discussion of the motion shall be made before a vote is taken. A quorum of the Board members must be participating in order for a measure to pass. A motion is passed by a majority of the voting members.

**Section 9. Voting by Electronic mail**

If a matter must be decided prior to the next scheduled Board meeting due to time exigency, the Board member requesting the vote shall draft a proposed motion and submit it via electronic mail to all Board members. For Board members not having access to electronic mail, he/she/they shall contact those Board members in person or by telephone to be advised of the draft motion. All Board members shall have the opportunity to comment, question, oppose, or offer amendments to the motion. Votes on a motion shall be stated "YES", "NO" or "ABSTAIN". No other response to a motion shall be counted as a vote. The Secretary shall publish the results of the vote and prepare the verbatim text of the measure for inclusion in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

**Section 10. Neglect of Duties**

A Board member who fails to attend a Board meeting of which he/she/they had notice, who has not provided notice to the Board in advance of the inability to attend for three meetings in a 12-month period, may be removed by vote of the Board. An officer who fails to perform the duties of his/her/their office for two consecutive months may be removed from that office by vote of the Board.

**ARTICLE VI  
OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Officers**

The elected officers of the EMHS Board of Directors shall be the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

**Section 2. Executive Committee**

The executive committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Board: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

**Section 3. Duties of the President**

The President shall be the executive officer of the EMHS and provide leadership in executing the mission of the EMHS. The President shall call meetings of the Board of Directors, preside at all meetings, and be an *ex officio* member of all committees except the nominating committee. The President shall sign all contracts and other instruments requiring a signature as authorized by the Board. The President shall appoint the Chairs of EMHS committees with ratification by the Board.

**Section 4. Duties of the Vice President**

In the event the President is absent or unable to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as requested by the President or Board.

**Section 5. Duties of the Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall collect all dues, contributions and EMHS income, deposit all funds in an account approved by the Board, keep a full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements of the EMHS and shall make monthly financial reports to the Board. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual financial report to be made known to the membership at the annual meeting and keep and maintain all financial records. The Treasurer shall timely file the appropriate IRS form annually. The Treasurer shall prepare any federal tax documents required to be given to contractors. The Treasurer shall maintain custody of the EMHS check book and PayPal technology and be the authorized administrator of the EMHS PayPal account. The Treasurer shall timely pay periodic rent, annual insurance payments, internet and website related fees and all other payments as authorized by the Board. The



Treasurer shall reimburse expenditures made on behalf of the EMHS in accordance with the procedures established by the Board.

**Section 6. Duties of the Secretary**

The Secretary shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by laws and shall be responsible for keeping a full and accurate account of all meetings and proceedings of the Board, and the annual meeting of the membership, and shall maintain all records of the EMHS. The Secretary shall file the annual non-profit corporation report with the appropriate agency of the State of New Mexico and pay the concomitant fee. The Secretary shall perform other duties as requested by the President or the Board.

**Section 7. Term of Office**

An Executive Officer's term of office is two calendar years.

Executive Officers' terms are limited to three consecutive terms.

Should an Officer leave during the term of elective office, the Board of Directors may appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

**ARTICLE VII  
COMMITTEES and POSITIONS**

**Section 1. Standing Committees**

The following shall be standing committees of the EMHS: Bylaws, Membership, Nominating, Oral Histories, Publications, Programs, and Sales. Standing Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the President with ratification by the Board. The President shall serve *ex-officio* on all committees except the nominating committee.

**Section 2. Special Committees**

Special committees may be appointed as needed by the President with the approval of the Board.

**Section 3. Duties of the Registered Agent**

Until such time as the EMHS has a permanent building, the physical address of the Registered Agent shall be the official EMHS address for matters requiring a street address, and for service of process. The Registered Agent shall advise the Board if any actions are required to maintain the corporation in good standing as a non-profit corporation holding tax exempt status.

**Section 4. Duties of the Historian**

The Historian shall keep and maintain records of the activities of the EMHS. The Historian shall update archival records and systems and record the origin of newly acquired materials.

**Section 5. Duties of the Communications Director**

The Communications Director shall be responsible for the publication of the EMHS Quarterly Newsletter and for preparing and reviewing content which is published by the EMHS in electronic or social media format. The Communications Director shall oversee publicity for EMHS events and activities.

**Section 6. Webmaster**

The Webmaster shall maintain and update the EMHS website and EMHS social media platforms such as the EMHS Facebook page, based upon policy established by the Board.

**ARTICLE VIII  
FINANCES**

**Section 1. Bank Account**

A checking account shall be maintained at an FDIC-insured banking institution. All income received by the EMHS shall be deposited into this account.

**Section 2. Key Executives for Banking Purposes**

The key executives for banking purposes shall be the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. These are the only persons authorized to disburse EMHS funds.

