



MERRY CHRISTMAS OR HAPPY HOLIDAYS (YOUR CHOICE)... AND FELIZ AÑO NUEVO

THE GALISTEO BOSQUE...ONCE MORE

Roger Taylor and Jan-Willem Jansens

“What is that bird? Did you see those bear prints? Is that scat from a coyote or a bear? And what about these tracks, are those from a raccoon? Where are the Great Horned Owls?” The bosque is buzzing again with questions from Galisteños, visitors, students, and stream stewards. Because once more they can see the forest for the trees.

With a great sense of relief, gratitude, and satisfaction, many involved in the bosque restoration efforts of the last few years can now take a breather. The work has been substantially completed. Hundreds of Russian Olive trees, Tamarisks, and Elms were removed between March 2016 and December 2017, more than a dozen piles of driftwood were stacked and burned in early 2018. Nearly a thousand feet of the Galisteo Creek channel and banks have been reshaped to improve overbank flows, and thousands of willow seedlings, cottonwood saplings, and berry shrubs were planted in March 2018 to rebuild the native ecosystem.

Many volunteers helped pull and cut back hundreds of Russian Olive seedlings that rose again in the last half year. This all seemed to have pleased Mother Nature because despite a dry first half of the year, she supported a profuse reestablishment of willows, horsetail, cattails, sedges, rushes, and grasses of many kinds. All this allowed the floods between July and October to



SUNDAY, DEC. 16: La Sala de San José and the Galisteo Community Association, with help from Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Joseph Society, will present **Los Pastores**, a traditional New Mexican play performed by La Gran Pastorela de Belen. Mass at 11:30 AM at Nuestra Señora de Los Remedios will be followed by a traditional New Mexico potluck lunch at the Community Center around 12:30 (please bring a side dish, salad or dessert) . The performance at La Sala (suggested donation \$5) will begin at 1:30. \$25 will sponsor a character to help us out. Contact Anna Cardenas at 505-466-8967 or Roger Taylor at 466-3469. Thank you to our village and friends that support us each year!

spread at least three times all over the bottom of the bosque, evening out the elevation differences on the bosque floor and irrigating even the farthest corners and forming new channels and wet spots. The bosque got so wet that it did its own job in eradicating the Russian olives by drowning them. And that’s just what the restoration design intended to do.

The restoration structures performed exactly as designed and were not affected by the power of the floods. They have begun blending into the landscape and over time will likely *(Cont. p.2)*



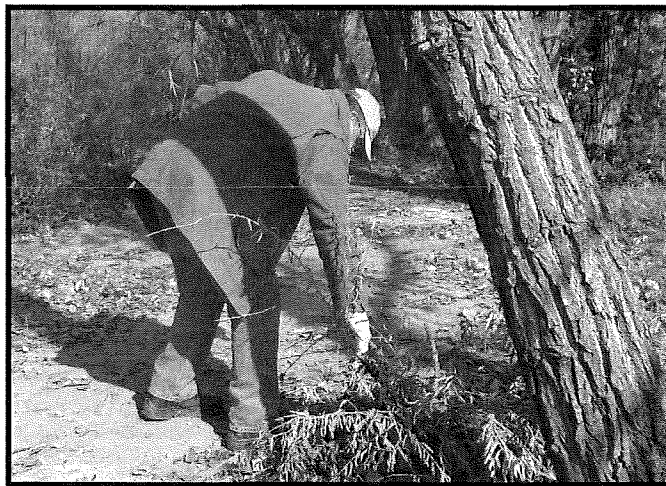
After Tacho Sandoval passed away in 2012, the family created this lovely cross of farolitos at Xmas in his memory.

Bosque) become barely visible. They accumulated sediment, bringing the channel bottom up by 18 inches in some locations. The flows also effectively recreated an acre of new wetland in an old oxbow below the former Agnes Martin house, and supported a beautiful new willow wetland at the “S-curve” behind the former Galisteo Inn. The old channels on the west side of the bosque downstream from El Puente once more carried water and helped irrigate the cottonwoods there that were planted upon the initiative of Mrs. Helen Hover in the 1950s.

