

EAST MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

History Comes Alive at Tijeras Pueblo Archaeological Site

On June 10, 2023, about 20 members and friends of EMHS toured the archaeological site and museum with docents from the Friends of Tijeras Pueblo.

The museum provides insight into the ancient Tiwa world, including weaving, pottery, agriculture, hunting and daily life. Outside the museum, docents showed us gardens with native plants and a display of grinding stones (mano and metate). The walking tour featured the main pueblo (1313-1425 CE) that housed approximately 200 people, the outlying locations of smaller dwellings and pit houses, and large circular kiva. Docents described daily life, puddled adobe construction techniques, agriculture, evidence for domestication of turkeys and hunting. Known as the Shell Pueblo, peoples from this site traded marine shells and malachite for items such as turquoise and pottery. EMHS offers a big "thank you" to the Friends of Tijeras Pueblo for hosting our group!



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Members of EMHS and docents of FOTP view scale model reconstruction of the ancient pueblo.

Photo by Debbie Post

What's Going on at the Stone House?

BY: ROBYN HOFFMAN

A lot! After Chuck and Shelly Jackson donated the Campo historic property on 12010 State Highway N 14 to EMHS on March 14, 2023, the Planning Committee installed security fencing and a sign indicating the new ownership. Unfortunately, some vandalism had occurred, and more windows were shattered, so the site is now more secure. We retained Southwest Scanning to photograph the property to document the current condition of the buildings, which was accomplished on April 22 by Scott Ernst with the use of a drone. The 3D photogrammetry model can be viewed at <https://swscanning.com/the-campo-stone-house/>.



Pauline Kamiyana, Joe Dinwiddie, Rick Holben and Andre Larroque in front of Campo Stone House
Photo by Robyn Hoffman



Scott Ernst of Southwest Scanning inside the Campo Stone House
Photo by Robyn Hoffman

Bernalillo County Commissioner Eric Olivas and aide Augustine Montoya took a guided tour of the site on April 5 and offered their assistance to the Planning Committee. Master stonemason Joe Dinwiddie from Santa Fe walked the site with members of the Planning Committee on May 21, and gave his opinion and advice about the extensive exterior stonework and stone wall. On June 7, Bernalillo Deputy County Manager Enrico Gradi joined Planning Committee members and neighbors for a history tour of the property, and offered the support and assistance of his staff for the project. Mr. Gradi shared his connections and fondness for the East Mountain community with the group. Two of the neighbors who were on this the tour are descendants of the Sanchez family, prior-owners of the Stone House, also with many stories to share. The small lot behind the property off Gutierrez Road was cleared of brush and smaller elm trees in early June so that it could be used as a turn-around for any cars that attempted to go down that dead-end private road. Bids have been sought to grade and gravel the back parcel. The recent rains have brought back some

of the flowers from Dulcinea Sanchez's gardens -- They inspired Pastor Wimberley of Mountainside United Methodist Church to volunteer to weed the gardens. This month's rain and hail have unfortunately done some damage to an interior adobe wall, and so the Planning Committee will be protecting the site with roof covering to prevent further deterioration.

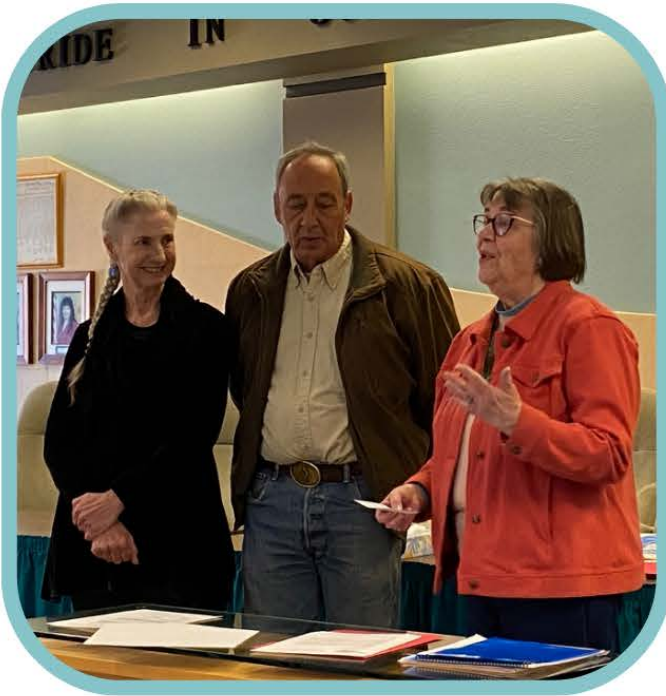
On June 11, Archaeologist and Planning Committee member Phil Leckman conducted a surface archeological survey of the property, with assistance from Hayward Franklin, Robyn Hoffman, and Rick Holben, volunteers from the Friends of Tijeras Pueblo, who are very experienced in surveying the East Mountain area.

