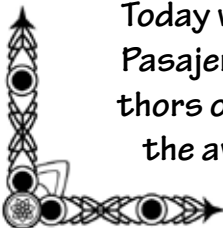
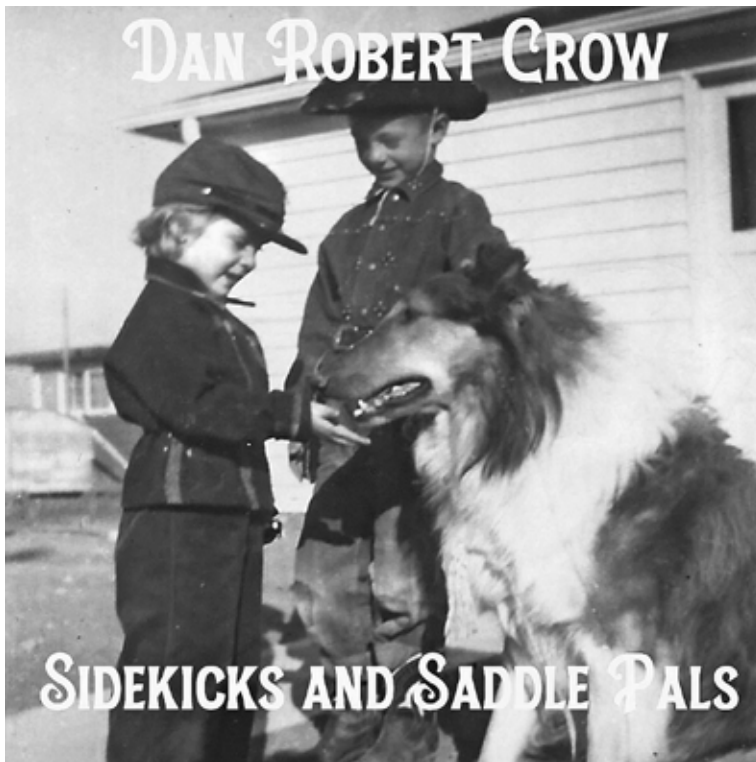


Doña Ana County Historical Society Annual Awards Program

Saturday, January 28, 2023
Double Eagle Restaurant in Mesilla



Today we break new ground as we honor Dan Crow with the Pasajero Del Camino Real award. Traditionally given to authors of books about Southwest history, Crow is receiving the award for his original songs about our local history.



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Doña Ana County Historical Society 56th Annual Awards Program

Welcome Dennis Daily, President

Installation of 2023 Officers and Board Members Dennis Daily

Program

Master of Ceremonies..... Susan Krueger, Awards Committee Chairwoman

Awards

Gemoets Prize Mike Jackoboice
for *Personally Connecting with Wild Westerners*

Hall of Fame Award..... Darren Court

Heritage Award..... DACHS Scholarship Review Committee

Noteworthy Renovation Cliff Schlothauer

Old Timer's Award Tortugas Mountain

Pasajero Del Camino Real Award Dan Crow
for his album of Western songs *Sidekicks and Saddle Pals*

A short sampling of songs from Sidekicks and Saddle Pals with Dan Crow and Karla Steen, better known as “Crow and Karla,” will follow immediately.

Awards & Recognition for 2023

The Gemoets Prize

This \$100 prize is awarded to the author of the “Outstanding Article” in the current issue of the Southern New Mexico Historical Review as determined by the Editor.

2023 Gemoets Prize Recipient

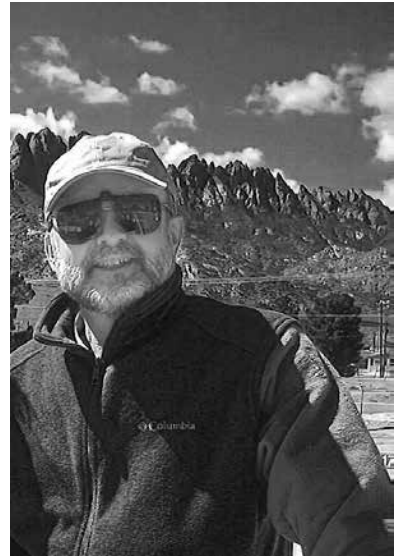
Mike Jackoboice for
Personally Connecting with Wild Westerners

Since 2021 this DACHS member has been busy with research and editing for an Amazon “legal thriller” book series. Mike’s article in the *Review* shows how and where we can connect with Wild Westerners. We can walk and talk where they walked and talked... and even talk with their descendants. And we can shake hands that connect to handshakes in the Wild West. Mike has been based in Las Cruces for 25 years.

