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GSHA GEARING UP FOR A FANTASTIC CONFERENCE IN SANTA FE AUGUST 5-7, 2016 THE DRURY PLAZA HOTEL

Dear Members:

This newsletter is devoted to information about our 2016 GSHA Annual Meeting and Conference being held in Santa Fe from August 5-7. Attendees in 2015 were such fans of the Drury Plaza Hotel that it was decided to have the conference there again this year.

Last week a friend of mine and I took a trip to the Canyon Lands of Utah and came through Santa Fe on the last leg of our trip. We stayed at the Drury and it was a wonderful stopover. The bar on the top floor is now open and the view of Santa Fe is spectacular especially at sunset. The best part of our stay was eating at Eloisa's, the famed restaurant situated in the hotel. I had an "out of this world" green tomato soup followed by an acorn squash stuffed with a tamale mixture. It all melted in my mouth and this included the entire acorn. We topped it off with Eloisa's biscochitos and a popcorn ice cream. I know that at the conference we will get delicious snacks in the late afternoon, but make Eloisa's Restaurant a "destination" so you, too, can sample their gourmet versions of our ancestral food. Chef John Rivera Sedlar returned to his native New Mexico—after years in Los Angeles—to add some of his grandmother's ingredients to his popular Latin fusion cuisine.

This is going to be an unforgettable conference, so if you haven't registered do it soon. I can already smell the *chamiso* and *pinon* wood burning. See you in August.

Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor



The Drury Plaza Hotel

This is a view from the top floor of the Drury Plaza Hotel if any of you need time out from the hurried pace of every day life. The sunset is amazing and panoramic.

Our conference theme this year is *The Spanish in North America: Soldiers and Settlers*. Once again, Cathy Romero has designed a beautiful logo for this year's theme. Thank you, Cathy, for sharing your talent and time for GSHA. The logo is shown on page 8.

We hope to see many of you in August. Go to our website at gsha.net for updates and conference and vendor registration forms.



With our deepest sympathy to the family of Gloria Cordova who passed away last month. Gloria was very active in GSHA since its founding and served as Vice-president for four years. Gloria was an inspiration to many. More information on this amazing woman will be forthcoming in our journal.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



One of my favorite seasons is here. In Colorado spring has returned. Flowers are starting to grow, the grass is now green, trees are budding and the Monarch Butterflies are on their way to Canada. Another of nature's sign of spring is the return of the red robin. As residents of the Rockies begin their transformation from the dreary days of clouds and cold, our members on the West Coast pray for rain and good surf. A new beginning is in the air, time for picnics and family gatherings, finishing 2015's outdoor projects and most of all fishing on the Arkansas River, after the spring runoff.

2016 Genealogical Conference Chair Doug Daniels and his committee have most of the pieces in place for our annual conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico this August. Check GSHA's website as well as the GSHA Facebook page regularly for updates. If you have not sent in your registration for the conference, please do so as soon as possible. A registration form is available on our GSHA website. If you or someone you know would like to participate as a vendor, please visit the website and download the vendor registration form. To show support at the conference and/or have greater visibility we are offering a 20% discount on business card ads normally \$25.00, it is now \$20.00 thru June 15.

As usual, we will sponsor a raffle of donated items and a 50/50 cash prize, so please consider donating a quality item or service for the raffle. The raffle has been a great fundraiser for GSHA and our chapters. I will be donating one of my painted gourds. What can you contribute?

The vendor room will be bigger and more easily accessible, right off the main lobby of the hotel, please support our vendors and visit often.

Thank you for making GSHA an organization that we are all proud to be a part of. See you in Santa Fe!

Bob Craig
2015 & 2016 GSHA President

VENDOR TABLE OPPORTUNITY

At this time we still have six vendor tables available to reserve. Don't miss this opportunity to reserve one. Once we have them all sold we will not have any more space for vendors. The price for members is \$30 and for non-members \$55. You can print a vendor form from our website: gsha.net or email Bob Craig at gsha2015@aol.com if you have an questions. Bob is also the vendor table chairman.

MESSAGE FROM CONFERENCE CHAIR, DOUG DANIELS

GSHA Members:

Once again I am looking forward to the GSHA Annual Meeting & Genealogical Conference, an event—sometimes compared to a large “family reunion” that brings our members and guests together to learn about our shared ancestry and family connections. This year’s theme is: *Los Españoles en América del Norte: Los Soldados y Los Colonos* [The Spanish in North America: Soldiers and Settlers].

