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HAPPY NEW YEARFELIZ AÑO NUEVO***

This lovely 1938 photograph of La Sala by Ernest Knee was recently given to La Sala de Galisteo by an anonymous donor, in honor of Nancy Holt, after it was brought to local attention by Joette and Nick Trofimuk of Photogenesis.

Knee was born in 1907 in Canada, and came to New Mexico for his health in 1931, having fallen in love with the Southwest. He and his first wife, painter Gina Knee, hung out in the Taos and Santa Fe art colonies, and explored northern New Mexico. The only image of Galisteo included in the 2005 Museum of New Mexico Press book edited by his son Dana Knee is a 1934 image of (I believe) the old Leyba place next to the Montoya home on Camino de los Abuelos. But *El Puente* will try to track down others.

This signed and dated print, 11 x 14", belongs here in Galisteo. Next door to La Sala, part of the Mora home (now Romona Scholder's) was probably torn down in the 1950s when the Felten family acquired that property. It's not clear what the tiny shed (?) across the road, also gone now, may have been. The photograph will be kept in the Archive Room at the Community Center until La Sala is fully renovated.



FUTURE VISION

In June 2006, El Puente printed a "vision for the future of Galisteo" from the Galisteo Community Planning Committee. The new year seems a good time to review this mission (slightly revised below for limited space).

In the future, the village of Galisteo will continue to preserve its distinct character, where history and shared values are honored and future generations can afford to stay and raise their families, while promoting a strong land and energy conservation ethic.

These values will be actualized by: 1) developing a safe and efficient water utility with effective water conservation measures and reuse; 2) developing appropriate residential density for subdividing land, especially with regard to water availability; 3) concentrating residential growth in and adjacent to the village center; 4) ensuring an affordable housing component to future growth; 5) providing access to open space through a trail network; 6) controlling traffic flow through the village; 7) defining public spaces where people can gather and socialize. COMMENTS WELCOME.



Los Pastores at the Community Center, Dec. 14: Nicole Wells as Mary, Seth Griego as Joseph. Photo: A. Cardenas

LA SALA UPDATE

After another very successful year, La Sala's Board had its end of the year meeting and re-elected all members who were up for renewal, while shifting some of the officers. Now that the restoration has come close to completion in her six years as President, Barbara King is stepping down to become Secretary. Roger Taylor will succeed her. Jean Moya is our new Vice President; Anna Cardenas will continue as Treasurer.

This past summer saw a continuation of our youth intern program and finishing the exterior and interior stitching together of adobes. Additional coats of mud were added all around the building with the help of volunteers and Cornerstones. A handicap walkway was constructed from the North side exit door to the road and preparations are underway for improving the front step access. Next summer we plan to work with Cornerstones to repair and re-point the roof parapet brickwork.

La Sala's interior still needs work and the windows need repairs but the building is almost ready to begin regular use. A Gallery Committee is currently planning an organizational structure for use of the building beginning in the Spring of 2015. There are many types of exhibits and events that can take place while we continue with finishing touches. We will still need donations toward gallery lighting, a hanging system and heat. We want to provide an attractive entrance and reception area so we have a "Wish List" which includes an antique desk, 2 antique square tables with 4 chairs each and an antique bookcase.

With our National Register nomination accepted by the State, we look forward to a review by the National Park Service this Spring. Many thanks to all of you who have so generously donated to our fundraising efforts in a monetary way as well as with donations of snacks and water for our volunteers. And many thanks to the volunteers who have made this project so successful. The end is in sight!!

Please contact any Board Member or email galisteo.lasala@gmail.com with ideas, questions and donations.



Good (San Miguel) and Evil (the Devil). Thanks to all who contributed to Los Pastores, especially the youth, including Esperanza Wells, Richard Puckett, and Angeline Anaya.

