

EAST MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



EMHS members, friends and special guests enjoy the program, historical displays, and refreshments in the Cañón De Carnué Land Grant Hall. Photo courtesy of Jeannie Place.

EMHS Annual Membership Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022, 2PM-3PM
CAÑÓN DE CARNUÉ LAND GRANT HALL
364 NM-333, CARNUEL, NM

Please join us to celebrate another successful year for honoring and preserving "la cultura de las montañas" – the culture of the mountains, including:

Recap of the year's accomplishments by our president and committee chairs

Voting for a change to our bylaws

Voting for our new board members

Book silent auction

Panel Discussion: Preservation of Historic Properties featuring:

William Powell, Preservation Architect, New Mexico Mainstreet

David Engelman, Real Estate Developer

Larry Sheffield, Documentary Filmmaker, Historic Building Contractor (Invited)

Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty, Bernalillo County Commissioner

Coffee, lemonade, and cookies provided.

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President's Message: EMHS Annual Meeting

BY: ROBYN HOFFMAN

The hummingbird feeders are taken down, washed and stored. The firewood is delivered and stacked. The chimney is swept. The septic has been inspected. The freezer is stocked with chile. I am ready for November.*

2022 flew by, and now it is time for our Annual Meeting. This will be our first in-person annual meeting in three years! In November 2019, when I was first elected to the EMHS Board of Directors, who anticipated what was in store for us 3 months later? The last Board Meeting before the pandemic shutdown in New Mexico was held in mid-March 2020, less than a week before the Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health issued a public health order limiting gatherings to ten people or less (soon after limiting to five persons). Due to the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, and our lack of experience with live-stream communication technologies, no annual meeting of the membership occurred in 2020, and the business requirements were completed by U.S. mail and on-line voting.

In 2021, we were able to utilize the skills of Board Member (and now Program Committee Chair) Debbie Post, to conduct the 2021 Annual Meeting on Zoom. Even though we tried to entice membership participation by giving away a free *Timelines of the East Mountains*, and having Mayor Jake Bruton of the Village of Tijeras as our guest speaker, besides the participation of the Board members, we had only a couple of our members sign in to the meeting, and only one stayed until the end to win the copy of *Timelines*!



This year's in-person Annual Meeting will be an opportunity for members to communicate what programs and activities are desired for emphasis by the East Mountain Historical Society the coming year(s). We will have a panel of guest speakers to discuss the preservation of historic property, and what is needed for the reconstruction or restoration of the Stone House which has been offered to EMHS for a permanent home, cultural center and museum. We hope to see you there, at 2:00 p.m. at the Carnuel Land Grant Hall on Sunday November 13, 2022 with your comments and questions. Masks are optional.

* Poetic license here; I am not really ready- the car needs to be serviced; I haven't gotten my flu shot; I haven't prepared for family coming for Thanksgiving....etc.

Notice of Proposed Amendment to EMHS Bylaws

The Board of Directors of the East Mountain Historical Society recommends the adoption of an amendment to the bylaws to switch the duty of filing the annual corporate report to the State from the Secretary to the Treasurer. Therefore, the membership will be asked to approve the following bylaws change at the annual meeting on November 13, 2022:

Remove the following sentence from the Duties of the Secretary in Article VI, Section 6 of the EMHS bylaws: "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." and add it to the Duties of the Treasurer in Article VI, Section 5, after the third sentence therein.

The current bylaws can be found in the EMHS Newsletter, Fourth Quarter 2021, on page 6.

NEWS AND NOTES

A hearty welcome to our newest members: **Mark Moll and Family** and **David Brooks and Family**.

Don't forget to renew your membership! Membership benefits include this newsletter, advanced notice of public events and presentations, member only field trips to archaeological and local historic sites (many of which are not open to the public), and lectures on historical significance.

Nominations of New Board Members

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR CHAIRMAN SANDRA LEE HAS PUT FORWARD TWO NOMINEES FOR THE EMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BEVERLY NEVILLE AND AMY PADILLA. THE MEMBERSHIP WILL VOTE ON THESE NOMINATIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 13.

Past President Beverly Neville would like to return to the Board of Directors after a brief hiatus. She originally joined the board in 2010 and left in September 2021 after serving more than 11 years, including several years as secretary. She became a member of EMHS not long after she gave a March 2009 presentation on the use of U.S. Army Camel Corps during the Civil War; soon after, she became program director. At the time, she was still raising camels with her late husband and fellow EMHS member, Bill. She has served on several EMHS committees, including the 2012 Centennial oral history project committee, the Map and Book Committees, contributing two stories to the book, *Timelines of the East Mountains*.

Amy Padilla was hired as EMHS Archivist early in 2022 with funds EMHS obtained from a Humanities grant, and she has been regularly attending EMHS board meetings in that capacity since. She was encouraged by fellow directors to formally join the board, which continues to appreciate her fresh perspectives. A New Mexico native, she has become well acquainted with area history and the EMHS organization itself. With assistant Archivist Caroline Hess, one of Amy's first actions was to interview founder Joyce Mendel, who had interviewed numerous East Mountain residents but had not been profiled herself. Amy has a Master's of Science in Information Studies from UT, Austin, where she cataloged and processed complex archival collections, digitized correspondence and digitally restored photographs. She also has done extensive archival work of all types at UNM's Center for Southwest Research.



