



Noticias de Nuestras Raices



See you in Santa Fe as You Take a Step Into Your Maternal Past

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*The statue seen above is known as "Our Lady of the Rosary, La Conquistadora" and she was brought to Santa Fe from Spain by Fray Alonso Benavides in 1624. Her history is intriguing.

**The statue seen at the top right is of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. The Santa Fe Archbishop commissioned this statue to honor the Native American Spirit. Known as *Lily of the Mohawks*, she, too, has an important history and is in front of the cathedral.

Dear Members:

The St. Francis Cathedral and the Santa Fe Plaza is literally a stone's throw from the Drury Plaza Hotel in Santa Fe. Jeanette Fisher and I visited the Drury in late March to review the logistics of the conference. I asked Jeanette to write an article on our visit; it is on page 3. The majority of our speakers and entertainment are lined up and I have included current information in this newsletter. The agenda is similar to the model we have followed for several years. Our President's Reception will be on Friday evening and our banquet on Saturday evening with speakers, entertainment, and tours, throughout Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The tentative agenda and tour information is included on page 6. As announced, our theme focuses on Hispanic women and their history. Too often, women are the hidden half of the family. Because our Society's focus is on Hispanic ancestry we benefit from the fact that Hispanic women retained their maiden names after marriage. They were also allowed to own property, enter into contracts and even get divorced. However, most women could not read or write so there were no journals and, therefore, no access to their interior lives. This conference will introduce us to women who are perhaps new to you and/or increase your knowledge of women you are familiar with. Our goal is to honor our female ancestors and capture these elusive women in words, images, and other means of recording their lives. I hope you enjoy the conference.



Mujeres Memorable del Mundo Hispano is the theme of the 2015 GSHA Annual Meeting and Genealogical Conference. The logo we have chosen is based on a painting by Denver artist Arlette Lucero. With Lucero's permission, her original work was enhanced to complement our theme by GSHA-SC member Cathy Romero. Thank you, Cathy, for once again sharing your artistic talents.

We chose this image because it represents both our Spanish and indigenous female ancestors whose courage and strength we have inherited. We all have memorable women in our ancestry and we hope that they are remembered at this conference.

Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear GSHA Members:

First, we are grateful to Doug Daniels and Phil Duran for their dedication and hard work for GSHA over the last four years. Although rewarding, these positions can at times be very challenging, both gentlemen handled their duties with grace and professionalism. The GSHA Board and I thank them both for a job well done. I joined FACC at the same time that Doug and Phil were assuming board positions with GSHA, so this rookie has some big shoes to fill. Thanks also to Gloria Cordova, GSHA Vice-President, Janice Crane, Secretary, Paul Gomez, GSHA-SC Representative, and Frank Dominguez, Member at Large Representative, for their continued service and dedication. These people are a like-minded group whose interest in who, from where and how we came to be, benefits us all.

Welcome to David Lee Torres, our new Treasurer and current GSHA Webmaster. David and I are in regular contact and are excited about plans for our current terms. Our goal is to maintain the high expectations and standards set by previous officers. Welcome also to the new FACC representative to GSHA, Mary Ellen Burciago, a retired educator, and former secretary for the FACC Chapter.

A little history about myself: I was born at the Sandia Army Base, outside of Albuquerque, New Mexico in May of 1950. My three brothers and I grew up in an area of Pueblo called Bessemer (a little story later), in a very mixed neighborhood of Hispanic, African-American, Italian, Irish and other Eastern European nationalities. I have fond memories of our times there. In 1969 I graduated from Central High, ("Go Wildcats"), then entered the US Air Force in 1971 where I served in Turkey and at the Air Force Finance Center in Denver, Colorado. Shirley Ann Madrid and I were married in May 1979. We have one daughter, Amanda, who is a teacher and a nanny living in Seattle, Washington. In July 2009, I retired from the Colorado Mental Health Institute and am currently working as a part-time Customer Service Representative for the Pueblo City/County Library District. I love to read, so what better place to be?

