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**16th ANNUAL GALISTEO STUDIO
TOUR: OCT. 19-20, 9-5.
28 STOPS! GREAT ART, GREAT
CRAFTS, GREAT FOOD!**

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**The GALISTEO COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION BOARD thanks those who
have contributed to the fall fund drive
and looks forward to hearing from
the rest of us.**

PUEBLO POLITICS:

GALISTEO BASIN PROTECTION

Tribal governors, eight landowners, archaeologists, government representatives and community leaders testified at a Congressional hearing on August 7 at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center in Santa Fe on Senator Bingaman's and Representative Udall's proposed bill to protect 25 archaeological sites on about 4000 acres in the Galisteo Basin. Included are the Galisteo Pueblo and Las Madres just north of the village and six other sites, on private, State, and BLM land near the village. The focus is on prehistoric Pueblo sites, but Spanish Colonial sites in the area will also benefit from the protective legislation.

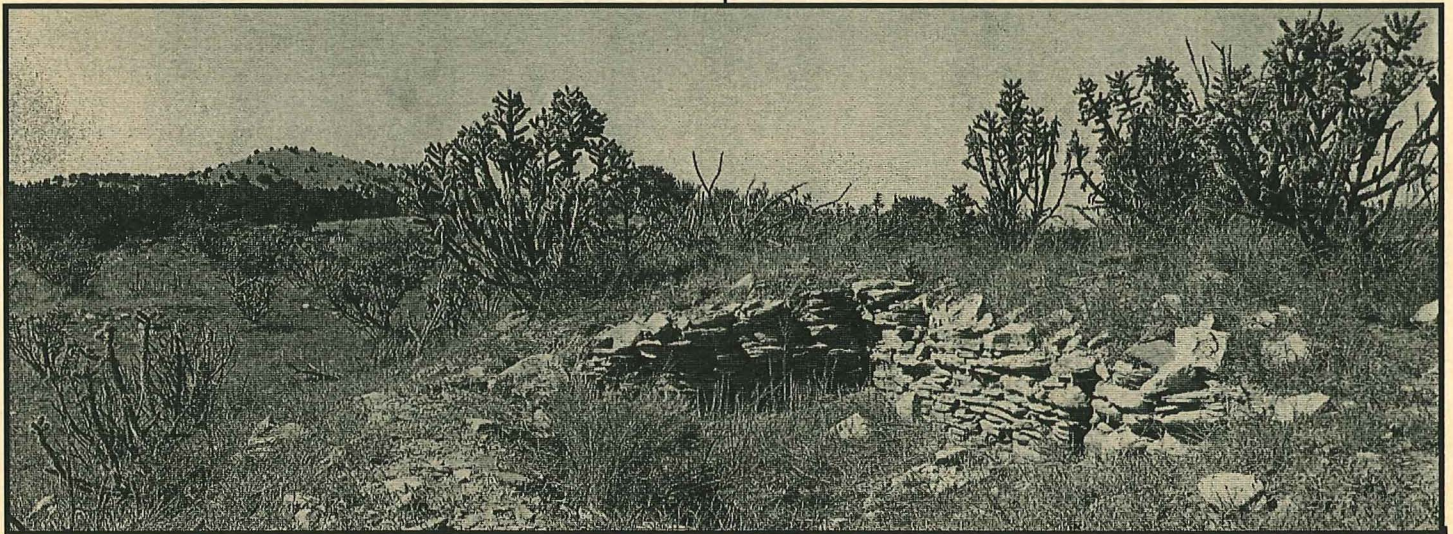
**"GHOSTS, GOBLINS, AND GALISTEANS"
Halloween Costume Party at Vista Clara,
Oct.26, 7- midnight. Prizes, food, live
music for dancing. Kids and adults,
come dressed as "your favorite
character." Bring a dessert.**

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**... and DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR
VOTE COUNT — NOVEMBER 5, THE
COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Looting and development are the two major threats to these ruins and petroglyphs. The Galisteo Basin Archaeological Protection Act is modeled on the act protecting the Chaco outliers in the San Juan Basin. Voluntary cooperative agreements have been worked out with private landowners, which has brought Senator Domenici into the fold. (He rejected the bill's first version in 1999.) An editorial in the *New Mexican* urged the NM Congressional delegation to pass this legislation as fast as possible. So far, so good. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee approved it unanimously.

