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***** **FELIZ NAVIDAD** ***** **HAPPY NEW YEAR** *****

STUDIO TOUR Oct. 14-16

Greg Boardman

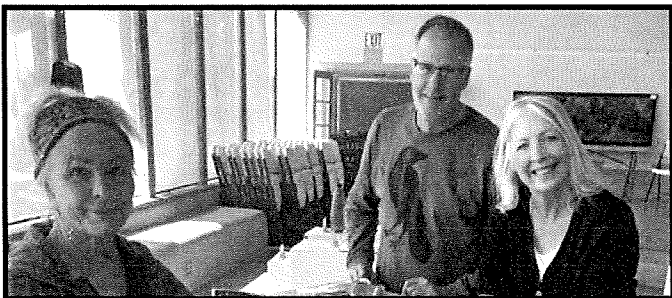
The 34th Galisteo Studio Tour took place Saturday and Sunday, October 15-16. There was perfect Fall weather, glorious sunshine and large crowds on Saturday. Visitors and Galisteans dined on the patio and under the tent at the Community Center enjoying a variety of food options from our food trucks: Alcalde Cruzin' Cuisine and Andale Mexican Food. New additions to the Tour included Craig Moya's New Mexico Hard Cider and Mare Tomaski and friends sharing their musical talents to an appreciative audience.

Though Sunday's rain and wind resulted in a smaller turnout, hardy visitors explored the village and Ranchitos to visit the studios of the thirty-one participating artists.

Thank you to the artists, our generous sponsors, volunteers, and the Galisteo Art Association Board for contributing to another successful tour.



Mare Tomaski backed up by Casey Macpherson.



Studio Tour honchos: Susie Shanklin, Greg Boardman, and Leslie Dyer.

HOEDOWN UNDER THE HOGBACK

José Downes

The pandemic winds have scattered many of us across this country with a few refugees rolling up in the shadow of the hogback here in Galisteo. As the weight of covid started to lift, a couple of those tumbleweeds found themselves wondering what to make of their new surroundings. As with all immigrants, we carry memories of cultures and connections, left behind, frayed, or even lost, but the meaning and spirit of community not forgotten. And with that, there's an instinct to connect as human beings wherever we find ourselves to make the world we live in a better place.

The seed for a Hogback Hoedown was planted at this year's Galisteo Community Chile & Margarita Fest, where a couple of winning chile recipes sparked a conversation between two of the newer-comers (Linda Mortenson and Jose Downes). The mere mention of "I gotta barn" instantly morphed into "Let's throw a barn dance"! A DJ was considered, but given the promise of local musical talent, the bar was raised to "Let's get a band together."

Ya, right, what band?

Well a couple more newer-comers – Dave and Carol Robinson -- had done a bit of open mic with a crew from El Dorado and invited some random bass player up for a casual jam/audition. Hmm... not knowing the nature or extent of their repertoire, an a capella group (now officially Doc's Dream) discovered at the recent GVFR breakfast became an obvious choice to feature on the bill. Pretty good start? (Ignorance is bliss.) But so many unknowns and so much to do in such a short time. (Cont. p.2)



Doc's Dream: Jessica Spring, Leslie Dyer, Lorraine Wiess, Julie Deery

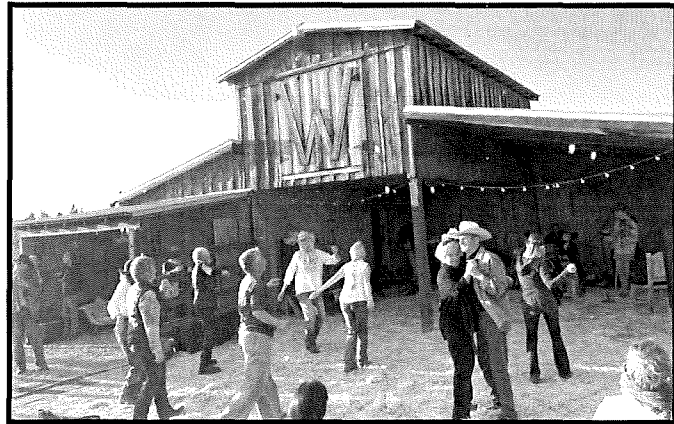
And then the magic started. Casey MacPherson generously offered a full PA system and support. Linda reviewed and rearranged her facilities and provided BA. A crew showed up to help prep the grounds. Kevin Smith, yet another talented local musician, was extracted from his comfort zone in Ranchitos and pressed into duty. A poster was made (Linda!) and the weather was commissioned to stop raining in time to let the ground dry up. Starting to sound like a Turner Classic Movie? Yep, kept thinking a leftover film crew was still in the area.