I look forward to the next two years as President of GSHA. Our success is due to a fantastic Board and the dedicated members throughout the Society. We are all dedicated to one goal: discovering who we are and where we come from.

The GSHA board is excited about the upcoming conference in Santa Fe. Thanks to Charlene Garcia-Simms and her committee, including the many volunteers whose time and hard work producing this conference will ensure its success. Although our main goal is genealogical research, I mainly enjoy the conference for the extraordinary speakers and workshops, but discovering new family members is especially exciting. This year our theme is *Mujeres Memorables del Mundo Hispano* (Memorable Women of the Hispanic World).

The GSHA Board welcomes you to beautiful Santa Fe for our 26th Annual Conference. Let's have some fun.

Bob Craig

GSHA President, 2015 & 2016



A Trip Through the Drury

by Jeanette Fisher



Recently I was very lucky to be invited by the 2015 conference chairperson, Charlene Garcia Simms, to accompany her on a quick trip to Santa Fe where we had the opportunity to experience first-hand the amenities of the Drury Hotel – site of the 2015 GSHA Annual Meeting and Genealogical Conference.

After a leisurely trip through northern New Mexico, we arrived at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Santa Fe about 3:00 pm. There is valet parking only (no self-parking), which was a treat for two ladies after a five-hour drive. The valets were friendly, welcoming and very accommodating to our needs. We entered the hotel lobby and immediately noticed the comfortable lobby seating area, the Business Center with not one, but three computers, and a well-stocked nook where snacks and beverages can be purchased. Next, we were given a warm welcome by the hotel desk clerk who quickly checked us in and pointed the way to the elevators located in a hallway directly behind the registration desk.

Everything about the Drury is gleaming, clean and new. Our room was bigger than most hotel rooms I've occupied. It had a large bathroom, desk, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker and an attractive, large window facing one of Santa Fe Plaza's side streets. Located beside and just behind the cathedral, you are literally about as close to the Plaza as you can get without being on the Plaza.

After dropping our luggage in the room, we set out for a quick glance at the hotel meeting rooms and then took advantage of the free afternoon popcorn. A walk around the Plaza gave us a second wind and we returned to the hotel just in time for the 5:30 "Kick-Start" (hors d' oeuvres and drinks). What a pleasant surprise to discover that hors d' oeuvres meant baked potatoes, pasta, meatballs, salad fixings, hot dogs, nachos --and up to three drinks, containing alcohol if you choose--all included in the price of our room! We were so satisfied that we didn't buy dinner that evening!

The next morning we enjoyed the complimentary breakfast of eggs, potatoes, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, cold cereal, fruit, oatmeal and more. Then it was time to meet some of the hotel staff who took us on the official tour of the main ballroom and other meeting rooms and areas which will be available for our use during the conference. We were impressed by the many little seating areas (great for networking), the outdoor fire pits and breakfast dining area. The on-site restaurant, Eloisa's is scheduled to open in two weeks, though we were able to view the seating and bar area, where we found an interesting menu and plentiful seating along with an outdoor patio and a bar. The highlight, though, is the 5th floor pool area with patio and bar and a spectacular view of the city and surrounding mountains.

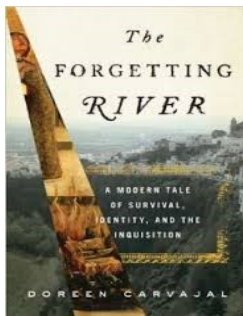
The Drury compares in many ways to the Westin Hotel in Denver where the 2014 conference was held, but with the added advantage of being right off the Santa Fe Plaza. It just doesn't get any better! The deadline for the fantastic rate of \$109 per night is May 3rd. After that date, the rate will be honored based on availability. With Santa Fe being one of the best places to visit, the rooms are filling fast. Conference mail-in registration ends May 22. Send in your registration and reserve your rooms NOW so you won't miss out on what promises to be one of the best locations and conferences ever.



