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EL CAMINO REAL de TIERRA ADENTRO on State's Official List of Historic Places

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LAS CRUCES - A centuries-old trail through Doña Ana County that played an important part in New Mexico history gained the spotlight at the State's Preservation Committee December meeting, because of a proposal pending before the panel. A state historic preservation panel voted on whether portions of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (Royal Road to the Interior Lands) should be added to the state's official list of historic places. A second measure would nominate the same stretches for listing on the national register of historic places, said Tom Drake, spokesman for the state Historic Preservation Division.

An eventual U.S. listing would lead to greater protections for the trail because any projects involving federal dollars that could impact the trail would undergo more scrutiny, said Jean Fulton, executive director of El Camino Real de Tierra Trail Association, or CARTA.

"Listing the segments in the register will raise public awareness regarding the trail's national significance," she said.

Spanish conquistador Juan de Oñate and an entourage of settlers first traveled El Camino Real route northward from Mexico in 1598 - about a decade before the first Europeans settled Jamestown, Va. The trail became a major travel route between Mexico City and Santa Fe.

The eleven sections proposed to be added to the registries cross state and federal lands and some private acreage for which owners agreed to a possible listing, Drake said.

Three portions in Doña Ana County total about 11 miles and run roughly parallel to Interstate 25, east of Radium Springs and Rincon, Drake said.

National listing?

Even with the State's OKs of the proposal a National Park Service approval would be needed for the sites to be added to the federal registry.

The trail route in Mexico was named a World Heritage Site this year.

Drake said El Camino Real was important on a number of levels throughout the New Mexico's history.

"What we're saying with this nomination is that it is nationally significant because of its role in transportation, war, religion, agriculture and art," he said.

An in-depth study of the trail portions up for consideration was conducted the past few years, Drake said.

The information is used to justify the nominations, he said.

Drake said the New Mexico trail sections were chosen because they're known to be more intact than other parts. But the state will continue researching the trail, he said, which will yield future historic registry nominations.

A portion of the trail in southern Sierra County runs within three miles of the under-construction, state-financed Spaceport America - a proposed launch site for suborbital commercial spaceflights. Some El Camino Real enthusiasts expressed concern in 2007, during debate about the spaceport project, because of potential impacts to the trail. Spaceport officials pledged mitigating steps, which seemed to appease at least some of the critics. Drake said the nominations weren't connected to the spaceport.

Other steps

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management the past few months has built two parking areas at trailheads that lead to El Camino Real, in an area south of Spaceport America. A third parking area, adjacent to the Upham Exit on Interstate 25, is under construction and will be finished next spring, said

Tom Phillips with the bureau's Las Cruces office.

Greetings "Y Prospero Año Nuevo 2011" Happy New Year-To each member of the NMHCP League!

Thank you for your belief in our mission to preserve our treasured and glorious heritage. It is vital we continue to correct and educate our citizens, new comers and especially our youth.



For many of us, as we grew up, our families; Tios y Tias, or grandparents, modeled and told us of our Hispanic traditions and culture. What is our authentic Hispanic legacy, and who is willing to advocate for what we know to be true? This continues as a challenge, due to the erroneous and biased published history taught in our schools. Our youth today lack in knowledge of their history and Hispanic contributions to this world. But in this season of the birth of our Savior, the protector and foundation of Hispanic Culture, we must trust in his guidance for our success. Opportunities have become available for the NMHCPL to influence children in schools by participating in Spanish history classes. We would like members to take advantage of this opportunity, call us for a one day participation

Legislation for the Congressional Gold Medal for 2011 is planned. Many thanks to Conchita Lucero, President Emeritus, for her selfless efforts in editing the many Bill drafts for this Bataan Veterans effort. Submission plans by our Congressional delegation to Congress after January 1st on final drafts of the new Bill. We are hopeful!

A thank you goes to our Board members for their dedicated attendance at meetings and in performance of their duties. Because of them, the NMHCPL enjoys the respect of many Historians, Educators, Foundation Founders, Spanish diplomats and a former Ambassador to Spain. I especially thank S. Pauline Anaya, 1st Vice President, for her expert organizational skills, writing ability, knowledge of Spanish history and tenacity of purpose, that expresses her expertise. The excellent NMHCPL newsletter has received numerous KUDO's from many.

Finally, the dedicated members of the NMHCPL, have earned the highest respect as the most influential Hispanic organization in the Southwest. A most respected group!

Congratulations on all you do to support this mission!

Sincerely,

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President, of NMHCPL

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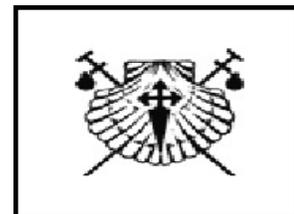
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Prayer Requests

Special Blessings in 2011 for all

NMHCPL Members. Pray for our youth and military, veterans and all most in need of healing

JOIN US in our mission



CAMINO REAL contd.

Large signs along Interstate 25 were installed this year, as well, near the Upham exit.

