

# NEWSLETTER

## January 2024

Doña Ana County Historical Society

### Sign Up Now For Awards Banquet On Jan. 27

We are now taking reservations for the DACHS annual awards banquet which will be held Jan. 27 at La Posta restaurant in Mesilla starting at noon. The cost is \$24 per person for a Mexican buffet lunch.

You need a reservation to attend because seating is limited. You can send in the form below with your check to get seats. Just make sure the committee gets it before Jan. 23. We need to turn in a hard count to La Posta.

Also, you can call in a reservation and pay at the door. We hate to do this as some will reserve a place and then not show up and DACHS has to pay for the plate. But, given the short time line, we feel it is necessary. You can call Jim at 575-521-8771 and make your reservation. Please provide the names of everyone in your party and let us know if you are a current member of DACHS or not.

At the banquet the *Southern New Mexico Historical Review* will given to members paid up for 2024. Non-members can buy a copy for \$10. Members not attending will receive their copies later by mail.

#### AWARDS TO BE GIVEN

➤ **Pasajero del Camino Real Awards for Historical Publication** - *Episodes From Apache Lands* by Dan Aranda and *Indians, Latinos, and Confederates, A Western Family: 1598-1973* by Frank Brito

➤ **DACHS Hall of Fame Inductions** - Pat Taylor and Consuelo Rios Lerma

➤ **Old Timers Award** - Native American petroglyphs on Tonuco Peak

➤ **Heritage Award** - Joe B. Armstrong

➤ **Buildings with Historical Significance** - The Old Fairacres School and the Las Cruces Women's Improvement Association Bldg.

➤ **Gemoets Prize for Best 2024 Review Article** - Elisa Sanchez

➤ **Hiram Hadley Prize for Outstanding 2024 Review Article on Pioneer History** - Christopher Schurtz

Mail this reservation form w/ your check to: DACHS, P.O. Box 16045, Las Cruces, NM 88004

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ # of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ NAMES OF OTHERS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Eckles Photos From J. Paul Taylor Home During Christmas Open House



## National Park Service Local Meeting About Butterfield Trail

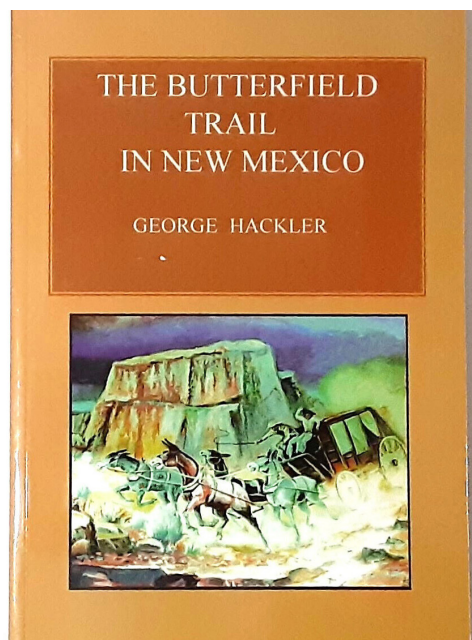
The Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail (NHT) was added to the National Trails System on January 5, 2023. The NHT is 3382 miles long, crosses seven states, and was designated to commemorate the impact the Butterfield Overland Mail service had on the shaping of the nation. The NHT is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), National Trails office Regions 6, 7 & 8 (NTIR). **NTIR would like to invite you to join in developing the comprehensive plan for this newly designated NHT.**

An important first step in this process is meeting with those that live and work along the trail to meet stakeholders, build partnerships, gather ideas for how to promote and develop the trail, and to answer questions about what it means to have a Congressionally designated National Historic Trail in a community. Back in November 2023 the Park Service began the first of a total of 18 public meetings that will be held across the seven trail states. Meetings will be held in communities from Missouri to California.

***The meeting for our area will be January 11 from 5-7 pm in the Mesilla Community Center at 2251 Calle de Santiago.***

FYI - National Historic Trail designation has no effect on the rights of private landowners. As an administrative document, the comprehensive plan does

not obligate, direct, or require that any land owner or land manager follow the suggestions presented in the plan. The intent of the comprehensive plan is to present a vision for how the public can interact with the remnants and stories of the trail and the important role it played in American history.



***Former DACHS president George Hackler's book on the Butterfield Trail in New Mexico. It is still available from a few sources online.***

## Genealogical Society To Present Class On Latest Research App

The Doña Ana County Genealogical Society will meet January 10 for a lesson in how to use "Relative Finder" - the updated version. "Relative Finder" is used to identify how you and others are related if their data is included in FamilySearch.org. It is also a good way to document lines of ancestry.

The meeting will be held in the Roadrunner Room at the Las Cruces Branigan Library and will start at 2 p.m.

The meeting will also be presented on Zoom. For non-members to join via Zoom, send an email request, including your name and telephone number, to: [dacgslc@gmail.com](mailto:dacgslc@gmail.com). The request, with your name and phone number, must be received two days prior to the meeting.

If you plan to attend in person, consider bringing your cell phone or a laptop computer so that we may see how attendees are related.

## Dues Are Due - Help Celebrate Las Cruces At 175 During 2024

If you haven't already renewed your DACHS membership for 2024, please consider doing so now. I've included a very simplified renewal form on the back page that you can fill out and mail in with your payment.

However if you wish a much easier way without the hassle of writing checks, finding a stamp and mailing all of it in, you can go to the DACHS web-

site and pay online with your credit card or PayPal account. It really is simple. Many members did this last year. **You do not need a PayPal account but can use your regular credit card.** The website is at: <http://www.donaanacountyhistsoc.org>

If you have questions, contact Susan at 575-640-4266 or Jim at [nebraska1950@comcast.net](mailto:nebraska1950@comcast.net). Thanks for your support.

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

**Annual Membership/Sponsorship Rates - attach your payment and mail to the above P.O. Box**

Individual \$25       Family \$30       Student \$10       Contributor \$40   
Benefactor \$150       Life \$300

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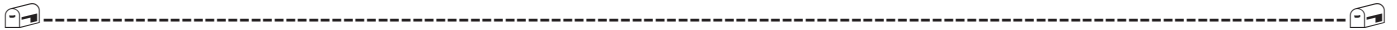
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If you are unsure of your status or have questions regarding membership, please contact Susan Krueger, at 575 525-0654.



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