Speakers and Entertainment



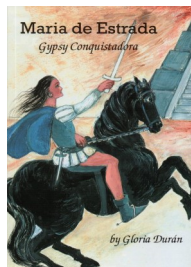
Julianne Burton-Carvajal, Ph.D. is a retired university professor, a historian of California and the Southwest, journals editor, and museum exhibitions curator. She is a regular contributor to *Chronicles of the Trail*, quarterly publication of the *El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Association*, based in New Mexico and associated with the National Trails Program of the National Park Service



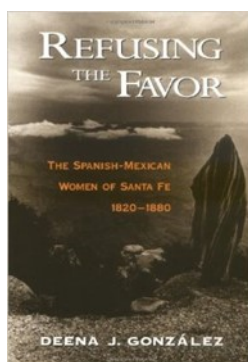
Doreen Carvajal, a California native, is a Paris-based reporter at The New York Times. She has covered topics ranging from immigration and diamond thieves to international investigations tracking the heirs of art looted in World War II. Her memoir, "The Forgetting River," is about her search to recover her Catholic family's hidden Sephardic Jewish roots in a mystical white pueblo on Spain's southern frontier in Andalusia. It was a journey that began ultimately after her canceled goodbye party on September 11 in New York and ended in Segovia, Spain where she walked in the footsteps of ancestors investigated by the Inquisition for heresy.



Angel Cervantes is a history instructor, anthropological genetic genealogist and the Project Administrator of the New Mexico DNA Project, which explores and traces DNA to European and New World ancestors. He is on the faculty of the University of New Mexico Continuing Education Department

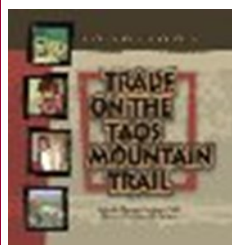


Vera Estrada is an author-genealogist, and instructor whose current focus is on early women from Spain and Mexico. She created a database of New Mexico Roots Ltd. (the *diligencias matrimoniales* or pre-nuptial investigations), which is available on the GSHA website. Estrada has a Master's degree, and retired after a career in higher education at both the University of Southern Colorado (Now CSU-Pueblo) and Pueblo Community College.



Deena J. González is a native of New Mexico (14th generation) with a Ph.D. in history from the University of California-Berkeley, the first Chicana to finish its doctoral program. Her extensive credentials are well-known in academic circles. She is currently completing a manuscript on New Mexican women's wills and testaments, while chairing the Department of Chicana/o Studies at Loyola Marymount University-Los Angeles (LMU-LA). Her award winning book *Refusing the Favor, the Mexican Women of Santa Fe, 1820-1880* was published by Oxford University Press in 2001.

Speakers and Entertainment

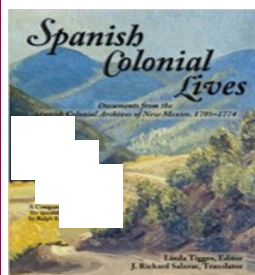


Deborah Martinez-Martinez, PhD, is a writer focusing on the American Southwest, an historical interpreter and guide as well as a recognized fine artist specializing in wearable art. Her poetry scarves, "Wordful Wearables" combine her love of color with her talent as a poet. Her writing has been recognized by the Colorado Humanities. Deborah is a founding member of the ray Angelico Chavez chapter of GSHA.



Rob Martinez, Assistant New Mexico Historian, has an M.A. in Latin American history, with an emphasis on church, cultural, and social practices of the Spanish Colonial period in New Mexico. He worked for fourteen years as a research historian for the Sephardic Legacy Project, scouring civil and church archives in New Mexico, Mexico, Spain, France, Italy, Cuba, and Puerto Rico analyzing documents for a research and publishing project about the Crypto-Jewish phenomenon in New

Mexico and the Caribbean. As a member *Los Reyes de Albuquerque* he has presented music and New Mexican culture at the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival in Washington, D.C., and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. He is currently Assistant New Mexico Historian.