Below: Ruins of Pueblo Blanco, c.1325-1525 (photo: Edward Ranney).



WATER PLANNING

This summer Santa Fe County passed the long-awaited 40 year water plan, designed to help decrease the county's reliance on the city system. County water needs are projected to jump from about 1,370 acre-feet a year in 2004 (when the agreement with the city must be renegotiated) to 4,691 acre-feet in 2040. Since most of the County's water rights are spoken for and the state has not yet sold the penitentiary's water system to the county, developers must bring in their own water rights from elsewhere.

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The Jemez y Sangre Water Planning Council held a public meeting at the Turquoise Trail Fire Station on Oct. 3 to hear questions and comments from our area, where this year's drought has had a major impact.

They got an earful. Among the concerns voiced were the amounts of water spent on agriculture, construction, power plants, and golf courses (Las Campanas legally used 10% of Santa Fe's water on golf courses last summer), and sustainability. Hydrologist Amy Lewis acknowledged that "we've messed up the system, and we have to look at ways to change it back." The final plan, which goes to the Interstate Stream Commission, will be long and technical. But a summary for popular consumption will also be available.

THE WILD LIFE

(Mostly from Jan Saunders, Bird Lady of Galisteo)

Several Ranchitos residents reported seeing a chummy bobcat this summer. Nancy Holt photographed him or her taking it easy right on her patio. She thinks it had a crush on her cat.

Vernon and Diane Wilson found a small dead male Ladder-backed Woodpecker on a road in Ranchitos.

Jan Saunders reports on the Audubon Spring Migratory Bird Count for May 2002: "Numbers were down from last year due to lack of moisture. Three people observing from 6 AM to 2PM covered a circle from US 285 down NM 41 to White Lakes, beginning at the Galisteo Bosque and ending at Vista Clara. There

we saw the prize bird, the American Redstart – a real stunner that stops you in your tracks at first glimpse of the brilliant red-orange patches on his wings, sides and tail. A member of the Wood Warbler or *Parulidae* family, it has only appeared on the count once before, seven years ago.