Few residents may realize that this work was about 20 years in the making. The first steps to bosque restoration took place 1998 to 2005. Based on an assessment of wetlands throughout the Galisteo Basin in 2006-2007, and successive funding opportunities, the final push for the work restarted in 2012 with renewed funding requests to State and Federal agencies. After funding was secured, surveys, planning and design started in late 2014, leading to permits in late 2015, prompting the final implementation phase in early 2016.

State and US Army Corps oversight requires further monitoring and after-care until June 2020. Please be on the lookout for ongoing community volunteer maintenance events in the spring and fall. In the meantime, on behalf of the planning team and the Galisteo Community Association, our heartfelt thanks for your support, encouragement, and appreciation.

Note: On December 11, Jan-Willem Jansens of Ecotone gave a presentation about the project for the New Mexico Wetlands Roundtable.



PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Our **Black Bear** (not exactly a Teddy) apparently likes Galisteo better than the prospect of hibernation. S/he was spotted again in early December and both Suzi Shanklin and Phillip Tuwaletsiwa (his photo above) have caught him/her on their wildlife cameras in the wee hours of the morning.

Roger Taylor is a co-author of “Truck Stop Stopped” – an account of the successful grass-roots movement to stop the Pilot Flying J truck stop at the junction of Rancho Viejo Blvd. and NM 14 -- in the fall issue of the Old Santa Fe Association’s publication *El Boletín*!

A work crew uprooted **Watts Park** at the mailboxes in early December, doing repairs and maintenance on the concrete pavers that have shifted over the past several years, causing potential trip hazards. The metal borders around the paver area have been removed, and the pavers will be re-installed on a new sand base. The County will install a non-freeze fountain near the shelter.

Richard Fenker showed his *Lightboxes* at the Xanadu Gallery in Santa Fe in November.

Deirdre Africa (Button Box Aprons) held a special Galisteo sale of her gorgeous aprons, napkins, and potholders at Rancho Bueno, with lavish refreshments and lots of good company.

Jeffrey Epstein, owner of the **Zorro Ranch** overlooking the Galisteo Basin from the south, has been in the news again. *The New Mexican* (12/5) reports that although he spent 13 months in jail in 2008 for sex crimes involving teenage girls, he apparently struck a deal on more serious sex trafficking charges (which could have put him away for life), thanks to his friendships with powerful politicians including Bill Clinton and Donald Trump. Alexander Acosta, then U.S. attorney in Miami, now Secretary of Labor, is suspected of approving a secret deal. The Associated Press article said that “he once owned a home near Santa Fe,” but as far as we know, he is still the proprietor of Zorro.

Christine and Lexi Mackenzie were joined by the cast to read from “To Life,” an original screenplay by Christine, at the Jean Cocteau Cinema November 18th.

Shirley Melis Hirsch was among 50 authors selling and signing their books at the 2018 Author Festival at the Albuquerque Museum on November 3, 2018. The all-day program featured a variety of authors, including a conversation with Anne Hillerman and David Morrell on Writing What Floats Your Boat.

PROGRESS, AND MODERN-DAY FAMILIES

Stella Maestas

Progress is wonderful, I think we all like the modern-day comforts of living, including me. Together with progress, the way in which we discipline and rear our children has changed. Youngsters today are different from when I was growing up. They are much more independent, and have more control over their own lives. This brings me to the way my parents brought us up, and how we were content with the worldly goods we possessed.

My parents were very strict. My father was especially protective of his daughters. They were the most likely to need adult supervision for school functions, parties, field trips, and dances. There was one field trip in particular that our school sponsored, to the State Fair in Albuquerque. If I remember correctly, I was in the sixth grade, and my brother George was two grades ahead of me. My father was not going to allow me to go, but since my brother George’s class was going, my father agreed. George had to take care of me while we were on this trip. He did not like that. His fun day came to a screeching halt when my father told him to take care of me. George did look after me, but he did go off with his friends at some point and enjoy from the State Fair’s games, food, and rides. George deserved a little time to himself.