The conference kicks off Friday, August 5, 2016, at 6:00 pm with our annual President’s Reception. As you arrive, be sure to have your personalized photograph taken by our photographer. One highlight will be the San Ildefonso Pueblo Buffalo Dance. This is a very rare opportunity to view this sacred dance outside of the San Ildefonso Pueblo.

Festivities will continue with a welcome and presentation of colors by the New Mexico Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. Joining us will be world-renowned opera singer, Anna Maria Cardinalli, who has performed for the Prince of Spain and Pope John Paul II. She will sing our national anthem. Also on the program will be GSHA President, Bob Craig and a representative from the City of Santa Fe who will welcome us back to the “City Different.” Robert Martinez, New Mexico Assistant State Historian, will deliver the keynote address.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive at the President’s Reception dressed as our ancestors did or if you are a veteran, in military attire. The prize for the “best dressed” will be a free registration to the 2017 GSHA Annual Meeting & Genealogical Conference next year. Another prize will be given to the winner of our impromptu family story telling contest. Music by “Lenin and McCarthy” will fill the air and dancing is encouraged. A cash bar will be available as well as light snacks.

Our speakers will address topics focusing on military operations that affected settlers in Mexico and the American Southwest. You will hear from such authorities as Angel Abbud-Madrid, Ph.D., President, Rocky Mountain Map Society; Angel Cervantes, founder of the New Mexico DNA Project; New Mexico Historian Rick Hendricks, Ph.D.; Joseph P. Sanchez, Ph.D., founder and former director of the Spanish Colonial Research Center at the University of New Mexico; John Schmal, author and lecturer on Mexico’s indigenous people; and historical archaeologist Homer Thiel, M.A.

This conference includes two meals as part of your registration fee. Attendees can enjoy a leisurely 1-1/2 hour luncheon on both Saturday and Sunday, without leaving the beautiful grounds of the Drury Plaza Hotel. We encourage you to venture out and enjoy the historic Santa Fe Plaza and its many wonderful eateries on Saturday evening. For guests of the Drury there will be complimentary food and beverages provided by the hotel each morning and evening. Vendors and customers will be happy to learn that the vendors will occupy a large space on the main floor of the hotel.

You are encouraged to bring your personal family charts to add to our display area. There will be ample time for networking so have your pedigree charts and other research materials on hand. Don’t forget to bring your donated items for the conference raffle.

I look forward to making new friends and renewing friendships from the past; please come up and introduce yourself to me. Early registration will end June 5, 2016. After that date the registration fees increase.

Doug Daniels
2016 GSHA Conference Chairman

P.S. Thank you for the many, many photographs of your military ancestors and family that have been submitted, which will be part of a PowerPoint exhibition during the conference.

Tour & Research Site Information

Guided Tours (\$)

New Mexico History Museum / Palace of the Governors, “Fractured Faiths: Spanish Judaism, The Inquisition, and New World Identities”. \$9 per person limit 20 persons. Tour lasts one hour with time to browse afterward. (Contact Mona Hernandez at 626-379-9396 to sign-up) Friday, August 5, 2016 meet at 2:45 p.m. at the Drury Plaza Hotel Main Lobby

New Mexico History Museum/Palace of the Governors, “Telling New Mexico: Stories from Then and Now”, the main exhibition of the New Mexico History Museum. \$9 per person limit 20 persons. Tour lasts one hour with time to browse afterward. (Contact Doug Daniels at 310-892-6222 to sign-up) Friday, August 5, 2016

Meet at 2:45 p.m. at the Drury Plaza Hotel Main Lobby

The Santa Fe Palace Express Bus Tour, \$20 per person. Tour lasts 1 ½ hours.

(Contact Andrew Vigil at 505-310-9838 to sign-up) www.ThePalaceExpress.com

Friday, August 5, 2016 meet at 1:45 p.m. at the Drury Plaza Hotel south-side parking lot.

Guided Tours (Free)

Fray Angélico Chávez History Library and Palace of the Governors Photo Archives, Limited to 20 persons.

Tour lasts one hour with time to browse afterward. (Contact Jeanette Fisher at 520-490-9449 to sign-up)

Friday, August 5, 2016 meet at 2:45 p.m. at the Drury Plaza Hotel Main Lobby

Cristo Rey Church, Come see the beautiful reredos (altarpiece) that were carved in 1760 by unknown Mexican artisans for Governor Francisco Marin del Valle. Originally the 20 ft. by 40 ft. tall stone was made for the military chapel on the plaza. Tour lasts approximately one hour. (Contact Benito Estrada at 505-699-5000 to sign-up) Friday, August 5, 2016 meet at 2:45 p.m. at the Drury Plaza Hotel Main Lobby

Research (Free, on your own)

The State Records Center and Archives

The Archives and Historical Services Division is located in the New Mexico Library, Archives and Records Center Building: 1205 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fé, NM 87507

The Archives reading room is located on the lower floor, just left of the main entrance.

