

EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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GCA BOARD'S ANNUAL REBIRTH

On March 9, over fifty residents attended the GCA election and delicious breakfast hosted by Wayland Wong, Greg Salustro and Suzi Shanklin, who warned "No Breakfast for you if you don't vote first!"

The meeting began with a brief re-cap of major initiatives underway by the Board, and then thanks were given to retiring Board members Barbara Seiler, Judy Tuwaletsiwa, Shirley Hirsch, Janet Pfeiffer and Richard Fenker. Estelle Berger, Suzi Shanklin, and Stella Maestas remain in their current positions for one more year, while members Anna Cárdenas and Kevin Smith move to new positions.

Congratulations and many thanks to the new GCA Board:

President, Roger Taylor; Vice-President, Anna Cárdenas; Treasurer, Estelle Berger; Secretary, Deirdre Africa. Board members: Suzi Shanklin, Stella Maestas, Kevin Smith, Greg Boardman. Alternates: John Miller, Ruby Renshaw. For scheduling of the Community Center, Anna Cárdenas at galigirl312@centurylink.net or 505-466-8967; For Saturday Breakfast coordination, Suzi Shanklin at suzieingalisteo@icloud.com or 505-466-2412.

GALISTEANS IN LOCAL DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS

Here are the results of the Democratic Ward 3D elections in March: Chair: Roger Taylor; Vice-Chair: Linda Tratechoud-Doezema. CCC Delegates: Ed Epping (Galisteo), Anna Cárdenas (Galisteo), Leslie Gallery-Dilworth (Galisteo), Marci Hintz (Galisteo), Greg Boardman (Galisteo), Eric Tyson (Cerrillos), Karen Yank (Golden), and Emily Graeser (Cerrillos). Terms run from March 2019 to March 2021.

And in the County Democratic Party elections, Estelle Berger was elected Chair and Roger Taylor was elected to the State Central Committee. Both will attend the State Democratic Party Convention in late April, and the Primary Convention in 2020.

Did you guess the identities of those cute kids in the February issue? They were GVFR members Jean and Steve Moya (left), Frank and Cindy Lux (right). We'll have more in future issues.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GALISTEO MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION: March 27, 6PM.
(Report on the meeting will be in the May issue.)



Happy Women's History Month (Never Too Late...)

LA SALA IS "UNDER THE INFLUENCES"

Artists from across New Mexico are invited to submit work for consideration to be included in La Sala de Galisteo's upcoming summer show entitled "Under the Influences," from May 25 to September 17. Each artist should consider the influence of others on their work and how that may or may not be self-evident to the viewer. The forces of influence can range from single works to an individual's entire career. Ideas or images fused across disciplines, e.g. jazz musicians, poets, visual artists, philosophers, writers, etc. and how these contributed to your process. The influences need not be all affirming, as there may be ideas or works that you strongly rejected as a means of defining the nature of your work.

Deadline for submissions is April 15. Please forward up to three images of your work, along with a short statement concerning your interpretation of our theme and a one-page resume. Send to Shaun Gilmore, shaungilmorestudio@gmail.com or to Cindy Lux, forbeslux@aol.com. La Sala's board will curate submissions and inform artists by April 30. Delivery to La Sala will be scheduled for the weekend of May 18-19. Any questions can be directed to Cindy or Shaun. Thank you. We look forward to your work!

BACK ON THE ROADS

Work on NM 41 from the Galisteo Bridge south to Clark Hill will re-commence late March-early April and is projected to finish by early summer. You may have noticed surveyors working along NM 41 to the north. \$8 million in funding has been allocated to re-surface the road from around mile marker 57 (between Goose Downs and Linda Vista Stables) up to the junction with US 285. The lanes will remain at their current 12' width; 6' shoulders will be added on each side. Proposals will be submitted by contractors no later than August 20, 2021, and work will commence around March 2022. At this time plans for connective work on NM 41 through the center of Galisteo are still 3-5 years out. As these project stages move along, the GCA Board will keep you informed.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Deborah Madison informs us that the little plant with the purple cruciferous flowers that is always a harbinger of Spring along Via La Puente is musk mustard, and it's edible. The leaves are tender, a bit spicy. You can put them in a salad or they can be the salad. The flowers make a beautiful and tasty garnish to all kinds of food, such as beets, egg salads, green salads, etc. Following right behind, and also edible, is another mustard with very lacy foliage and tiny yellow flowers.