**Section 3. Gifts and Grants**

The Board may accept, on behalf of the EMHS, from a legal owner or governmental agency, any contribution, grant, gift, bequest or devise, which shall be free and clear of any and all restrictions and obligations except as agreed to by the Board.

**Section 3. Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the EMHS begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

**Section 4. Assets on Dissolution**

In the event the EMHS dissolves, any remaining funds will be donated to another historical society as agreed upon by the Board.

**ARTICLE IX  
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

**Section 1. Time for Submission to Board**

Any proposed amendment to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors no less than four weeks prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be acted upon. The Board shall vote upon recommended amendments to the bylaws prior to submission to the membership.

**Section 2. Notice of Proposed Amendments**

The Board of Directors shall inform the general membership of proposed changes to the bylaws at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose. As determined by the Board, the meeting may be held by virtual meeting technology.

**Section 3. Two-thirds Vote Required**

These bylaws shall not be amended except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall note the number of members present for a virtual meeting and record that number in the minutes. The Secretary shall ascertain by estimate of hand count whether two thirds of the members present in person have voted in favor.

**Section 4. Time for Change to the Bylaws**

Unless expressly stated in the amendment, any bylaw change will take effect immediately after voted by the membership.



*Message From the President*

## **Prevailing in a Virtual World**

Closing out our second year under the constraints of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, we are learning to live with losses and a recalibration of expectations. Schools and churches have re-opened to in-person and virtual services. Restaurants are serving patrons, but struggle with inadequate staff and meeting pandemic health requirements. Travel restrictions are being lifted or liberalized, but the risks of travel are uncertain and seem to change every week. Funerals are now routinely streaming on-line.

Our social and cultural communications have shifted to audio/visual, lacking the full human connection we used to experience with our five senses. Living in the present has a tentative quality to it that I have never felt before. It has been difficult to determine which live events and activities are desirable and safe, and which are best avoided or canceled. The East Mountain Historical Society has reverted to holding its monthly Board Meetings via Zoom, and has also decided to hold the Annual Membership Meeting on Zoom.

We have produced history programs virtually, and published the recordings on our website. **We are proposing new bylaws to address policies and procedures for e-mail voting and on-line meetings.** Our Board Members are learning technical production skills that we did not realize we would ever need.

So the internet has permitted us to remain in operation, but we miss the ability to meet all of you in person and make new friendships and connections. We realize many of you have talents and stories that you would like to share, and we look forward to getting together in person.

**But in the meantime, we hope that you will get on-line so we can see each other on Saturday, November 6 at 2 p.m. so we can hear from you at our annual meeting.**

*– Robyn Hoffman*

# *History Part of This Year's East Mountain Celebration*

Good Weather, Large Crowds Made for a Successful Event

During the East Mountain Celebration – estimated to have drawn 1,200 participants – EMHS President **Robyn Hoffman** (at right) presented Dist. 5 County Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty (left) with a copy of our award-winning *Timelines of the East Mountains*, telling the crowd they were “part of history” in coming together during a pandemic. The commissioner, who seemed delighted to get the book, urged participants to visit EMHS tables where it was being sold. She later wrote to the board: “This is truly an amazing book! I am deeply grateful to everyone who had a part in producing it.”



*Upper two photos by Denise Tessier*



Our table outside Los Vecinos’ octagonal building (in photo at left) featured a banner created by EMHS graphics designer/webmaster **Kathy Rich**, who is standing, with **Robyn** seated at the table.

At the table we sold *Timelines* and our 2022 Calendar, *Every Picture Tells a Story*, created by **Rick Holben** and published by **Kathy**, which commemorates EMHS’ upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

Visitors also stopped by to see our 6-x6-foot map, *Mapping Our Vanishing Past*, inside the octagonal building. We talked history with a steady stream of interested folks, many of whom bought past years’ calendars, our Route 66 postcards, T-shirts and maps.

EMHS volunteers who worked inside the building wore masks: Pictured at right are, from left, **Rick Holben**, **Denise Tessier**, **Anabel Sanchez** and **Sandra Lee**. **Bev Neville** was also on hand to help. Many thanks to **Dick Brown** for working all day and coordinating our efforts on-site and with the commissioner.

*Photo at right by Anna Ruben*



## Bootleggers

# *The East End Inn – A Saloon at the Mouth of Tijeras Canyon*

– by Rick Holben



Wagons loaded with wood coming into Albuquerque from the East Mountains was a common sight in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, as many of the native Hispanic families living in the mountains were dependent on wood sales for income. What adds a unique historical aspect to this photo – discovered in a Kansas City collection and dating to about 1905 – is the building behind the passing wagons. The thin white sign on the right reads “East End Inn,” with beer signs visible on two porch posts.

