



### **Primeras Familias**

The New Mexico Genealogical Society established the *Primeras Familias* program as a means to recognize those families who lived in New Mexico during any of the following periods:

- Native American (nonspecific time span),
- Onate (1598 - 1680),
- Reconquest (1692 - 1821),
- Mexican (1821 - 1846), or
- Territorial (1846 - 1912)

This recognition is realized through their descendants who may apply for a *Primeras Familias* certificate related to any, or all, of the time periods mentioned above. Contact us at [info@nmg.org](mailto:info@nmg.org) if you have questions about the program

View the *Primeras Familias* guidelines.

Download the *Primeras Familias* certificate application.

View the *Primeras Familias* web page.

### **NMGS Sponsors 2013 National History Day in New Mexico**

Future contest themes include:

2013 - "Turning Pints in History: People, Ideas, Events"

2014 - "Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History"

2015 - "Service, Sacrifice, Civic Engagement in History"

2016 - "Migration and Movement in History: People, Places, Ideas"

New Mexico History Day is part of National History Day and is sponsored by the *New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities* and the *New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs*. Public, private, and home schools are welcome to participate. The competition in New Mexico begins at a local or district level and progresses to state and national Competitions.

**Saturday, November 24, 2012, 10:30am**

**NHCC at the Salon Ortega** Year-end program

*Featured Speaker:* Robert Julian

Author of "The Place Names of New Mexico"

**Veterans Day** an official United States holiday honoring Armed Service Veterans. A federal holiday that is observed on November 11. It coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the signing of the Armistices that ended World War I. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.)

Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving. We are thankful for the sacrifices! November 11, is also Saint Martin de Tours feast day. Martin became a Christian catechumen against his parents' wish; and at fifteen was therefore seized by his father, a pagan soldier, and enrolled in the army. One winter's day, when stationed at Amiens, he met a beggar almost naked and frozen with cold. Having no money, he cut his cloak in two and gave him the half.

That night he saw Our Lord clothed in the half cloak, and heard Him say to the angels: "Martin, yet a catechumen, hath wrapped Me in this garment." This decided him to be baptized, and shortly after he left the army. He converted many, and in 375 was made Bishop of Tours, and is known as the Apostle of Gaul. His life was spent in working for Christ's Church.

**USA's First Thanksgiving.** By: S. Pauline Anaya.

Still today, in all the text books and instructional materials of whatever media, the story of the "First Thanksgiving" works to point to the feast held in the autumn of 1621 by the Pilgrims and to celebrate the colony's first successful harvest, as is what is instructed. I speak for many of us *Nuevo Mejicanos* who remember our school days, as we sat quietly wondering why, being from New Mexico for so many generations, that a reference, at least during the Thanksgiving Holiday, about our ancestors First Thanksgiving never was mentioned (April 30, 1598). Weren't we supposed to learn about all our history? Well, not much has changed, we are still hearing about the Eastern First Thanksgiving, never a reference to ours, and certainly not in April.

## President Melvyn Montano's Message

### Blessed THANKSGIVING!

It's been a few weeks since our last meeting. I am sure there are agenda items in your minds that need to be discussed. Please submit them and we will discuss at the November meeting, (2nd Wednesday of each month.) November 14, 6:30pm. Our last meeting was held at the Long residence in the north valley. This is the residence of Orae's sister and brother-in-law. We had our annual meeting and elections there a couple of years ago. What a magnificent setting. Our thanks to Orae, his sister and brother-in-law.



Some of the events in which we have participated were: St. Charles School for their Hispanic Heritage assembly. Orae Dominguez and George Garcia dressed up in period uniform and apparel. I displayed a couple of 16th century Spanish swords. The kids proudly wore some replica Spanish helmets that I found at a costume shop and they were standing in line to have an opportunity to take their turn in wearing the helmets. A Mariachi group showed up to play music and participate in photo opportunities.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON DECEMBER 1st?** We are *considering* partnering with some of the Albuquerque Founders Day group so we can participate in the Nob Hill Christmas Twinkle Light Parade, December 1st. **ONLY** if enough are interested in helping make this possible. Come to the meeting to help plan how we may display our Hispanic Culture showing the public that "we" are still here. Some thoughts are; wearing period costume, carrying banners and decorating some type of float with lights, or a vintage car or trailer, does anyone have these to offer? We want to display our Hispanic Heritage. Youth would have a good time if involved. Come and have fun and reminisce when you decorate, if not this year lets plan for next year, now!

