

February 2016



President's Report

by Jo Anne Roake

Dear Friends, Members, and Community Supporters,

What a year 2015 has been for Corrales Historical Society! CHS moved forward on many fronts; most spectacularly the extensive repairs and renovations that were completed on the Old Church. CHS was able to repair both the damage caused by the storm of 2013 and serious structural issues, through the use of FEMA funds and monies entrusted to CHS by members and friends over the years. Further, as a result of people's interest in the repairs (we made the news!) CHS was able to engage not only our members, but also the community at large. We discovered deep wells of support, launched a successful fund-raising campaign, and now have a financial base upon which to build our future preservation efforts.

Beyond repairs to the Old Church, CHS promoted, sponsored or enabled music events, fine art and craft shows, a fiesta, an open house for our restored church, a speaker series, workshops (tamales anyone?), heritage events, weddings, memorials and celebrations. CHS also revamped its website, created new marketing materials, streamlined internal procedures, and explored new funding avenues. I want to thank all of our members for helping us keep the trust of our community as good stewards of the Old Church and as caretakers of our history.

Credit for everything belongs to our remarkable and unflagging volunteers. Once again, CHS volunteers have given extraordinary amounts of their time to bring a huge array of activities to life. Please look for their names within this report. We owe them many thanks for the work they do with such enthusiasm, grace and commitment.

CHS bids a fond farewell to **Jan Protz**, our intrepid Membership Chair and a warm welcome to **Jan Kunz**, the new Membership Chair. We say goodbye to Directors **Cliff Pedroncelli** and **Jannie Dusseau**, and thank them for their excellent service as Board Members. CHS welcomes three new Board Members, **Ann Gardner**, Ways and Means, **Ed Boles**, Director and **Brigitte Scott**, Director. Please join me in supporting the excellent slate of officers for 2016: **Susan Cahill**, President; **Nancy Kimball**, Vice-President; **Suane Derr**, Treasurer, and **Sandy Gold**, Secretary.

Finally, I must sadly acknowledge the passing of **Evelyn Losack**, whose personality and achievements on behalf of Corrales were both outsized and innumerable. We will all miss you so much, Evelyn.

Sincerely,



After a summer of restoration, the Old Church looks bright and beautiful again.



Making the news! Jo Anne Roake is interviewed by KOB-TV News 4.

Mission

CORRALES HISTORICAL SOCIETY is a nonprofit corporation which is dedicated to promoting greater appreciation for and better understanding of the history and traditions of the centuries-old Village of Corrales, New Mexico and its residents of yesterday and today.



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Treasurer

by **Suanne Derr**

AS THE NEW TREASURER to the Society, it has been my pleasure to see our beloved church transformed after the devastation from the Big Storm in 2013. Amazingly, I have also been witness to this terrific community stepping up to help the Society begin recovery from the extensive costs of the major repairs that needed to be done.

I would like to acknowledge all the people in the Society who work so hard to bring so much to our community! The Board, the Directors, the Standing Committees, all the hardworking volunteers and, of course, our members, many of whom work tirelessly to make sure that the Old Church is rented and that a strong variety of shows, speakers, programs, workshops and activities are successfully executed.

The work of the Society is far from done; maintenance of the Old Church, Annex and grounds is ongoing and

will need the continued support of our Society members as well as the entire community to ensure the Old Church continues to thrive. The Statement of Activity (see table below) gives a bit more detail of our year.

As you can see, this has been a very aggressive year for expenses. There are other areas of maintenance that need to be addressed in the coming years, but hopefully, we will take them on a bit at a time.

I would especially like to thank the entire community and even folks from far away who have so generously donated to the ROCK Fund! As of December 31, a total of **\$20,555** was raised!!! The fund continues to be active as we move into 2016 and our hope is that everyone will consider our beautiful Old Church as you plan for your giving this year. ■

Annual Financial Statement of Activity – 2015

REVENUES	
DONATIONS	23,935.93
DOCENT / VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMS	18,076.72
FACILITY RENTALS	12,150.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	5,960.00
BANK / CD INTEREST	405.67
TOTAL REVENUES	\$60,528.32

EXPENSES	
OLD CHURCH EXPENSES	46,524.06
ANNEX BUILDING REPAIRS	738.91
DOCENT / VISUAL ARTS EXPENSES	11,968.70
HISTORICAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	2,502.71
MEMBERSHIP RETENTION EXPENSES	1,685.08
OPERATIONS	3,944.18
INSURANCE & REG FEES	2,449.51
PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT SERVICES	1,095.86
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$70,909.01
2015 LOSS	(10,380.69)



Please consider designating **Corrales Historical Society** on your annual **United Way** pledge campaign.
Use Vendor ID: COHISO
 CHS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency, so your donation is 100% tax deductible. A donation to CHS of any amount is deeply appreciated.

