



**Special Invitations sent to Members of NMHCPL to attend Santa Fe's 400th Anniversary reception and "kick-off" honoring Prince and Princess of Asturias, Spain, on Oct. 6, 2009**



*Orae Dominguez, S. Pauline Anaya, Gen. & Mrs. Melvin Montaño, Samuel Delgado, not pictured Dr. & Mrs Hemrick, Ambassador Romero, Albert Gallegos*

**Santa Fe 400<sup>th</sup> Opening Ceremony Reception for Spanish Crown Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia of Austruias.**

**PRINCE FELIPE'S Speech:**

Summary By: S. Pauline Anaya

"We are very pleased to be here honoring the establishment of the Spanish foundation of Santa Fe through this 400<sup>th</sup> celebration, where two nations celebrate today and commemorate our shared history. Also, it is important to bring to you all the greetings from the King and Queen. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to bring this celebration together. We share the pride with Santa Fe on this occasion, as the U.S., New Mexico and Spain are close family and allies. It is a privilege to participate in Spain's participation with this Nation. This allows us to remember the

past and look together to the future. It is an opportunity to recall the names of Juan de Onate, Pedro de Peralta, Don Diego de Vargas, and so many others whose names are still used here commonly, today. They all deserve our respect for their contributions, misgivings and achievements from which we all have learned. There are also those we remember, who have contributed to modern New Mexico. Across centuries we are reminded of Spain's presence here and Spain's legacy."

"Just a few years ago, the Queen and King of Spain celebrated the 450 years of the founding of Pensacola with pride, where it is called the "first place." In a few years will the celebration of the 450 year of the founding of San Augustine be held in 2015; and soon the 500<sup>th</sup> year of Ponce de Leons arrival on the Coast of Florida in 2013. Many more celebrations will surely follow, because of our intertwining historic experiences."

"I have fond memories of my past participation here in 2000 in our celebration with descendents of our Native Indians. Spain is the European Country with the longest standing presence here. When the Spanish founded Santa Fe, it was named Santa Fe de los Españoles, de San Francisco de Assisi, a reminder of the Spanish language being now a major world language, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> most used on the Internet today."

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## President Melvyn Montano's Message

The apathy from the media/press, and government agencies towards the Hispanic Community was apparent during the visit from Spain's Crown Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia of Asturias; whose visit included dedication of the prestigious Cervantes Institute at the National Hispanic Cultural Center's, Domenici Education Building. The Cervantes Institute is located in only twenty countries in the world. The Prince also received a report on



the Endowed Chair at the University of New Mexico on Computer Science and Electronics, which is named in his honor and funded by private Spanish sources.

They honored us by "kicking off" the 400<sup>th</sup> Santa Fe Celebration on Tuesday, October 6, 2009. The Prince is the heir apparent to his Majesty Juan Carlos I of Spain. The absence of the Governor at the 400<sup>th</sup> "kick off" at the NM History Museum and Plaza, created a void. Also obvious was the blatant absence of the Media. Most of the press coverage was from Spain or of the Spanish speaking media, only our KRQE and MÁS New Mexico gave front coverage. One would never know that New Mexico had a 47% Hispanic Population, by the attention given this Royal visit for the 400<sup>th</sup> Spanish Founding of Santa Fe. Is it insignificant that we were a Province of Spain for over 200 years, of which thousands of descendents are included in the 47% Hispanic Population of New Mexico?

We all know had it been a movie star, big name politician, North Korea delegates, Royalty from any other country, we would have had up front coverage. Even the recent visit of past Mexican President Fox generated more press coverage.



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THANKSGIVING for ALL OUR

Blessings!

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## Prince Felipe's Opening 400th Ceremony Speech

"New Mexico reflects the use of the language and culture of Spain, as practiced today; where Spain brought the ranching culture, which became the West, the horse, city planning, architecture, ownership of land, organized government and Western Civilization and Christianity.

Here at the N.M. History Museum, it is important to see our History. Also, the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, is important to the preservation of Spanish culture and history."