We recently learned that Ruben M. Salas has decided to resign from the Board of the NMHCPL. We wish Ruben well, appreciate his historical expertise and hope to see him in future events and lectures. Also keep in mind the Annual Thanksgiving Banquet. This year's Banquet will be the NMHCPL's 15th year of commemorating the 1st Thanksgiving on April 30, 1598. We could use your assistance and ideas.

We are all **thankful for our Blessings!!**

*Melvyn Montaño, President*

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#### **Prayer Requests:**

### **To all Happy THANKSGIVING !**

Our Troops, our youth and answers to our personal petitions. Remember All Saint's Day, Nov. 1.

**Special Prayers** for those affected by Tropical Storm SANDY on the Mid-Atlantic Seaboard and Caribbean

ELECTION 2012!!! Pray that on Nov. 6, those elected will be mindful of Gods Providence over this nation, and will serve with justice and care of the trust granted them. We are so blessed for the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness provided us by the great sacrifices of those who gave so much for the shaping of this great Country, beginning with our Ancestors.

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**Colcha Embroidery Class offered by:**

**Julia Gomez**, Santa Fe, Spanish Colonial Arts Museum November 10th, 2012 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM .Julia will be doing a beginners level Colcha Embroidery class on This is a class for adults who have no previous training in colcha embroidery. All materials will be provided. The fee is \$75 for Members and \$90 for Non-Members.

Participants need to bring a bag lunch. Reservations are required, so please call 505-982-2226 to reserve.

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**ABO Special collections Library**

Saturday, Nov 17, 2012 10:30—12:00 Presentation By **Dr. Richard Melzer** Topic: *“Delay after delay and Finally Statehood at Last!”* Botts Hall at Edith & Central Ave.

New Mexico's statehood was delayed for many reasons in the territorial period, 1850-1912 and this presentation will focus on five of the main reasons for the frustrating delay. Political cartoons from the last decade of the struggle will help illustrate New Mexico's troubles in Washington and in the court of public opinion. The presentation will end with a discussion of how these five main obstacles were overcome by 1910, thus allowing New Mexico to finally achieve statehood in 1912.

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**SPACEPORT AMERICA** in Southern NM; Designed, built and operated by the New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA), Spaceport America is nearing completion of the first phase of construction, which includes basic operational infrastructure such as an airfield, launch pads, terminal / hangar facility, emergency response capabilities, utilities and roadways. The site will be capable of accommodating the activities of both vertical and horizontal takeoff space launch vehicles, serving as the base for pre-flight and post-flight activities, and providing a tourism experience for interested visitors and spectators. The spaceport also presents a unique opportunity to excite students regarding space technology and the underlying science and mathematics. Spaceport America is the first spaceport in the world built-from-the-ground-up to host private enterprise, second space age. New Mexico government to date spent millions.

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**Corrales Historical Society: Speaker Series**

The purpose of the Speaker's Series is to present historical and cultural information to the Corrales Historical Society membership and the general public. NOTE: Historic Old San Ysidro Church, 966 Old Church Road in Corrales. All lectures are open to the public, free and require no reservations. The Old Church is handicapped accessible.

Speaker: Enrique Lamadrid portrays **Capitán Rafael Chacón**, Sunday, Nov. 4th at 2:00 pm, at the Old San Ysidro Church. **Chacón** (1833-1925) was witness to the most significant events in the formation of modern New Mexico, from the US invasion of 1846 to statehood in 1912. At the age of 13, he commanded an artillery position at Apache Pass for the aborted defense of Santa Fe. During the Civil War, his company fired the first and last shots at the Texan invaders at the battles of Valverde and Glorieta. Chacón served with honor in the campaigns for peace with the Navajos and Apaches, and as one of the few Hispanics to attain the rank of major, was the first commander of Fort Stanton at the end of the Civil War, although he never mastered the English language. Following discharge, Chacón served several terms in the territorial legislature before homesteading near Trinidad, Colorado. He wrote his memoirs in his seventies to record the drama, adventure, and sorrow he had experienced. These memoirs include the quote, **“I am poor and my only inheritance is my honor.”**

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**El Camino Real International Heritage Center.**

Saturday, Nov. 17. The Centers celebrates there 7th Anniversary, with living history displays and demonstrations throughout the day, about life and times on the Camino Real.

