

# EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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In the week of January 10<sup>th</sup> Galisteo lost two leading citizens, who died in their homes in the village they loved. Moira Walden passed away on January 11<sup>th</sup> and Richard Griscom on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Both had lived here for many years. Both consistently contributed to Galisteo's well being, giving time and energy. We miss them.

Many villagers attended a memorial on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at Moira's home with three of her children, and a Quaker service for Richard with his wife Janice Felty and his/their children at the Community Center on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both events brought out the best of Galisteo as we paid tribute to good neighbors and models of community involvement. Both obituaries in *The New Mexican* suggested donations to the Galisteo Community Association.

## MOIRA WHITING WALDEN, 1923-2011



Moira was born in New York City on April 15, 1923 to Edna Andersen and Kenneth Whiting, a Captain in the US Navy who invented the first aircraft carrier. She received a two-year diploma from Sarah Lawrence College and served in the WAVES as a Central Tower Operator during World War II. She married Howard T. Walden, Jr. in 1946 and they had six children: Virginia, who lives in Galisteo, Henry (Pecos), (Cont.p.2)

**Answer to last month's "What Nobody Knows About Us": BOBBIE HILLIARD** attended a two-room school house in a mining town in Harlan County, Kentucky.

**NEXT: Who was lost at the Cairo airport (on his way to Libya, after a debauched night in Greece) and was rescued, given food and a bed by the famous Palestinian intellectual and activist Edward Said?**

## RICHARD ANDREW GRISCOM 1935-2011



Richard was raised a Quaker on a fruit farm in southern New Jersey. He graduated from Wesleyan University, having received a Fulbright scholarship in cross-cultural exchange to Germany. He then went to Harvard law School and embarked on a career in cultural exchange and community development that first took him to Central and South America. He joined the Peace Corps, serving in Jamaica, Bolivia, Venezuela, Paraguay and El Salvador as Deputy Country Director, and coordinated training programs in California. He worked for the US Agency for International Development in Bolivia, coordinating a rural development program and setting up agricultural cooperatives. In Panama, he designed a program to improve the (Cont. p.2)

(WALDEN) Howard (Seattle), Moira (Boothbay, ME.), Daniel (Oceanport, NJ), and Robert (deceased). Over her lifetime Moira played classical piano, taught Sunday school, was a voluntary literacy tutor, a member of the Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue, and of the Santa Fe chapter of Mended Hearts. She also belonged to Bowl with Biddy Bowlers and served as secretary, treasurer, vice president and president of the Board of Friends of the College of Santa Fe Library.

Moira was named after her father's sailboat and later became an avid and skilled sailor herself. Her daughter Ginny recalls that her Mariner troop of girls built a tiny, leaky dinghy that her husband dubbed The Queen Mary. She crewed with him when racing on Long Island Sound. One summer an 80 mph wind gust came up and capsized the sailboat, which sank like a rock and was never found.

Moira first came to landlocked Galisteo in the late 1970s, when her daughter Ginny was living in the area. She bought the house in 1978 and moved here full time in 1985, after her husband's death. She was a long time member of the Board of the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association.

In the first issue of EL PUENTE (January 1997), she wrote "Running Water for Galisteo," a detailed account of the 1962 founding of the Galisteo water system. And in March 1999 we published a picture of Moira taking a walk with her household of rescued dogs and canine hangers on. (The cats stayed home.) She was especially close to Remy and Luis Chavez, Mary Alice Anaya and Clarita Anaya.

Moira pulled no punches. The last time I ran into her at the mailboxes I asked how she was. "Old," she replied.

There will be a public memorial at the Community Center, possibly on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## GCA UPDATE

from Roger Taylor, secretary

A special election will be held in March at the Community Center to fill one vacancy on the Board, with perhaps the Alternate seat also available. The Board would like to encourage community-service oriented individuals to stand for election. We meet one evening each month for several hours to discuss issues impacting the community and to consider ideas that promote the common good. No specific skills are necessary except the willingness to listen, communicate, be creative, and work in a team setting. For more information contact a current Board member (Anna Cárdenas, Muriel Fariello, Corinne Anaya, Roger Taylor, Amber Haskell, Matthew McQueen, Elayne Patton and Janice Ruth Wall).

At the March meeting volunteers can also sign on to three new committees reporting to the Board: Fundraising; GCC Building Repairs & Maintenance; GCC Garden Maintenance and Watts Park Memorial Activities (for plaques and plantings to commemorate longstanding/active village citizens).