And the flimsiest of notions turned into something truly special with an incredible level of energy and the promise of so much more.

Doc's Dream launched the event with four-part harmonies and joined forces with the Song Dogs to mine every last bit of common musical ground. Neighbors turned into real life human beings appreciating the opportunity to connect and share. The night ended as it began, four-part harmonies under the stars. As newcomers, it was wonderful to see such a vibrant display of community spirit.

And so it begins -- the opportunity to appreciate the unique history and natural beauty of Galisteo, to weave the diverse array of talent and creativity into a series of events to further connect and enhance what makes this a truly special place to be.

Plans are to do it again when weather warms. It's gonna be great!



SCROOGE IN GALISTEO

On Dec. 3rd, a hugely successful "Scrooge" sale (everything under \$100) at the Community Center was organized by eight self-described "artist-types": Deirdre Africa (Aprons, Napkins and Potholders), Patrick Briggs (Specialty Food, Garlic bulbs,

Jars of powder), Julie Deery (Ornaments, small Mosaics), Lesley Dyer (Prints and Notecards), Michelle Frumin (hand-crafted Soaps and Lotions), Jennifer Martin (Ceramics), Jessica Spring (Notecards, Prints, and Necklaces), and Lorraine Weiss (Jewelry).

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Andrew Lustig was the first in line in *The New Mexican's* "10 Who Made a Difference" this year. Around age 40, after a successful career leading a multimedia corporation, he had "a midlife crisis that lasted about three hours," and became an emergency medical technician, which eventually led to creating Global Outreach Doctors (GoDocs). They provide medical and rescue services in countries laid low by war, famine and natural disasters. He rotates some twenty medical teams per month, raising funds, dealing with logistics for ambulances, drones, airlines, search and rescue dogs, and governments (Ukraine at the moment). And he is pictured in Galisteo with his Blue Heeler.

For a My View in *The New Mexican* (7/17; better late than never) **Eleanor Channell** wrote "Women are making decisions over life and death" on the loss of Roe v. Wade.

Anna Cárdenas' micaceous pottery was cited in *The New Mexican* (11/27) in an article on the Traditional Spanish Market: "She feels a connection between her pottery and the pieces of micaceous pottery archaeologists dug up from the 1500s and before, produced by Spanish colonists and indigenous people alike."

The Santa Fe County Election Bureau has mandated construction of an official **Handicapped Parking** (van accessible) space, in order to continue using the GCC as an election voting site. The cost is approximately \$1700, which the GCA will pay out of existing funds. Although the work doesn't appear to be completed, the Community Center was open for voting all day on November 8th.

In September, *The New Mexican* ran an ad for paintings by Evelyn Boren. The illustration was "New Mexico **Morada Galisteo.**" News to us that there is or ever has been a morada here.

PS to last issue on the **Galisteo Basin Preserve:** The November issue of *New Mexico Magazine* ran a feature account by Elizabeth Miller of enthusiastic, and challenging, trail building there.

The global corporation AES plans to install **800 acres of solar panels** on private property owned by the Rancho Viejo Limited Partnership in the San Marcos area between Highway 14 and Eldorado. Many local homeowners are unhappy about its proximity.

The **Legal Tender** in Lamy is closed and for sale yet again. Another local sale is something of a haunted house: Jeffrey Epstein's 7,588-acre **Zorro Ranch** (not advertised as such), complete with airstrip, hangar, heliopad, stables, greenhouse, sports court and firehouse... for only \$18,000,000.

BEWARE OF SPACE HEATERS

After the tragic news about a fire started by a space heater in New York City, Next Door NM posted a warning. According to the National Fire Protection Association, 48% of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. 44% involve space heaters, which are also involved in 86% of home-heating fire deaths.