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**National Hispanic Cultural Center, 4th St. SW,**

**ALBUQ** Events: Nov. 6, Intro to Flamenco Intensive Workshop. Nov. 7, University of New Mexico Wind Symphony: La Fiesta! A Celebration of Wind Music Nov 11, New Mexico Philharmonic, Brahms Requiem Nov 16 & 18 The Figueroa Music and Arts Project Symphony Orchestra Nov 24, 7pm, An Evening with Eva Torrez Albuquerque JOURNAL Theatre \$18, \$16 seniors New Mexican recording artist Eva Torrez performs with Mariachi Nuevo Sonido and The Cast. Featuring Los Garrapatas, with Master of Ceremonies Kevin Otero.

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## 24th Annual Winter Spanish Market

**Friday, Nov. 30, 2012 6:00pm-9:00pm**

**Santa Fe Community Convention Center** tickets are \$25 for Society members, \$40 non-members. Please call 505-982-2226 **Saturday, December 1st, 2012 Market Hours 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, December 2nd, 2012 Market Hours**

**9:30 AM – 4:00 PM Santa Fe Community Convention Center, S.F, NM Free to the public** The Winter Market will showcase the work of more than 100 Hispanic artists.

**Sunday, December 2nd, 2012 Market Mass 8:00 AM**

A special Market Mass will be celebrated at the St. Francis Cathedral Basilica at 8:00 AM on Sunday morning and the public is invited to see the blessing of the Spanish Market art and artists. A procession from the Cathedral will follow, led by a Mariachi band. Sunday, December 2nd, 2012 Market Hours 9:30 am – 4:00 pm Winter Spanish Market is held at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center in Santa Fe, NM. Free to the public. For more information call 505-982-2226 or on line for more info.

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### Pope Benedict XVI declared the Year of Faith

began on Oct 11, and conclude on Nov 24, 2013. Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism so that they may deepen their knowledge of the faith. Below are some ideas on how you can actively participate in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe:

#### **Southwest Liturgical Conference and Study**

**Week:** January 16-19, 2013 Albuquerque Convention Center. *For more information or to register visit [www.swlc.org](http://www.swlc.org)*

**“The Light is on for You” campaign** This is an invitation to the practice of “confession” on the Fridays of Lent 2013.

**Parish History Day** presenting Parish History possibly on their feast day.

#### **Eucharistic Congress for Youth and Families**

will be a one time, one-day event held at the Convention Center on September 14, 2013

Also:

**Billboards and bumper stickers** will promote the Year of Faith and the 50th anniversary of the Vatican Council.

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### Hispanic Genealogical Research Center

**of N.M.** This month, November 2012, there is a planned field trip to Las Cruces and Mesilla. The date is November 10, Saturday. **ONLY members** are eligible to participate, no guests. The cost for the bus is \$7.00 per person and there is a \$3.00 entrance fee at the museum, which you pay for then. You can make reservation by mailing in the \$17.00 to HGRC P.O. Box 27250, Albuquerque, NM 87125. There is room for ONLY 55 people on the bus. There will be an escorted tour of the NM Farm & Ranch Museum. Everyone is responsible to take their own lunch!. It is hoped that NM State Historian Rick Hendricks will make a presentation to the group. Then the bus will proceed to Mesilla Plaza and visit the church, Basilica of San Albino. If time permits, maybe a visit to Old Paul Taylor House. Leave Albuquerque at 7:00am and leave Mesilla about 3:00pm and arrive back in Albuquerque about 7:00pm. Only room for 55 people for this trip. So signing up early is important. These HGRC trips are always interesting and fun.

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### **“Hidden History of Spanish New Mexico”** Book

by: Ray John de Aragon, *Published by The History Press., 2012.* Review by: S. Pauline Anaya  
The book is a short highlight of some of New Mexico’s important events and people. The book is only 120 pages, with well organized short topics, to include interesting pictures, throughout. This book point out significant aspects of Spanish History, than discoveries in the Americas - people, places and things. Mr. Aragon’s introduction is a broad survey within a few pages, attesting to the distinct New Mexico Spanish settlers contribution to a culture, uniquely Spanish New Mexican. The fact that “the colonists had access to literature, such as the novel *Lazarillo de Tormes*, one of the worlds foremost novels by an unknown author, published in 1554; and the work of Félix Lope de Vega Carpio, the most prolific Spanish dramatist, who wrote over 1,800 plays. By the 1800s, New Mexico authors were getting their books published, amon them *Ojeada sobre Nuevo Mexico (A Glimpse of New Mexico)*, written by Antonio Barreiro.” Though isolated, New Mexico had access. This book, contribution positively to our literature.

