



# NEWSLETTER

February 2020

Doña Ana County Historical Society

## Angel Pena To Speak About Resources Found In Organ Mountains / Desert Peaks Monument

The Dona Ana County Historical Society's February 20 presentation will be given by Angel Pena. Pena is president of the Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project and a board member of the Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks.

In 2013, as an Anthropology graduate from NMSU, Pena lead teams of archaeologists and anthropologists through the proposed Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument to conduct archaeological inventories for the Bureau of Land Management in preparation for the nomination. Pena will talk about some of the findings both historic and natural located throughout the National Monument areas and continuing efforts to preserve these designated areas for future generations.

As usual, the meeting will be at the Good Samaritan auditorium at 7 p.m. The hall is at 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The lecture is free and open to the public.



## Laumbach's Final Lecture On Canada Alamosa Will Be Feb. 13

The 5th and last lecture in HSR's 2019-2020 lecture series, *A Synthesis of Twenty Years of Archeological Discoveries on the Canada Alamosa*, will be on Feb. 13.

Since the series began in September, Karl has brought attendees from the Archaic occupation in the canyon into the late 1300s by which time the Victorio Site and the Pinnacle Ruin had both been abandoned. Abandonment may have been due to the double impact of the

"Little Ice Age" and the Apache.

February's lecture will trace the archaeological record that suggests there was an Apache occupation by at least the late 1400s in the canyon and will discuss interaction between the residents of Canada Alamosa and the Apache through 1900.

The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at the Good Samaritan Village at 3011 Buena Vida Circle here in Las Cruces..

## Tickets For Human Systems Research Buffalo Roast On Sale

Human Systems Research has announced that their ninth annual Buffalo Roast will be be March 14 at the NM Farm and Ranch Museum. The keynote speaker will be Mark Santiago, Director of the NM Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. His topic will be "Labyrinth of Blood: Apaches and the Spanish Empire." This talk will examine the origins,

course, and results of this long, bloody, and labyrinthine struggle.

Tickets are \$50 per person and are sold only in advance of the event because of the limited seating. Tickets are not sold at the door. Cash or personal checks are accepted but not credit cards. They can be purchased at the HSR office at 535 S. Melendres.

# Annual Ceremony For DACHS Awards Held Jan. 25

About 50 people attended the DACHS annual awards event on Jan. 25 at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum. In addition to the awards pictured on this page, the old Las Cruces Country Club clubhouse was recognized as a building worthy of preservation. The development company threatening to demolish the building did not attend to receive the certificate.

In addition to the good food and awards, Holly Radke, the museum's collections manager, gave a talk entitled "Practicing Preventative Conservation on Historical Artifacts."



*David Thomas received the Pasajero Del Camino Real Award for his new book on Pat Garrett.*



*Jean Fulton was inducted into the Hall of Fame.*



*Jim Eckles received the Gemoets Prize.*



*A portion of the Las Cruces Ad Hoc Historic Preservation Committee hand to accept the Heritage Award. From the left: Dolores Archuleta, Faith Hutson, Jackye Meinecke, David Chavez, Sandra Marshall, Beth O'Leary and DACHS president Dennis Dailey.*

# Something To Do With That Extra February Day



## Pat Garrett Western Heritage Festival

February 29, 2020

Location: Rio Grande Theatre, Las Cruces, New Mexico

*Brought to you by the Dona Ana Historical Society and the Rio Grande Theatre.*

**Ticket \$10 - Good for All Events Including Movie**

**Saturday, February 29**

**12:00 pm** – SING THE LEGEND. A live musical presentation by Dan Crow, John Wood, Ash Soular, and Don Kinghorn. Crow and company will perform 9 historic western songs. Songs include: LAWDOG LAMENT, THE COFFIN NOTE, BOB FITZSIMMONS, RODEO LADY, LATIGO, KNOCKIN' ON HEAVEN'S DOOR, and SIDEKICKS & SADDLE PALS.

