

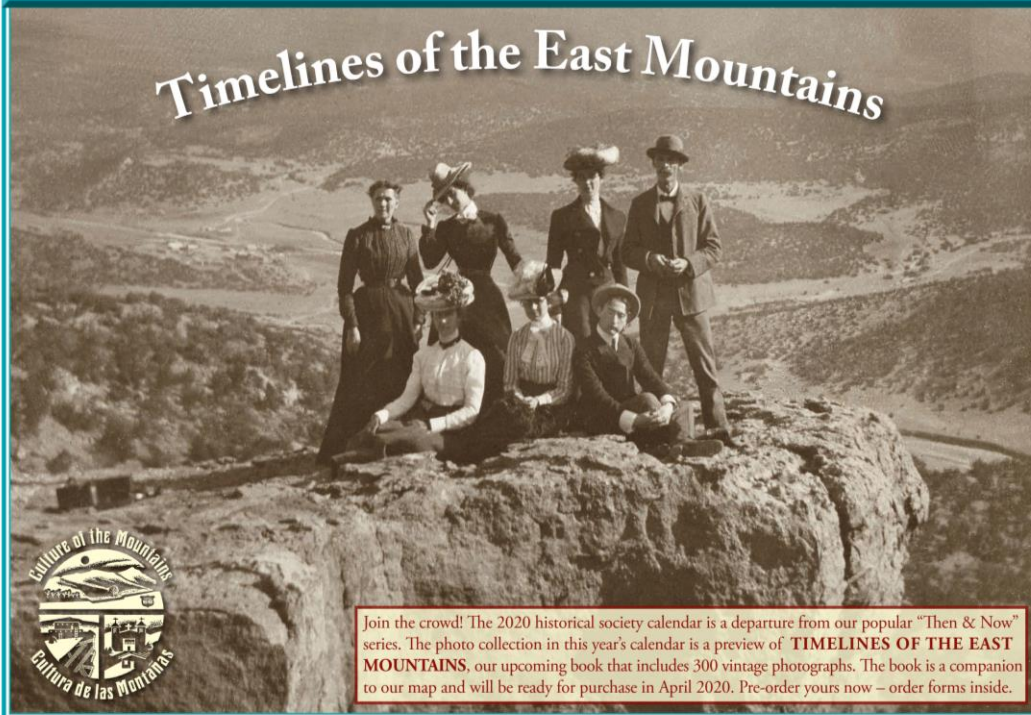
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EAST MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Newsletter

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2020 Calendar of the East Mountain Historical Society



Join the crowd! The 2020 historical society calendar is a departure from our popular "Then & Now" series. The photo collection in this year's calendar is a preview of **TIMELINES OF THE EAST MOUNTAINS**, our upcoming book that includes 300 vintage photographs. The book is a companion to our map and will be ready for purchase in April 2020. Pre-order yours now – order forms inside.

1902 Overlooking Tijeras on a rock ledge somewhere west of Whitcomb Springs, which is now Carlito Springs.

Courtesy Albuquerque Museum PA084-012-028

It's TIME
To Get
Your New
2020 EMHS
Calendar!

Debut date:
Sept. 22

Where:
At the
East Mtn.
Celebration
and Our
Own Open
House

Our seventh calendar is different. It's not vertical; it's horizontal. It's not *Then and Now*; every picture is a vintage shot. The cover photo (↑) was taken in 1902 on a rock overlooking Tijeras somewhere west of what is now Carlito Springs. (Notice: There's no cement plant behind these folks). Most important: All 12 photos in this historic calendar are a preview of something monumental: **TIMELINES OF THE EAST MOUNTAINS**, a historic book inspired by our map.

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Get Ready To Go Back in Time!

TIMELINES OF THE EAST MOUNTAINS Will Transport You

By Kristin Thacher

Time machines come in all shapes and sizes. One looks like an old-fashioned, red-enamel British telephone booth. Another is an arched Stargate portal filled with ethereal mist. Or, how about the secret doorway to Narnia in the back of an old wardrobe? There's that complicated WABAC machine, with whistles, dials, and bells, used by Mr. Peabody and his boy Sherman. And don't forget the iconic plutonium-powered, stainless steel DeLorean that Doc Brown and Marty McFly drove through time in *Back to the Future*.

For those of you without the luxury of your own time machine, get ready for the next best thing.

Our very own book, *TIMELINES OF THE EAST MOUNTAINS*, has been under construction for more than two years and will be ready for its first test flight in April 2020. You can buy an advance ticket on the first flight by pre-ordering your hardback copy at a cost of \$60; softcover is \$30.

