



**SAT. APRIL 29: ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP**

We will begin with breakfast (sponsored by John and Tanya Young) and choose our routes for cleaning. Trashbags will be provided, as well as pick-up.

**THE (DIFFICULT) BIRTH OF THE GALISTEO COMMUNITY CENTER**

In 1973, the nascent Galisteo Community Association received a \$25,000 grant to build a community center on donated land on Avenida Vieja. Dick Griscom, with former residents Rosie Rosenwald, and a retired general named Jackson contacted an architectural draftsman living in the village. After blowing some \$4,000, he came up with plans that would cost \$85,000. This was out of the question, and the County wanted their money back. Rod Hall (who moved here in late 1972) stepped in.

Hall designed a simple passive solar building, produced hand-drawn blueprints, and spent about \$10,000 digging the foundation and getting concrete blocks. The County reconsidered and CETA provided seventeen workers (derelicts and ex-cons with no construction experience whatsoever) for 12-18 months. Rudy Sena was hired as foreman.



Community Center in action.



**CORRECTION : 25 YEARS OF THE GVFR**

**SAT. JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> : the Fire Department's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala (not just a breakfast, and even the breakfast will be different...) Expect unexpected visitors and events, a tour of the Fire Station...and more.** So change your calendars! (April 29<sup>th</sup> was already scheduled for the Clean-Up.)

Little was accomplished over the winter aside from building fires and wind blinds to stay warm. Finally, with a few people from the village joining in, they found cheap untreated lumber, got the blocks laid and filled, bermed the north side, set the vigas, got the glass in and plastered the interior. All this for the c. \$21,000 that was left of the original grant. (Kitchen and bathrooms came later.)

Rod then got a lot of keys made and handed them out to villagers. Some wild parties ensued (Boy George's brother showed up at one of them) until vandalism forced the center to be locked up except for events. Rod is amazed that the back walls didn't crack and that the place is still standing! And it is. Many thanks to Rod and Rudy and the motley crew. But this story makes a good case for some repairs, after forty plus years....

**HAPPY EASTER/PASSOVER**



## THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARDS

March is election time in Galisteo, with the Boards of Directors of the Galisteo Community Association, the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, and La Sala de Galisteo all choosing up. Here are the results:

The GCA's Annual meeting was held with a breakfast at the Community Center, on March 11. County staff were present to answer questions on the revitalization plans added to the Community Plan. New Board members were elected by acclaim: Richard Fenker and Jane Perry (Alternate). Continuing Board members: Stella Maestas, Philip Pfeiffer, Shirley Hirsch, and Janet Pfeiffer. Officers were elected following the general meeting: President, Roger Taylor; Vice President, Barbara Seiler; Secretary, Judy Tuwaletstiwa; Treasurer, Estelle Berger. Thanks were extended to Wayne King for leading the prior board, to Barbara Seiler for acting as interim President, and retiring member Peggy Diggs for her contributions.

Estelle Berger and Marcy Hintz are resurrecting the Neighbors Helping Neighbors initiative with the GVFR as advisors. The new contact for Community Center reservations is Suzie Shanklin: [suzieingalisteo@icloud.com](mailto:suzieingalisteo@icloud.com) or 466-2412.

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The Water Association met March 21<sup>st</sup>, with more than the required quorum, including several proxies. Ana Berry, our new bookkeeper, was present to answer questions. The revised Bylaws were adopted by a vote of 25 to 1. Given comments that came in too late to be considered, modifications will be considered and presented at the 2018 meeting.

Meters are read between the first and third of each month. Phil Tuwaletstiwa acknowledged that there were still glitches in the new tiered system: "Don't get excited if you think it doesn't reflect your usage," just contact the Board. The old bills were flat fees and they are now based on usage. The first 1000 gallons are almost free (c. \$1).

Some underground leaks are totally invisible. "We give you reasonable time to fix the leak before you are initially charged for it." Hardship cases will be addressed by the Board: "We are a community volunteer organization and I hope we have a soul. We have liberalized the rules, but we can't be a mom and pop organization any more. Our fees are consistent with, or lower than other similar systems." Steve Moya raised the issue of stand-by fees (c. \$3.50 a month?), instead of charging the base fee of \$22 for those who are not using their hookups yet.

New houses on one lot will have to apply for an additional hookup (at \$10,000, which makes it difficult for villagers' children to establish a home here). Residents in the north of the village would like to join the system but the big expense of adding that much new line is dependent on our receiving a large grant; Michael Golino is applying for us.

Tuwaletstiwa praised all the hard work of past boards from the beginnings of the Water Association in 1961, when it was instigated by Joe M. Anaya and others. Past *mayordomos* (foremen) were Felipe Chavez y Chavez (Antonio's grandfather), Serapio Montoya (Anna's uncle), and Roman Attenberger (Romona's father).

