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SATURDAY, MAY 23, 8:30AM, GALISTEO CLEAN-UP DAY: GCA provides coffee and donuts kick-off at the Community Center. Bring work gloves. An hour or so of your time can make a big difference in eliminating the trash accumulating along our roads.

Wednesday May 13th: STUDIO TOUR START-UP MEETING. Contact Barb King or Cindy Lux.

LA SALA UPDATE

Janice Wall and Cindy Lux

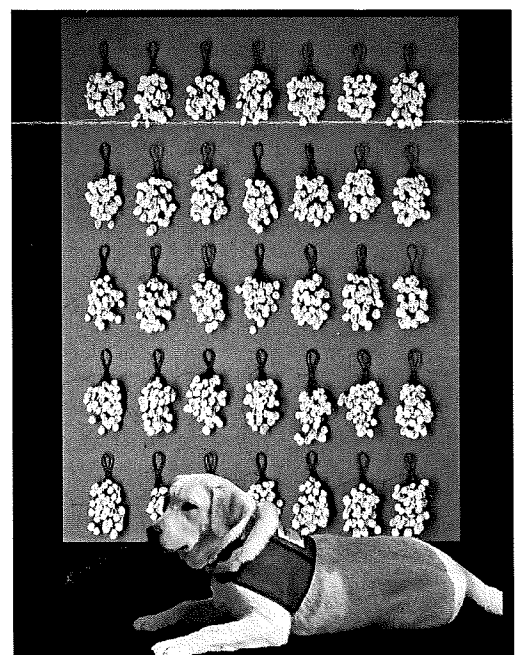
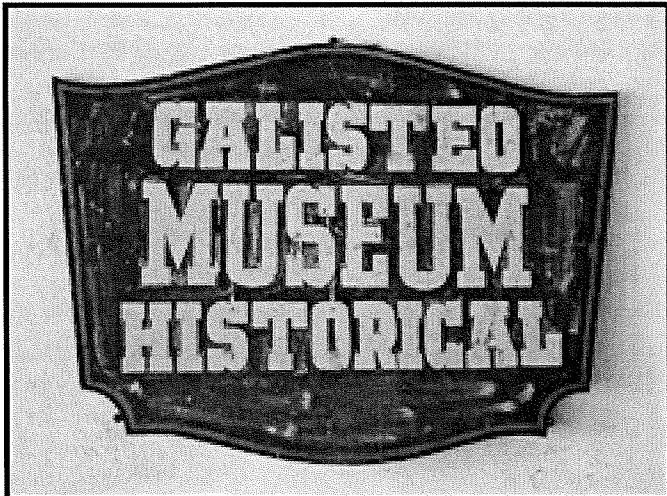
We now have a starting point for the building restoration and costs from Cornerstones – exciting and daunting at the same time. At the April 19th La Sala de Galisteo open meeting at the Community Center, Barbara King brought a first draft of the 60-page Cornerstones Report on the La Sala building. It is being read by board members and is available for perusal by Galisteo residents. It includes drawings, a history of the building, and an assessment of the restoration and repair work required for occupancy. A small group meeting is scheduled with Cornerstones to discuss the next steps to be taken now that their report is in the completion stages.

At the April meeting, Kristen Siemon presented many fundraising possibilities to meet the costs of the restoration. Tops was having a BBQ at the Community Center after the Galisteo Rodeo in late July. On June 7th, the Galisteo Jam, our first not-to-be-missed fundraising event, will be hosted by (Cont. p.2)

PROJECT KNOWN QUANTITY

This impressively labor-intensive clay artwork by Isabella Gonzales (below) is *Project Known Quantity*, made for Assistance Dogs of the West to raise money to provide service dogs for U.S. veterans at no cost. As a whole, the sculpture consists of clusters of over 4000 ceramic thumbprints, each celebrating a soldier who died in the Iraq war. Each dog costs \$15-20,000 to raise and train over a two-year period. Clusters of 50 prints each are \$300. The organization suggests that students, churches and community members form groups to sponsor a cluster. (Donations are deductible.)

The group also trains children to train dogs through schools and camps. As one Board member put it, “when you put dogs, kids, and community service together, it doesn’t get any better...” To contact Assistance Dogs of the West (based in Santa Fe): 986-9748 or info@assistedogsofthewest.org.



Barbara and Philip Pfeiffer at 85 McKee Road. Come enjoy this beautiful setting and our local musical talent, plus food and drink. Not only will these fundraising events contribute to the restoration of an historic building in the center of town, they will also give the community a much-needed time and place to get together and have fun. Watch the bulletin board for details.

While La Sala de Galisteo is in the development stage, Dianna (a former museum curator) and Woody Gwyn have had a wonderful idea. Their home is the old Davis y Ortiz hacienda and former site of the Galisteo History Museum (the sign is still around; see above). So they have offered to open a separate room on their front portal on summer weekends as La Sala/Galisteo Museum and Visitor Center. In this central space, Galisteo artists will be able to display a sampling of their work. No art will be for sale, for security reasons, but the artists' information will be available. (Interested artists, contact Barb King or Cindy Lux.)