I guess money went a longer way in those days because my father gave us each five dollars for spending on our field trip, and I still came home with a few cents to my name. I remember a student on our bus asking me how much money I had for the trip. She laughed when I told her, and said I would not be able to have any fun with so little money. On the contrary, I came home with a big stuffed animal that I had won on a Spin the Arrow game. I think I spent a dime to win the prize. I guess a little money did go a long way for me that day. I don’t think the gal who was skeptical of my finances brought anything back to speak of from the state fair. I felt sorry for her because she didn’t seem to get any enjoyment from the field trip.

Thinking back on those days, we didn’t worry about the way the world was, who was the president in charge of our country, and the value of money. We only worried about learning our time tables, and being able to stand up in front of the class to read our book report. I always had stage fright when it was my turn to read. Today, young people have to do research papers that are time consuming, and I’m sure create a great deal of stress for them. This is where progress comes in to alleviate the stress. Thank goodness for modern technology. The younger generation is more confident, and capable, because of progress both in their homes, and in their learning. The value of money is not as important as the value of love, and parents still know how to love their children.

ELECTIONS

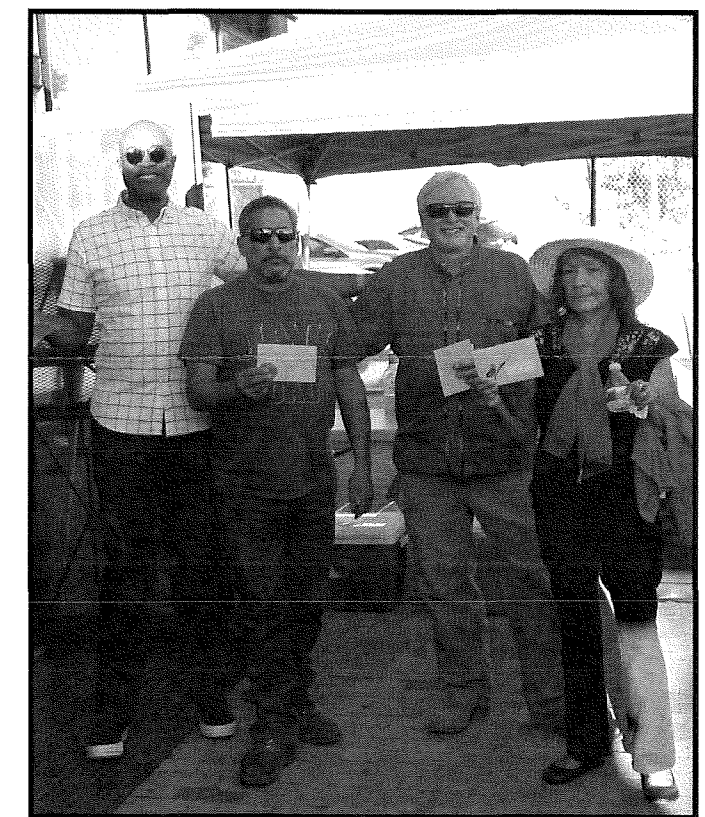
As everyone knows by now, Matthew McQueen handily won his re-election as our State Representative despite strong showing by Independent Jarrett Applewhite. And Independent Mike Anaya was edged out by Rudy Garcia for our District 3 County Commissioner, despite the fact that both confronted bad press (*The New Mexican*, 10/25 and 10/26; *The Santa Fe Reporter*,

10/31). Bad news for a burgeoning Independent movement, but New Mexico contributed to a nationwide Blue Wave in this more-exciting-than-usual year with a more-enthusiastic-than-usual turnout. Stay informed!



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BELATED: CHILE/MARGARITA COOK-OFF WINNERS



Winners: Stanley Perdue, Dave Montoya, Roger Taylor, Stella Maestas (accepting for Robert Anaya) (Photo: Judy Tuwaletsiwa).

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