This deal is out of this world, especially when you compare it to the \$250,000 ticket for a single reservation on a Virgin Galactic one-time, 90-minute trip into space and back. In fact, it's a better deal. You will be able to open and read your own *TIMELINES* book as often as you like and travel back into the history of the East Mountains whenever you wish. Time travel will never be easier or less expensive!

Since May 2017, eight dedicated and multi-talented time engineers, cleverly disguised as East Mountain Historical Society board members, have been hard at work producing *TIMELINES*, a book with about 450 pages – including more than 300 vintage photographs.

Twelve of the historic photos from the book will make their first appearance inside the 2020 East Mountain Historical Society calendar. In addition, the cover photo on the calendar is a preview of the cover of the book.

Our 2020 calendar will be available for purchase Sunday, Sept. 22, at the East Mountain Celebration at Los Vecinos Community Center in Tijeras – look for us in the building at the entrance to the fields! It will also be available at our annual Open House in the little historic church in Luis Garcia Memorial Park next to the Tijeras library on the same day. Be sure to drop by, buy a new calendar, and visit with us. We will have refreshments and our historic photo panels will be on display.

Pre-order forms for *TIMELINES* will be included with the calendar. You can pre-order your book using the paper form and a check, or you can order online at our website: eastmountainhistory.org. Our book will officially debut at the annual Historical Society of New Mexico (HSNM) conference in Silver City in April. Feel free to wait. But, the first edition may be a special limited edition that sells out quickly.

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EMHS has received a Jane Sanchez Grant (\$1,700) from HSNM for this book publication project, but we must pay for the rest of the printing ourselves. Your pre-orders help us tremendously. Hundreds of hours of work on “the map book” have been donated by our dedicated and talented volunteer committee members.

The mission of the EMHS is to preserve “La Cultura de las Montañas.” This unique history book presents an indispensable perspective bridging our past and our future.

Don't Be Left Out: Get Your Pre-Order Form Inside the 2020 Calendar

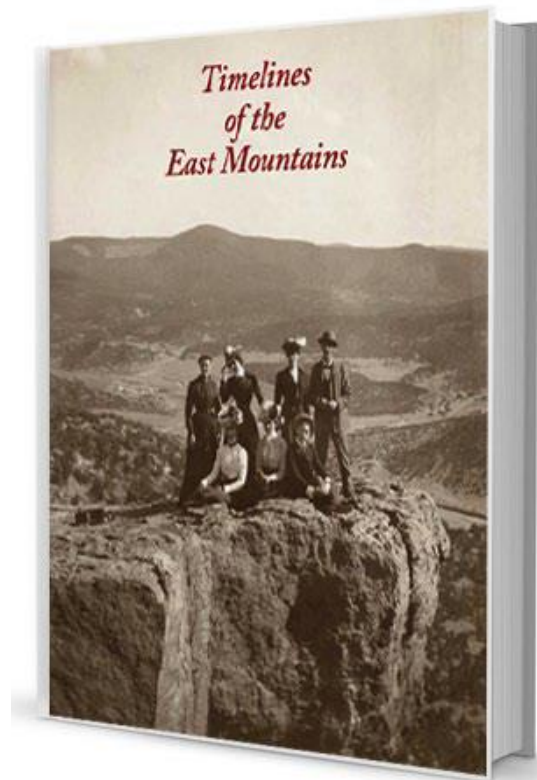
The East Mountain Historical Society invites you to pre-order our book, *TIMELINES OF THE EAST MOUNTAINS*, a literary monument to vanishing places, long-held traditions and the people who settled this broad landscape.

Inspiration for our book originated with the popular EMHS map “Mapping Our Vanishing Past,” which in turn, was inspired by our ongoing Great People, Great Stories oral history project. *TIMELINES OF THE EAST MOUNTAINS* covers about 400 square miles and 400 years of history. It includes hundreds of photos and a Special Section of Maps.

You can pre-order your book by using the paper form included in your calendar and mailing us a check, or you can order online at our website: www.eastmountainhistory.org and use PayPal. Limited hard-cover editions are \$60; softcover is \$30.

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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.



Community Invited to ‘Historic Fiesta’ Sept 20-21 At Holy Child Parish in Tijeras; Archbishop To Preside

For the first time in 14 years, Holy Child Parish – mother church to seven missions in the East Mountains – will be the site of the Tijeras fiesta Sept. 20-21. Archbishop John C. Wester will give the 10 a.m. mass on Saturday, the 21th. The East Mountain community is invited to attend this historic event.