Stories of the history of Galisteo and local artifacts from our village's colorful past will also be displayed for weekend visitors. Community volunteers (Galisteo history buffs, naturalists, artists, and enthusiasts) will be needed to staff Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the summer months.

SPRINGTIME IN THE BOSQUE

Jan Saunders

Early on the morning of April 17th, we walked the Bosque in the beauty of an overnight spring snowstorm. Lovely for us, but it must have been tough for those heat-seeking vultures to wake up with their roosting tree covered in snow. My guess is that they were rethinking their migration schedule.

Birds are tough and can endure cold, wind, and wet, but I worried for the insect eaters like Say's Phoebes, Bluebirds, and Hummers. I just learned that when faced with cold, Hummingbirds go into a state of torpor, lowering their heart rate and conserving their body heat. Bluebirds eat berries when insects are not available. And the Phoebe was lucky that a few days before the storm, I bought meal worms (\$10 a cup at Wild Birds!). He/she ate them with relish as soon as they were served up on an old cookie sheet.

A couple of days after the snow, I began to find spring migrants flocking in like old friends: Yellow-rumped Warblers, Chipping Sparrows, Blue Grosbeaks, Western Tanager, Bullock's Oriole, and my favorite – the Ash-throated Flycatchers that have made a long journey back to nest here in the Galisteo Basin. Lots of folks have called to say that both Black-chinned and Broad-tailed Hummingbirds are stopping at their feeders. The males arrived first about mid-April. I saw my first female Black-chinned yesterday (April 30th). Get ready to make sugar water (4 parts water to 1 sugar) because traffic will only increase.

Random Spring sightings of interest: An American Egret was spotted in early April near El Puente. Canada Geese winged their way overhead as did two Sandhill Cranes. A pair of American Kestrels was observed playing a serious springtime game of "gra-bass." (Move the hyphen to get my drift.) Two Avocets were spotted wading in the drainage water from the village tank repair. An Osprey rested on the spine north of the village. A Chihuahua Raven sat on the fence in Ranchitos, quacking like a duck – a dead giveaway that it was not a common Raven.

Someone is pretty sure he saw the rear end of a Bobcat disappearing over a bank in the Bosque. Someone else brought me a beautiful but very dead Common Poor-will. It was hunkered down on the road, looking like a dirt clod, as they are known to do. When the car passed over, it flew up into the undercarriage. If you want to see it, come by. It's in my freezer.

THE LAST(?) OF THE PLANNING MEETINGS

Richard Griscom

Two meetings were held at the Community Center in April regarding the Growth Management Plan currently being prepared by the County. The first, on April 15th, was a Galisteo area-wide meeting for the County to present, and get feedback on, the Outreach and Charette Report resulting from three days of public discussion at the Community Center in late February.

Input from this and meetings at the three other districts will be incorporated into the draft plan. After a series of additional public meetings, and additional revisions of the draft, the Plan will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for approval in late summer or early fall. One of the Plan's main thrusts will be to ensure that, when development comes to the County's rural areas, it will be in the form of large rather than small lots.

The draft of the Galisteo Community Plan, not quite finished, will be incorporated into the County Plan. This means that the Galisteo Planning Committee, as currently constituted, has finished its work. However, as discussed at our final meeting on April 30th, Galisteo will continue to have the opportunity to be involved in decisions on local development and the implementation of the new Growth Management Plan through either a BCC-recognized "Community Planning Organization" and/or a "Registered Organization" (with the County, that is).

GVFR NEWS

Given the lack of moisture, **fire danger** now is "high" and may be moved to "very high," so the Fire Department is gearing up for a pretty hot season. Many members recently took a wildlands fire refresher course. (**Wayne King** wrote it up for *The Connection*, the County fire publication; the last issue included Wayne's piece on kitchen fires, synopsized in the February *El Puente*, #122).

The Galisteo **Phone Book donation/promotion** has been a huge success. As of May 1st, we have received 21 donations. THANK YOU GALISTEO!

Jon Stern is a new member of the Department; and apologies to **Ken Spicocchi** whose name we misspelled last month.

CHECK OUT THE INSERT on MAY 21st EVENT

"There isn't much to see in a small town, but what you hear (and read) makes up for it!" (Anonymous; from *The Georgetown [Maine]Tide*, which was the inspiration for *El Puente*.)

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

A one-day show of **Marghreta Cordero's** paintings will be shown at El Farol on May 17th from 5PM until closing. There will also be music by former Galisteo Melanie Monsour and others, while Marghreta's brother Frank will DJ.

The **Century Bike Race** takes place May 17th, coming through Galisteo as usual. Drive carefully!

The **former Galisteo Inn** is for sale, and so (separately) is the liquor license.