At the July meeting of the Planning Committee we will begin the development of a master plan, which is needed before rezoning and funding are sought. The Planning Committee is seeking members to assist the project in the following areas: Attorney; Scribe; Publicity; Gratitude and Donor relations; Documentarian-videography; and FundGrant writing. If you want to contribute to this exciting project, call or email Planning Committee Chair Robyn Hoffman or Vice-Chair Andre Larroque.

Stone House Deed Signing Ceremony at Tijeras Village Hall

BY: DEBBIE POST

On Tuesday, March 14, members of the EMHS Board of Directors, the Stone House Planning Committee, and Chuck and Shelly Jackson met in the Council Chambers of the Tijeras Village Hall. The Jacksons signed over the deed to the historic Campo/Sanchez Stone House property to EMHS. Kris Thacher presented the Jacksons with a signed copy of *Timelines of the East Mountains* while Lisa Darnold, EMHS Membership Chair, presented them with a lifetime membership. We thank the Jacksons for this kind and generous donation of a property with tremendous historical significance for the region, being the birthplace of Mr. Jackson's grandmother Mary Campo Selva and built by ancestor Carlos Campo. EMHS looks forward to restoring and preserving this property as a treasure for the East Mountain community, and a future home for EMHS from which to share East Mountain culture and history.



*Shelly and Chuck Jackson with Robyn Hoffman, EMHS
President, at deed signing ceremony in Council
Chambers of Tijeras Village Hall
Photo by Debbie Post*



*Shelly Jackson signing the deed with Chuck Jackson,
Robyn Hoffman, EMHS President, and Shaline Lopez,
Village of Tijeras Grant Administrator, who served as
the notary public
-Photo by Debbie Post*

President's Message: Silver and Gold



BY:ROBYN HOFFMAN

Why is Silver City named Silver City? (Not a hard one...) It's because of the silver ore deposits discovered there in 1870. I had the pleasure of visiting Silver City three months ago for the Annual Conference of the Historical Society of New Mexico (HSNM). I shared the driving with EMHS Assistant Archivist Caroline Hess. Although Caroline and I did not explore the mining area, we did learn about the history of the region at the Silver City Museum in its beautiful 1881 Victorian style building, and about the pre-history of the area at Western New Mexico University's Fleming Hall. If you are a fan of native ceramics, the Mimbres pottery collection at WNMU should be a destination whenever you get to Grant County. The pottery display at Fleming Hall is spectacular.

Last year the HSNM Conference was in Las Cruces. EMHS Historian Denise Tessier and I went representing EMHS to accept the Lansing B. Bloom gold medallion award for the outstanding newsletter that Denise produced for 24 years. This year EMHS did not receive an award for the historic calendar that we entered, but we must be generous and allow other groups the opportunity to win, as EMHS also won that award in 2021 for our historical tome *Timelines of the East Mountains*.

Few members of the East Mountain Historical Society attended the HSNM Conference this year in Silver City. I only ran into EMHS member Roland Curtis there. Next year the HSNM Annual Conference will be in Albuquerque, April 25-27, 2024, so perhaps more EMHS members will be able to attend. I am always amazed by the breadth and depth of topics that are presented by the dozens of programs, and the passion of the authors, researchers and presenters there. The HSNM is asking its member historical societies (of which we are one) to assist with volunteers at the 2024 Conference.