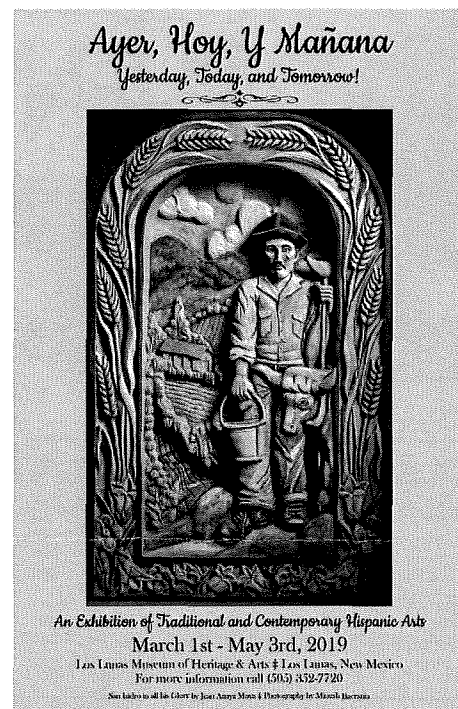
Last week the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners approved a 36'-tall **Verizon communications tower** for the New Moon Overlook on Lamy Hill. It will not be visible from the road or from most surroundings and will carry wireless and broadband internet communications covering Lamy and Galisteo. The GCA Board has been supporting this development for some time, writing letters and making calls to the Commissioners. It will take around two months for review and permits to be approved and issued by the County and State. There will be a community update as the tower comes closer to operating -- sometime in June or early July.

Harmony Hammond's first museum survey: *Material Witness, Five Decades of Art* opened March 3 at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield, CT. Spanning almost fifty years of Hammond's career (1971 to 2018), the exhibition brings together her earliest sculptures and paintings, mixed-media and monumental "installational" paintings of the 1980s and 1990s, as well as recent thickly painted "near monochromes" and works on paper, ephemera, and publications. Hammond's art is also on the cover of *The Magazine* this month.

Susana's Room: Drawings and Paintings by **Susana Dickinson Ferguson** and **Catherine Ferguson** will be up at El Museo Cultural in the Railyard until May 15. Three poetry readings with Catherine and poet friends take place Saturdays April 6, May 4 and May 11 at 4PM. Her artist mother, Susana, died in 2014.

Ayer, Hoy, y Mañana – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: An Exhibition of Traditional and Contemporary Hispanic Arts at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts will be on display until May 3, 2019. A panel discussion took place on March 7, with artists Rhonda Crespin, **Jean Anaya Moya**, Marie Romero Cash, and Lorrie Garcia. The gallery guide is available for purchase.

For more information on the Los Lunas Museum, call 505-352-7720. (Below: Jean's *San Isidro in All His Glory*.)



Sina Brush wrote an eloquent letter to the editor of *The New Mexican* (3/5) about "gun rights sanctuaries": The new gun law is "not about taking away guns; it is about keeping murderous weapons out of the hands of unsafe people and off the streets."

Our State Rep **Matthew McQueen** was frequently mentioned in the media for his work on various good causes during the recent legislative session. We are lucky to have him.

Shirley Melis Hirsch's book *Banged-Up Heart* has been released as an audiobook, at Audible, iTunes, and Amazon

COYOTES AND BEARS, OH MY!

From the GCA

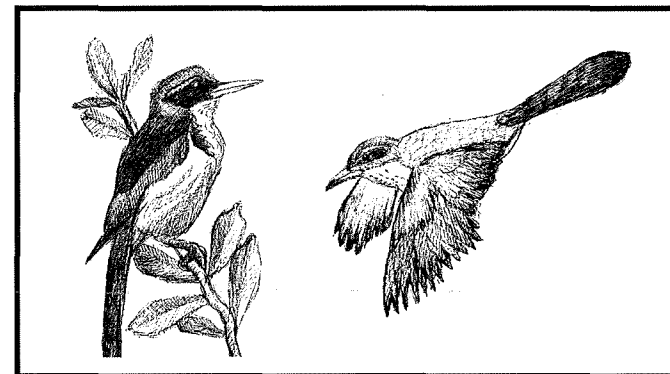
Although this winter has felt overly long, cold, and windy, Spring is here at last. Coyotes that have hunted alone for food begin forming groups in mid-winter, and mating begins in early February. One mated and monogamous pair, also known as the alpha pair, forms the nucleus of each pack of 3-8 critters, and is the only pair to breed. Pups are born after 60-63 days, in late April to early May. **Coyotes in our bosque** may be more aggressive than at other times of the year. Be cautious when walking there, especially with small dogs; keep pets in sight when they are out of the house.

We've got Bears too. Males and young independent bears emerge from hibernation right now and begin foraging and staking out territory. Sows with cubs follow in May; the cubs will be setting out on their own, while the mother bear will be looking to breed again. **Last summer we had a sow and two cubs as neighbors.**

If you encounter coyotes or a bear: Stop where you are, be still for a moment or so, look as big as you can, then calmly and slowly move away. Do not turn your back or run. Keep the animal in your line of sight, make noise as you move away (sing, talk

loudly). Give the animal plenty of room to escape so it doesn't feel threatened or trapped. If attacked, use whatever you can to fight back, and always aim for the nose and eye area.

Some things to be aware of: Never leave fruit from trees and bushes to rot on the ground as it is a powerful attractant to bears and other wildlife. Never put meat or sweet-smelling food scraps such as melon in your compost pile. Don't leave pet food or food dishes outdoors at night. Clean and store outdoor grills after use. Bears can smell sweet barbecue sauce and grease for miles.