Director 2015

by Jannie Dusseau

AS A BOARD DIRECTOR, in addition to contributing actively in board meetings, I participated on the marketing team's development of the CHS Heart of Corrales events venue brochure and the flyer announcing the ROCK (Restore Old Church Kindly) fund. As the CHS liaison to the Corrales Cultural Arts Council (Music in Corrales), I worked with both organizations ensuring the scheduling of concerts at the Old Church is in sync and coordinating the Music in Corrales \$5,000 challenge gift for the ROCK fund and the \$1,300+ audience donation to the ROCK fund from the Santa Fe Opera Holiday Concert. I write articles each month announcing public events at the Old Church for Music in Corrales NOTES which is sent electronically to over 1000 people in our area. I also provided editorial assistance and proofreading for various graphic design projects and the CHS newsletter in 2015. ■

Secretary

by Sandy Gold

SECRETARIAL DUTIES this past year called for more time and effort as board meetings were longer and more business was conducted. New committees have been created, and much time was spent dealing with repair issues. ■

Collections

by Donna Erickson

YES, THE FRONT DOORS of the Old Church are part of our "collections"! No, they are not the original doors—somewhere I have read there was only one door, not a pair, but we may never know for sure. Fortunately, we have photos of the last known pair. Alan Minge, the historian and "developer" of Casa San Ysidro and one of the founding members of the Corrales Historical Society, donated the present pair of doors to CHS back in 1986 and they were installed in 1987 when the Old Church was being renovated. The information he gave us then was that they were from the San Antonio Mission Church in Abeytas, NM which was built about the same time our Old Church was in 1868.

I have investigated some other possibilities that were given regarding the origination of these doors, but unless other information comes forth, I believe, that Alan's original information is correct. Jen Northup worked on the doors last summer to preserve them and prevent future sun and weather damage. Look closely—there are traces of white and blue paint in the grain of the wood suggesting their "layers of history"! Stop and look carefully at them the next time you pass through and imagine all the people who have gone before you! ■

Hooraay!

Corrales Cultural Arts Council (Music in Corrales) has just announced two wonderful, generous initiatives to support our ongoing efforts to raise more funds to preserve the Historic Old San Ysidro Church building:

- 1 A major gift of **\$5,000** in the form of a dollar-for-dollar matching grant intended to inspire additional gifts from individuals to the **CHS ROCK (Restore Old Church Kindly) Fund**. All ROCK contributions received between September 11 and December 31 will count towards the \$5,000 goal. When we reach the \$5,000 goal, we'll have a total of **\$10,000** in the ROCK Fund from this initiative alone.
- 2 The "free" **Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Holiday Concert**, sponsored by Music in Corrales at the Old Church, will be held on **Wednesday, December 9**. A suggested donation of **\$25** per person will be asked at the door, with all monies going toward the **ROCK Fund**. CHS donation envelopes will be available to make it easy.

Now it's **UP TO US** as members of Corrales Historical Society to donate generously and to spread the word about these wonderful initiatives to everyone we know who loves the Old Church!

Send your tax-deductible donation to CHS ROCK Fund, PO Box 1051, Corrales NM 87048. To donate by credit card, visit www.corraleshistorical.org/donate-rock-fund and click on the **DONATE** button. Thank you!

Jo Anne Ronke
CHS PRESIDENT

Jannie Dusseau
CHS DIRECTOR & MUSIC IN CORRALES LIAISON

The Music in Corrales \$5,000 "challenge gift" to the "ROCK" Fund (coordinated by Jannie Dusseau) was a huge success.



Part of our "Collections"—the Old Church doors.

Docents

by **Linda Dillenback, Chair**

THE DOCENTS OF Corrales Historical Society is an organization of community volunteers with the specific purpose of supporting the preservation and maintenance of the Old San Ysidro Church. We do this in a number of ways: supplying food for Harvest Festival, raising funds through sales of our Shop in the Basket (SIB), and educating visitors about the Old Church during the summer months.

In January the committee chairs had an organizational meeting to announce Officers for 2015. They were:

Linda Dillenback, President, Judy Hart, Vice-President, Debbie Clemente, Secretary and Janet Cosgrove, Treasurer.

One way the Docents raise money to help support the preservation and maintenance of the Old Church is through our "Shop in the Basket" (SIB) sales. We offer items of local and/or historical significance including booklets, cookbooks, note cards, retablos, ornaments and t-shirts. Coordinator **George Swenson**, supervised the sales during the fall's Harvest Festival and other church events.

Beginning in the late springtime through the fall, the Docents hold the Old Church open for tours on Sunday afternoons. We have also been partnering with Casa San Ysidro to hold the church open on the second Saturday of each month through August to correspond with their open house days.

This past year we took several bus tours and field trips including a visit to Ghost Ranch and the Village of Abiquiu; a joint tour with the Docents of Casa San Ysidro to the Hubbell House in the South Valley, followed by lunch at Abuelito's New Mexican Kitchen; and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church on Alameda and 4th Street, followed by lunch at El Bruno's.

In September we assisted with the Heart of Corrales Fiesta organized by **Susan Cahill**. It was a true Fiesta in the heart of Corrales!

In the fall months we visited and prepared for our Holiday Dinner, which was coordinated by **Ginger Foote** and held in December. It was a festive occasion enjoyed by all! **John Perea**, our licensed server, served wine per our new alcohol policy and live music was provided by guitarist Daryl Dominguez.

As docents we dedicate ourselves to the preservation and education of the Old Church. Our first meeting of 2016 is on February 10 at 9:30 AM. Please join us! We welcome **Alice Glover** as the new Docents President for 2016. ■



(Top to Bottom): Judy Hart, Bonnie Jennings, and Linda Dillenback at the Docents first meeting of 2015; a bus trip to Ghost Ranch and Abiquiu; enjoying the Docents Annual Luncheon at Susan Nelson Anderson's home; a Docents field trip to the Hubbell House in the South Valley. The Docents participate in many fun activities during the year. They provide an invaluable service to CHS and the community!