Did you know that the earliest documented silver mine in New Mexico dates to 1709? It was the Santa Rosa Mine in our nearby Cerrillos Hills. You can still visit an abandoned galena mine from 1879 -- from which silver was extracted -- in the Cerrillos Hills Open Space. So the silver mining in New Mexico got me thinking of the gold mining in in our nearby Ortiz Mountains. Why is Golden named Golden? (Another easy one...) In the early 1800s, placer gold was discovered there on the Tuerco Creek, and that started the first gold rush in the West. If there is interest, EMHS would like to organize an outing to Dolores, the locale of New Mexico's gold mining boom, this year or next. See *Timelines*, p. 127-132.

In May, my son and daughter-in-law drove me an hour west of Colorado Springs to Colorado's gold country, and we walked a loop trail in 10,000-foot mountains, where we saw dozens of abandoned gold mining shaft riggings. It was a fascinating walk, with fabulous views of the snow-capped Sangre de Cristo Mountains in the distance. We drove on to Cripple Creek, where the economy has changed from gold mining to casino gambling and liquor establishments. Many of the beautiful 1890s commercial and civic buildings have been restored, and the town appears to have an active historical society and museum.

I wish you an interesting summer full of exploration of the rich veins of historic treasures surrounding life in the East Mountains.

Successful Senior Health & Information Fair on May 15th

A big “thank you” to the EMHS team that staffed a booth on May 15 at the Village of Tijeras Senior Center as they celebrated Older Americans Month by hosting a Senior Health and Information Fair. Vendors ranged from Lions Club to Americorps to housing to book exchanges. Our intrepid volunteers were Rick Holben, Sandra Lee, Robyn Hoffman, Bev Neville and Debbie Post. We had delightful conversations with a wide range of East Mountain residents and EMHS members, and sold our award- winning EMHS publications, including the *Timelines* book, 2023 calendar and postcards.

And thanks to Nick Kennedy, Tijeras Village Clerk, for checking on us to see if we needed help! Love the support!



Left to right, Rick Holben, Sandra Lee, Robyn Hoffman, Debra Hoyt (Senior Center Staff).
Photo by Debbie Post

NEWS AND NOTES

A hearty welcome to our new and renewed members: **Janda Panitz; Diane Alexander; Vernon Willan; Jim Kelley of Sandia Park; Jan and Earl Gale III of Tijeras, Robert Torrez of Albuquerque; Pam McCoy and James Black of Cedar Crest; and Scott Ernst of Glorietta.**

Welcome also to our Honorary Members voted in by the Board: **Mella Garcia of Albuquerque; Don and Mina Carnicom**, 1997 founder of Friends of Sandia Mountain, **of Sandia Park**; and our Lifetime Members: **Jean Wubker of Tijeras; and Charles and Shelly Jackson**, donors of the Campo Stone House and soon to be future home of The East Mountain Historical Society, of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

EMHS is seeking volunteers to support various committees including Oral Histories, Historic Properties, and Information Technology. Please email president@eastmountainhistory.org if you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities.

EMHS is sad to report the loss of long-time member Crawford MacCallum. MacCallum was a regular at EMHS events, and was still a member of our group when he died quietly at his Tijeras home on April 27 at the age of 94. In addition to his interest in history, MacCallum was a physicist, astronomer, performer, translator, all-around adventurer, and founder of the bilingual theater company, Teatro Paraguas, in Santa Fe. Friends and family members are planning a celebration of MacCallum’s life on Aug. 5.



