



NEWSLETTER

January 2019

Doña Ana County Historical Society

Awards Announced For Annual Lunch, Jan. 26

In December the DACHS Board of Directors voted on the following awards to be presented at the Award's Banquet on January 26.

HALL OF FAME

Dr. Peter Kopp

OLD TIMER'S AWARD

Murals of Las Cruces

HERITAGE AWARD

Rob and Murnie Cox

PASAJERO DEL CAMINO REAL AWARDS

Mark Santiago and Pete Drexler

GEMOETS PRIZE

Judith Messal

KATHERINE STOES PRIZE

Cheryl Fallstead

For those of you unfamiliar with the DACHS awards:

HALL OF FAME induction recognizes an individual who is known for exceptional contributions to the preservation of the history and culture of the Mesilla Valley.

OLD TIMER'S AWARD is for recognizing a cultural tradition or phenomenon.

HERITAGE AWARD is for people whose actions have contributed to the historical or cultural heritage of Dona Ana County.

PASAJERO DEL CAMINO REAL AWARDS are for authors of recent significant historical publications.

GEMOETS PRIZE is for the outstanding article in the current *Southern New Mexico Historical Review*.

KATHERINE STOES PRIZE is for outstanding writing or editing in the current issue of the *Southern New Mexico Historical Review*.

The Awards Luncheon will be held on Jan. 26, at the Double Eagle restaurant in Old Mesilla. Check in will begin at 11:30 a.m. and we will eat at noon. The cost is \$26.50 per person. The menu is:

Green Chile Cheese Enchiladas

Cactus Barbeque Brisket

Oven Roasted Red Potatoes

Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter

Spinach Salad w/ Cranberries, Almonds, Feta
Tomato, Cucumber, Onion Vinaigrette Salad

Macaroni Salad

Chefs Assorted Dessert Table

Ice Tea and Coffee

Please make your reservation by January 23 so we can provide the restaurant with an accurate count. Note that if you decide to pay at the door, this is a buffet so the DACHS is on the hook to pay for the number of reservations made - whether you attend or not.

To make a reservation, you can clip the form on the back page of this newsletter and mail it in - make sure it gets to us by the 23rd. Or, you can call Susan Krueger at 575-525-0654 and provide her with all your details.

In addition to the lunch and award presentations, the group behind the program to document Las Cruces murals will present a slide show of selected art work. Finally, several of our local authors will have their books on sale at the dining room entrance.

Please join us at this important event. It is a nice opportunity for us, as a group, to show that we care about our local history. Also, it is a great opportunity to get together with old friends and enjoy some good food together.

See you on the 26th.

DACHS Members Behind Garrett Heritage Festival

Pat Garrett Western Heritage Festival — Explore the life, controversies, and legacy of Pat Garrett, the Wild West's most famous lawman. Best remembered for killing Billy the Kid, Garrett lived in Dona Ana County for 12 years, served as county sheriff for 4 years, and was killed here on February 29, 1908.

Friday, February 1

5:00 pm – **Gallery Opening.** A collection of images from the early days of movie theaters in Las Cruces. **FREE**

Saturday, February 2

12:00 pm – **Sing the Legend.** A live musical presentation by Dan Crow, John Wood, and Scott Galbreath. Crow and company will perform 9 historic western songs. For each song, the presenters will give a history of the song, including information such as the artists who created the work, what historic western characters or events are addressed in the song, the circumstances in which it was first performed, and the popular reception. **FREE**

1:30 pm – **Movie: *Four Faces West*, 1948,** directed by Alfred E. Green, based on a story by Eugene Manlove Rhodes. Charles Bickford as Garrett. **FREE**

4:00 pm – **Killing Pat Garrett.** Presentation by David Thomas of the events leading to the killing of Pat Garrett on February 29, 1908. **FREE**

4:30 pm – **Wayne Brazel Preliminary Examination.** A reenactment by actors of the March 4, 1908, courtroom examination that led to Brazel's indictment for killing Garrett. The reenactment uses the actual words of the courtroom hearing. **FREE**

5:00 pm – **The Wayne Brazel Trial.** Follow-up presentation by David Thomas of the Brazel's trial and the outcome. **FREE**

6:00 pm - **Querida Esposa: Travel Back in Time on a Journey of Love.** Presentation by Karla Steen, who will read, peruse, and discuss the affectionate and informative letters written by Patrick F. Garrett to his wife, Apolinaria Guterrez-Garrett between the years 1889 and 1896. These letters, beautifully scripted to Apolinaria and the Garrett children, show Pat Garrett the man, rather than the legend. These letters demonstrate his deep efforts to stay connected to his "Dear Wife" and family throughout his daily life on the road as he fought to make ends meet. **FREE**

7:30 pm – **History of Movie Theaters in Las Cruces & *Billy the Kid* (1930) Movie.** Brief history of the theaters of Las Cruces and introduction to the film *Billy the Kid*. The original world premiere of the film was held in the Rio Grande Theatre in Las Cruces on October 12, 1930. *Billy the Kid* was directed by King Vidor, and stars Johnny Mack Brown as Billy the Kid, and Wallace Beery as Garrett.

TICKET: \$5



It Is Time To Renew Your DACHS Membership

If you have not renewed your membership in the Dona Ana County Historical Society for 2019, please consider doing so now. Just fill out the form below and mail it to our Post Office box or bring it

with you to the Awards Luncheon on Jan. 26 and give it to Dennis Fuller or Susan Krueger. You can make your check out to: DACHS.

Doña Ana County Historical Society, P. O. Box 16045, Las Cruces, NM 88004-6045

DACHS Membership Form

Please renew/enroll my/our membership in the Doña Ana County Historical Society. Memberships are active for the calendar year of enrollment and fees are deductible within legal limits for Federal and State income tax purposes. If you are unsure of your status or have questions regarding membership, please contact Susan Krueger, at 575 525-0654.

Annual Membership/Sponsorship Rates

Individual \$20 Family \$25 Student \$8 Contributor \$40
Benefactor \$150 Life \$300

Southern New Mexico Historical Review Sponsorship + \$50

Is this a change of information? Yes No A check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Date _____ Check # _____

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Email Address _____

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You will automatically receive the Monthly Newsletter in your email as a PDF. Would you also like a paper, printed copy mailed later to the above postal address? Yes No

Your membership includes a copy of the annual *Southern New Mexico Historical Review*(SNMHR). Are you willing to download the version on the DACHS website or would you like to receive a printed copy?

Printed copies are usually first available at the annual Awards Luncheon.

**Doña Ana County Historical Society's Annual Awards Luncheon
Saturday, January 26, 2019, Double Eagle Restaurant
On the Mesilla Plaza, 12:00 noon**

Seating for the Annual Awards Luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the buffet lunch served at 12. The cost is \$26.50 per person payable in advance or at the door. Note the form below includes spaces to list all your guests. You may email your reservation to Susan Krueger at skrueger575@msn.com. Or, if you prefer, you may print it, fill it in and mail it to Susan Krueger c/o DACHS; P.O. Box 16045; Las Cruces, NM 88004.

The installation of Board Members and the Awards program will take place following lunch. If you have questions, please call Susan (575) 525-0654.

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Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

\$26.50 per person TOTAL enclosed \$ _____ Will pay at the door

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