Linda Tigges, PhD, is currently a Spanish Colonial historian in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. As a former land planner with the City of Santa Fe and the principal with Tigges Planning Consultants, she has worked with historic land use documents since the early 1980s. She is the Editor of *Spanish Colonial Lives, Documents from the Spanish Colonial Archives of New Mexico, 1705-1774* published in 2013 by Sunstone Press.



Miguel Torres, an amateur history buff specializing in the genetics of New Mexicans. He will lead a DNA panel on the topic of, "So You've Done Your DNA Testing, Now What?" Learn about the ethics of genetic genealogy, how to interpret your DNA results and what to do with the results. Torres currently serves as the New Mexico Genealogy Society's Genetic Genealogy Project Coordinator and is a member of the Santa Cruz de la Canada Historical Working group

BANQUET ACTIVITIES



Karen S. Córdova, a published poet curates and participates in spoken word performances. Karen's writing reflects the love of her *Nuevo Mexicano* heritage by weaving stories about individuals, villages and customs of the Spanish, who settled the Southwest, and those with whom they intermarried. Karen joined the GSHA-SC Chapter in 2004 and served for several years as the Chapter's CFO and later Member-at-Large.



La Sociedad Folklórica is a Hispanic women's organization in Santa Fe, whose goal it is to promote and preserve the culture, history and faith of their ancestors. They sponsor the *Baile de Cascarones* (Dance of the Eggshells), which takes place upon completion of the Lenten Season as well as *La Merienda*, part of the annual Santa Fe Fiesta. The group was founded 80 years ago and will make a presentation about their organization and model their vintage dresses, some 120 years old.

Tentative Conference Agenda

The following is our working agenda. It does not list the speakers or topics, but is published so that attendees are aware of the daily schedule. A final agenda will be announced after May 22 via an email blast and posting on our website: gsha.net

Friday, June 5, 2015

6:30—9:00 a.m. Breakfast for **June 4, Thursday Night Guests Only**

10:00 a.m. For early birds, there is a tour to Santa Cruz de la Cañada led by Miguel Torres. To reserve space, email charlene.simms@pueblolibrary.org. Limited to the 15, first come, first served.

1:00 p.m. Vendor Set up

3:00 p.m. Registration Opens

6:00 p.m. President's Reception on the Patio with music, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar AND surprise entertainment, hint: What do the Beatles and Malagueña have in common?

7:15 p.m. Reception moves into the Ballroom—Introductions by GSHA President Bob Craig; presentation by Rob Martinez, New Mexico Assistant State Historian

8:15 p.m. Members compete, by table, to determine who has the *most memorable ancestor*; a "mixer" based on a similar, successful event at the 2014 GSHA Genealogical Conference.

9:30 p.m. Networking for *tecolotes de la noche* (night owls).

Saturday, June 6, 2015

7-10:00 a.m. Breakfast—**Hotel Guests Only**

7:00 a.m. Vendors open

8:45 a.m. Seating in ballroom

9-10:00 a.m. Speaker TBA

10-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30-11:45 a.m.—*Pecha Kucha*— (Japanese concept of presenting information). Three to Four presentations, 12 minutes each, on four distinguished and/or memorable Hispanic women in history—topics: Malinche/Malintzin; Sor Juana Ines; Frida Kahlo; Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. NO HOST Lunch—check website for recommendations

1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Two Track Presentations—presenters/topics TBA

2:30—3:30 p.m. Two Track Presentations—presenters/topics TBA

3:30 p.m.—Break

4:00—5:00 p.m. GSHA Annual Business Meeting

6:30 p.m. —Happy Hour in the Garden

7:00 p.m. —Banquet Seating

Invocation & poet Karen Cordova: poetry reading created especially *para las mujeres*

8:00 p.m. —Fashion Show, La Sociedad Folklorica de Santa Fe

9:30 p.m. *Buenas Noches* (Good Night)

Sunday, June 7, 2015

7-10:00 a.m. Breakfast —**Hotel Guests Only**

7:30 a.m. Vendors open

9:00 a.m. "So You've Done your DNA, Now What?" - panel

10:30 a.m. Speaker TBA

12:00 noon—1:15 p.m. NO HOST Lunch—check website for recommendations

1:15 p.m. — Winners of the GSHA essay contest will be announced and the essays shared.

