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Saturday Nov 12, Community Center, 9-11AM : Breakfast and Meeting to present the Galisteo Village Center Revitalization Action Plan: 30 minute presentation at 9:30. (See details p.3)

### MARK EDWARD BENIGNO (1960-2016)

Mark passed away suddenly of a heart attack on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at the age of 56. He was born in New Orleans and raised in Houston and Dallas. Having played baseball in high school, he continued his excellent pitching at Texas A&M. After graduation he opened a successful marketing company in Dallas. Years later he moved to Galisteo and worked on nearby ranches. When in the village, he started every day with cups of coffee with neighbors and was always ready to help anyone with any project any time. He appreciated a shot of Bourbon, a Cuban cigar, and a good laugh.

Mark gave of himself tirelessly to make others' lives better. He delivered meals for Seniors in the Galisteo and El Dorado area. He and Sherry divided their time between Galisteo and Pennsylvania and traveled extensively. He loved adventure and created memorable moments wherever he found himself. On frequent travels to Guatemala, he took hungry children out to eat, bought clothes and school supplies for the needy.

Mark is mourned by his beloved partner Sherry Kerstetter and his many friends here. At a memorial at Priscilla Hoback's on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, his humor and generosity was recalled and his friends made it clear they felt lucky to have known him. Mark is survived by Sherry, his mother, five brothers and sisters, and nieces and nephews. (Thanks to Sherry Kerstetter.)



IF YOU HAVE NEVER SPONSORED AN ISSUE OF *EL PUENTE* (OR IF YOU HAVE), PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO (AGAIN) TO KEEP US GOING AS WE COMPLETE OUR 20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF PUBLICATION: \$80 per issue, check made out to GCA with "newsletter" in memo line; send to El Puente, 14 Avenida Vieja, Galisteo, 87540. Or be even more generous and contribute to the c. \$700 (!) it costs for a year's postage. (Ah, for the good old days when we put it in everyone's mailbox free of charge.) And many thanks to those who have already responded to this plea.

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### GALISTEO PHONE DIRECTORY 2017

It's that time of year again... Do you have a directory? Are you listed? Is your home business listed? Is your listing correct (new email?). Do you see any additions or subtractions that need to be made? We try our best but things do slip through. The Galisteo Volunteer Fire & Rescue wants to keep our village directory as current and correct as possible. You can help us do that. It's as easy as a quick email by Dec. 1 to [forbeslux@aol.com](mailto:forbeslux@aol.com). Thanks!

### GCA PRESIDENT RESIGNS

Wayne King has resigned as president of the Galisteo Community Association, citing his responsibilities to the Fire Department and Water Association Board. Vice President Barbara Seiler will be acting president until the election in March, when the community will meet to elect a new President and some Board members. "We're grateful for the time Wayne was able to dedicate to the GCA," Seiler told *El Puente*. "He took his position seriously and put effort and thought into overseeing his duties."



A goat convention cleans up the Kings' field, courtesy of Goat Wrangler Amanita Thorp ([Amanita@SunStarHerbs.net](mailto:Amanita@SunStarHerbs.net) or 470-8741.)

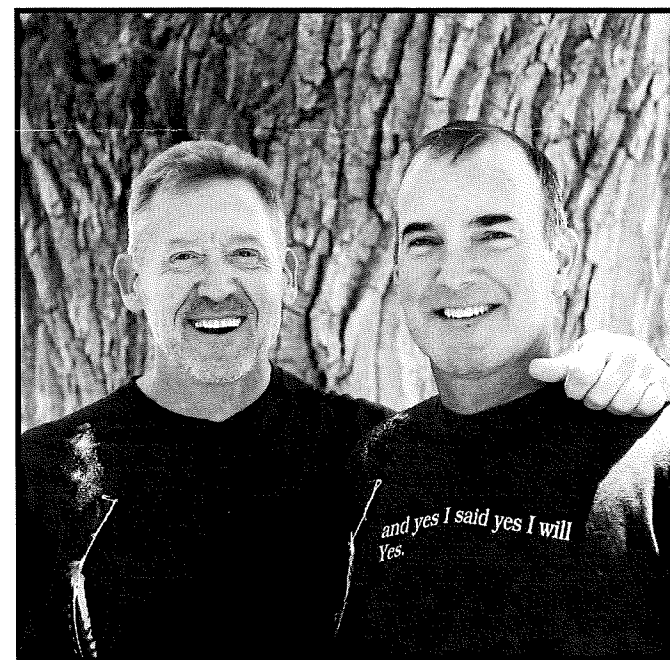
## STUDIO TOUR

The 29th Galisteo Studio Tour on October 15-16<sup>th</sup> featured 23 studio stops and 2 food stops, many familiar faces and some new ones, such as Elisa Wike Hurley, who showed her large abstract paintings. (See photo below). Julia Cairns's lively painting of the village from above was on the poster. The news from artists was generally good, although a traffic jam at the dead end of Magdalena made life miserable for residents.