GALISTEO'S BICENTENNIAL (IX)

This is as far as we got in our bicentennial year.... For continued information see the little yellow Timeline published for the Bicentennial celebration; it's for sale at \$1.00 through La Sala. (The companion booklet on 19th century economics by Wayne King is also available.) Or wait for Lucy Lippard's book on the history of the village... but don't hold your breath.

In 1862 the Homestead Act passed, but 160 acres were not nearly enough to support a family in the arid southwest and the law became yet another way for the rich to acquire water sources and vast amounts of grazing land. Settlers would prove up, then ranchers would buy them out.

The same year the Battle of Valverde in southern New Mexico was lost by Union forces, among them militia members Miguel and Nicolas Pino of Galisteo. In March the tables were turned at the Battle of Glorieta Pass, and in April, Confederate Texans were pursued to Galisteo as anxious villagers watched from "La Loma Tejana." (They escaped.)

In 1865 Juan "Grande" Ortiz died in Dolores, having ordered his wife and children to Galisteo because there are "too many American hoodlums in Santa Fe." Decades later, his son Juan (who set up business in the building that became the Galisteo Inn) testified that his father owned land in Galisteo from the 1840s, but never lived here.

Some time in the late 1860s or early 1870s, Nicolas Pino and his third wife Juana Rascon built "the first grand house in Galisteo," east of the river, 200 yards south of the old bridge.

In 1868 Sylvester Davis, a Scots Irishman from New Hampshire who came west around 1859, married 15 year old Josefa Ortiz, Juan Grande's daughter. They lived in the hacienda in Galisteo and he ran a foraging station and commissary under U.S. government contract into the 1890s. He also operated a saloon and a store in Galisteo. Their first son, George Davis, who later settled in Moriarty, was born in 1869, followed by three more sons and two daughters. In 1870, a census of the Galisteo District (not just the village) recorded a population of 488. In 1876 the Galisteo Post Office opened; Ambrocio Pino was the first postmaster, Sylvester Davis the second.

The rise of the Santa Fe Ring, described as "a combination organized and headed by a few longheaded, ambitious and unscrupulous Americans," meant more shenanigans around the Galisteo and San Cristobal land grants. Nicolas Pino and the infamous T.B. Catron were involved. From 1879 to 1891 the US Congress declined to confirm any New Mexico land grants, citing the extent of corruption.

In 1880 the railroad arrived at the new town of Galisteo Junction (renamed Lamy Station the next year). The village of Galisteo was the first choice for a railroad center, but a rancher named Sena refused to let it pass through his land. Kennedy Station was located a mile and half west of the village. Lamy became a rough place, the site of train robberies, train wrecks, gambling, cattle trading and home to transient immigrant workers, while Galisteo, with several cantinas, remained a relatively quiet farming town.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Anna Cárdenas was honored by the *Santa Fe New Mexican* as one of Ten Who Made a Difference in 2014. Her nomination read: "Anna is determined that the shrinking local Hispano community will continue to have a voice in Galisteo, and that the intertwined family histories will be collected and not forgotten." "We're a small village," she said, "but we make a lot of noise." (The essay in the *New Mexican* said she and Freddie "chose to build a cemetery" (instead of building next to one!) and she joked that they had very quiet neighbors.

Leslie Gallery Dilworth launched her book *Luck is Not a Plan for Your Future* with a reading at Collected Works on Dec. 3 and an interview that day by Mary Charlotte Domandi of the Radio Café on KSFR. "Through the years," says Dilworth, "many people have said to me, 'You are so lucky - lucky to live where you want, work with people you enjoy, and integrate family with a successful career.' 'Luck' really has had nothing to do with living my life by my design, rather than by default." She shares personal stories -- "humorous and not so humorous"-- about working as a woman in the male-dominated architecture field, concluding "we are each the designer of our own life."

Matthew McQueen has resigned from the Water Board, citing his new responsibilities as State legislator, and to avoid potential conflict of interest.

Janice Griscom has also resigned from her positions on the Water Board and the GCA Board, as she has relocated to Flagstaff to be with her daughter's family there—a real loss for the community.