2:00 p.m. — Speaker, Angel Cervantes, Topic TBA

4:00 p.m. Closing remarks.

Thursday, June 4—Leonard Trujillo is coordinating a tour in Abiqui. Contact him at: lennytrujillo51@aol.com for more information. The tour will include the Merced del Pueblo Abiquiu and Santo Tomas Apostle Church and there is a fee.

Tours: Friday, June 5, 2015

10:00 a.m.—Santa Cruz de la Cañada tour led by Miguel Torres, see notation above

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Palace of the Governors—on your own—we are trying to get a group discount

1:00 p.m.—Museum of Santa Fe— we may be able to get free admission, stay tuned

Friday, June 5, or Monday, June 8: El Rancho de las Golondrinas, living history museum—on your own.

The State Records Center and Archives is open from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. , Monday—Friday, for anyone wanting to research at 1209 Camino Carlos Rey, Phone: (505) 476-7909.

**Genealogical Society of Hispanic America
Income Statement, General Fund, 1st Quarter
January 1—March 31, 2015**

**Income**

60% Chapter Obligation Memberships **\$1608.60**

FACC	\$ 131.00
SC	\$ 47.00
MAL	\$ 47.00

2015 GSHA Conference Registrations	\$5320.00
2015 GSHA Conference Donations	\$ 195.00
2015 GSHA Vendor table registrations	\$ 225.00
GSMA Journal Purchases	\$ 117.15

Total Income: \$7690.75

Expenses**GSMA Duran Youth Initiative Program:**

Southern California	\$1000.00
FACC-Pueblo	\$1000.00

Honorary Memberships	\$ 42.60
Postage (newsletter)	\$ 140.56
Printing (Journal)	\$1012.11
Shipping (Journals)	\$ 167.85
Returned Membership	\$ 25.00
Conference calls	\$ 131.88

Total Expenses \$3520.00

Net Income **\$4,170.75**

A complete financial report will be published in the July newsletter.

Genealogy Conference Tidbits



- ◇ Parking is Valet only
- ◇ The rooms have a microwave, refrigerator, and coffee pot. There is no room service due to the restaurant and catering services being separate from the hotel.
- ◇ The Essay contest is still open. Please go to our website to get details.
- ◇ Sponsors are still being solicited. A form for different categories is on the website. There are many seating areas for networking inside and outside the hotel. We recommend you arrange meetings with other attendees to share important information.
- ◇ Kevin Williams, SC member is once again getting us some wonderful genealogy raffle items from big companies like last year.
- ◇ Corinne Tafoya wants to encourage attendees to the banquet to once again dress as your ancestor. She is very experienced in this and if you need ideas email her at: corta44@comcast.net
- ◇ Sylvia Sandoval and Carolyn Cordova are in charge of raffle items. You can deliver the items to them on
- ◇ Friday, June 5.

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**Mujeres Memorables del Mundo Hispano (Memorable Women of the Hispanic World)
GSHA Conference, June 5-7**

As of today, April 11, we have 82 rooms reserved at the Drury Hotel. We have blocked off 95 rooms. So if you haven't made your reservations yet, please do so. This block will be reserved until May 3. The registration forms are on our website gsha.net and the deadline for submitting those to Frank Dominguez is May 22. Make your reservations NOW at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Santa Fe, refer to Group Number 2230198 for the GSHA special discount rate of \$109 when you call 1-800-325-0720. If you have any problems contact Charlene at: charlenegsimms@yahoo.com

Due to their popularity and limited space at the Drury, vendor tables are sold out. Some of our regular vendors who will be back are: Rio Grande Press, HGRC, NMGS, CHGS (Denver); Santa Fe Trail Association; Dolores De Pong; and Prax Martinez.

Check our website periodically to see any updates.

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