If you are using a space heater to warm up, please be sure to plug it directly into a wall outlet. Make sure a recognized testing laboratory has tested your heater and that it has an automatic shut-off, if it tips over. Keep anything flammable, like bedding, clothing, and curtains, at least 3 feet away from your heater. Place space heaters on a solid, flat surface and turn them off when you go to bed or leave the room. For more information on winter heating: <https://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/top-causes-of-fire/heating>.

LIGHTS OUT

Unobstructed views of the stars are becoming increasingly rare in the U.S. as artificial light from cities and towns flood the sky. The Milky Way is visible at night in only something like 23% of this country, and we are lucky enough to live in one of those places. In 1999, New Mexico passed the Night Sky Protection Act to regulate outdoor lighting, reducing light pollution while conserving energy and promoting safety. Now Galisteo has been chosen as a study area for Night Sky Act. There will be a camera mounted on our fire station.

The Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners has approved an exciting new partnership between the County and the Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT) to monitor the night sky -- long a source of solace and wonder for humans. Nocturnal wildlife depends on darkness to hunt or hide from predators. Excessive artificial light can disorient critters and is even thought to adversely affect human health.

SFCT will install and operate three night-sky monitoring stations on the roofs of County buildings over a 10-year period. Data from these stations will be shared with the County Sustainability Office to support decision-making to preserve and enhance the night sky.

El Puente has been on this issue for years and it's exciting that more is finally being done. Good time to remind everyone to keep lights to a minimum after dark. Here are a few ways you can help protect the night sky as Albuquerque's over-illumination creeps up toward us.

Emitting light upwards or sideways is a primary contributor to light pollution. Consider when you need a particular area to be illuminated. Where feasible, install motion sensors or timers so that the light is only on when you need enhanced visibility. Before installing or replacing a light, make sure it is serving a clear purpose, like illuminating a walkway. Use shielding to focus light where it is needed. Opt for bulbs with warmer light colors that are energy efficient, only as bright as you need.

GVFR NEWS

Officer elections: **Chief Jean Anaya Moya, EMT leader Alice Kruse, and Fire Captain Don Truax.**

Great news! Galisteo was one of six districts awarded \$300,000 from the state for a new tender vehicle. However, we still need to raise another \$150k to 200k to complete the deal on this much-needed replacement. *Donations welcome!*

And we are now on Instagram at [galisteovolunteerfire/rescue](https://www.instagram.com/galisteovolunteerfire/rescue). See how your GVFR volunteers give their time to serve the public and help keep Santa Fe County safe.

The GCA received \$2500 from the Dust Bowl filming and the GVFR will get some of it.

Food Drive donations are due at the station by Dec. 31st. Please be sure dates are not expired.

SEND PHONEBOOK CORRECTIONS, CHANGES, AND ADDITIONS to Ed Epping (eepping@williams.edu.)

FOR THE BIRDS

Across the United States in the spring and fall, the sight and sound of Canada geese flying overhead is a clear sign that bird migration is underway. Less visible are the millions of birds that travel in the dark, while we are sleeping. But according to the National Audubon Society, 70% of birds in North America migrate and more than 80% of them make their seasonal flights at night.

Many songbirds like warblers, thrushes, and sparrows are nocturnal migrators. Without the light of the sun, these travelers use the moon and the stars to navigate during their long journeys, which can span thousands of miles and traverse continents. Artificial light at night can disrupt bird migration in a variety of ways, including disorienting birds from their routes and causing collisions with buildings, resulting in millions of avian fatalities each year.

ANGIE BEAUCHAMP'S ON A ROLL

UNM has awarded our own Angie Beauchamp with the Gerald W. May Outstanding Staff Award for her work in the Film and Digital Arts Department. The nomination noted that she was "absolutely central to the success of our department. She is a highly engaged administrator, a leader in the field of equity, diversity, and inclusion, and an innovative instructor."

Next, her book *All Must Have a Right to Be Heard: Eleanor Roosevelt in Film and Television History* was accepted by the first publisher she sent it to. It begins with the story of Eleanor announcing Paul Robeson as an upcoming guest on her 1950 public affairs television show "Today with Mrs. Roosevelt" and NBC quickly canceling his appearance (because of his "communist ties"). Eleanor wrote in her daily column that "all must have a right to be heard." (Amen to that.)

And for the frosting on Angie's cake, she won a big TV and a fancy recliner, par for the course; whenever she enters giveaway contests, she almost always comes home with something.