Mike first moved to the West in 1979, working as a cowboy, pasture irrigator and river rafting oarsman for the White Grass Ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. After college he moved northwest to Alaska through the 1980s, working in North Slope oil exploration and the Exxon Valdez oil spill cleanup. Years of work as a radio news director and AP affiliate in Alaska led to seven years of journalistic work in South America.

Along the road of life, with long stops in Nepal and Switzerland, Mike has met and interviewed people who made history and then passed into it. Shake his hand and its handshakes with author James Michener, with jungle missionary Rachel Saint, with German architect and author Albert Speer, with Antarctic musher Norman Vaughan, and with the founders of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Mike’s article doesn’t include his family’s connection with another colorful chapter of Western history. Shake his hand and connect to his 1st cousin Enon Lanfear and the wild desert camels of the Southwest (three generations back). Lanfear joined a venture that purchased 32 camels that the Army had tried using to carry freight. They used them to carry mail and freight in Texas and Mexico.



Hall of Fame Award

The Hall of Fame Award is designed to recognize an individual who is known for their exceptional contribution to the preservation of the history and culture of the Mesilla Valley.

2023 Hall of Fame Inductee

Darren Court



Darren Court, 56 years old, started working at the White Sands Missile Range Museum in May 2007. At the end of the year he took over as Director/Curator. Since then he has been the engine behind the transformation that will soon culminate in one of the most modern, far reaching and educational museums in the Army system. Current construction of a completely new exhibit hall is scheduled to be finished in the next few months.

When Darren started, the museum was about a third of its current size, with the gallery only being in the back trailer area. There was little interpretation, just a collection of artifacts from many organizations and companies. The museum had no online presence at all and it did not conduct any tours.

Since then, it has become a valuable part of the Army Museum Enterprise and staff members are the subject matter experts in the army for rockets, missiles, space technology, and the Manhattan Project. The museum now really is a museum, with full interpretation, a robust and growing on-line presence, and the ability to provide both onsite and offsite tours to locations like the Hembrillo battlefield, Trinity Site, and Launch Complex 33, in addition to an ability to provide in-depth lectures on all aspects of the museum storyline.

Rather than a collection of “things,” it now has a learning center with a STEM education center as well as an extensive archive and research center.

Darren is originally from Amarillo, Texas. He spent over seven years in the Army and left the service while at White Sands Missile Range. He earned his BA and MA degrees in history from NMSU.

Heritage Award

The Heritage Award is given to a person or persons whose actions or deeds have contributed to the historical or cultural heritage of Doña Ana County and who is (are) not professional or a vocational historian.

2023 Heritage Award Recipient Committee That Revised DACHS Scholarship Program

For years, the Doña Ana County Historical Society has worked to encourage students' academic efforts towards pursuing their personal interests related to research of regional history and preservation of cultural heritage. To support such efforts, the DACHS has generously and proudly offered financial support by offering three grants and scholarships to help students, both at the secondary and post-secondary levels.

The three, annual scholarships are:

1. Research Grant - funding for university student projects.

This Grant is open to students of various academic majors including history, museum studies, cultural resource management, and related. It is worth \$500.

2. The Mary and J. Paul Taylor NMSU Student Grant - specifically for NMSU students conducting research on local history, the Southwest, and the US/Mexico border. This Scholarship is worth up to \$1,200.

3. National History Day Grant - high school seniors from Southwestern New Mexico who enter the regional National History Day competition are eligible for this scholarship. The students' entries and presentations are judged and the winner is awarded \$250 to help towards future academic expenses.

