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Painting Is Back In N.M., To Stay

By Kathaleen Roberts / ABQ Journal Staff Writer on Sun, Jul 22, 2012

“Nuestra Señora de la Macana” or “Our Lady of the War Club” shows the Pueblo Revolt surrounding the Virgin Mary.

SANTA FE – One of the earliest known paintings of the Pueblo Revolt has found a home in the New Mexico History Museum.

“Nuestra Señora de la Macana” or “Our Lady of the War Club” was about to head back to a Mexico City gallery after a loan of more than three years when the museum officially bought the work last month. The early 18th century painting by an unknown artist depicts the apparition of the Virgin Mary with the drama of the revolt unfolding behind and around her. The figure wears a floral embroidered damask dress.

“It’s an historical narrative,” said Josef Diaz, New Mexico History Museum curator of Southwest and Mexican Colonial Art and History Collections. “You have the 21 friars who were martyred.” Funding to buy the painting came from private donations. Museum officials would not say how much they paid for the work.

As the story goes, in 1598 the Oñate colony brought with them to New Mexico a religious statue of Our Lady of the Toledo Sacristy, which later transformed into “Nuestra Señora de la Macana” through a miracle. The apparition occurred in the early 1670s to the 10-year-old gravely ill, paralyzed daughter of the Spanish colonial Gov. Juan de Durán de Miranda (1671-1675). The statue told the child the province would be destroyed in six years by the Pueblo Indians.

As the statue predicted, the revolt occurred. During the battle, a warrior hit the statue in the head with a sharp macana (Aztec or Nahuatl for a double-sided obsidian war club). Miraculously, only a small scar appeared on the back of the figure’s head. Fray Buenaventura de los Carros carried the statue back to Mexico City, where her name was changed. He placed the sculpture in the Convento Grande de Francisco, where it remains today. The young girl lived and returned to Mexico City with the survivors of the Pueblo Revolt.

There are only four known paintings dating to the 18th century that tell the story of this phenomenon, Diaz said. Each tells the story of the Pueblo Revolt. They are the only known visual interpretations of the battle that were created close to the time of the event, most likely by either a witness or someone who was told about the revolt.

Franciscan priest, historian and author Fray Angelico Chavez wrote about the image in the “New Mexico Historical Review” in 1959:

“A most colorful and intriguing tidbit of New Mexican history is the image of Nuestra Señora de la Macana ... with its own peculiar story. For this story is a most curious mixture of legend and history. Although both the statue and the story are intimately connected with seventeenth-century New Mexico, particularly with the great Indian Rebellion of 1680, neither was remembered by New Mexicans since those eventful times.”

The 15-by-21-inch oil on canvas shows the Palace of the Governors being attacked by pueblo warriors. The 21 fleeing friars fill the foreground with dramatic facial expressions.

To add to its luster, the painting still hangs in its hand-carved original frame. Flakes of the gilt that once covered it are still visible. The image hangs in the museum’s main gallery.

“It’s a painting based on one of the great dramas of New Mexico history,” museum director Fran Levine said. “It captures the emotion in all the images around her. She’s home.”

Greetings to ALL!

Have a Restful Labor Day!!

It has been a very warm August, and I hope it will soon cool down, as we celebrate Harvest time!



A reminder that the Hispanic Heritage Month is upon us, an important time, September 15 thru October 15.

At Las Ranchos de Las Golondrinas, Sept 1 and 2, is “Fiestas de los Niños” A children’s celebration with fun and games. *Ven a jugar con nosotros!* Than the annual Fall Harvest Festival, is celebrated on October 6 and 7, from 10am –4pm, bringing in the harvest with villagers. They also crush grapes for wine by foot, dressed in historic costume, string chile ristras and much, much more, to highlight our Hispanic heritage, a well worth while experience and one that youth, of all ages can participate in so many learning activities. All children 12 and under are admitted free. Sat. & Sun.