Officers were elected at a Board meeting a few days later: President, Phillip Tuwaletstiwa; Vice President, Richard Patton;

Secretary/Treasurer, Wayne King. Board members: Foreman Antonio Chavez, Lucy Lippard, and newly elected members Steve Moya and John Watson-Jones.

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La Sala held elections on March 6: President, Ed Epping; Vice-President, Jean Anaya Moya; Secretary, Barbara King; Treasurer, Anna Cárdenas. Board members: Roger Taylor, Shaun Gilmore, Gwen Feisst, Janice Wall, and Rachel Darnell-Heath. Roger Taylor was thanked for his leadership as President for several years; he will remain on the Board to focus on continued restoration efforts.

**Congratulations to all, and many thanks to those who keep our community chugging along.**

## LA SALA'S SUMMER PLANS

We are pleased to report that we made great strides toward restoration completion in 2016. The interior walls were covered with off-white American Clay, and the bancos and trim boards with a grey-green color popular in the late 1800's (many thanks to the Netflix film production crew!) A grant paid for materials and equipment for the 2-coat final mud plastering on all the exterior walls, and community volunteers, interns, and a crew from Castleton University of Vermont provided the labor. A second grant helped pay for two of the most damaged windows to be repaired, sealed and painted (thanks to village volunteers Ed Epping and Charlie Holloway).

The Board and the Gallery Committee did a remarkable job opening this year to successful sales, a busy Studio Tour artists' preview and info center, a Salsa dance, and most recently the *Los Pastores* pageant. All funds raised go towards restoration costs.

Our 2017 goals are to complete the restoration of the remaining windows and the front doors and hopefully raise enough funds to install a heating and cooling system (similar to the one in the Church) as well as a gallery lighting system.

**Starting on Memorial Day weekend (May 26-29),** La Sala will open an exhibition and shop where community members can sell their art – two or three dimensional, crafts, authors' books, musicians' CDs. Coffee, cold drinks and snacks will also be for sale. Changing exhibitions will continue into the Fall, with a standard 50/50 with the artists to cover our expenses. We have Internet service, new wall finishes, and will shortly install gallery lighting.

We propose to open our doors Friday and Saturday, noon to 6, and Sunday, noon to 4, with modifications for special events. This will require five 3-hour shifts per week, totally dependent on volunteers. Anyone can do it, and it's a great way to catch up on reading and computer work. Please let Barb King know by May 1st when you are available: [barbaraking3219@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraking3219@gmail.com). or 466-3219. Artworks should be delivered on May 5th - 6th for the first show. Single works may not exceed 24"; you may show a grouping of your art. Please respond with the type of work so we can anticipate display areas.

## BOSQUE PROJECT: ROUND TWO

A meeting was held in March for landowners along the bosque with an update on the latest Bosque Project, to continue restoration of water quality and riparian vegetation along the Rio Galisteo. This time it is funded even more generously than the last round: \$169,000 -- all from New Mexico Environmental Department, which means that the debilitating interdepartmental process won't slow things down this time.

Objectives include: reducing wildfire hazard; reducing non-native invasive plant species and replacing them with native riparian species; reducing water temperature; maintaining permanent flow and enhancing overbank flow opportunities; preventing stream channel degradation; increasing overbank flows and improving wetland conditions where appropriate in the floodplain; and increasing visual quality, view lines, and access for visitors. The project will contribute to healthy water systems across the State of New Mexico, benefitting all of us.

## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Liz Rose's newest chapbook – *portraits: poems by e.p. rose* won first place in the 2017 New Mexico Press Women's Communications Awards, which will be announced at the annual conference in Las Cruces in April: [newmexicopresswomen.org](http://newmexicopresswomen.org).

A One-Year Anniversary Mass for **Micaela Griego** was held on April 2nd at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, **Deborah Madison** held a conversation with James McGrath Morris at Collected Works about her latest book: *In My Kitchen: A Collection of New and Favorite Vegetarian Recipes*.

The **GVFR** is saying farewell to EMT **Joshway Short**, who is embarking on a massage business in Espanola. We wish him great luck with the new venture. We're also saying hello to new auxiliary member **Frank Hirsch**.

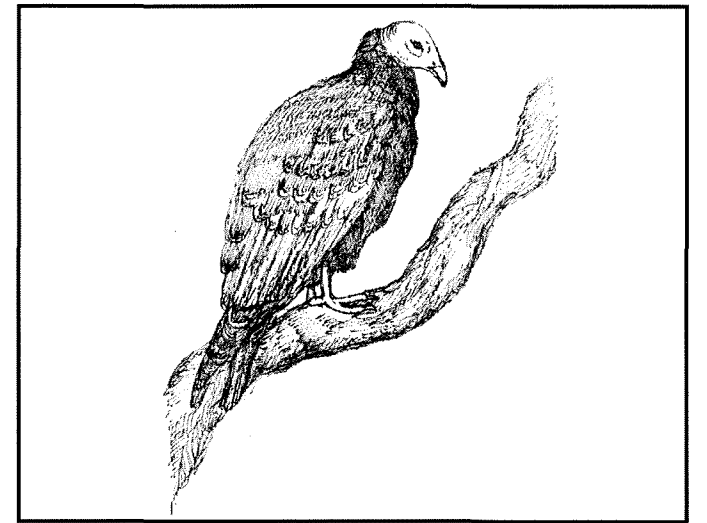
GCA is still looking for **hosts for Coffee/Bookswaps** on July 1, Sept.2, Oct.7, Nov. 4 and Dec.2. Thanks to those who have already responded for the next few months. (To sign up, contact Roger Taylor: [clearskynm@gmail.com](mailto:clearskynm@gmail.com).)