Heart of Corrales Fiesta

by Susan Cahill

DURING THE LAST WEEKEND of September, 2015, the docents of the Old San Ysidro Church sponsored the Heart of Corrales Fiesta. The Fiesta was a part of the annual village-wide Kiwanis Harvest Festival. The additional participation of Casa San Ysidro, with their special programs, as well as our “spooky” cemetery guides made the northern stop on the hay rides route an especially festive time for our visitors.

The Heart of Corrales Fiesta leadership team consisted of **Jan Kunz**-Children’s Spanish arts table, **Virginia Breeding**-Tastes of the Harvest table, **George Swenson**-Kitchen and Shop in the Basket table, **Nan Kimball**-Children’s Passports to Corrales History, **Carolyn O’Mara**-Marketing materials, **Linda Dillenback**-Entertainment, **Debbie Clemente**-Publicity, **Lisa Sparks**-Social Media, and **Susan Cahill**-Spanish Colonial Artists, Old Church restoration display and Kiwanis liaison.

Many docents participated in the Fiesta—making our famous green chili stew and providing other breakfast and lunch items; manning the kitchen where we fed all the Old Church and Casa volunteers as well as the hay wagon drivers and spotters; staffing all the table activities and handling the set up and tear down of the equipment used in the event.

Much of the Fiesta and the Spanish Colonial Art Show was successful and a delightful experience. However, some areas of concern developed with both the Fiesta and with the overall Kiwanis sponsorship of the Harvest Festival itself.

The docents gathered a lot of information and ideas to use as they plan for the 2016 Harvest Festival/Heart of Corrales Fiesta to be held on October 15th and 16th, 2016.

Many thanks to everyone who planned, worked on and attended the Heart of Corrales Fiesta. It was certainly one of the highlights of our awesome autumn in 2015. ■



(Top to Bottom) Colorful artwork by Carolyn O’Mara publicizing the Fiesta; Virginia Breeding at the Tastes of the Harvest Table; (L-R) Scenes from the Spanish Colonial Market held at the Old Church Fiesta.



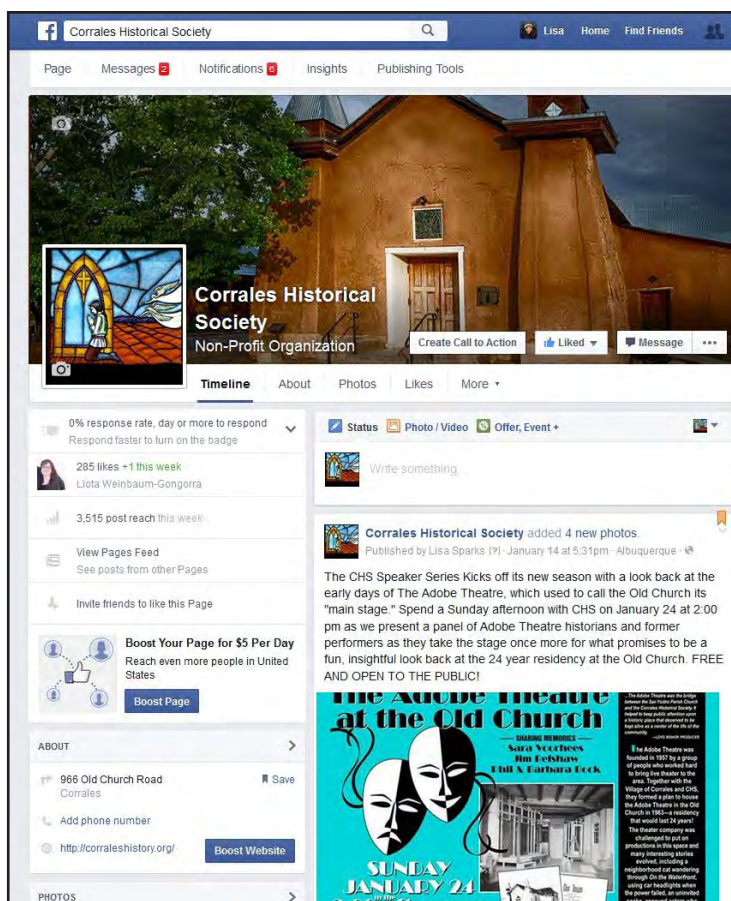
Social Media Reports

by Lisa Sparks

Facebook

CHS AND FACEBOOK became good friends in 2015! As Facebook Chair I inform our followers of upcoming events and announcements in timely posts. Since I began posting to Facebook, we have seen an increase in LIKES from 116 to 288. That's quite a following for a small organization with 426 members! This year I will continue to post and share relevant, historical, and exciting event announcements from not only CHS, but also Casa San Ysidro and Music in Corrales, as well. If you haven't already liked us on Facebook, like us today so you will know first about upcoming events and special announcements that you will want to add to your social calendar! ■

CHS Facebook Page



The Corrales Historical Society Facebook page, at press time, had 290 followers. Click “LIKE” today and be the first to know about the happenings at Old Church!

Newsletter

THE CHS NEWSLETTER is published quarterly and generally follows the changing seasons. It is sent to members to inform them of the Society's activities and events held at the Old Church. CHS publicizes activities from not only CHS, but also other community organizations including Casa San Ysidro, Music in Corrales, and Friends of Corrales Library.