FROM YOUR EDITOR: Yes, another bimonthly issue, in part due to your aging editor's crazy schedule and in part due to the lack of local news and contributed articles. The Sept/Oct issue was misnumbered; should have been #256/257).

B&Bs in GALISTEO

El Puente was hoping to offer a full list of B&Bs in Galisteo for the holidays, but some prefer to be found by word of mouth. If you have a short-term rental or B&B and want to be included in the next issue, let me know. Here, anyway, are three good ones:

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3 bedroom /2 bathroom house available for short or long term. Please contact Tanya Young: 505 466 7224 or minobe.young@gmail.com.

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Charming vacation casita, one bedroom and sleeping couch, in the heart of Galisteo, available for rent by the night, week or month. Steve or Jean, 466-1544.

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Two story house, 2 bedrooms, beautiful views from upstairs porch. Contact Mike Anaya/Kevan Saunders for details.



Corey McGillicuddy and New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham at a Democratic Party event before the mid-terms.

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ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY. Next deadline, Feb.5th. PLEASE email flip14@centurylink.net TO UPDATE OR DELETE YOUR ADS.

FOR SALE

Quartermill Gallery, 10 Via La Puente. Open Weekends by appt. 505-466-2255. Estate pieces and Regional collectables.
Amanecer Gallery offers oil paintings by Freddie Cárdenas and micaceous pottery by Anna Cárdenas, 505-466-8967.
Talus Wind Heritage Meats. Local New Mexico lamb and pork. Contact info@taluswindranch.com.

Button Box Aprons by Deirdre Africa of Rancho Bueno: call or email for aprons, napkins, and potholders: 505-670-5198, www.buttonboxaprons.com or africadeirdre@gmail.com.

SERVICES

Yard work, pet care, moving help and other jobs. \$15 per hour. Call or text Lanz Mackenzie (15 yrs old) 729-755-6674.

Radio Free Galisteo @ www.radiofreegalisteo.com

Music and Information from the Galisteo Basin. Support the Station: <https://www.patreon.com/radiofreegalisteo>.

Dave's Auto Repair: restoring, minor repairs, painting. Local references. Free estimates: David Montoya, 505-577-1720.

Exciting **Adventure Travel** around the world with professional wildlife photographers Jami Tarris and Theo Allofs of Wild Focus Expeditions. For more information: 466-3640 or www.wildfocusexpeditions.com. Come with Us!

Orchard Full-Service Catering: Personal chef, experience with special needs and dietary issues. Corey McGillicuddy, 466-1831, mcgillicuddycorey3@gmail.com.

Galisteo Woodworks: for your custom woodworking needs. Furniture and furniture repair. Antonio Chavez, 466-3601.

Intern will travel: Need help during parties, snow shoveling, yard cleaning, housekeeping or pet sitting on weekends? Call John Garcia at 505-310-3812.

Welding, flagstone, moss rock, fountains, plumbing, sprinkler, drip systems, plus Gopher Control. David Maestas, 670-8608 or 660-9715.

Linda Vista Stables: Local horse owners: I can take care of your horses when you're away, in the comfort of their own barn. Call Maria, 466-8930

Pet, House, and Garden Care. Janet Pfeiffer, 399-9238.

Galisteo Yoga: Virtual yoga with Mare! Zoom Yoga Weds. 12:30. Sunday noon. \$12.00 per class pay pal or check options. Contact Mare at profundus@aol.com for the Zoom Room Link.

Yoga Zoom classes with Julia: Every Mon., Wed., and Fri. Gentle Yin, Vinyasa Flow and Yin Yang. Contact 505-466-1935 or julia.c.cairns@gmail.com for more information.

Grow Y'own hooped and covered raised beds for year-round gardening! Ken 490-1849.

JVS will remove (live) rattlesnakes. Call 466-1064.

We build, repair coyote fences; haul trash; yard work, odd jobs. Fair prices, local references, Michael Anaya, 660-2275.

Barbara Holloway Fine Handweaving: scarves, shawls, jackets, handwoven of luxurious chenille. 466-2118.

Carpentry: Custom closets, hand-carved tables, benches, gates, doors; also electrical work. Ted Montoya, 577-6004.

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Meditation & Knowings with Chris Griscom via video Sundays, free on YouTube: 466-1975 thelight@lightinstitute.com

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