Our State Rep **Matthew McQueen** was often in the news during the recent legislative session. He also had one of the lowest requests for per diems during the session (\$10,125). Requests ranged from \$22,621 (Senator Nancy Rodriguez) to \$7,180 (Rep. Brian Egolf). McQueen sponsored several important bills (too many of which were vetoed by the governor), ranging from Solar Market Tax Credits to post-high-school life skills education, to crimes in fire evacuation zones. He was named an "Environmental All-Star" by the Rio Grande Sierra Club.

**Janine Stern** has had to close her gallery in Santa Fe but is considering a sculpture garden on her Galisteo property. Local sculptors should contact her at 438-8772.

One of the names mentioned in a nefarious deal perpetrated by Trump's second Labor Secretary nominee was billionaire and ex-con (for trafficking teen-age girls) Jeffrey Epstein, owner of the **Zorro Ranch** in and overlooking the Galisteo Basin.

Your editor's **wonderful plumber's** phone number didn't make it onto the GCA's list of services: Mitch Sullivan: 505-280-4897.



**The vultures are back! Were they late this year? (Drawing by Catherine Ferguson)**

## A SIGHTING OF FERRUGINOUS HAWKS

Ed. Note: *Walking in the field along the San Cristobal fenceline last month, I was startled to see in a distant tree a very large bird with a solid white breast; later in the week there was a pair. Not being a birder, I contacted our longtime columnist to find out what I had seen, even though she's now an expatriate. So, over to Jan Saunders, in Arizona, just north of the Mexican border.*

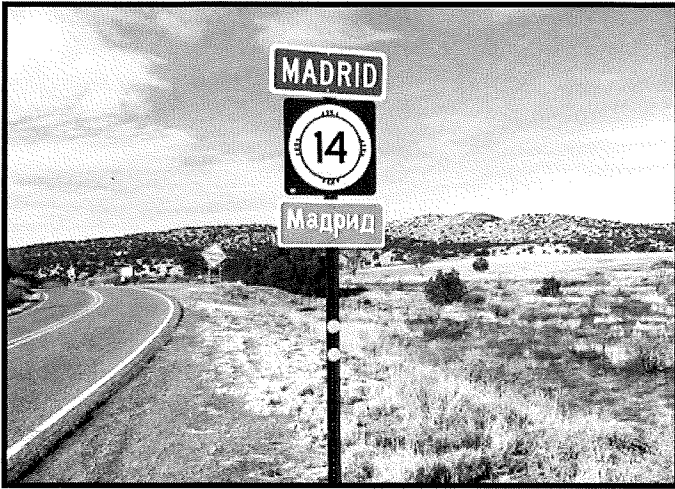
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The long arm of *El Puente* reaches me by e-mail from our ever-vigilant editor. Even from this distance I can't resist delving into my memory banks and *The Sibley Field Guide to Birds* to write a few words about my most favorite hawk. A single Ferruginous is always a wonder; *two-at-a-time* is a gift.

Our largest -- and to my eyes the most beautiful -- hawk, the Ferruginous is right at home in the arid grasslands of the Galisteo Basin. Not "rare," but certainly rarely seen in Galisteo, this large, broad-headed, big-billed, mostly white-breasted, white-winged elegant raptor hunts the basin for small mammals from a perch like a telephone pole, by kiting (hanging in the air), or sitting on the ground. Unlike the more common Red-tailed Hawk, the "Ferrug" wears feathered leggings down to its talons. Juveniles' leggings are white; adults wear the signature ferrous or rust color. Male and female are alike. I'm depending on you, reader, to determine the ages of our two visitors as you scan the skies.

It has been said that if Ferruginous Hawks were a European species they would be called eagles, as they are so large and impressively elegant. The genus and species name says it all: *Buteo regalis*, regal hawk.

They are primarily a western species, year-round residents of our area, although individual birds may move around in winter and summer. (Other Galisteo residents -- Cory McGillicuddy, Catherine Ferguson, Kevan Saunders -- have reported Ferruginous sightings over recent years.) Since this is spring migration time for many birds, these two could just be passing through. I certainly hope they turn out to be permanent nesting mates who find abundant prairie dogs, their favorite food.



The Russians are coming? An activist's sign modification in Madrid.

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