We offer two versions of the newsletter: one in color that is emailed to our members and a black and white print version that is mailed to about 75 members. Printed copies are also provided to visitors of the Old Church. The newsletter is then posted online at www.corraleshistory.org and to our Facebook page.

The behind-the-scenes committee consists of the following outstanding volunteer contributors and CHS members: **Jan Protz** (mailing labels and member lists), **Melinda Davenport** (distribution of printed newsletters) and **Jannie Dusseau** (exceptional proofreading). This year, the Newsletter committee saved over \$400 annually in printing costs by creating a promotional rack card to take the place of the newsletter as a primary marketing tool for membership solicitation. These rack cards are placed around local businesses inside our new marketing brochure created by **Carolyn O'Mara**, former Newsletter Chair.

Some of our standout articles from 2015 included: **Dick Foote's** article entitled “Finishing Touches: The Restoration Process,” which included an array of photos provided by **Dick and Ginger Foote**; **Susan Cahill's** article “An Extraordinary Venue Right in Your Backyard,” about the heart of the Corrales village: the Old Church as an events center; and “Growing Vegetable Gardens,” by **Chris Allen** detailing the CHS Workshop held in April.

As Newsletter Chair, I learned new software to create the newsletter, assisted with proofreading and editing, photographed various events, and wrote articles. I hope you enjoyed reading the newsletter as much as I did putting it together. ■

Website

by Lisa Sparks

THE CHS WEBSITE was completely redesigned in 2015. Former CHS Webmaster **Ben Blackwell** stepped down from his post as Webmaster after maintaining the site for many years. After Board approval to redesign the site was granted, my goal was to create an easy to navigate, visually appealing, and modern looking website. Mission accomplished! The site launched in July, 2015. In August *Corrales Comment* featured an article about the new CHS website and how CHS was leading the way for change to other Village websites, "I was gobsmacked to see it had been utterly and completely reimagined and revised. An actual early 21st century web format, with current news and an up-to-date calendar," she wrote.

The new site offered us much more flexibility than ever before. Some of the new features included:

- **Donate-ROCK Fund page:** this page was created to host our new Paypal account, which allowed users to donate to the Rock Fund using credit cards. It was a huge success!
- **New Membership Form form:** allows users to join CHS electronically. In 2016 we will create a current Membership page that will include interactive surveys and a new option to renew your CHS membership via Paypal.
- **Old Church Rental Inquiry form:** allows those interested in renting the Old Church to submit contact information directly to our Scheduler and receive a call back.
- **Speaker Series Mailing List form:** allows users to submit contact information to be informed of upcoming lectures.
- **Photo Gallery:** wonderful photo collages of events sponsored by CHS and held at the Old Church provided by photographers including **Ginger Foote** and **Debbie Clemente**.

It's been a great year for social media at CHS and I really enjoyed creating and maintaining the new CHS website. This past year our site informed the community and potential members about CHS; imagine what it can do for us in 2016! ■

Screen shots of the "reimagined" and completely revamped CHS Website, which made its debut in July of 2015, include the Home Page and the new Events Calendar. Using both Facebook and the new website allowed CHS to notify membership and visitors of events and happenings held at the Old Church.

Publicity

by Debbie Clemente

AS CHS PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON, it's again my privilege to promote the entertaining and educational programs that are organized by the many dedicated volunteer CHS coordinators and board members.

For 2015 there was a dedicated effort to promote the Historic Heart of Corrales—consisting of the Old San Ysidro Church, Casa San Ysidro and the Camposanto (cemetery). Many events were held in tandem between the Old Church and Casa, bringing more people and more awareness to this treasured part of the Village.

2015 was also a big year for fundraising. A CHS campaign, consisting of print, television coverage, and social and online media, described the extra work and money needed to make repairs to the Old Church after the damage it received in the devastating rain and hail storm of 2013. People were asked to donate to the **CHS "ROCK" Fund**, which stands for "Repair the Old Church Kindly." Monies donated help to defray the significant costs of the storm damage, and go toward the preservation of the Old Church well into the future. Thank you to Music in Corrales who matched donated funds from September through December. The fundraising campaign continues into 2016.

Traffic and sales showed a nice increase for the October 2015 **Old Church Fine Art Show** and the December 2015 **Old Church Fine Craft Show**, put on by the CHS Visual Arts Council. One big reason for the increase in sales is the ability for CHS to now take credit cards. We continue to explore and sign up with more online partners such as "WhoFish," an automated, national event-publishing system. Our region includes Corrales, Rio Rancho, Bernalillo County, and parts of Albuquerque, reaching out to thousands of possible new attendees. **Lisa Sparks** also posted on the **CHS Facebook page**, which is enjoying a growing list of followers.

CHS Speaker Series Coordinator **Nan Kimball** continued to engage an interesting schedule of speakers that attracted a diverse group of audiences throughout the year.

The May 16 **Heritage Day**, organized by CHS Archives Chair **Mary Davis**, was well attended. This year it was held in conjunction with Casa San Ysidro. The **CHS Plaque Program**, organized by **Mary Davis**, identifies important Corrales historic buildings to help preserve the heritage of our Village.