Bev Neville



Amy Padilla

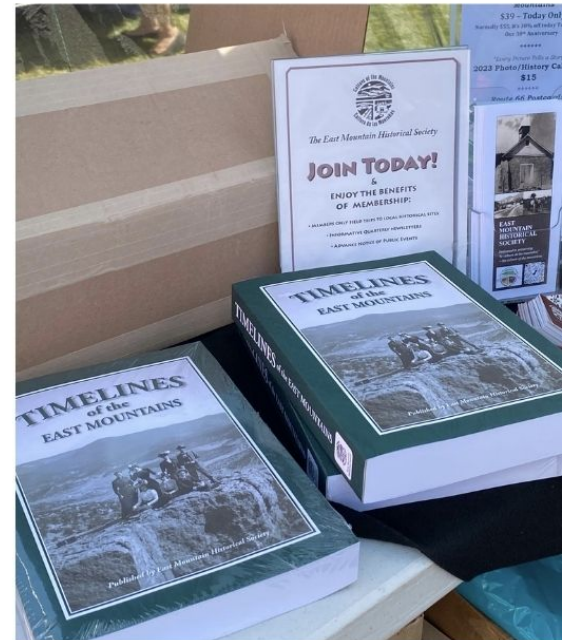
EMHS at the East Mountain Celebration

BY DEBBIE POST

On Sunday, September 25, 2022, Bernalillo County held their East Mountain Celebration at Los Vecinos Community Center in Tijeras. On behalf of EMHS, President Robyn Hoffman received an Outstanding Organization Award from County Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty, and delivered a short address to the crowd about our society. Robyn was joined on stage by several EMHS members dressed in vintage attire. The EMHS booth attracted a constant stream of people to learn about our society goals and the advantages of membership. People also purchased numerous *Timelines* books, the new 2023 calendar, T-shirts and postcards. A big thank you to the volunteers: Robyn Hoffman (president), Amy Padilla and Caroline Hess (archivists), Rick Holben (vice president), Dick Brown (secretary), Becky Schnelker (member), Jeannie Place (treasurer), Lisa Darnold (membership), Evelyn McGarry (member), Denise Tessier (historian), Bev Neville (past president), Paulette Miller (member), Sandra Lee (sales), Hallie Brown (social media), and Debbie Post (program).



EMHS Member Barbra Lower demonstrating how to make lace at the EMHS Booth. Photo courtesy of Denise Tessier.



Brisk sales at the EMHS booth of *Timelines* and other EMHS merchandise! Photo courtesy of Paulette Miller.



Outstanding Organization Award Presentation by Commissioner Pyskoty (right to left: Commissioner Pyskoty, Robyn Hoffman, Debbie Post, Maria Herrera Dresser, Denise Tessier, Lisa Darnold, Amy Padilla, Caroline Hess). Photo courtesy of Sandra Lee.



Board Members Dick Brown and Debbie Post enjoying the anniversary cake. Photo courtesy of Denise Tessier.



Board members, left to right, Jeannie Place and Hallie Brown with assistant archivist Caroline Hess. Photo courtesy of Denise Tessier.



Founders Louise Waldron and Maria Herrera Dresser cut the cake and share memories. Photo courtesy of Debbie Post.

East Mountain Historical Society Celebrates Our 30th Anniversary

BY DEBBIE POST

On Sunday, October 23, 2022, we gathered at the Cañón De Carnué Land Grant Hall for cake and fellowship as we celebrated 30 years of preserving and documenting the history and culture of the East Mountains. The program included reflections on the past 30 years of EMHS by Denise Tessier, a classical guitar performance by Chris Candelario, and ceremonial cutting of the cake by founding members Louise Waldron and Maria Herrera Dresser. We also enjoyed historical displays from the EMHS archives and artifacts from the Dresser family. About 50 members, friends, and special guests attended, including the Mayor of Tijeras.

Denise Tessier took us from the founding of EMHS in 1992 by Joyce Mendel, Maria Herrera Dresser, and Louise Waldron, through preserving the little Santo Niño Church, researching and creating the iconic map “Mapping Our Vanishing Past”, and creating books (e.g., “Timelines”) and calendars.

Chris Candelario is an 8th generation New Mexican, and composes original music and poetry. Chris has played classical and flamenco guitar since he was nine years old. He was born in Santa Fe and lived with his parents in Tesuque as a child. His father was the renowned photographer, John S. Candelario, a contemporary and friend of photographers Ansel Adams, Edward Weston and Laura Gilpin. His grandfather Jesus Candelario was a Santa Fe merchant who owned the Curio Store just off the Plaza. Chris played 4 of his original compositions and a rousing flamenco piece which got the party started.

UPCOMING IN DECEMBER AND THE NEW YEAR:

After the Annual Membership Meeting, the EMHS Board will be taking a hiatus for the remainder of November and the month of December.

Happy Holidays to all our members, we look forward to sharing updates, hosting programs, and connecting with you all in the New Year.