"Inevitably one must also speak about the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, the 1600 mile route between Mexico City and Santa Fe, which provided exchange of commerce, but also the all important exchange of ideas which was allowed because of this much used trail. Also one must remember that when Spain developed its Constitution in 1812, New Mexican Spaniards met in Cadiz, and requested many things for consideration. Our continued ties are even demonstrated by the Endowed Spanish Chair for Science and Technology at the UNM."

"This 400<sup>th</sup> Celebration too highlights the US and Spain's partnership and close friendship we share in many responsibilities in this complex world. We are encouraged to work together to develop economic growth, profile democracy, and share resources. Today there are Spanish Companies in many States, as there are US companies in Spain. We come here to celebrate the ties of Four (4) centuries, not just for the cultural significance, but for the value held, and our friendship of Spain, New Mexico and the United States hold toward one another."

"Congratulations on the 400<sup>th</sup> year of ties, as we sincerely are proud to open the 400<sup>th</sup> celebration to strengthen our futures, and work for our mutual interests."

### About Asturias, España (Wikipedia)

After its integration into the Kingdom of Spain, Asturias provided the Spanish court with high-ranking aristocrats and played an important role in the colonization of the Americas.

Since 1388, the heir to the Castilian (later Spanish) throne has been styled or named the Prince of Asturias. During the 18th century, Asturias was one of the centers of the Spanish Enlightenment.

**CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS LEGACY SUPPORTED!** Please support the efforts put forth by Ricardo Quintana in establishing a petition supporting the positive contributions of Cristobal Colón. This is a response to the negative and untruthful efforts put forth to do away with the honoring of his legacy. Please take time to go to the following website and sign the supportive petition and PLEASE ask your friends and others to sign/support as well at:

[www.thepetitionsite.com/1/Retain-Columbus-Day](http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/Retain-Columbus-Day)

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### The First Thanksgiving was Catholic

By Marian T. Horvat, Ph.D.

Dr. Horvat writes about how the text books teach that what happened in the 13 New England Colonies is exclusively American colonial history. "This ignores an enormous part of reality." In her nine page article she outlines the epic story of the first European colonists to the Southwest in 1598. This was when the First Thanksgiving took place 23 years before Plymouth Rock. For the complete article go to the NMHCPL website at:

[www/nmhcp.org](http://www/nmhcp.org)

### FIRST THANKSGIVING

By Pauline Chavez-Bent

Pauline Chavez Bent's two page article highlights details of that eventful historic journey in 1598 up the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, where Gaspar Perez de Villagrà, the Spanish poet who traveled with the group wrote, "We were sadly lacking in all knowledge of the stars, the winds, and other knowledge by which to guide our steps."

On April 30, 1598, the scouts made camp along the Rio Grande and prepared to 'drink and eat their fill, for there they found fish and waterfowl.'

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## The "San Francisco"/Saint Frances Hotel the oldest in Santa Fe

The cover of the October issue of Local Flavor features the artisans who have created a contemplative atmosphere in the newly refurbished St. Frances Hotel: Jeff Smith-Ironsmith, Orae Dominguez-Tinsmith, Kris Lajeskie-Designer, Hotelier-Jim Long, Estevan Garcia-Chef, and Leonel Capparelli-Furniture maker.

In the story by Pari Taichert hotel owner Jim Long speaks of preserving New Mexico's unique culture in how he presents to visitors different aspects of New Mexico from the Amerindian look of Nativo Lodge in Albuquerque, to the chapel at the Lodge in Santa Fe with its Santero inspired chapel and alter by Artist, Dr. Charlie Carrillo.

The theme Mr. Long used for the St. Frances Hotel, the oldest in Santa Fe is of the Journey by the Franciscans to help establish, Santa Fe de los Españoles y de San Francisco de Assisi, NM, from Assisi, Italy to Madrid, Spain on land donated to St. Francis by the family of New Mexico Governor Don Diego de Vargas and on to Santa Fe, NM. Jim Long's uncle Father Jerome is also a part of Santa Fe's 400 year old presence of St. Frances de Assisi's humble teachings in Santa Fe, NM.