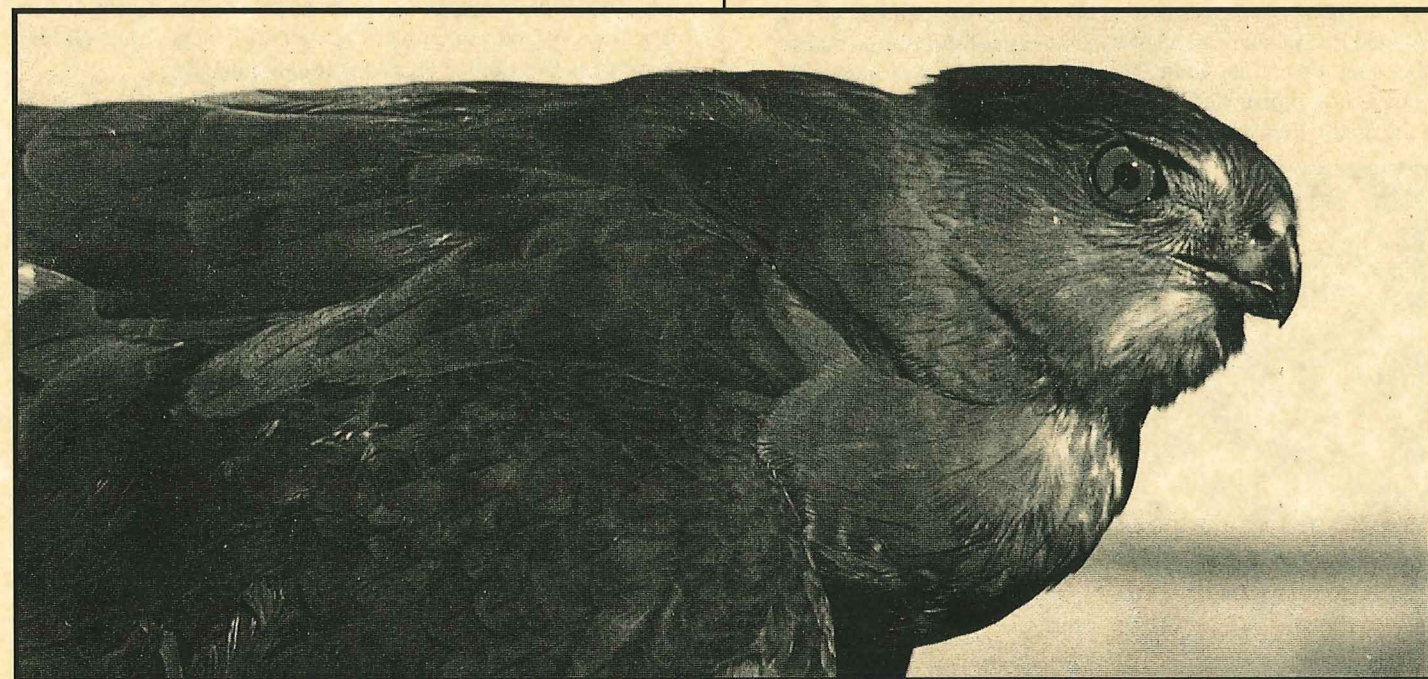
"Most of the sightings took place in the Bosque. At 6AM many species can be seen under the bridge, a haven for both nesting and migratory bird species all year long. Listen and watch for the Spotted Towhee, the White Breasted Nuthatch, Northern Flickers and Robins. You might even see a Redstart, or my favorite, the Blue Grosbeak." (For all birds counted, call Jan at 466-6620.)

"If it's fall—that must be a HAWK! Raptors of all descriptions are headed South of the Border for the winter. HawkWatch International will once again be observing, counting, capturing, banding and releasing hawks in the Manzano Mountains from mid September to mid October. If you've never taken the 2 1/2 hour trip to the HawkWatch site in the Manzanos, you have a treat in store. It's an opportunity to observe magnificent raptors while enjoying the fall colors and crisp mountain air. And if you're lucky, you may have the chance to hold a banded hawk in your hands while sharing the penetrating stare of those incredible eyes, before releasing him into the blue New Mexico skies.

Coopers and Sharp-shinned Hawks are the most commonly seen species, but Golden Eagles, Peregrine Falcons and Northern Goshawks provide lots of excitement when they come in for the bait and are harmlessly caught in the nets.

The turnoff to HawkWatch is also the dirt road to the Capilla Peak Campground, directly across from the church in Manzano. It is about 14 miles to the trail. High clearance vehicles are encouraged, but I make it every year in my little Ford Contour with traction control. For more information call Wild Birds Unlimited/HawkWatch in Albuquerque, 505-255-7622, or go to hawkwatch.org. (*EL PUENTE apologizes for not squeezing this into the September issue. If it's too late for this fall, try 2003!*)

Below: Cooper's Hawk, banded on October 18, 1997 by HawkWatch International (photo: Jan Saunders).



ADIOS, ALAN

Galisteo is sad to see Alan Langer move away to Mendocino, California, "to watch the whales and seals."

Alan will leave a big hole in the GVFR. He was a founding member of the Fire Department, and continued to be a mainstay as a firefighter with certificates in Swiftwater rescue and a red card for Wildland fires—a truly strenuous training achieved after he suffered a heart attack. Eventually he became a County Fire Investigator. The GVFR will miss Alan's exuberance, his practicality, and his T-Shirt expertise. (Then there were those times the firetruck got stuck in the mud...)