The Archive Research Room is open Monday through Friday from 12 to 4:30 p.m.

E-mail: archives@state.nm.us

http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/archives/archives_hm.htm

Archdiocese of Santa Fé – Historic/ Artistic Patrimony, Archives and Museum/Commission for the Preservation of Historic Churches in New Mexico

Address: 223 Cathedral Place, Santa Fé, New Mexico, 87501

Phone: (505) 983-3811

Hours: Monday-Friday. 8 to 4pm, by appointment only. Making appointments now for August.

<http://www.archdiocesasantafe.org>

The Fray Angélico Chávez History Library

The Fray Angélico Chávez History Library is the institutional successor of New Mexico’s oldest library (1851) and is part of the Palace of the Governors. A non-circulating, closed stack research facility, it preserves historical materials in many formats documenting the history of the State, the Southwest, and meso-America from pre-European contact to the present.

Address: 120 Washington Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Phone: 505-476-5090

Hours: Tuesday –Friday, 1 to 5pm

Drury Plaza Hotel • Santa Fe, New Mexico August 5 thru 7, 2016 Breaking News • Alternate Hotels

The Drury Plaza Hotel of Santa Fe is completely booked during our conference dates. Occasionally guests cancel and rooms become available. To check the Drury Plaza Hotel for room availability at the SPECIAL GSHA Conference Rate, please go to the GSHA website, where the procedure is outlined on our flyer. August is a busy time in Santa Fe and hotels are filling up quickly, so we are providing some alternate locations for your conference stay.

The Hotel Chimayo de Santa Fe is now offering special rates to our conference attendees. This is a boutique hotel offering a special discounted rate of \$139 per night plus tax and free parking to attendees of our conference. The hotel is across the street from the Palace of the Governors and less than a five-minute walk to The Drury Plaza Hotel of Santa Fe. For individuals to receive the established Group Rate, they must specify that they are with the Genealogical Society Hispanic America Group.

Hotel Chimayo de Santa Fe
125 Washington Ave., Santa Fe
505-988-4900

Hampton Inn, Santa Fe
(5 miles from The Drury)
3625 Cerrillos Road,
506-474-3900

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Santa Fe
(short drive to The Drury)
4048 Cerrillos Road
505-473-4646

Hotel St. Francis
(short walk to The Drury)
210 Don Gaspar Street
505-983-5700

La Fonda on the Plaza
(short walk to the Drury)
100 E. San Francisco Street
505-982-3551

Quality inn
(short drive to The Drury)
3011 Cerrillos Road
505-471-1211

Santa Fe Sage Inn
(short drive to the Drury)
725 Cerrillos Road
505-982-5942

Santa Fe Motel and Inn
(short drive to The Drury)
510 Cerrillos Road
505-982-1039



Jornada a Nuevo Mejico
(As Maria de la Cruz may have envisioned it)

By Charlene Garcia Simms

As I leave my home in Nueva Espana, I wonder if we should go. Juan thinks we will have a better life and some land we can call our own and he will be a Hidalgo.

I leave my own *mamy y papa* and take our seven daughters and two sons to a foreign place where we are told there is land and riches.

We have a delay in Santa Barbara but finally in January 1598 we start our journey out of San Geronimo north into the unknown.

Dios de mi vida que nos vendiga!

There are many soldiers and families with their own children—I see many of the young men eyeing my daughters who are all beautiful.

There is one named Asencio Archuleta who looks at my Ana with such adoration I know he will ask for her hand in marriage. Mothers know these things.

We are walking at least six miles a day in land that is barren and we cannot ride because our wagons carry our earthly possessions.

My older children are holding up but my little ones are not—they are hungry and thirsty and want to know when they can rest and when will we arrive wherever we are going.

I Pull my little ones to my bosom and tell them soon we will have our own land and a home where they can play—I only hope this comes true, for we are all weary.

Our leader *don Juan* is kind to us and tries to reassure us that it won't be much longer—the scouts are looking for a place to camp near water.

Finally we reach what he calls *el Rio Grande*—it is beautiful—we camp there for one week and feast on the fish and fowl that are in the area.

Juan says we are lucky to be moving to such a place.

We cross the Rio Grande which is very scary I worry about my small children drowning or our possession sinking to the bottom of the river.

We are on the road again and into a desert that they call *Jornada del Muerto* which is stark and dusty and ugly and I wonder if we will ever see another river.