In addition, the GCA By-laws are being updated; it's been ten years since the last revision; a list of bullet points will be presented for consideration.

Finally, it was decided to reach out to the youth of Galisteo to identify what types of activities would interest them and perhaps to establish a Galisteo Youth Group. There will be a sign-up sheet

(GRISCOM) legal system and combat government corruption. He also worked with the School for International Training, setting up a Haitian Refugee Program providing job skills, and in Sudan he trained government officials on absorbing Ugandan and Ethiopian refugees. In Papua New Guinea, he developed training programs in health, education, and community development. He also served two stints as General Counsel to the New Mexico Human Services Department.

So Galisteo was very lucky when Richard's work overseas came to an end and he began to contribute his broad experience to the village. He had arrived around 1972 with his former wife Chris Griscom. When that marriage ended, he moved to the former Sena house on Via La Puente. In 1979 he met and then married the mezzo soprano Janice Felty. They shared a passion for music. Richard was a devoted member of the Santa Fe Men's Camerata.

In Galisteo Richard served on the boards of the GCA and the Water Association, was a founding member of the Galisteo Planning Committee, and a frequent contributor to El Puente. As his children wrote in his obituary in *The New Mexican*, Richard was "an authentic, kind, and engaged man with infectious optimism and curiosity about the world around him. He was committed to the spirit of volunteerism and community service, and dedicated his career to making the world a better place." Working with him on various village committees was a privilege, and a lesson in thoughtful, intelligent participation.

Richard leaves behind his wife Janice, sons David and Britt, daughters Karin, Megan and Hannah, their spouses, five grandchildren (plus a sixth born soon after his death), and a very grateful Galisteo.

There will be a public memorial on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4PM, at the United Church in Santa Fe, near the corner of Saint Michael's and Arroyo Chamiso.

(GCA) for community members to donate time for art lessons, etc. *Parents: Please have a discussion with your children about activities they would like to participate in, and bring those ideas to the March election meeting.*

Repairs to the roof of the Community Center were completed at the end of January. We have replaced the asphalt shingles facing the parapets with a heated poly-membrane seal, as the shingles were worn through and rainwater was leaking under the tin sheeting. In addition, a number of large cracks in the stucco covering the parapets were filled and the gaps between stucco and wood framing under the front windows were sealed with clear silicone caulking. Many thanks to those who contributed to our fundraiser last Fall, which covered expenses.

Acting on a suggestion from a community member, it was agreed to name the GCC kitchen **Mela's Kitchen** in recognition of Mela Montoya's service to the community and to place a plaque in the kitchen to that effect.

The Valentine's Day Event was organized by Janet Pfeiffer, Cory McGillicuddy, and Evelyn Francheschi at the GCC; a percent of the proceeds will be donated to the GCA for additional repairs to the building. The Board would also like to thank Cory and Evelyn for putting together the recent "Cookie Exchange," which also donated to the GCC repair fund.

## FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Elections have been held for GVFR Officers with the following results: **Chief, Jean Moya; Assistant Chief, Linda Anaya; Captain, Wayne King; EMT Captain, Isabella Gonzales; Lieutenant, Christian Mee; Secretaries, Barbara King and Janice Wall; Treasurer, Frank Lux.** Jean, Linda, Christian and Wayne completed the 2010 Fire Officers Program.

Congratulations to all, and thanks on behalf of the community for the commitment necessary to take on these demanding jobs.

Now that we have had such a taste of **bad weather** and record-breaking cold, be sure and have plenty of food and water on hand, check your propane tanks, and keep your prescriptions updated or call a neighbor if you can't get out to fill them.

## A LOVE/HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH CANIS LATRANS (PART I)

Jan Saunders

Like street-corner gang members, coyotes are bold and self-assured. Curious golden-yellow eyes and raffish good looks demand our attention and command our imagination. Their unruly vocal celebrations of the night penetrate our dreams, snuggling us down further into midnight coverlets whispering thanks for doors, windows and walls. Boundless trespassers, they recognize no property lines, leaving obvious "tags" as arrogant calling cards on driveways, patios, and pathways. Like Harry Potter wizards, they "apparate" and "disapparate" in front of our very eyes. Of a sudden they are here, there, everywhere and then—nowhere!

But it seems Coyote has always been here on this North American continent we humans also call home. His unrelenting presence on the landscape earns the rancor of ranchers, the respect of biologists, and a significant place in the mythology of Native Americans and Pre-Columbian Meso-Americans. Myth, mystery and allegory are home ground for this trickster. He is called coyote, god's dog, prairie wolf, vermin, chicken thief and a dadburned nuisance. Steel traps, cyanide, and rifles discharged in the name of "predator control" do not diminish his numbers nor curtail his range. Unlike his cousin the wolf, Coyote persists and prospers as he pads his way across the continent.