Although these Grants sound very appealing, in recent years, very few applications have been received and few awarded. For this reason, it was necessary to revisit the Grant and Scholarship descriptions, criteria, and other requirements. A committee was formed, consisting of Board members Luis Rios (chair), Jose Aranda, Heather Reed, and Jerry Wallace, to review and update the criteria such that they were more appealing to students in the contemporary classroom. This required input from the entire Board, with special assistance from the New Mexico National History Day director, Heather McClanahan, who helped clarify and re-write some of the description and criteria for the respective Grant. The DACHS is extremely grateful for her time and dedication towards this effort.

The Committee is also working on expanding and improving its efforts to promote these Grants among potential award candidates.

Noteworthy Restoration Award

This award recognizes a restoration of a historic building in Doña Ana County.

2023 Noteworthy Restoration The Magdaleno Baca House by Cliff Schlothauer

Cliff Schlothauer has spent the last thirty years restoring historic homes and has been recognized before by the DACHS for his work. His latest restoration is the Magdaleno Baca House (Ricon del Reposo) at 233 S. San Pedro Street which was built in 1850 by Magdaleno Baca. In the 1950s, Judge Santos Rios and his wife Carolino Rios reared their family in this home.

This latest Schlothauer endeavor took four years and was completed in 2022. According to Cliff, it took so long because of the care his employees took to keep the restoration true to the era. As an example of that effort, he used traditional lime plaster inside and out; the exterior color was created by native Mexicans who knew the traditional way to make the paint, which is boiled down nopal cactus fruit, water, and lime. That way the adobe can breathe naturally. This brilliant white exterior is beautiful against the clear blue New Mexico sky. Another example, is that all of the wood for cabinetry and lumber in the restoration came from hundred-year-old reclaimed wood.

The builder, Magdaleno Baca, was a man of means. His house was large for the time, with 11-foot ceilings, very thick adobe walls, and locally processed vigas and latillas. Around 1879, Magdaleno built an apartment on the east side of the house. He moved into that and let his daughter and her family live in the main house. Then, circa 1953, Judge Santos Rios and his wife Carolina added a large glassed-in porch on the south side and also built the single car garage south of the house.

Cliff describes the house's character as "Rustic-in-Nature New Mexico style" with Chihuahuan influences in the building methods. The original interior, fortunately, is still wonderfully intact after 171 years. This includes the original cottonwood vigas.

In addition, Cliff restored the exterior of the rock house next door at 225 S San Pedro to complement the Magdaleno Baca house. The rock walls had been plastered over and Cliff removed all the covering and cleaned the original stones. The goal was to clean up the entire property, which consisted of the small rock house, the garage, and the Magdaleno Baca house.

In the end, Cliff has turned the Baca house into a comfortable home and, at the same time, preserved one of the important houses in the Mesquite District.



These two photos show the Magdaleno Baca House (Ricon del Reposo) at 233 S. San Pedro Street before the restoration work (top) by Cliff Schlothauer and what it looks like now (bottom) - like when it was built in 1850 by Magdaleno Baca. The most obvious feature here is that the archway has been removed, revealing the original exterior that has been restored using traditional lime plaster.

Old Timer's Award

This award identifies a cherished object, a natural phenomenon or a cultural tradition prominent in the heritage of the Mesilla Valley deserving of public attention and recognition as an important part of the physical character of this region.

2023 Old Timer's Award Tortugas Mountain

Tortugas Mountain rises above the East Mesa to an elevation of 4,928 feet above sea level. Often called "A" Mountain for the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Aggies gigantic "A" white washed near the top on the west side of the mountain, a much preferred older name is Tortugas, or "Tortoise" Mountain, because of its resemblance to a turtle (or several turtles) making their way across the desert - when viewed from the south.

The Tortugas Pueblo consider the mountain a sacred place. Every year from December 10-12, the village of Tortugas celebrates the Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe during which the faithful from the village make the 4-mile pilgrimage to the top of the mountain for ceremonies of devotion - many barefoot.



An aerial view of Tortugas Mtn. taken by Lieutenant Ray Boutz, NMSU class of 1932, when he was home visiting his mother, probably at Christmas 1937. Ray was a pilot instructor at Randolph Field in Texas. The Aggie "A" is there and two trails to the top but no road and no facilities. Photo courtesy Dennis Daily and the NMSU Archives and Special Collections.