## GOOD NEWS

Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Scott Canning and Jeff Ruzich were joined in marriage in a small ceremony under the cottonwood trees in front of their home. They have been together for 25 years, and are delighted to be able to "tie the knot" legally! Judy Tuwaletsiwa performed one ceremony in her capacity as Reverend Judy. Phillip Tuwaletsiwa then joined the two in a Hopi ceremony, complete with feathers of the Shafted Flicker and ceremonial blue corn. Their old friend from San Francisco, Bill Morris, was the second witness, and the group was surrounded by Jeff and Scott's pets.



## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

*The New Mexican* endorsed Democrat **Matthew McQueen** for State Representative, District 50, citing his "concern for and understanding of environmental issues...reducing poverty, developing better jobs, and providing better alcohol and drug treatment." He "supports raising the minimum wage and is against simplistic solutions to deal with violent crime. He is a thoughtful and nuanced thinker, something politics and governing needs." **(HE WON!)**

And then there was a letter to the editor of *The New Mexican* (10/7) from **Arthur Lynn**, who compared Donald Trump to a doctor with a bad bedside manner: "You leave his office angry and insulted, but a week later, you realize he's the only one to tell you the truth." Some Trump supporters plastered the neighborhood with "Hillary for Prison" stickers, painted over by the opposition.

The **beautiful new bell for Nuestra Señora de los Remedios** was blessed on Sunday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> by Fr. Daniel Balizan. If you would like to help pay for it, call 471-1502 or send donations to: Galisteo Bell Project, c/o St. Joseph Church, POB 98, Cerrillos NM 87010.

The late **Johnny Anaya's son Joe**, who was living in Las Vegas, Nevada, passed away in July at the age of 41.

Interesting fact: The **Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue** receives far fewer donations from residents of Ranchitos than from the village proper, although the GVFR works equally hard on the whole area.

**Shaun Gilmore's** mixed media collages and strange twisty sculptures are featured in the current (and prestigious) Alcove Show at the New Mexico Museum of Art, closing December 5<sup>th</sup>.

A full page ad for **Scott Diffrient's** stunning green jewelry, at Malouf on the Plaza, appeared in magazines this August.

More than **45% of New Mexicans owned guns in 2013** according to a Databank survey, one of 8 states in the highest level. Five states, all on the east coast, were at the lowest.

**Scott Canning** spoke on a September panel at Phil Space where Mary Peck showed her lyrical Everglades photographs.

**Craig Moya's New Mexico Hard Cider** (at 505 Cerrillos Rd) was written up in *New Mexico Journey* (Nov./Dec.): "They are one of the few cider producers with a tap room 'that allows us to experiment with small batches and seasonal flavors.' The artistry of his cider carries through to the labeling, featuring evocative paintings by local artists."

**Chris Griscom** was honored with the 2016 Conscious Healer Award from the Global Foundation for Integrative Medicine and was a keynote speaker at the World Congress of Integrative Medicine, sponsored by the Light Harmonics Institute.

**Richard Fenker's** new book *Don't Rain on My Parade: Living a Full life with Alzheimer's and Dementia* is out this month and can be ordered from Amazon or Barnes & Noble. He has also received a \$17,000 grant from the LANL Small Business Assistance program to help develop his MindPartner product technology, offering "a companion mind for people with dementia that stores their personal history and then feeds it back over time through a collection of apps to support 'living a full life.'" And he has agreed to serve as the Chair of a national committee for the Dementia Action Alliance on Technology and Dementia. (Cont.p.3)

**Marilyn Fenker** is slowly becoming the "Esthetician to the Stars," as more and more movie stars make their way to her Santa Facials (santafacials.com).

*The Human Restoration Project: Restoring Health and Resiliency in the Chaos of the Modern World*, is **Mare Tomaski's** new book. One review praised her combination of research and practical methods while exploring "the basics of nourishment, movement, stress reduction, and overcoming our own internal resistance to achieving wellness. I am most impressed with her take on the power of our minds to heal, and the concept of resiliency to find and hold on to our inherent vibrant selves through life. A great read, and useful manual to go back to." Mare's wellness practice is *Transformational Healing and Bodywork*; she is available for personalized Functional Medicine Health Coaching, as well as massage, rolfing, yoga, and cranial sacral therapy (www.dynamicstillpoint.com). Order the book at [www.thehumanrestorationproject.com](http://www.thehumanrestorationproject.com).

Hopefully outdated news on a **summer robbery**: On August 7<sup>th</sup>, between 6:30-8:00 AM, someone entered a home in the village and made off with cash and valuables. This was a crime of opportunity and was most likely performed by a local resident or someone who works here. If you plan to be outside your home, you may want to lock your doors and carry your key.

**Pete Forbes** (in stripes, below) celebrated her 90th birthday October 29<sup>th</sup> at Pranzo's Piano Cabaret with a room full of friends and family. With the help of pianist David Geist, she sang and champagne her way through the afternoon. Cindy and Frank Lux threw the surprise shindig that left her weak in the knees and almost speechless!