Finally, after weeks on the road we come upon the most beautiful valley and *don Juan* tells us this is where we will settle near water and mountains and the harvest will be plentiful.

We camp at a place he names *San Juan de los Caballeros*.

Juan and I carefully scout for a place to settle into because this will be our home and where our children will grow into adults and Juan and I will grow old and prosper.

GRACIAS a DIOS

STORYTELLING AT THE CONFERENCE

Doug has appointed me to coordinate the storytelling contest this year.

While our theme is about the military you can focus on a story about an ancestor or relative who was in the military or another topic. But this year, maybe you can try writing a poem about the person or persons you are telling the story about. A few years ago I decided to tell the story of one of my gggggg grandmothers Maria de la Cruz and I had a lot of fun writing it in a special type of poem. I titled it “Jornada a Nuevo Mejico,” as Maria de la Cruz may have envisioned it. As I was writing it I felt her presence. This is a suggestion and you are competing for a grand prize. So, think about it and be as creative as you can be because creativity is going to be one of the criteria our judges are going to use to select the winner.

See you at the conference in August!

Don't forget to come dressed as you ancestor for the reception. This is not a requirement but it is always fun and this year the winner will get a free conference for 2017.

Charlene Garcia Simms

Family and Home Information Sources Checklist

Sometimes as we go through some of our paperwork we throw away things that are very valuable in our genealogy. Use this checklist as a guide to sources of information you might find in your home or the home of relative that you can use to get personal information about this individual.

...Birth
Baby Book
Adoption Record

...Marriage
Wedding Announcement
Wedding Book
Anniversary Announcement

...Divorce
Papers

...Death
Obituary
Funeral book
Will
Memorial Cards

...School
Report Cards
Honor Roll
Awards
Graduation Diplomas
Transcripts
Yearbooks

...Religious Activity
Blessing
Baptismal Record
Christening Record
Confirmation Record
Ordination Record
Ministerial Record

...Everyday Life
Journal
Diary
Biography
Letters
Photographs
Autograph Album
Publications/Newspaper
Clippings
Scrapbooks

...Employment
Social Security Card
Apprenticeship Records
Citations
Achievement Awards
Disability Records
Pension Records
Membership Records
Income Tax Records
Union Records
Severance Records
Retirement Records

...Military Service
Selective Service Records
Pension Records
National Guard Service Records
Citations
Disability Records
Service Medals
Ribbons and Insignias
Discharge Record
Sword
Firearms
Uniform

...Land and Property Ownership
Deeds
Land Grants
Water Rights
Mortgages
Leases
Tax Notices
Abstracts of Title
Estate Records
Financial Records

...Civil and Legal Activity
Bonds
Summons and Subpoena
Guardian Papers
Contracts Bounty Awards

....Family
Bible
Lineages
Genealogies
Histories
Bulletins
Newsletters
Coat of Arms

...Health
Hospital Records
Medical Records
Immunization Records
X-Rays
Insurance Papers
Vaccination Records

...Household Items
Engraved Items
Dishes
Silverware
Stitched Sampler
Tapestries
Quilts
Needlework

...Licenses
Business
Occupation
Professional
Hunting
Fishing
Firearms
Drivers
Motor Vehicle

...Citizenship Papers
Naturalization Papers
Alien Registration
Deportment Papers
Passport Papers
Visa

.... Clubs and Organizations
Membership Certificates
Insignia and Pins
Membership Directories

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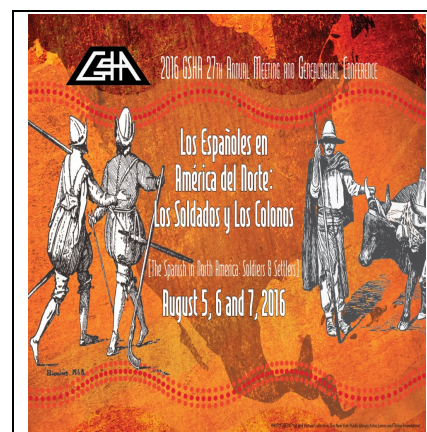
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Special Collections Dept, Pueblo
City-County Library District.
Unidentified family lived in the
Salt Creek neighborhood;
Mariano Medina, shown on the
right, was a famous mountain
man.

2016 GSHA MEEITNG AND CONFERENCE

The conference is filling up fast. If you haven't sent in your registration do it as soon as possible. The conference is being held on August 5-7 at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico. You may go to our website to get a registration form for the conference or a vendor form if you want to have a table to sell a variety of items. You will also find any updates about the conference. Go to gsha.net



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