Alan moved to Galisteo with his late wife Liz in 1989 and built a home in Ranchitos. He is in the importing business and is also a model for commercials – General Motors and Archer Daniels Midland, among others. A couple of years ago he did a commercial for St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque and a week later found himself there as a cardiac patient. (He'll be understandably reluctant to do another hospital commercial...)

"I'll miss the spirit, the friendliness, the sunsets over the Ortiz Mountains," says Alan, "and I really admire the people of Galisteo." His friend Elizabeth Sklenar remains to complete her doctorate at UNM and will join him in May. We wish them well.

PEDACITOS/ BITS AND PIECES

Galisteños have been **harvesting fruit** from various residents' overburdened trees. Truckloads have been hauled off for use by Kitchen Angels for the homeless in Santa Fe, and by vets who leave fruit in the wild for the beleaguered bears. Great project!

Mela Montoya's portrait was part of a collage on the cover of *Pasatiempo* Sept. 13 about the Studio Tour: **Joette O'Connor Trofimuk** was quoted: "The quality of work here is really incredible... This is the one thing everyone agrees on."

Jean Anaya Moya is exhibiting a work in *Ahora: New Mexican Hispanic Art*, a major show at the National Hispanic Cultural Center (4th and Bridge in Albuquerque), until January 5.

Bernard Pomerance's 1979 play, *The Elephant Man*, was revived at the Royale Theatre in New York last spring. *The New Yorker* said the play "is still very moving, and the issues that it raises – about faith, colonialism, charity, sexuality—are just as thought provoking."

As far as we know, executive director **Greg O'Byrne** has survived September's Santa Fe Wine & Chile Fiesta. A *New Mexican* article called O'Byrne "the master of the 'huge crescendo.'" Wineries from around the world and local restaurants, guest chefs, speakers, sponsors, twelve committees and twenty four employees must be orchestrated. "Of course it's like a dinner party," he says. "One hour before, you want to call everyone up and say 'Can you come one hour later?'"

From the *New Mexican*, **September 19, 1952**: "Each year during the latter weeks of August, a miniature tent city is erected in the Galisteo Basin area of New Mexico... The exact site is an old Indian village, the history of which goes back to the prehistoric years of 1275 to 1475 A.D. **Pueblo Largo** [on the San Cristobal Ranch overlooking US 285] is being unearthed under the guidance of the Museum of New Mexico by an excavating party comprised of keen-minded, sharp-witted young

women who are senior Girl Scouts or Girl Scout associates who have received and mastered the scouting principles and skills and are prepared to live what they have learned through the organization... For two weeks it's a rough and rugged life lacking almost all modern conveniences." Pueblo Largo is one of the sites on the Galisteo Basin protection legislation (p.1). It was excavated by archaeologist Bertha Dutton, who had a house on the Hill (now owned by Vicki and Dave Snyder).

A number of Galisteños were spotted at the **giant peace march** in Santa Fe on October 6th. Over 1000 people crowded the Plaza accompanied by drums and chants and a forest of signs. Similar demonstrations took place simultaneously all over the world to protest Bush's planned invasion of Iraq. As Galisteoan Connie Fisher, who lost her brother on September 11, 2001, has said:

"The horror of murder isn't healed by another murder. What we want can come from the power of reconciliation, not from the force of retaliation. What we want is peace" (*The Turning Tide*, September 2002).

DIA DEL RIO/PHOTO CONTEST

Earth Works Institute is sponsoring a Dia del Rio event on Oct. 19, 11AM to 3PM. at the EWI demonstration ranch near Cerrillos, at the end of County Road 55A off of Rte. 14. The celebration will focus on projects in the Galisteo watershed, restoration of rivers and land, goats as scourges of weeds and salt cedar, and alternative wastewater treatment. There is a pilot wastewater project at the ranch as well as a herd of hungry goats — so leave dogs at home.

The photo contest this year (amateurs only) will be for pictures of people or animals at the event— black and white or color, 24" or less at the biggest dimension. Adult winner receives a \$25 gift certificate to the Darkroom and child winner (16 and under) receives a \$25 cash prize. Mail photos to EWI, 811 St. Michaels Drive, Santa Fe 87505, by Nov. 30th.