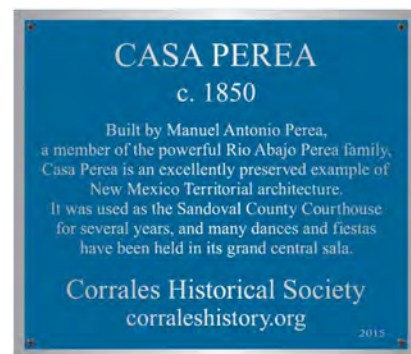
In keeping with promoting the Historic Heart of Corrales, CHS turned its September 2015 Harvest Festival celebration into a big "Fiesta." Our beloved Spanish Colonial artists returned with their beautiful artworks inside the Old Church, while outside there were magic acts, clowns, games, Tastes of the Harvest Table, chile roasting, and more.

CHS is pleased to continue enhancing its partnership with Casa San Ysidro and several of its programs, including keeping the Old Church open when possible for their "Second Saturday" programs. This helps to build awareness of the Old Church and increase visitors. We are also grateful for the continued support we receive from other partners such as Corrales MainStreet and appreciate the dedicated column we are able to run in their quarterly newsletter.

For 2016, we look forward to pursuing all PR opportunities that will encourage people to discover the rich history of the Old San Ysidro Church and the fun, artistic and educational programs it has to offer. ■



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(Top to Bottom) 27th Old Church Fine Craft Show in December; Debbie Clemente, left, and Susan Cahill discuss the Old Church restoration with the Albuquerque Journal; the CHS Plaque program honors Casa Perea.

Speaker Series

by Nan Kimball

THE CORRALES HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S Speaker Series presents eight programs a year at the historic Old San Ysidro Church. The 2015 Speaker Series programs were mainly about Corrales and were presented by people from Corrales.

In January, attorney, Corrales resident and CHS archivist Stan Betzer presented a very clear and easily understood program on "How Corrales lost possession of two-thirds of the Alameda Land Grant."

Corrales Fire Chief Anthony Martinez and Commander Tanya Lattin gave us the history of how the Corrales Fire Department grew from an all-volunteer force to the professional, efficient unit it is today during our February program, "Volunteers to the Rescue."

A spring evening in March brought together several members of the farming community with "... so God Made a Farmer." Dorothy Trafton, Bonnie Gonzales, and Ricardo Blanco gave us some insight into the ups and downs of farming in Corrales, and Mark Tafoya added another perspective as he described being the Ditch Rider in Corrales for 25 years.

When Pat Clauser moved to Corrales in the 1970s, she started raising Churro sheep. Soon she was researching to learn everything she could about them. In April, Pat shared her knowledge and passion when she presented "Churro Sheep in the Southwest".

"How to Grow a Library" told the story of how the community built Corrales Library. Panelists Nancy Pierce, Marg Elliston, Louise Talbot, Kay Burgess and Marcia Saunders shared their stories and gave us a true picture of how an idea can grow to include many people working together for the benefit of the community.

Pauline Eisenstadt spent twelve years in the New Mexico legislature, where she was the first woman to serve in both the state's House of Representatives and Senate. Last September Pauline shared some of the stories in her memoir, "A Woman in Both Houses: My Career in New Mexico Politics," about her time in the Roundhouse in Santa Fe.

"Made in New Mexico" refers to movies filmed in our beautiful state. In October, Jeff Berg, NM film historian, spent a fun-filled evening showing clips from several movies filmed in New Mexico, and sharing some of the tidbits about the making of the movies and the people who acted in them.

The November Speaker Series program ended 2015 with an interesting history of "Sandia View Academy," by Molly Vigil Evans. Sandia View Academy was established in 1942 as the Spanish-American Seminary and became Sandia View Academy in 1953. It was operated as a boarding academy until 1995.

A sincere thank you goes out to the members of CHS who have played such an important role in making the Speaker Series a success. **Carolyn O'Mara** creates

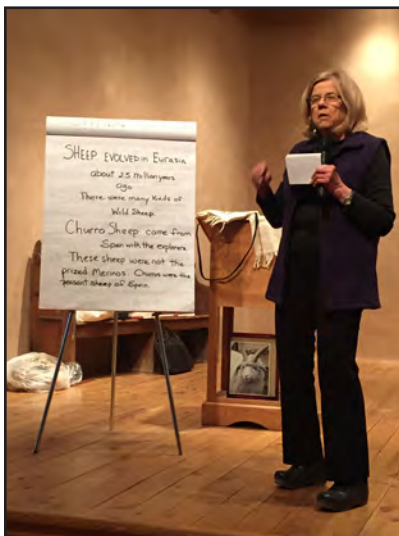


(Top to Bottom) In January, Stan Betzer kicked off the 2015 Speaker Series with "The Alameda Grant"; the panel of "Volunteers to the Rescue" shared their experiences of the all-volunteer firefighting force in Corrales "back in the day"; the panel of "...so God Made a Farmer" posed for a photo before their presentation. (Photos by Lisa Sparks)

...Speaker Series continued

beautiful, eye catching flyers for **Debbie Clemente** to distribute electronically to our members, local media, and other organizations. **Lisa Sparks** posts on the CHS website and Facebook page respectively. Every program is videotaped by **Lisa Sparks** (with the help of backup videographer **Alice Glover**). Each participant receives a DVD and an extra copy is placed in our Archives collection. Thanks also to the Docents who prepare delicious refreshments and serve them to the audience following every program.