*Audience from Senior Center and EMHS Listening to
Panelist Stories
Photo by Debbie Post*

*Panelists at Tijeras Senior Center (Left to Right, Marie
Herrera Dresser, Sandra Walton Lee, Eden Jinzo)
Photo by Debbie Post*

May 10, 2023 at Tijeras Senior Center: Growing Up in the East Mountains in the 1940s and 1950s

BY: DEBBIE POST

Lively Discussions Sparked by Personal History Talk at Tijeras Senior Center

On Wednesday, May 10, 2023, EMHS collaborated with the Tijeras Senior Center to present a panel discussion titled “Growing Up in the East Mountains in the 1940s and 1950s”. Our panelists were board members Sandra Walton Lee and Marie Herrera Dresser with East Mountain resident Eden Jinzo. These long-time East Mountain residents shared memories from school days to family life to challenges of rural living. We had lively participation from the audience who shared their own anecdotes. In the early days, the only school was one room with first to eighth grades, and no school bus. Community petitioning of the state government eventually led to school buses and a middle school. Also in the early days, there were no phones, no televisions and no cars; transportation was by wagon, and travel into Albuquerque to sell wood took all day. During and after WWII with the growth of Albuquerque and what is now Kirtland Air Force Base, the East Mountains saw increased employment opportunities west of the mountains, and many people commuted into the city with their own trucks. We had a great turnout, and appreciated the opportunity to work with Tijeras Village. We want to thank Senior Center Program Coordinator Debra Hoyt and EMHS President Robyn Hoffman for coordinating this program, and Debbie Post for moderating the panel.

May Program “New Mexico Land Grants: Yesterday and Today”

BY: DEBBIE POST

On Sunday, May 7, about 30 members and guests gathered at the Cañón De Carnué Land Grant Hall to hear guest speaker Robert J. Tórréz talk on the history and enduring legacy our state land grants. Mr. Tórréz used examples from New Mexico's own land grant archives to describe how the Spanish and Mexican governments gave land to their citizens as rewards for service, to encourage the colonization of a frontier, and to promote economic growth by granting land to individuals and groups. The success of this land grant system can be measured by the fact that most New Mexico communities established before 1860 are based on such land grants and many descendants of New Mexico's early pioneers still live on the lands granted to their ancestors as long as 300 years ago.

Mr. Tórréz is a former Historian of the State of New Mexico. He has a special interest in the judicial systems of Spanish, Mexican, and Territorial-era New Mexico, Spanish-Indian relations, and land grant issues. He is an award-winning author of *UFOs Over Galisteo*; *New Mexico in 1876-1877: A Newspaperman's View*; *Rio Arriba, A New Mexico County*; *Myth of the Hanging Tree: Stories of Crime and Punishment in Territorial New Mexico*; and *Voices From the Past: The Comanche Raid of 1776 and Other Tales of New Mexico History*.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help set up, clean up, provide refreshments, staff our book sales table, setup audio/visual equipment, and greet guests: Evelyn McGarry, Jeannie Place, Hallie Brown, Sandra Lee, Rick Holben, Robyn Hoffman, and Debbie Post. This talk was made possible by the Speakers Bureau of the Historical Society of New Mexico.



Timelines Rock: A Century Later

BY: RICK HOLBEN

With more than 1,000 books sold, the photo on the cover of the East Mountain Historical Society's *Timelines of the East Mountains* has become a familiar sight since its publication three years ago. The striking image dating from about 1902 shows a group of well-dressed Victorian-era men and women posed on a rocky ledge overlooking Tijeras. When I first discovered the photo at the Albuquerque Museum I knew it had to be the cover photo for our then as-yet-untitled book. The idea of one day locating that rock had always been in the back of my mind but I never made the time for it – until recently.