Phillips said the BLM has had plans in place for several years to promote the trail with its partner agency, the National Park Service. He said the recent work wasn't done because of the increased traffic that's likely to pass through the area because of the spaceport.

Still, Phillips said he believes the projects will benefit from one another.

"Maybe they'll come because of the Camino Real trail and then say, 'Oh cool, there's a spaceport ahead,'" he said. "And the converse might happen, as well."

The nine-member, governor-appointed Cultural Properties Review Committee voted during a meeting at the state Capitol in December.

CARTA is a nonprofit group that promotes preservation and awareness of the historic trail, both in Mexico and the United States.

Reporter, Diana M. Alba can be reached at (575) 541-5443 or CARTA, Jean Fulton at (575) 528-8267.

Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for the January 24, 2011, March for Life.

Once again this year there are Parishes from all over New Mexico who will be taking youth and members to the Annual January demonstration in support of Life. While in Washington, D.C. attendance at the Vigil Mass at the National Shrine, and St Matthew's Cathedral, with visits to area memorials and museums. All are encouraged to attend or support, check with your parish office.

NM State Legislators will convene in Mid-January for the long session. Once again this poses as, over the years, opportunities to support or initiate agendas that promote the preservation of the correct Hispanic History of New Mexico. It is vital that those organizations and individuals concerned for our history and culture continue to advocate. Over the next few months, any way we collectively or individually can give supports where needed, will in the end assist in obtaining the rights we feel are due our ancestors and selves. Have a prosperous and fruitful 2011!

PROSPERO Año Nuevo 2010!!

January 1st. Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Mother of God. This was the first feast dedicated to Mary to be inserted in the liturgical calendar of the Western Church. World Day of Peace

January 3rd. Most Holy Name of Jesus. This liturgical feast was instituted as a result of the great diffusion of the cult of the Holy Name of Jesus, promoted by St. Bernardino of Siena, as well as by Albert Berdini of Sarteano and Bernardino of Feltre.

YOU ARE INVITED TO Join Us

Hispanic Culture Preservation League,
Wednesday, January 12, 6:30pm

monthly meetings, for info and directions call:
239-4335, Pauline. **JOIN US IN 2011!!**

Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico (HGRC of NM)

President Ronaldo Miera

Monthly meeting on the first Saturday of the month.

January 8, 10:30 am,

LOCATION: L.D.S. Building 1100 Montaña NW

(Between 4th & Rio Grande Blvd). Lots of parking!

Former State Historian, Robert Torrez, Topic: "Rio Arriba, as New Mexico County," Sale of his book of the same name may be purchased for \$20.00.

NHCC presents on January 8, "Resolana, the Chicano Movement in New Mexico," 2 pm Salon Ortega, Free Presentation by those who participated, 1966-76.

NHCC book signing on January 29, 2pm. Free "La Sociedad- Guardians of Hispanic Culture Along the Rio Grande" by Jose Rivera. A book about the turn of the 20th Century there were many mutual aid societies Formed to protect Hispanic landownership and work against discrimination. This is the story of the Sociedad formed in 1900 in the San Luis Valley for information call (505) 246-2261 ext. 120.

NHCC exhibit January 9-23, "New Mexico Furniture is Art," featuring works of Hispanic furniture artists that are being produced today.

The Vatican's, WORLD YOUTH DAY is planned to take place in Madrid, Spain, August 2011.

Donald Chavez y Gilbert's website, Tierra Partre Farms now includes New Mexican Traditional Recipes! A labor of love for our culture is well presented in this new web page, dedicated to his mother Helen Gilbert de Chavez, of Belen, NM. Whose extensive listing of recipes is a wonderful contribution to those interested in New Mexican Spanish Culture. You will be delighted to see listings of many of the old recipes (many I did not write down before my mother and aunts passed), and am so pleased to see them "saved" and shared by Don, in one place. Thanks Don!
Website:

<http://www.terrapatrefarms.com/traditionalmexicanfood.html>

El Hilo de la Memoria.: Events at the New Mexico History Museum : THIS EXHIBIT ENDS on January 9, 2011. **LAST TWO OPPORTUNITIES: SUNDAY, January 2, 2pm: "The Age of Discovery," Musical performance by composer, guitarist and educator Greg Schneider, teaching artist and former artist-in-residence with the Santa Fe Opera.**

SUNDAY, January 9, 2pm: "Tejiendo el Hilo" Weaving the Threads of History
www.hsnm.org for details.

Register at UNM Continuing Education, RAA. \$20.00 Presentation by, Ruben Salaz, Author and Historian.

PERIODS of New Mexico History to Present Day, January 26, 9:30-12:30pm, . Learn about the various periods in NM History through narrative and pictures, is well researched and presented.

New Mexico History Museum Lecture in Santa Fe, on Wed. January 19, Noon-1:00pm, by Pat Kuhloff on "The Old Spanish Trail."

New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum,, located in Las Cruces has placed a sculpture by Artist Armando Alvarez, dedicated to New Mexico Agriculturalists, and is shaped like a water tank, with cut out figures. The 180,000 lb sculpture is made of 1 inch steel 130 feet in length. See a picture on website:
www.farmandranchmuseum.org.