Don’t of course forget the beautiful Santa Fe Fiestas 300th celebration as another meaningful and important historical activity. Through these activities we keep our culture alive! There is much to do and learn, and our Board continues to work on issues important to us all.

Please take an active role in preserving our culture. Our children need to know who they are, we collectively must help them learn. Our institutions continue to fail us in so many ways.

Sincerely,

Mel Montano, President NMHCPL

“Nuestra Señora de la Macana”

“Our Lady of the War Club” shows the Pueblo Revolt surrounding the Virgin Mary.



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Prayer Requests

NMHCPL President Mel Montano, All Members, our youth and military, and all most in need of healing. Prayers for those suffering through the South Coast Hurricane season! Prayer that both National Political Parties are directed by Gods truth and goodness!

JOIN US in our mission



Saturday, September 22, 2012, 2:00 PM
Albuquerque Special Collections Library (Botts Hall)

423 Central Ave. NE, Albuquerque NM
The New Mexico DNA Project and the Iberian Peninsula DNA Project presents James Dory-Garduño & Ángel de Cervantes,

Who will discuss the El Cid - Rodrigo Díaz de Vivar Who was he? What is the true history about his story? Who are his descendants?

El Cid was the subject of the oldest extant Spanish epic poem *Cantar de Mio Cid*. Mr. Cervantes will show a short documentary on the life of El Cid. He will also have a short discussion on his descendants. Mr. Dory-Garduño will discuss the historiography of El Cid and his legacy in Spanish history.

Mr. Dory-Garduño is an attorney and is currently finishing his Ph.D. in History at UNM. Ángel de Cervantes is a History Instructor and the Project Administrator of the New Mexico DNA Project and Iberian Peninsula DNA Project. For more information about the New Mexico DNA Project, visit their website online at:

<http://www.familytreedna.com/public/NewMexicoDNA/default.aspx>

This program is free and open to the public. For more information about our program, please contact the New Mexico DNA Project at angelrcervantes@gmail.com.

300th Santa Fe Fiestas celebrates with a Mariachi Concert at the Santa Fe Opera. 7:30pm. Al Hurricane and Roberto Griego Tickets at 1-800-286-4654, Sunday, Sept 2, 2012.

Nuestra Sr. de Las Remedias

Image brought
By Don Juan de
Onate Colonists 1598
also by Don Diego
de Vargas
for the re-conquest
in 1692



Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico Sat. Sept 1, 2012. Featured Speaker: Francisco Sisneros Topic: “**He Desperately Wanted to be Alcalde Mayor: Eusebio Durán y Chaves in the Court of King Charles III**” The September 1, 2012 speaker is Francisco Sisneros and the title of his presentation is “He Desperately Wanted to be Alcalde Mayor: Eusebio Durán y Chaves in the Court of King Charles III”. In the 1700s the *alcalde mayor* position in New Mexico was a most esteemed and coveted position. As chief civil authority and militia commander of wide districts, the position, although non-salaried, offered opportunities for self-aggrandizement that could not be obtained in any other way. In the late 1700s *alcaldes mayores* were still appointed by governors but were confirmed by the Council of the Indies. Don Eusebio Duran y Chaves desperately coveted such a position but the Governor would not consider him for this or any other position. In 1774 Duran y Chaves completed the long, arduous trip to Spain from his ranch in Alameda to personally ask King Charles III for an appointment. Francisco Sisneros tells the story of the travels and travails of Don Eusebio Duran y Chaves as documented in the historical archives of New Mexico, Mexico, and Sevilla. Francisco Sisneros is a founding member of the HGRC. Mr. Sisneros has been a genealogical and historical researcher for more than 25 years, and has published numerous articles in various journals including Herencia. Hope to see you at the September meeting.

New Mexico State Fair: Sept 1—23 9:00am 9:00pm There are a few changes this year, as Wed. open at 2pm Many attractions and entertainment is scheduled throughout the Fair. General Parking will be free throughout the run of the Fair Senior Appreciation Day is Sept 17.