Thanks from the organizers to the 25 or so volunteers from Galisteo and elsewhere who turned out to clear part of the **wetlands** west of the Galisteo bridge. This is the most important wetland in the watershed, and in the last few years it has been drying out, becoming endangered by Russian Olives (thorny critters that are challenging to chop down). The event was co-sponsored by Earth Works Institute, Cerro Pelon Ranch, and the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance. Wetlands -- where plants, soils, and wildlife are permanently influenced by watery conditions on the surface -- make up only about 2% of New Mexico's arid lands, but they are habitat for 80% of our vertebrate species for at least part of their lifespan (*The New Mexican*, 4/6/09). There are only eight wetlands in the Basin and we neglect them at our peril. Work was followed by a collegial lunch at the Community Center and a talk by Jan Willem Jansens on the history of the Galisteo Creek.

In the last issue of the County newsletter *The Connection* there were interviews with our two new **County Commissioners: Liz Stefanics** and **Kathy Holian**. Stefanics said "I think I'm here for customer service. I go to a lot of community meetings and hear what the issues are." She also hopes to "move away from variances. People just want to take care of their family and sometimes they want to stretch the rules," which "really upsets their neighbors. It's dipping into water usage, double or triple what they're supposed to be using....there used to be a saying about 'good fences make good neighbors.' Well now it's about respecting the codes and the ordinances and the rules."

Holian is particularly interested in the new Growth Management Plan, in green construction standards, open spaces, and forest restoration, "including thinning at the urban rural interface and better rural road design, where water is harvested from the road and vegetation loss from erosion is minimized."

We're seeing more **movie action** this month. *The Killer Inside Me* starring Jennifer Alba and Casey Affleck is underway at Doc Ferneau's house; the Community Center is "base camp." The romantic comedy *Did You Hear about the Morgans?* starring Sarah Jessica Parker and Hugh Grant, will be shot later in the month with the Rodeo Grounds as base camp. There will be some night filming. Donations are being made to the GCA.

Janet Pfeiffer has broken ground for her home on McKee Road; it is being built by Galisteo resident **Stuart Nacht**, who recently bought a house nearby.

On April 25th, **Vicki Snyder** and colleagues had a one-day show at Priscilla Hoback's Studio/Gallery.

Barbara Strand (via Bill Huckaby) sent an article on the career of **Tom Ford** ("the man with the Midas touch") from London's *Harrod's Magazine* (June 2008).

Julia Moore presented "An Introduction to the work of Byron Katie" on May 2nd. Katie's "radical" and "life-changing" work is "a process that clears the mind...simply four questions and a turnaround." For more information, call Julia at 466-7256.

The Museum of New Mexico has acquired a limited edition portfolio of **photographs of the Galisteo Basin**, an offshoot of the January exhibition at Photo Eye, in opposition to drilling in the Basin. 50% of the portfolio sales go to Drilling Santa Fe, the Environmental Law Center and the Oil & Gas Accountability Project. Portfolios are for sale for a mere \$6000 and can be seen online at www.GalisteoBasinPhotoProject.com.

Patrick McFarlin and Deborah Madison had a book signing for their new book -- *What We Eat When We Eat Alone* -- at Garcia Books on May 8th.

April was indeed the cruelest month, for **Galisteo bodies**, as February was for vehicles. There were surgeries for hernia and dog bite as well as a horse kick ...and who knows what else that didn't get caught on the grapevine.

GCA NOTES

Linda Braun, Secretary

By the time you read this, filming in Galisteo for *The Killer Inside Me* will be completed. And the Central City billboard along Highway 41 near 285 (not announcing a new subdivision!) will probably also be gone.

Elections for the Galisteo Community Board were held on April 27th. The results were as follows: Anna Cárdenas was elected Vice President; Muriel Fariello moved from alternate to full board memner; Linda Braun was elected to continue as board member; Matthew McQueen was elected a new board member, and Barbara Pfeiffer is the alternate board member for one year.

Freddie Cárdenas remains as president, Corinne Anaya as Treasurer, Rob Civitello, Barbara King, and Janice Wall all remain board members for another year.

Frank Hirsch spoke about the United Communities of Santa Fe County (UCSFC), a new group formed to act as a united voice for small communities to the Board of County Commissioners. It is monitoring the Charette reports on the developing County Growth Management Plan. Frank says that it expresses the wishes of the consultants rather than those of the Galisteo community. He suggests that everyone take a look at the report and e-mail your comments to him.

Ruth Colboth, Janice Felty Griscom's mother, died on March 31st in Tucson, from complications following a fall. She was born on June 16th, 1918, on a farm in western Kentucky, and moved to Tucson in 1941, where she raised her three children. Ruth was a strong, loving, loyal and gentle woman who did much good and little harm. She had lived in Galisteo with Janice and Richard since December 2007 and always enjoyed the Saturday morning coffees at the Community Center. She is greatly missed by friends and family.

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