JUAN BAUTISTA deANZA Society World Conference to be held in Albuquerque, the second week-end in March, 11th-13th. This is the first time in the Societies 15 years that the conference will be held in New Mexico. Past conferences have been held in Mexico, Arizona, California, and Colorado. The mission of the society is to honor the life and times of Gov. Anza and promote Spanish Colonial History! There is great hope among members and the Board, that New Mexicans will provide 15-30 minute presentations, about the Spanish Colonial times from 1598 through the deAnza period. Little is know about the early years of Spanish Settlement in the Southwest, and they are eager to learn. Additionally one day will be spent in the Old Town area, and another day in Santa Fe. Any and all topics would be appreciated at any of the three days. This is a great opportunity for New Mexican genealogists, writers, historians to promote our history, sell your books or recruit memberships to various organizations. Please off your support and/or hospitality by offering your time to this worthwhile personal development activity. Any and all ideas or support in making this experience for the attendees a worthwhile effort is greatly appreciated. Find more information about the Anza Society on their website at, www.anzasociety.org. Please communicate to either S. Pauline Anaya at 505-239-4335 or Anza Society President Sharon Meyers at: sandmyers@comcast.net or phone number (520) 360-5411.

Further, in the next news letter, (if you do not access the Anza website), will be more details on how you can register to attend and part of the activities for this conference. Presently a location is being sought here in Albuquerque. Make plans now to attend. Thank you!

*BLESSED New Year
Feliz Año NUEVO 2011*

JANUARY - Feast Days

- 1 Solemnity of Mary (Año Nuevo)
- 3 Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- 6 Solemnity of Our Lord
- 6 Dia de Los Reyes Mogos
- 10 Feast of the Baptism of our Lord
- 23 San Lldelfonso, Española, Franciscan
Tewa Mission
- 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho, Newman Ctr

JANUARY - Events

- 1 New Years Day (Feliz Año Nuevo)
- 6 Dia de Los Reyes Magos
- 6 1822 NM Celebrates Mexican Independence
- 12 1912 New Mexico Statehood (Centennial Celebrations begin)
- 14 NMHCPL Board Meeting
- 14 1847 Taos insurrection begins—Gov Bent killed
- 16 1793 Padre Antonio Martinez' Birthday
- 26 Martin Luther King's Birthday
- 22** 1599 Battle of Ácoma with Spanish settlers
1599 Enthronement of La Conquistadora 1625

FEBRUARY

- 2 Día de la Candelaria (do not wash clothes lest your house burns)
- 3 1847 Battle of Taos with U.S. Troops

El Paso Area Tours promoting Mission Trail History and can be booked at the El Paso Mission Trails Association, (915) 790-0661 or www.epmta.com. tour guides are well know for their vast knowledge of the area and ability to show guests many parts of the area not available to other tour companies. If you have not taken the time to make a short trip to the El Paso Area to see and learn more of our Spanish Colonial History, this region is part of the New Mexican link to our history, playing a vital part in our story. It is well worth the time and effort to take the Tours.

Centennial Celebrations will begin this year, as the 400th Celebration on the founding of Santa Fe ends, and already we have seen the new license plate, now very popular. Personally it is my



hope that this new plate will not replace the Spanish yellow and red traditional plates, which serve as a reminder of past Spanish presence. Of course many people do not know what the color symbols represent. During the Centennial celebrations, it is hopeful that the huge amount of resources provided for the occasion will not diminish the previous 325 years of vital Spanish history about our ancestors who set the foundations of Western Civilization, enjoyed here by those who came in the last 100 years. It appears that much of the context of many themes and presentations will exclude our historic presence and promote the idea that all that is and has been important started, as the public schools adovate, started from Statehood forward. My suggestion is that our membership actively provide insights about our Hispanic history when we see the opportunity to correct or enhance any communication during this Centennial Celebration. Again, if we don't stand up for our history, who will?

FACTS:
Founded/settled in 1598 by Spanish Oñate Colony.
New Mexico became the 47th State on January 6, 1912, with 121,593 Sq. Miles. The major industries today are mining, oil, natural gas, tourism. There are (2) two major rivers, the Rio Grande and the Pecos Rivers. Population today approx. 1,820,000.
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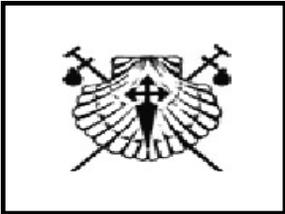
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The mission of the New Mexican Hispanic Cultural Preservation League it to Preserve the heritage, Spanish language and the history of Hispanic New Mexico, to promote the education and understanding of the contributions of Hispanics to the development of New Mexico and the nation, to protect the history of the New Mexican Hispanic heritage and culture. To achieve this mission, we will seek the TRUTH of our heritage and history, and re-store the TRUTH and PRIDE of our New Mexican Hispanic Culture.