Speaker Series programs are free and open to the public, and are supported by Corrales Historical Society membership dues and contributions, along with the Historical Society of New Mexico and the New Mexico Humanities Council. NMHC is supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Department of Cultural Affairs of the State of New Mexico. This support is greatly appreciated. ■



(Top to Bottom) Pat Clauser presented, "Churro Sheep in the Southwest." Molly Vigil-Evans presented "The History of Sandia View Academy." (Photos by Lisa Sparks)

Scheduling Old Church Events

THE BEAUTIFUL AND UNIQUE setting of the Old Church hosted the following events in 2015:

- 19 CHS Board and Docent Meetings
- 9 Music in Corrales Concerts
- 4 Baroque Players Concerts
- 2 Casa San Ysidro Programs
- 1 Golden Birthday
- 3 Memorials
- 8 Weddings
- 2 Renewals
- 1 Yoga Retreat
- 1 Cub Scout Ceremony
- 1 Native American Healing Ceremony
- 2 Art Exhibits
- 2 Old Church Art Shows
- 5 Private Concerts
- 2 General Public Meetings
- 1 Candidate Forum
- 1 Albuquerque Museum Foundation Lecture
- 1 Child's Recital
- 1 Non-Profit Luncheon

The Old San Ysidro Church with its thick walls, warm adobe interior and soft lighting make it an ideal setting for:

- *lunch or dinner celebrations*
- *weddings and wedding receptions*
- *art shows*
- *office conferences/meetings*
- *speakers*
- *concerts*
- *video/still photography shoots*
- *special birthday celebrations*
- *and much more!*

Seating is limited to approximately 150 people. Alcohol is permitted for special events held in the Old Church. For up-to-date information go to the Events Calendar at www.corraleshistory.org or call **Dee Turner** at 263.0666 for scheduling and facility guidelines. ■



PHOTO BY VLADIMIR CHALOUPIKA

Archives

by Mary Davis, Chair

THE TWO MAJOR GOALS of the Corrales Historical Society Archives Committee are to collect information about the history of Corrales and make it accessible to the public through an easily understood filing system and through public exhibits. Much of our work expands and strengthens the Society's connections with the people of Corrales, particularly those who have lived here for many, many years.

As to the first goal, our paper collection now includes hundreds of newspaper articles, transcriptions of interviews, maps and drawings, manuscripts, notes from interviews, agency documents, and letters. We have compiled a comprehensive filing index related to Corrales beginning with agriculture and archeology and continuing through buildings, commercial development, churches, families and government on up to water issues and zoology. Our collection of videos of panel discussions, speakers, and interviews are now all on disc thanks to Committee member **Kitty Tynan**.

Our photograph collection numbers well above 1000 pictures. As we collect photographs, we obtain as much information as we can on the date when the photo was taken and on the subjects in the photos. They are then scanned onto the CHS computer in the annex and returned to their owners. The photographs are filed by subject matter roughly corresponding to the paper material index.

Many of these photographs were reproduced in the 2009 Corrales book from Arcadia Publishing; its publication encouraged other Corrales families to share their photographs and a number of these will be included in a projected book about Corrales families. This book will chronicle the families through the appearance of their surnames on Corrales censuses. Using material that has come into the archives, we have information on at least ten families whose surnames appear in the 1790 census and eleven families whose ancestors were living in Corrales by 1860, some as early as 1818. The book will also include the French and Italian families that settled in the village at the end of the 19th century and the Anglo families that mostly came after World War II.

Recent additions to our collections include material from Margaret Armstrong, a daughter of Ruth and Ellis Armstrong who moved to Corrales in 1959. Included in the material are 212 slides taken by Ellis. Committee member **Barbara Williams** did a monumental job of labeling and organizing the slides and they are now on disc.

We have also received valuable photographs and in-

formation from family members of the Guadalupe Armijo family, the Emilio Lopez family, the Vincent and Dulcelina Curtis family, and the Juan and Abenicio Perea families. This material is a welcome addition to the book on Corrales families currently in preparation.

The Archives Committee's major public event is Heritage Day in mid-May. This year the Historical Society joined forces with manager **Carol Lopez** and docents at Casa San Ysidro to put on this year's celebration of Corrales' history. Thanks to many volunteers and Albuquerque Museum staff, Heritage Day 2015 came off well despite the windy, cold, and wet weather.

Our major event was a talk on Corrales' military veterans researched and presented by local resident **David C'de Baca**. C'de Baca not only included facts about many Corrales veterans—several of whose families came to hear him—but he had also prepared stunning photo panels of the veterans. His information included men who had served in World War II, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, an expedition to find Pancho Villa (which didn't succeed), and World War I. He included information on Corrales women who served in World War II, including Shirley Jolly Minge and sisters Florinda Gutierrez Lopez and Ramona Gutierrez Holdeman.

We were glad to have Ramona among the attendees. Corrales veterans Tony Garcia and Clory Silva Jr. attended the talk; C'de Baca was excited to learn from Tony that while in the Merchant Marine he served aboard the ship that carried the H-bomb to the Bikini atoll. Also during Heritage Day, CHS docent **Jan Kunz** provided coloring pages of military life as part of the activities for children; she was helped by docents **Betsey Linneman, Susan Cahill, Mary Hardy, Judy Hart, Joan Regan, Georgia Catasca, and Nan Kimball** (the last three are Archives Committee members as well).