## Roman Catholic Church to receive An- gelicans: *Vatican News Source*

The occasion for the split between the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church was King Henry VIII's request to Rome that his marriage to Catherine of Aragon be annulled. Pope Clement VII refused his request, so the king divorced her and declared himself head of the church in England.

The tension between the king and the pope took place while the Protestant Reformation was in full swing in Europe, dividing the Western church between those who recognized the authority of the pope as it was being exercised and those who did not.

In the newly independent Church of England, pastors and theologians adopted and contributed to some of the key aspects of the Protestant reform, including an emphasis on the importance of the Bible, gradual use of the vernacular for liturgy and an emphasis on collegial decision-making. But the Church of England also maintained many traditions held in common with the Catholic Church, especially in the liturgy and in church structure. Given their history, Anglicans often describe their church as both Catholic and reformed

The Anglecian province in the United States is the Episcopal Church.

### Upcoming Events

**Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico (HGRC of NM~1st Saturday of Month)**

Featured Speaker: Ronaldo Miera

**Saturday, November 7, 10:30am**

Botts Hall - Special Collections Library  
Central and Edith, Albuquerque.

***Speaker/Author: CARMELL PADILLA***

**November 14, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.,**

Special Collections Library,  
423 Central NE, Albuquerque.

***"El Rancho de las Golendrinas: Living History in New Mexico's La Cienega Valley"***

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By Pauline Chavez-Bent

Villagr  wrote on April 30, 1598:

*“We built a great bonfire and roasted meat and fish, and than sat down to a repast the like of which we had never enjoyed before. “Before this bountiful meat, Don Juan de Onate personally nailed a cross to a living tree and prayed, “Open the door to these heathens, establish the church altars where the body and blood of the Son of God may be offered, open to us the way to security and peace for their preservation and ours, and give to our king and to me in his royal name, peaceful possession of these kingdoms and provinces for His blessed glory. Amen.”*

Indeed as we New Mexicans commemorate our American Thanksgiving in November, we also acknowledge our ancestors who as Mrs Chavez Bent states, “—through tenacity, perseverance and deep faith, that these contributions provided what America was destined to become, providing freedom as well as opportunity to all people wishing to come to its shores.”

We have been blessed greatly, and stand on the shoulders of those who came before us.

*Have a BLESSED AND VERY*

**YOUR INVITED TO** Join Us, The NMHCPL our next meeting is to be held at 6:30-8:30pm Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009 call for directions 239-4335

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

### NOVEMBER Feast Days

- 1 D a de Todos Santos (All Saints Day)
- 2 D a de Todas Almas (All Souls Day)
- 3 San Martin de Porres: Albuquerque
- 4 St Charles Borromeo: Albuquerque
- 12 San Diego Jemez~ San Diego Mission
- 12 San Diego: Espa ola~Franciscan Tewa Mission
- 16 San Getrudes (the great): Mora
- 23 San Clemente: Los Lunas
- 24 St. Thomas Apostle : Abiquiu
- 25 1542 NM Proto-martyrdom of Fray Juan de La Cruz At Tiguex

### NOVEMBER Events

- 8 1643 Don Diego de Vargas Birthday
- 11 Veterans Day (Dias de San Martin el Caballero)
- 12 NM HCPL Meeting 6:30-8:30  
call 239-4335 for directions
- 25 1542 NM Proto-martyrdom of Fray Juan de La Cruz at Tiguex
- 25 American Thanksgiving
- 30 D a de San Andr s

### *El Rancho de las Golondrinas*

Museum Shop Year End Sale: Costume and variety of great unique items.

#### November 29-30, 10am– 5pm

334 Los Pinos Road  
Santa Fe, NM 87507 (505) 471-2261  
Sale is in conjunction with the annual  
*La Cienega Studio Tours*

### DECEMBER

- 3 St. Francis Xavier: Albuquerque
- 8 Immaculate Conception: Albuquerque & Las Vegas & Tom 
- 16 Santa Gertrudis: Mora





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