**2:00 pm** – DISAPPEARANCE OF COLONEL FOUNTAIN. Presentation by David Thomas of the events leading up to and following the disappearance and apparent killing of Colonel Albert J. Fountain and his son Henry on February 1, 1896. The murder is New Mexico's most famous murder.

**2:30 pm** – FOUNTAIN MURDER TRIAL. A re-enactment by actors of the 1899 courtroom trial of the persons accused of murdering Colonel Fountain and his son. The re-enactment uses the actual words of the courtroom trial.

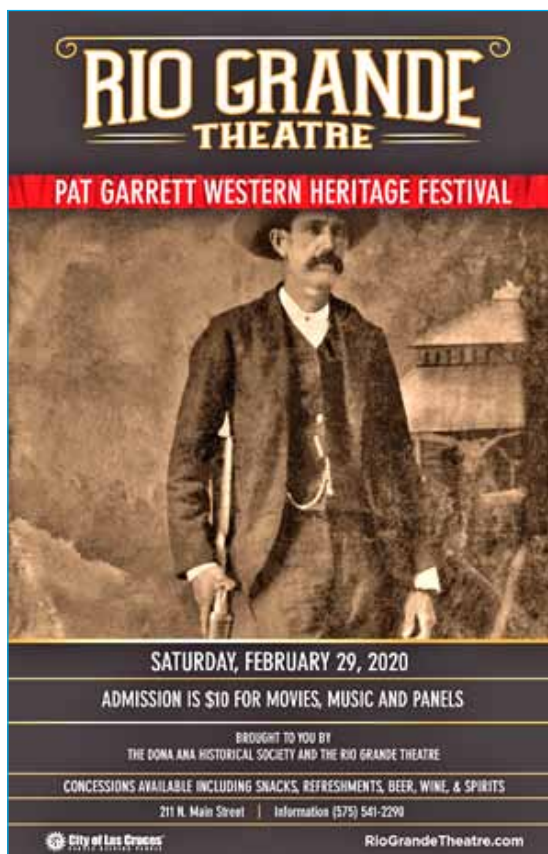
**3:30 pm** – SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION. Opportunity for the audience to ask questions or make comments on the trial re-enactment and its outcome.

**4:00 pm** - THE FOUNTAIN MURDERS - WHAT ANSWERS DO WE HAVE TODAY? Presentation by Karl Laumbach, Human Systems Research, who will summarize what he has learned about the Fountain murders after decades of research.

**7:00 pm** – Movie: THE LEFT HANDED GUN, 1958, directed by Arthur Penn. Paul Newman as Billy the Kid and John Dehner as Garrett. At the time the movie was made, many believed that Billy was left-handed because they did not realize the famous tintype of Billy reversed the image left to right.

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# Membership Notes .....

✍ ✍ ✍ This year we plan to quit emailing and mailing the newsletter via the Postal Service to most non-members. If you are a past member and just haven't renewed in the last year or two, please consider renewing now so you can stay informed on what we are doing. If you don't, you will stop receiving the newsletter soon. An individual membership is still a steal at \$25 and for a family it is \$30. Students can be members for \$10 per year.

Of course, you can eliminate the nuisance of renewing each year by making a one-time payment of \$300. This is the lifetime rate :-).

Make your check out to DACHS and mail it to: P. O. Box 16045, Las Cruces, NM 88004-6045.

✍ ✍ ✍ *Dinosaur Discoveries: Ancient Fossils, New Ideas* is now open at the Las Cruces Museum of Art downtown. The exhibition introduces how current thinking about dinosaur biology has changed over the past two decades and highlights current research by scientists from the American Museum of Natural History and other leading paleontologists around the world. The exhibition is divided into four major themes: "How Dinosaurs Moved;" "The Liaoning Forest;" "How Dinosaurs Behaved;" and "Extinction."

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