CHS members **Kevin Cottage and Jim Wright** manned the popular corn shelling and grinding. Committee members **Stan Betzer, Marty Kuehn, and Dorothy Trafton** gave cemetery tours—veterans' graves were marked by American flags provided by Corrales resident and VFW member **Rudy Chavez**. CHS docent **George Swenson** braved wind and weather to set up and sell the varied offerings of the docents' "Shop in a Basket." The Archives Committee's memorial books were on display—they include obituaries and news articles about Corrales residents who died in the past 20-25 years. The books are being kept up to date by **Dorothy Trafton, Marty Kuehn, and Georgia Catasca**; **Stan Betzer** is preparing an alphabetized index for each book to make them more

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accessible.

We created a small exhibit of some of our materials in the Old Church sacristy during Harvest Festival; although we had few people stop by, those that did enjoyed our displays and, in some cases, were able to add to our information on the history of the Village. And we prepared exhibits for the cases in the Corrales Council building, so some of the historical information we have collected is always on view to the public. Committee members also prepared a roughly 3' x 5' photograph of "downtown" Corrales in 1959 for the Corrales MainStreet office, putting visitors to the office in visual touch with Corrales as it once looked.

We welcomed Nan Kimball to the Committee this year and there is always room for more! Please call Mary Davis at 898-5017 if you would like to join us. ■



Top Right: Joseph Leal, Sarah Leal Labian, Leo Leal, Priscilla Leal Bailey, Elias Leal, Emma Leal Maas, Pete Leal, Laura Leal Madrid, Diego Garcia (son of Margaret Leal Garcia and Ben Garcia). The family had gathered for their mother's (Margaret Sanchez) funeral in 1944. (Photo courtesy of De Anna Judin). Large Photo: A 1959 aerial, a large copy of which was given to Corrales MainStreet for their office. (Dick Kent photo, courtesy of Kent family)

Preservation and Maintenance

by Dick Foote, Director

IN 2015 THE SOCIETY undertook major preservation and repairs to the Historic Old Church. We hired **Crocker Ltd.**, architectural conservationists, to install helical piers under the sacristy to prevent further settling of this part of the Old Church that was attached to the building after it was originally built in the 1860s. Immediately thereafter, Crocker Ltd. undertook the restoration of the exterior of the Old Church caused by the major storm of 2013. This restoration was funded partly by FEMA through the efforts of Corrales Fire **Commander Tanya Lattin.**

During the restoration process serious cracks, that were uncovered as the damaged "sacrificial coat" of mud plaster covering the old adobe church was removed, were strengthened and repaired; and exposed wood around the towers and under the roof overhangs were coated with a rosewood oil protective coat (with a high

degree of UV protection) to extend their life—all paid for by CHS. A metal roof panel were replaced to solve a roof leak that occurred after the prior year's work around the South Tower.

Preservation of the doors at Old Church was undertaken, with several coats of microcrystalline wax and a protective coat of high grade linseed oil applied by Jen Northup. Motion lights over the main entrance were repaired and the motion lights by the South transept door was replaced as was the interior emergency exit sign/ lights on this door.

In 2016 we will focus on restoring the white paint around the windows and several necessary projects to protect the Annex, which houses the rest room facilities, kitchen, office and storeroom functions for the Historic Old Church. ■



(Top) The Old Church Renovation began on July 1 and was completed on July 31. Photos above show the process of installing helical piers under the sacristy. (Left) The Old San Ysidro Church restored to her full glory. For more photos on the Restoration process go to www.corraleshistory.org and click on Photo Gallery. (Photos by Dick & Ginger Foote)

Marketing Team

by Susan Cahill, Coordinator

IN THE SPRING OF 2015, the CHS Board established a new team focused on marketing the Old San Ysidro Church as well as the Society itself. The goals of the new Marketing team were threefold:

- Market the use of the Old Church building as a distinct, unique venue for special occasions, meetings, musical and artistic presentations.
- Promote publicity and donations to the CHS "ROCK" fund to our membership, village community, visitors at events held in the Old Church and the general and electronic public.
- Increase membership and active participation in CHS.

The team developed a new widely distributed brochure promoting the Old Church building as an event space. They also designed and placed print ads and electronic media targeted at specific audiences.

In support of the "ROCK" fund, the team developed a marketing program that promoted and tracked contributions to the fund—with timely acknowledgment to each contributor. Handouts in support of the fund were designed for distribution at all events held in the Old Church. Other sources of revenue generation were also evaluated for use in 2016.

With the addition of our new Membership chairwoman Jan Kunz, the marketing team will be focusing on programs and approaches to increase our membership and enhance our internal communication paths.

To help further promote the Society's programs and events, the marketing team will increase the usage of our excellent CHS website and Facebook page.

The members of this very busy team were:
Marie Abrams, Chris Allen, Debbie Clemente, Jannie Dusseau, Carolyn O'Mara, Jan Protz, Lisa Sparks, Dee Turner and Susan Cahill.

Many thanks go to all the members of the marketing team and what they have accomplished this year. CHS has much to look forward to from this group in 2016. ■

(Right) The Marketing Team developed a new CHS promotional tri-fold brochure, which includes information on how to join the Society. The brochure includes a "take away" sign-up form for those interested in joining our organization.