PRESSURED BY GROWTH

Tom Morin

As reported in the September EL PUENTE. County planners met with the Community to discuss a Traditional Community Land Use Plan for Galisteo. The following projects within an 8-mile radius will directly impact the historical and residential quality of our village, in both positive and negative ways: 1) The US 285 South Highway Corridor Plan. 2) The Haciendas Tranquilas development on NM 41. 3) Historical preservation of Galisteo Basin archaeological sites (*see p.1*). 4) The Earth Works Institute's Galisteo Watershed Restoration Project. 5) The County Open Space and Trails acquisition program. 6) The Trust for Public Land's proposed cluster development on part of the former Thornton ranch.

In an effort to learn more about this last item, on September 10 Ted Fleming, Lucy Lippard, and I attended a meeting at the County Land Use Department with Ted Harrison of TPL, Beth Mills, Paul Olafson and others from the County.

The development's total acreage is 4,218, with 3,943 reserved as open space. This ratio is a radical change from the usual plans. It presents the developer with 6% of the overall space

to build 298 residential units on lots ranging from .3 to 3 acres. The ambitious plan also includes a 21-acre Community Parcel (village market, café, community house, artists' studios, office suites, childcare center, guest casitas, and swimming pool). Eight additional acres are set aside for ranch, barn, stables, with headquarters space and three rental units, as well as agricultural space. A Fire substation and charter school are also possibilities. The open space ties into plans for a trail network over much of the Santa Fe area.

The new village would be this side of the San Marcos transfer station. The long-planned paving of County Road 42 would no doubt become a reality. Ted Harrison felt most of the development residents would gravitate toward the San Marcos area and head for NM 14 to get to Santa Fe, but there is bound to be some traffic impact on Galisteo.

TPL has two more years of an option to get this plan underway. If it fails, the land will be conventionally developed with ranchettes spotting the landscape, and the open space will be lost forever.

I feel this project, combined with those listed above, presents an urgent need for open discussion. To that end, the GCA Board plans to set up a town meeting where Ted Harrison of the Trust for Public Land could present his proposal to all Galisteo residents. When you are notified, please turn out.

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FOR RENT AND SALE

Galisteo house for rent: Jan-March, 2 BR, \$1500 mo.; will suit quiet professionals, no smokers, call Liz Rose 466-6003.

New refrigerator, 24 x 60" \$200; Artist's table, 24 x 80" w/ cabinets \$50. Call 466-7723.

Futon + Frame with armrests, Queen Size, Good condition, \$150 obo, 466-6003.

Hollow core door, 80 x 25 1/2", \$150, obo, from GVFR; call Charlie, 466-2118 or Steve, 466-1544.

WANTED

5'-5'6" sofa or double Futon + frame, 466-6003.

SERVICES

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The holidays are right around the corner. You need your **house cleaned.** I have openings for Mon., Tues., Wed. Weekly, biweekly, or monthly rates. Call Keri, 466-0144.

Call **Beth** for **housesitting/ petcare/vet runs/odd jobs/studio assistance/party help/you name it...** in Galisteo, 660-6012.

Galisteo Caretaking Services: For the Chores You Ignore! short notice, small jobs, housesit, have truck. Richard, 466-7723.

Astanga Yoga (a fun and sweaty form of Hatha Yoga) Monday nights at the Galisteo Community Center, 5:45-7:15 PM; call Lee (a.k.a. Yoga Blue Sky) at 660-0611. **SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP** Sat.Oct. 26, 9:30-12:30, \$25.

I will **take care of your pets.** I can also **watch children** when needed. (I am thirteen years old.) Simone Montoya, at 466-1518 **Nizhoni School: High School, grades 9-12, College of Divinity, Academy of the Media.** Some classes open to public. Info:466-4336 or 466-1975. For **Soul-Centering Clinic:** 466-2316.

Galisteo Woodworks: for your custom woodworking needs. Furniture and furniture repair. Antonio Chavez, 466-3601.

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