Unlike other Basin predators -- bobcats, mountain lions or owls -- Coyote is neither purely nocturnal nor crepuscular but an opportunistic omnivore out on patrol 24/7. Like the family dog (*Canis familiaris*) asleep at your feet as you read this, Coyote is a canine. Comforting thought?

Here's how some of your neighbors feel about Coyote: *\*Coyotes? I can't imagine a night without their song. \*When I'm on horseback I run after them, just to scare them off. They cry, yip and glance back over their shoulder as if to say, "So this is what it feels like." \*I saw a three-month old pup once, real close. I just fell in love. It was so cute. \*They're always hanging around like bums—"Got spare change?" \*I've heard as many as 6 packs calling from different directions at the same time. They say one coyote can sound like two and two like four, and so on, but I think there are many coyotes living in the Basin.*

*\* Late one night under a "smuggler's moon" a coyote acting submissive with his tail between his legs tried to lure my old Australian Shepherd off the portal. I saw three others lurking in the shadows and ran 'em off. Pissed me off! \* Coyotes ate my cat, but I don't blame them. I think they are exquisite. \* Coyotes are adaptive, numerous and wily. I am at once quite taken with them and irritated and bored. It's all part of the package. \*On the ranch, if I have my weapon with me, I might take a "pot shot" at a coyote, but they don't really bother the cattle. \*It's creepy, but I love to hear them singing at night, when I imagine they are eating something. \*Coyotes eat grasshoppers and rodents that are harmful to people. They are an indispensable part of our environment. \*Coyotes wrote the book on survival!*

## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

**Denice Pruett**, who works at the Eldorado Animal Clinic, has developed a static cling window thermometer called "**Too Hot for Spot?**" after hearing stories of pets and children left in vehicles and exposed to hypothermia or heat stroke. The device provides real-time information for pet owners so they can make intelligent choices when traveling with pets.

*The New Mexican* (1/20) featured an article on **Richard Patton's** new book: *Perfected by Lack, Ruined by Excess: The Paradox of Animal Nutrition* (Nottingham University Press, \$25). The animal nutritionist and former college professor traveled the world, fed all kinds of species, consulted for zoos, played mountain man in the wilderness; "all these things came together and I realized there was a disconnect." He recommends checking petfood labels and watching out for a predominance of soy and corn, or carbohydrates, observing that both human and animal health depend on exercise, portion control, and diet composition. "Pets leverage our attention," he says, "and we kill them with kindness," but people's habits are hard to change.

**Nancy Holt's** solo show at the Wallach Gallery at Columbia University in New York is now traveling in Europe. It is accompanied by the first book on this internationally known artist, who was also featured in a recent article in *Orion*.

**Ken Kuhne's** Grow Y'own year-round planters, inspired by a conversation with **Deborah Madison** days after the "rug was pulled out" from under him on a major building project, were written up in *The New Mexican* (1/26). "I'd been thinking about what the most important things were...Sustenance is primal. People have to eat."

**Muriel Fariello**, wearing the hat of Vice President of the Spanish Mustang Foundation, wrote a "My View" in *The New Mexican* (2/13) about the need to preserve wild horses as part of the American heritage.

**Greg O'Byrne** was one of the presenters of a check for \$20,000 from the Santa Fe Wine & Chile Fiesta, which he directs, to Cooking With Kids, an elementary school program.

**Barbara Seiler** wrote a letter to the editor citing a *New York Times* article on fracking that said gas and oil companies had used more than 32 million gallons of water so far. "It's common knowledge that Gov. Susana Martinez's campaign was paid primarily by gas and oil interests and she will defend them."

*Jan Saunders*

(Cont. from p.3) Singer and guitarist **Nacha Mendez (aka Marghreta Cordero)** was on the cover of *Pasatiempo* (2/11) with an article ("Music in her Blood") about her varied career (from down-home bands to national experimental opera) as she is honored by the New Mexico Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. (The original Nacha Mendez was her grandmother.) She remarks that it's still an uphill battle for women in the music world, and Santa Fe is no exception. On a sadder note, Marghreta's mother "Chavela" Cordero, who was living with her in Galisteo, passed away earlier this month.

The concert is Feb. 19 at CCA: 988-1338; Nacha also plays weekly at La Posada, La Boca, and El Farol.

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