The 300th Santa Fe Fiesta’s
September/Septembre 7—12, 2012
07-Pregon de la Fiesta 6:00am Rosario Chapel
09-- -Closing Ceremonies Sun., 5:30pm Santa Fe Plaza

Mass of Thanksgiving and Candlelight Procession
7:00pm (Traditionally to Cross of Martyrs)
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi

The New Mexico Genealogy Society This website has interesting information, get on line and check out links listed below:

- * The New Mexico DNA Project
- * Albuquerque/Bernalillo Cnty Genealogy Research Center
- * Photos from NMGS Facebook
- * Links to Online Resources from NMGS Facebook
- * Other Links in NMGS Facebook
- * Palace of the Governors
- * Taos County New Mexico, Resource Page
- * Cronicling America (Historic Newspapers): New Mexico
- * The NMGenWeb Project
- * Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico
- * Official New Mexico Centennial Site
- * New Mexico Statehood: 100 Years of Enchantment
- * Historic Las Vegas Interactive Site
- * San Miguel del Vado Land Grant
- * Places in New Mexico History
- Terms used in Diligencias Matrimoniales (DM's))

NMGS: FURTHER LINKS AND INFORMATION:

The "Locating Catholic Church Records in New Mexico" web pages are the result of a project created and accomplished by **Pat Esterly**, **Armando Sandoval**, and **Angela Lewis**.

Their main purpose is to help researchers locate New Mexico and Southern Colorado church records for given time periods by providing microfilm references and other assistance. These references are to microfilmed baptism, marriage, and death records from the Archives of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe (AASF) and the Latter Day Saint Family History Library (LDS FHL). Access to these references is provided via county search lists or through a clickable map.

This document describes how one can use the "NMGS Church Page" to further your genealogical research.

Statistically speaking: Vatican numbers hint at fading faith practice By Cindy Wooden [Catholic News Service](#)
VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The percentage of Catholics practicing their faith is declining almost everywhere around the globe. Almost all bishops report it, but it's difficult to prove statistically. Each year, the Vatican's own statisticians compile mountains of data about the number of Catholics, baptisms, priests and religious, weddings and annulments in each diocese and country.

An Updated Martín Serrano Genealogy

(On Website of the NMGS:)

José Antonio Esquibel has just completed a compilation of the first three generations of the Martín Serrano genealogy. Prefaced by Henrietta Martínez Christmas, there is a PDF which is attached includes documentation and digital images of key primary record.

The document "is intended for sharing and for wide distribution for personal, educational and non-commercial use. Descendants of Hernán Martín Serrano are encouraged to use the material to update their genealogy charts and software databases and to copy the source citations provided in the Endnotes."

Those engaged in New Mexican genealogical research know Hernán Martín Serrano for at least two reasons:

(1) He was a soldier who was among the first Juan de Oñate colonists who came in 1598 to what is now New Mexico.

(2) He is the progenitor of Martinez line from which many of us descend

New Mexico Governor addressed the GOP

Convention on Wednesday night. As reported, the national prime time speech was not aired by the major networks. Concern has been expressed as to why Governor Martinez, being the first elected Hispanic Woman Governor did not warrant an airing?

Pope among donors to restoration of Algeria's Basilica of St. Augustine

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- With a personal donation, Pope Benedict XVI -- a longtime scholar of the works of St. Augustine -- has contributed to the restoration of the Basilica of St. Augustine in Annaba, Algeria, near the site where the fourth-century saint served as bishop of Hippo.

The Basilica of St. Augustine, completed in 1900, stands a few hundred yards from the archaeological site of the ancient town of Hippo Regius. The ruins include the remains of the ancient basilica where St. Augustine served as bishop from 395 to 430. Vatican statistics report about 12 million people living within the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Constantine; only about 1,000 of those people are Catholic.