## UPDATES

From Roger Taylor

Following the County approval of the Galisteo Community Plan & Zoning in 2012, the Planning Committee (Roger Taylor, Anna Cardenas, Leslie Dilworth, Michael Golino, Frank Hirsch, Lucy Lippard) began working with the NM Frontiers Program to develop plans for limited growth and revitalization in Galisteo along NM 41 -- to respond to the loss of businesses since the financial crash of 2008. When a draft plan was submitted, we were considered to have successfully completed the Frontiers program -- the first community in the County to do so!

The County decided to sponsor this effort, and contributed \$20K to hire consultants to assist us with the **Galisteo Village**

**Center Revitalization Action Plan.** The revised plan will be presented at the Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> breakfast meeting (see p. 1). The community will 1) review the prior planning efforts in Galisteo; 2) gather ideas and input on the village center; and 3) amend and prioritize Revitalization Actions to launch implementation.

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Santa Fe County held a public informational meeting at the Community Center on October 20th to discuss the **Thornton Ranch Open Space Master Plan.** A draft master plan of 4-5 proposed public access trails totaling c. 7 miles, with parking areas and historical display panels, situated on 2,440-acres of County-owned land across the railroad tracks to the south of County Rd 42. The presentation attracted a large audience of area residents, hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists.

The county has made this a high priority project, and funds are to be provided through the Open Space/Trails Bond issue on the November ballot. Once funding has been approved, before the trails will be open to the public, it will take about four years of additional planning, construction, and sign-offs from various County, State and Federal Departments, as well as from eight to ten Pueblos whose ancestors lived in the Galisteo Basin.

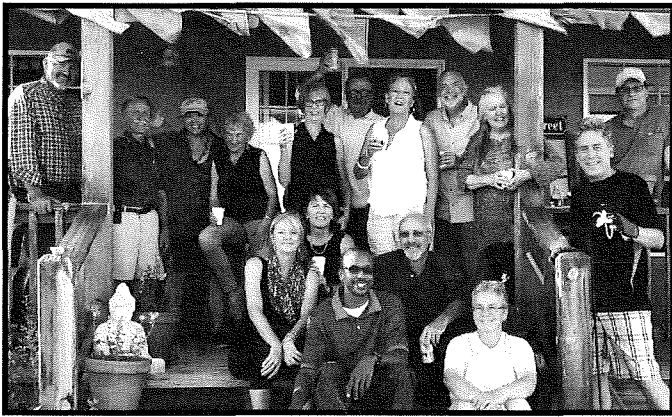
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**La Sala** made great strides to completion this year. The interior walls were covered with off-white American Clay, and the bancos and trim boards were painted with a gray-green popular in the late 1800's (thanks to the Netflix film production crew.) A grant paid for materials & equipment for the 2-coat final mud plastering on all the exterior walls, and community volunteers, interns and a crew from Castleton University in Vermont provided the labor. A second grant helped pay for two of the most damaged windows to be repaired, sealed and painted (thanks to volunteers Ed Epping and Charlie Holloway). The Board and Gallery Committee did a remarkable job opening the gallery this year to successful sales, a busy Studio Tour artists preview and info center, and the recent Salsa dance. More to come in 2017!

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On Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, the GCA hosted a Saturday Coffee & Breakfast in the bosque. After delicious offerings from Cafe Fina kicked in, groups formed to do **follow-up maintenance work from the bosque restoration** in March/April this year. Blockages in the stream bed were removed and dead willows were piled higher up on the embankments. (BTW, dried willow wood makes excellent kindling - burns hot! Anyone is welcome to haul some away.) Russian Olive shoots were pruned and bagged and a citric acid solution was applied to the stumps. Alas, it didn't help. This fall hundreds of stubborn shoots are flourishing again. More work to do.





Summer party for GVFR member Joshway Short to celebrate his completing the SFCC course for certified EMT at the basic level (at Corey McGillicuddy's home).

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**FOR RENT**

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**FOR SALE**

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**Meditation and Knowings** class with Chris Griscom, Sundays at The Light Institute:5-6:30pm.Free to Galisteo residents. 466-1975.

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# TEN in November

November 1, 2016

Dear Galisteños,

For over 40 years the Galisteo Community Association has worked hard to preserve the charm and beauty of our village, helping to keep our community vibrant and viable.

This work takes money: It takes money to maintain and repair our wonderful community center, sustain the bosque, work to calm traffic, and meet with the county to guarantee that planning and zoning ordinances make sense and benefit us. It takes money to protect our Galisteo Basin from the encroachment of gas and oil and other destructive commercial developments.

The work the GCA does is for all of us: It means having a community center available for weddings and other events. It increases the value of our properties. It protects and enriches our community.

To continue this important work, we are reaching out to you, friends and neighbors, in a new way as we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century: Please, join us in our first *Ten In November* fundraiser.

*Ten In November* enables us, the residents of Ranchitos and Galisteo Village, to calculate a fair and equitable donation to the GCA: we suggest each household gives an amount equal to 10% of the yearly property tax bill that comes in November.

For example: If your property tax is \$2150, you would donate \$215 for the year. If your property tax is \$532, you would donate \$53.

We already have commitments from twenty households. We invite you to join us.

Thank you,  
The GCA Board

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