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**YOU'RE INVITED TO** Join Us, The NMHCPL  
our next meeting is to beheld at 6:30-8:30pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012 call for directions  
239-4335.

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**Harvest Time in New Mexico**. Aaah, the beauty  
of the dried red chile ristras hung out for drying is a  
lovely, distinct and beautiful sight! These chilies have a  
distinctive earthy taste. "Chile Roja," used all year on  
morning fried eggs, carne adovada or enchiladas, and  
the list goes on. Thanksgiving is upon us, there will be  
few Hispanic New Mexican homes where chiles are not  
be served. Just remember to cover the rubber or plastic  
parts of your blender with plastic wrap and use metal  
spoons. These red chiles will stain rubber and plastic  
permanently. Many of us learned the hard way!

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AMERICAN THANKSGIVING SEASON is once  
again upon us. We all have much to be thankful for, as  
the graces we receive from the offerings made by our  
ancestors, sustain us; giving us new opportunities each  
day. Gratefulness and thanksgiving is one of the most  
healing forces we can practice, and no doubt clearly  
demonstrated by the perseverance of our ancestors,  
taught by our Lord! Consistently expressing sincere and  
heartfelt gratitude for what we have and expressed  
throughout our day, will continue to open doors to  
immeasurable abundance and happiness. Gods Blessing  
for a memorable Thanksgiving!

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**Santa Fe New Mexican**, Oct. 27. A young golden  
eagle electrocuted by a power line in Southern New  
Mexico is recovering well in Santa Fe, and caretakers  
expect to release him in the spring. The raptor was  
rescued in White Sands and taken to the Santa Fe Raptor  
Center in Eldorado, where the facility's founder and  
director, Lori Paras, worked with wildlife veterinarian  
Kathleen Ramsay to save his life. "Usually electrocution  
ends badly for birds," Paras said. "It cooks them inside,  
or the current that's traveled through their body will fry  
their nerves."

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**2013 Historical Society of New Mexico** Conference,  
Jointly with the Arizona State Historical Society is to be  
held April 18 - 20, 2013~ Las Cruces, New Mexico held  
at the Las Cruces Convention Center

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## **NOVEMBER** Feast Days

- 1 Día de Todos Santos (All Saints Day)
  - 2 Día 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: Española~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
  - 28 First day of ADVENT
- Events NOVEMBER**
- 8 1643 Don Diego deVargas ~Birthday
  - 9 NM HCPL Meeting 6:30
  - 11 Veterans Day (Dias de San Martin el Caballero
  - 22 American Thanksgiving
  - 25 1542 NM Proto-martyrdom of Fray Juan de  
La Cruz at Tiguex
  - 30 Día de San Andrés

## **DECEMBER**

- 3 St. Francis Xavier: Albuquerque
  - 8 Immaculate Conception: Albuquerque & Las Vegas  
& Tomé
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(Asso.Press): **2,000 sheep flooded the streets of Madrid**  
Shepherds take to street to defend ancient grazing rights  
on Oct 28. Tourists and residents alike stopped in their  
tracks as Spanish shepherds guided the giant flock  
through the country's capital city in defense of ancient  
grazing, migration and droving rights threatened by  
urban sprawl and modern farming. The right to use  
droving routes in large cities that were once open fields  
and woodland has existed in Spain since 1273.

Madrid falls in the middle of two north-south routes,  
according to The Daily Telegraph. "For the past 18 years,  
shepherds have halted traffic in autumn to assert their  
rights to cross the city," the newspaper stated. Modern  
farming practices, however, are endangering these rights.  
Animals these days are increasingly confined to barns,  
because shepherding is costly, the Ministry of  
Agriculture told the AP.

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Watch for the ALBUQ Old Town Stroll and Christmas  
Tree Lighting usually the first week end in December.  
No news out at this writing, but it is always a great way  
to get in the Christmas Spirit and also with the Twinkle  
Light Parade, this year at Nob Hill Stroll, Dec. 1.

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New Mexican Hispanic Culture  
 Preservation League  
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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



***Blessings to you and family at this THANKSGIVING SEASON!!***