Written on the back of this recently discovered photo, photographer unknown, is: “Inn in the Desert near Sandia Mountains – Mexicans hauling wood to Albuquerque”. Newspaper stories in 1905 and 1907 show that the Inn’s proprietors were Clinton C. Jones and son Brad, members of a Michigan family that arrived in 1882 and also included Jones’ wife Eliza and his brother Frank. By the late 1890s, both Clinton and Frank Jones had filed claims on two 160-acre East Mesa tracts along the newly aligned Tijeras Canyon road (later Central Avenue and Highway 66).

Clinton received a homestead patent for 160 acres in 1904 and Frank an adjoining 160 acres in 1905 – tracts that stretched along what is now Central Avenue from Eubank to Tramway. Today’s Juan Tabo follows a section line that was the boundary between the brothers’ properties. A 1925 highway right-of-way map, prepared for paving and improvement of Central Avenue from the University of New Mexico to the mouth of Tijeras Canyon, locates and diagrams buildings Clinton and Frank Jones had near each other on this land. Frank’s was just west of today’s Juan Tabo and Clinton’s was just east – the East End Inn shown in this photo. Much has changed since this photo was taken; only the Sandia Mountains appear as they do today.

Clinton Jones was involved in several businesses, starting with running an A&P Grocery when he first arrived. Later he became involved in operating saloons and road houses in Albuquerque

and on the East Mesa near Tijeras Canyon. According to one article, he and Brad were charged with selling liquor to an Indian employed on the Albuquerque Eastern Railway project in 1905.

The Jones saloon on his East Mesa ranch had different names at different times, including East End Inn, Jones Place, Jones Ranch and K&J Chicken Ranch (all of which are mentioned in the Bootlegging section of the EMHS book, *Timelines of the East Mountains*). It's possible that before he lived on the East Mesa, Clinton Jones ran a saloon near what are now Albuquerque's historic railyards. That saloon is found in numerous newspaper articles, notorious for fights, stabbings and shootings. Such notoriety shadowed the drinking establishments on the East Mesa as well, especially when prohibition was enacted and liquor was illegal.

A brick factory was another venture Clinton Jones embarked upon at his ranch on the East Mesa. In August 1903, the *Albuquerque Weekly Citizen* reported that C.C. Jones and Brad had discovered on their property a clay bank they believed would make good bricks. They had set up a kiln that fired 100,000 bricks and were in the process of firing another 175,000 at the time the article was written. Water for the brick project was being piped in from Tijeras Canyon.

In 1909, Jones had a contract to deliver 54 live coyotes within three months to a nature park on the East Coast, for which he was to receive \$4 each. In 1911, Jones gained attention for the "first class" peaches he had grown on his ranch, again using water piped in from Tijeras Canyon just over a mile away. Also in 1911, Jones and son received a patent for a special type of gear that eliminated vibration in automobiles. Mine patents from 1912 and 1913 list Clinton and Brad Jones on a claim just east of what is now Four Hills in the Coyote Canyon area. The claim was called the "Eliza D Placer," most likely named in memory of Clinton's wife and Brad's mother Eliza Baxter Jones, who died of tuberculosis in 1888, six years after the family arrived.

Clinton Jones died in 1937 at 89. The occupation noted on his death certificate was "retired, grocery business". Brother Frank died in 1912 at 56.

The Jones Place is still referenced in articles in the early 1940s and was likely still owned by Brad. In 1954, when Brad was 75 years old, he was featured in a Howard Bryan newspaper column recalling some of his memories as a young man, including that he had worked in mines at San Pedro. One of the main subjects of the article was a bicycle race that Brad had participated in about 1904. The race started at Fourth and Central and riders had to cross the mesa to Judge Trimble's house at the entrance of Tijeras Canyon and then ride back. Jones was declared the winner and still had the championship medal to prove it.

*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 2021 article and add it to the book's **Bootleggers** section (page 581).*



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## *News and Notes . . .*

A big welcome to our newest members! Joining us are **Hallie Brown** of Sandia Park; **Valentino Garcia, Diane Smith, Rosella Garcia, Teri Reynoso, and Ron and Gloria O'Dowd**, all of Albuquerque; **LuAnn Pavletich** of San Antonio, N.M., and **Su Rymarz** of Carnuel. Welcome also to new honorary member, **Les Garcia** of Carnuel, an East Mountain resident more than 50 years.



If, because it was a beautiful fall day, you ended up missing EMHS Secretary **Dick Brown** describe the exciting and harrowing 1909 historic balloon flight across the Manzanos, you can still catch this program. Thanks to **Debbie Post** and **Kathy Rich**, it is now online on our Recorded Programs Archives page at [eastmountainhistory.org](http://eastmountainhistory.org). During the distance balloon flight record attempt made during the Territorial Fair of October 1909, two balloonists flew from Albuquerque's downtown across and over the Manzano Mountains, landing on the MacGillivray Ranch east of Estancia.



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