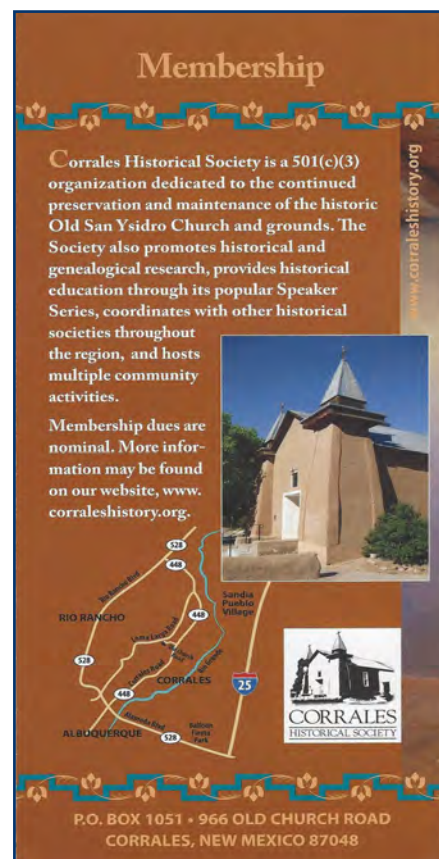
Membership

by Jan Protz, Chair

MEMBERSHIP WORKS TOGETHER with the Treasurer to collect dues donations and maintains an accurate, up-to-date membership list. Mailing labels and e-mail addresses for the quarterly newsletters, annual report, and annual meeting invitation are derived from this list. The annual membership list by category published in a newsletter is also compiled from this master list. Membership also updates the e-mail list as needed and provides updates to the Publicity Chair for use in sending out notices of Speaker Series programs, arts and crafts shows, and other information to CHS members.

CHS added 20 new members in 2015 making a total membership of 426 people with 11 courtesy group memberships.

As a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, Corrales Historical Society dues and donations are tax deductible. After 8 years as Membership Chair this hat has been passed to Jan Kunz. I have truly enjoyed serving CHS during this time. ■



Workshops

by Chris Allen, Coordinator

IN 2015 THE Corrales Historical Society continued its successful series of workshops. The program was initiated in 2014 in order to provide CHS members and the general public with specialized learning experiences on a variety of topics. This year CHS sponsored two workshops, both centered on food.

In April the Sandoval Master Gardeners presented a day-long program on vegetable gardening. Sixteen people attended, learning crucial tips and techniques for producing eatable crops in our challenging desert environment. The workshop was organized by **Lynda Garvin, Agriculture Agent (Sandoval County Extension Agent), NMSU, and Sandoval County Master Gardener Coordinator Sam Thompson.**

Master Gardener Loren Meintz discussed appropriate and favorite vegetables to plant, various planting strategies and best planting times, use of fertilizers, the importance of pollination and the advantages of planting cover crops.



Master Gardeners Judy Jacobs and Penny Davis spoke about a variety of strategies for watering gardens and orchards in a water-challenged area.

Master Gardener and Master Composter John Carola stressed the impor-

tance of understanding the soils in the village that can vary from sandy loam on the western slopes to heavy clay in the valley.

The last presenter was Lynda Garvin whose talk about Integrated Pest Management included not only environmentally safe ways to control insects that adversely affect your production but also ways to encourage beneficial insects. She also discussed ways to handle invasive weeds in an environmentally sustainable way.

CHS Member and attendee Dennis O'Mara had this to say about the workshop: *"The information provided in the workshop was useful both to beginning and veteran gardeners, especially because the presenters focused on how to succeed in our unique local conditions. 'Lasagna gardening,' which involves amending the soil with alternating layers of newspaper, compost and fertilizer, was a highlight."*

The Sandoval County Master Gardeners offered this workshop at no cost to CHS, thereby allowing the registration proceeds to directly benefit the mission of CHS,

(i.e., the preservation and maintenance of the Old Church). In addition, **Village Mercantile** generously donated goody bags that were distributed to the participants. These bags contained seed packets, gloves, organic fertilizers and other helpful items. We appreciate the support of this local business.

In November, **John Perea of Perea's Tijuana Bar and Restaurant** taught a workshop on making tamales, a classic New Mexican dish, especially during the holidays. The class was conducted at the restaurant, established in 1928. John began his instruction by offering the eleven students a glass of wine. He then spoke about the history of Perea's and the tamale itself (beginning as a portable meal for armies, hunters and travelers). John explained his tamale recipe uses shredded pork shoulder (roasted at 250 degrees for 6-8 hours!), red chile pods, spices, prepared ground masa, and cornhusks. After he demonstrated the steps, the students had the opportunity to put together a few tamales of their own they would then take home to steam.

John and his mother, **Stella Perea** served up some freshly made hot tamales and homemade biscochitos, baked with his secret ingredient (which he shared with the class). Each participant was sent home with a tamale



"kit"—a rubber spatula and enough masa and husks to make a dozen, as well as a few additional Perea family recipes!

As one student, Hope Grey said, *"It was a wonderful afternoon, a perfect start to the holidays."*

The Perea family is a strong supporter of CHS and its mission to preserve the Old Church. They donated the use of their restaurant, their time and ingredients/materials so all registration fees could be used to support the Old Church.

We are all grateful to have such generous people in our village. ■

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