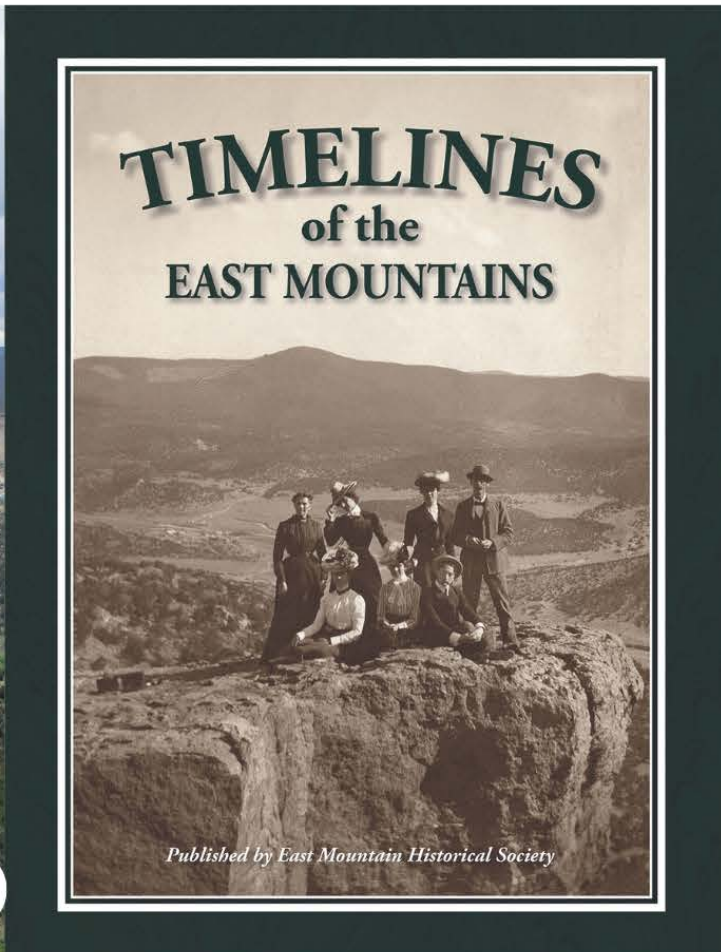
Fast forward to May 2023, when I met EMHS member Dan Turnham at one of our programs. Dan, a 16-year EMHS member who has lived in the East Mountains since 1997, is an avid follower of history through the canyon and, like me, enjoys locating scenes from old photos and discovering what they look like now. His interest in researching old photos dates back to 1986, when his father gave him a photo album that his grandparents made on a driving trip from Minnesota to California in 1923. He retraced their path, tracking down as many of the 1923 views as he could taking a “now” photo.

I learned that not long after *Timelines*' release he embarked on a mission to locate the rocky ledge shown on the cover. After some research and several treks up the side of the mountain west of Carlito Springs, he finally located the rock and scouted out the most direct route to it. Several days after our program, Dan took me up to the rocky ledge and took my picture standing where the Victorian excursionists had stood more than 120 years earlier. The journey up the hill is no easy task, and after making the visit one has to admire the determination the ladies must have had to make it up through the trees and rugged terrain in their fine dresses and hats.

Unfortunately, not much is known about the people in the photo and whether they were all related or just visitors to Whitcomb Springs taking a side trip up into the Sandias.

The album in which the photo was found was donated to the Albuquerque Museum in 1984 by Benjamin Osuna, but no information was left with it and very little had been written in the album itself. Osuna was from the prominent Albuquerque family after which Osuna Road was named. Benjamin was born in 1908, the son of Dr. Eligio Osuna, who originally came from Monterrey, Mexico and had established a medical practice in Albuquerque in the 1890s. Eligio was a member of the Mexican Consul and maintained connections with the Constitutionalist Mexican government during the Mexican Revolution through his close friend Venustiano Carranza. In 1907, Dr. Osuna, along with several other Albuquerque doctors, formed a mining company that hoped to work some silver and lead claims in the Sandia Mountains. Eligio Osuna died in 1916 (a year before his friend Carranza became president of Mexico). We might speculate that some or all of the people standing on *Timelines* rock in 1902 were somehow related to the Osuna family.

Timelines photo editor Rick Holben stands on the same rocky ledge featured in the 1902 photograph that graced the cover of EMHS' popular East Mountains history book, now in its third printing.
Photo by Dan Turnham



Mark your calendars for some upcoming events of historical interest:

- Saturday, July 29, Village of Tijeras 50th Anniversary Celebration. Get ready for an old fashioned parade down Route 66, followed by food and fun. EMHS will have a booth featuring the year the Village was incorporated: 1973.
- September, East Mountain Celebration by Bernalillo County. EMHS will have a booth with historical displays, an updated edition of our “Vanishing Past” map, and 2024 EMHS calendars.
- Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m., EMHS Annual Member Meeting and program with guest speaker.
- April 25-27, Historical Society of New Mexico Annual Conference, Albuquerque.

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