THE JAY

Jan Saunders, drawings by Catherine Ferguson

What a divine thing is curiosity.

Our Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay* is a year-round native to the piñon/juniper montane scrub lands that surround Galisteo. This slender blue and gray bird uses its strong, pointed bill to pry nuts from piñon cones in the fall and feed on insects, fruit, lizards, eggs and nestling birds in spring and summer. The Scrub-jay is a loner, choosing to forage unaccompanied through a Piñon Pine or hitting your feeder where sunflower seeds and peanuts are favorites. Watch for noisy flocks of bright blue Piñon Jays in the fall flying in for bumper crops of piñon nuts.

All Jay species are animated birds that move through trees in bold hops and lunges, squawking loudly, cocking their heads to look this way and that in a playful vocal manner. Jays have a mischievous streak and are not above the outright theft of another bird's seed cache. Well known among animal behaviorists for their foraging behavior, cognitive abilities, and spatial memory skills, Jay's talent for locating and selecting food sources is impressive.

In other words, our Jay is SMART. As a member of the Corvidae Family (Crows, Ravens, Magpies), Jays are members of the avian intellectual elite. Curious opportunists with keen observation skills, Jays can solve problems. They use a sophisticated method of triangulation to locate seeds and nuts for winter feasting more than five months after they hid them--during which time I lose my car keys at least twice.

When I first began writing about The Jack and The Jay, my curiosity about what I sensed to be different energy fields of the two animals led me to investigate innate versus learned behavior. It seems our Jack is born with innate/instinctual behaviors hardwired into its DNA that support all life activities with "knee-jerk" responses. Because The Jack is prey to so many other animals, there's no time to think; instantaneous reaction is survival. The Jay, also born with innate behavior reactions,

possesses higher cognitive skills that enable it to learn new behaviors from observation, trial and error. So, while The Jack gets through his day mostly on "auto-pilot," The Jay spends his day observing, questioning, and honing his survival skills. While I find it easy to call The Jay smart, I will never call The Jack a "Dumb Bunny".

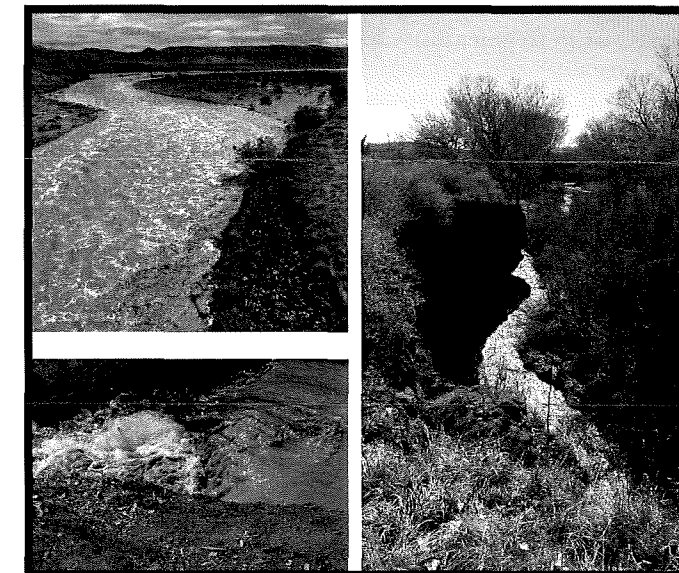
(Final in a three-part series; See El Puente, Jan. and Feb.)

*The Western Scrub-jay became the Woodhouse's Scrub-jay in 2016 when it was declared a separate species from the California Scrub-jay. Another common Jay species in Galisteo is the Piñon Jay. To our delight, every now and then an Eastern Blue-jay wanders over from Texas or a stunning Steller's Jay drops in from higher elevations.

RIVER RISES

For the last couple of weeks the mighty Rio Galisteo has been bubbling and roaring with muddy runoff through the bosque. It's early for snowpack melt, but nothing is normal these days. (The vultures are just filtering back into town.) Laura Paskus points out in *The New Mexico Environmental Report* that some streams, rivers and wetlands that are "non-navigable," or don't flow year-round were protected under the Clean Water Rule, but "the Trump administration's version would no longer protect ephemeral streams, nor playas or waterways within closed basins, which include about one-fifth of New Mexico's landmass. It also proposes to remove protections from intermittent streams. Most of New Mexico's wetlands...wouldn't be protected.

"The lack of protections leaves waterways vulnerable to all sorts of threats, including mining waste, produced water from drilling, gravel operations and landfills, as well as pollution from military bases, federal facilities like nuclear weapons labs, wastewater treatment plants and others... New Mexicans have relied upon tiny springs and streams for centuries. They gave us drinking water. And a sense of home." Temporary waterways like our creek empty into larger rivers, like the Rio Grande, but they support local ecosystems and wildlife.



Photos: The Rio this month and Laura Paskus's photo of the river down near Santo Domingo after the "tornadic event" in Oct. 2017

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GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

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