

Barbe Awalt and Paul Rhetts present
“New Mexico Art & Culture: Santos, Balloons, Food, & History”

Thursday, Sept. 22nd @ 7:00pm
Old San Ysidro Church @ 966 Old Church Road
Event is free and open to the public. No reservations required.

On the eve of New Mexico’s Centennial, Barbe Awalt and Paul Rhetts will reveal the abundant wealth of New Mexico’s art and culture. Their talk will feature over 400 years of santos in New Mexico and will be highlighted with examples of traditional and contemporary santos from their vast personal art collection. Awalt and Rhetts are recognized as experts on the santos of New Mexico. They are the authors of books on Charlie Carrillo, Nicholas Herrera, the late Father Tom Steele, Contemporary and Traditional Spanish Markets, and many New Mexico bilingual stories.

Awalt and Rhetts are owners of a publishing company that specializes in New Mexico topics and publishers of *Tradicion Revista* magazine, the only magazine on the art and culture of New Mexico. They have written and published numerous books and articles dealing with the art, culture, and food of the Southwest, but their interests extend to other areas. They have also published books on New Mexico’s long history with space travel and western trivia and just released the official book of the 40th anniversary of ballooning and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, “The World Comes to Albuquerque.” They also received the last New Mexico Centennial Grant for a new book by Don Bullis entitled, “New Mexico Biographical Histories.”

So, start with santos, toss in balloons, spice it all up with New Mexico food traditions and Native American and New Mexico history and you will enjoy a true New Mexico “feast” at this presentation. In addition, all who attend will receive a free gift. This presentation will also whet your appetite for the upcoming Mercado Antiquo held at the Old Church during the Corrales Harvest Festival, Sept. 24-25, 2011. The Mercado features artisans, most of whom show at the Spanish Market, demonstrating crafts found in this area a hundred years ago.

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