Each of the seven missions – Cañoncito, Chilili, Escobosa, San Antonio, San Antonito, Sedillo, Carnuel – has historically celebrated an annual fiesta in the East Mountains. With San Antonito’s fiesta on Sept. 13-14, all of the missions but Carnuel will have held their fiestas this year. The Carnué Feast of San Miguel is Sept. 27-28. The Tijeras fiesta historically has been held at the end of fiesta season, after all the missions have held their fiestas, and it brings them all together.

This year’s Tijeras fiesta is special for a couple of reasons, according to Leroy Gonzales, who has served as *mayordomo* of San Antonio Church and is a fiesta organizer. First, it will be the first in years in the main church because of a reluctance by the parish priest to allow it. Two years ago, a mission-wide fiesta was held next to the church at the home of Jacobo Armenta (Gonzales’ late uncle), but celebrants were not allowed in the church. Gonzales said his uncle played a major role in securing the land for the main church and helped with its construction.

The second reason, Gonzales said, is this year is the Cañón de Carnué Land Grant bicentennial. Land grant heirs reside throughout Tijeras and a majority of the common land is in Tijeras.

Tradition holds that *mayordomos* of all the mission churches bring their *Santos* to be honored as part of the Tijeras procession. “This culture and tradition are the core of the East Mountains and it’s important that we keep these traditions alive in order for our kids to understand where they have come from. This will help them grow and know who they truly are,” Gonzales said.



Community members joined dancers at the San Antonio bicentennial fiesta in June.

Photo by Sandra Lee

Festivities begin Friday at 7 p.m. with *visperas*, including the rosary, followed by a procession to the historic grotto on the Armenta residence and back to the church. It will conclude with *danzantes* performing a spiritual dance and prayers in the church. Archbishop Wester will give the 10 a.m. mass the next day. A procession will follow, again to the Armenta home and back. “After the procession, we will all gather at the Armentas. We will have food followed by live music. We encourage all to attend and to be part of this historic event,” Gonzales said.

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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:
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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 . . .

We are sad to report the recent losses of two honorary EMHS members. Honorary status is bestowed on those interested in membership who have lived in the East Mountains 50 years or more.

Jennie Martinez, who a year ago in April shared many of her family photos with our historical society at our event in Chilili, died Aug. 3. Jennie was born and raised in Yrisarri, raised her children in Albuquerque and was a long-time resident of the Chilili Land Grant. She sang in the Chilili Choir for more than 38 years. After mass on Aug. 16, she was buried at San Juan Nepomuceno Cemetery in Chilili.

Andres Anaya Jr., known to all as “Junior,” passed away Aug. 21 at the age of 82. A lifelong New Mexican, Junior was born in Juan Tomás and actively helped our historical society put together our map of vanishing East Mountain landmarks and places. A memorial service was scheduled for Sept. 16 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic church in Moriarty, where he was a member.



Moriarty Historical Society will hold its annual fundraising tea from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Moriarty Civic Center. Cost of the “My Fair Ladies Vintage Tea” is \$22, or \$20 if you RSVP by Sept. 27. Seating is limited. The tea is recommended for those 10 years and older. To reserve a seat, call the Moriarty Historical Museum at 832-0839.



Sandra Lee, Bev Neville and **Anabel Sanchez** participated in the San Antonio de Padua Mission Church fiesta in June, which also celebrated the 200th anniversary of the village of San Antonio. They hosted an EMHS table with information of local families’ oral histories, and sold our maps and the 2019 calendar (with San Antonio *matachines* on the cover).



The [EMHS 2018 newsletter](#) that won first place in the New Mexico Press Women state contest in April went on to take third place nationally. The National Federation of Press Women announced the win by newsletter editor **Denise Tessier** in June, in the category “Newsletter regularly edited by entrant for a non-profit.”

Mark Your Calendars

Not only can we build a time machine, EMHS members can be two places at once!

Sept. 22 (Sunday) – EMHS will hold its **annual Open House with East Mountain historic photo display from noon to 4 p.m.** in the historic little church next to the East Mountain Library in Tijeras.

Come in to see our exhibit, enjoy refreshments, and talk history. *Most importantly, be among the first to purchase our 2020 TIMELINES OF THE EAST MOUNTAINS calendar.* We'll also have all our publications, postcards, maps and T-shirts for sale, plus free templates on which children can create their own family trees. And *on that same day. . .*

Sept. 22 (Sunday) – Across the street, EMHS will be making a splash at this year's special **"Crossroads of Cultures" East Mountain Celebration**, sponsored by Bernalillo County at Los Vecinos Community Center in Tijeras, **from noon to 5 p.m.** The county says to expect live music, food trucks, a car show, a zip line, various vendors, beer, wine and more!

Look for EMHS in the stand-alone building at the entrance to the grounds, where we will be showing off our new calendar, our map and other historical goodies, plus free family tree templates for the kids! Please stop by.