Bridge work was supposed to halt in mid December until mid March, but so far it has only slowed down. Barrels, portapotty, and occasional machinery remain. Habib Abi-Khalil, the Assistant District Engineer, has been extraordinarily responsive to complaints about excessive noise and lights at night.

José Daniel (Joe Dan) Peña passed away at age 77 on Dec. 4. He was born in Galisteo to Pedro and Ursula Peña and is survived by his wife, Sara Peña, and Clyde and Mary Peña of Galisteo, among others. Joe Dan was an altar boy in Galisteo before serving in the US Navy and he drove Santa Fe Public School buses for over 25 years. On Dec. 9, he was interred in the Galisteo Cemetery.

Woody Gwyn is showing "Recent Landscapes" at the David Findlay Jr. Gallery in New York, Dec. 10-Jan. 3.

The NoCOIL steering committee has been notified that the first hearing on the proposed weight limit ordinance for several county roads, including CR 33, could take place at the January 27th BCC meeting. As in the past, these dates are subject to change. The committee will continue to keep supporters informed as the new year approaches.

Could this be a typo? It was noted in the *Santa Fe Reporter* (10/22) that the former Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, now owned by a non-profit, has rights to an incredible 869 acre-feet of water per year, which is running neighbors' wells dry

FRONTIER COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

The nascent committee met again on December 2nd and mostly discussed the center of town, with the aid of some interesting aerial photographs, in which the church appears surrounded by a "sea of concrete." One option that was mentioned was the possibility of closing off CR 42 between the church and La Sala and turning the road and adjacent vacant lot (still privately owned) into a park-like area. This was rejected because of the school bus stop, mailbox traffic, church parking, and burgeoning CR 42 traffic. Hopefully weight limits on CR 42 will be determined by the BCC in January so huge trucks will be banned; at the moment they use it as a shortcut. A bike path is also being proposed across CR 42 to NM 14.

To execute any design projects, we would have to qualify for improvements supported under the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA), a state statute funded by Local Option Gross Receipts Taxes. Charlie Deans proposes that we become an "arts and culture compound" under LEDA and the Dept. of Cultural Affairs, with HPD and the Arts Commission also involved. So far, no definition of a "compound" has emerged. The current rough boundary does not include the east side of the creek.

Tax credits for "contributing" structures in the village are doubled if we are in a compound. These can go up to \$100,000. If you think this applies to you, contact Harvey Kaplan at HPD: 827-3971 or Harvey.kaplan@state.nm.us.

Other ideas included stone entrance and exit signs (a public art project) to define a "Galisteo Monument"; two pale tan hard-surface dirt or herringbone brick pedestrian crossings by the church, and community development of the vacant lot on the southwest side, owned by Michael Anaya, although water will be a problem.

The highway through town center will consist of two 11' lanes with 4' shoulders. One will be a pedestrian walkway. The community had not agreed to a 10' walkway between bridge and church, but it is apparently still in the plans. (The DOT trumps the County.) It seems we have a Transportation Representative for our area but no idea who s/he is.

If you have an opinion on any of the proposals noted above, or new ideas, let us know! Or join the committee. The next Frontier Initiative meeting is Tues. Jan. 13th at the Community Center, 6-8pm.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I loved Stella Maestas's memoir of Los Pastores. So beautiful and sweet. More, please.

Corey McGillicuddy

Correction: Sara Sena was misspelled (as Sarah) in the November issue.

GVFR ELECTIONS

The Galisteo Volunteer Fire & Rescue has held its annual elections with the following results: Chief, **Jean Moya**; Assistant Chief, **Jay Hetler**; Fire and EMS Captain, **Jon Stern**; Secretaries, **Barbara King and Janice Wall**; Treasurer, **Frank Lux**. Ed Epping has joined the department (Yay!) More volunteers are still needed. The GVFR has been awarded \$100,000 for a new mini-pumper.

81% of the calls answered by the Santa Fe County Fire Department are rescue and emergency; fires make up 3.39%.

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