The biking and hiking trails are used regularly providing exercise and recreation to city and county residents.

Tortugas Mountain has long been used for mining, ranching, recreation, tribal ceremonies and scientific studies. The structures visible on top are communication sites and astronomical observatories managed by NMSU. The eastern side of the Mountain (Monte Vista Parking Area) is managed by the BLM and the western side (Sunset Parking Area) is managed by NMSU. Both entities recognize the many impacts being caused by increasing public use and have joined together to conserve and provide better public use facilities.



Hikers, top left, can climb Tortugas Mtn. via the road or various trails. The view on a foggy day is spectacular. The NMSU astronomy dome is very prominent on top. A shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe built by worshippers who not only ascend during December but at other times as well. Photos by Jim Eckles.

Pasajero Del Camino Real Award

This award is given to author(s) of a significant historical publication about events, persons, places or issues in Doña Ana County or the nearby area.

2023 Pasajero Del Camino Real Award Recipient

Dan Crow for

Sidekicks and Saddle Pals, an album of original Western songs

Dan Crow, who also performs as “Dan Robert Crow,” is the singer/songwriter alter-ego of Dan Robert Allhouse. His album *Sidekicks and Saddle Pals* was released in 2022 and contains all original songs based on our regional history. Dan says the album is part of his “Sing the Legend” series and is in the Western/Americana musical genre.



In his review of the album, Rick Huff said, “From lyrics to vocals to arrangements, there exists a jovial

vintage feel to the proceedings that is most welcome.” Dan performed songs from the album at the DACHS May 2022 monthly program.

The album is produced by local musician Steve Smith. Unlike Dan’s performance for DACHS where he performed solo, for the album Dan is joined by Smith, the “Hard Road Trio” and others on vocals and various instruments.

Some may know Dan for his work with children - he drops the Robert from his name for those shows. He is best known for performing the theme song (“Walk Outside”) for the movie “The Adventures of Milo and Otis,” but also composed many Disney songs, most significantly for “Welcome to Pooh Corner” and “Dumbo’s Circus.” He also performed on a “Baby Songs” spin-off video, and regular appearances on children’s educational channels like Noggin and The Learning Channel, as well as his own commercial video and audio recordings.

Dan has given 5,000-plus concerts that have taken him all over the United States and to Europe, Asia, Australia, Canada and home again.

Recently the album was #26 on the Cowboy/Western Music charts in the U.S.

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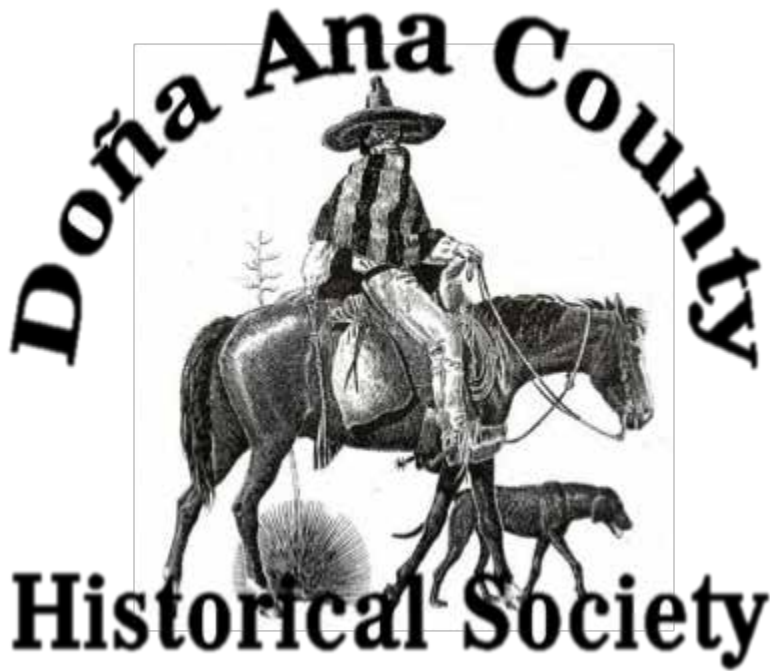
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