SEPTEMBER - Saint.Days/ (Parish Feasts)

- 4/5 Santo Niño (Tierra Amarilla)
- 4/5 San Juan Nepomuceno (El Rito)
- 4 San Augustine (Isleta Pueblo)
- 8 Immaculate Conception (Tomé)
- 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Alameda)
- 8 St. Mary's (Vaughn)
- 15 Nuestra Senora de Dolores (La Santisima Trinidad)
Arroyo Seco & (Our Lady of Sorrows) Bernalillo,
La Joya & Las Vegas
- 29 San Miguel de Vado (Ribera) & (Socorro)

SEPTEMBER- Events

- 1 1794 La Villa de San Miguel del Bado founded
- 3 1779 Don Juan Bautista de Anza defeats Cuerno Verde at Greenhorn, CO.
- 3 Labor Day (Ask for blessings on our sacred labor)
- 7-11 Santa Fe Fiesta's 299 Celebration
- 12 NMHCPL Board/member meeting 6:30pm
- 11-23 NM State Fair
- 10 1693 Velasco/Farfán (de Vargas) Colonists leave
Cuidad Mexico
- 15 National Hispanic Month Begins
- 16 1826 Mexican Independence—NM under Mexican
Gov., next 25 years

OCTOBER

- 4 San Francisco Feast (St. Francis Basilica), Santa Fe
& Ranchos de Taos
- 6 Rosary Rally Albuquerque

YOU ARE INVITED TO Join Us
Hispanic Culture Preservation League,
Wednesday, September 12, 6:30pm
monthly meetings, for info and directions call:
239-4335, Pauline. **JOIN US IN 2010!!**

National Hispanic Heritage Month
Sept 15- October 15
**OCTOBER 6 & 7 at Ranchos de Las Golondrinas the
Fall Harvest Festival: 10am—4pm.**



BOOKS: by Ray John Aragon:

“Enchanted Legends and Lore of New Mexico” is currently available at Barnes and Noble. His new book, “Hidden History of Spanish New Mexico” will be out soon.

Presentation of interest

Father Frank Pavone is coming to Albuquerque to speak at the Gabriel Fundraiser dinner on Friday Sept. 7th. Father Frank is director of Priests for Life and is one of the most inspirational speakers you will ever hear.

Tickets are \$100.00 to the dinner are available by calling PDL at 266-4100

*The Albuquerque Special Collections Library
And The New Mexico Genealogical Society*
**Botts Hall 423 Central NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
(on the corner of Central and Edith)**

**Saturday, September 15, 2012
10:30 AM - Noon**

Presents: Speaker Ron Solimon
*Topic: “Pueblo Nations and State and Federal
Government Policies 1912-2012”*

The Territorial government in New Mexico did not know exactly what to do about the Pueblo Indians as they were pastoral rather than nomadic. They enacted many laws governing these Nations and the State and Federal governments added to the confusion and ignorance after statehood was granted in 1912. Just how did these laws and statutes affect the daily lives of the Pueblo Nations and how were they rectified?

Ron Solimon current president and CEO of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center located in Albuquerque and sits on the National Tourism Board and was a former Board member of the Laguna Development Corporation. He has written many articles on Pueblo Indians and is in high demand as a speaker and motivator.



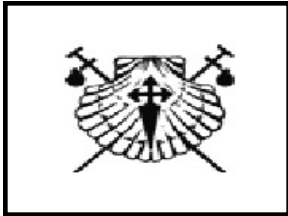
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♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ QUE VIVA LAS FIESTAS
 Santa Fe Fiesta Song – Spanish *Music by Billy Palau, Spanish Lyrics*
by Johnny Valdes, Jr. Santa Fe, tus fiestas de Septiembre ♪ Se celebran en la capital
 Con Zozobra quemando las penas Ya las fiestas van a comenzar Tus mujeres llenas de alegria
 ♪ ♪ Pregonando van su nuevo amor A a luz de grandes luminarias Van cantando con placer esta cancion ♪
 Si Señor, como no, vamos al vacilon A bailar y gozar de esta linda poblacion ♪



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Mission Statement :
The mission of the New Mexican Hispanic Culture 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.

