

# NEWSLETTER

## December 2021

Doña Ana County Historical Society

### **Southern New Mexico Historical Review Being Prepped**

For this edition of the *Review* we will have six solid articles and a few book reviews. This image is from Dylan McDonald's article on Southwest artist Tom Lea and his Las Cruces murals painted during the Great Depression.

This image was painted by Lea in 1935

and is titled *The First Books Brought to New Mexico by Franciscan Friars in the 17th Century*. It is located in the lobby of the Branigan Cultural Center.

Be sure your dues are paid up so you can enjoy Dylan's article next month.



### **Dues Are Due And You Can Pay Online Or By Mail**

If you haven't already renewed your DACHS membership, please take some time to clip and fill out the form on the third page. Please mail it to our P.O. Box(its at the top of the form) along with your check.

If you wish an easier way without writing checks and mailing all of it in, you can go to the DACHS website at <http://www.donaanacountyhistsoc.org> and pay online with your credit card or PayPal account. It really is simple. Many members did this last year.

On the DACHS homepage, access the renewal page by clicking on the "**Membership**" link near the top of the page or scroll down to "**Quick Links**" under the calendar and use the "**Join Us**" link. This will take you to a page where you can chose to download a PDF of the membership form or go to the box below to select your level of membership and enter your email address.

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which is what you use to provide your credit card information.

Fill in your billing address and email again as this is how we will know who is paying.

If you have questions, contact Susan at the phone number on the form below or Jim at [nebraska1950@comcast.net](mailto:nebraska1950@comcast.net).

### **Please Consider A Donation**

As we face publishing another edition of the *Southern New Mexico Historical Review*, please consider a donation to help defray printing costs. The membership form has space to add a donation and specify what it is to be used for.

Also, a donation can be made from the website. Just below the "Join Us" link in Quick Links is a button for DONATIONS. This also uses PayPal. You will be asked to specify an amount and under that is a small window with a pencil icon. Please fill in that box if you want to target your donation for something like "the *Review*."

## Archaeologist To Speak About BLM Projects In Southern N.M.

We are invited to a Dona Ana Archaeological Society meeting and presentation, 7 p.m. on Dec. 14 at Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle - the same place the DACHS holds its presentations. The speaker will be Bureau of Land Management archaeologist Trinity Miller. Trinity will be

presenting information about proactive and ongoing archaeological surveys and projects relating to the Three Rivers Petroglyph site, Lake Valley Historic Town site, Gila Lower Box, and the El Camino de Tierra Adentro and Butterfield Overland historic trails. For more information, call 575-524-9497.

## DACHS Awards Banquet Will Be January 29 At Double Eagle

Please plan to join us for the Doña Ana County Historical Society awards celebration on Saturday, January 29, 2022.

Mark the date on your calendar, and note the luncheon will be held at the Double Eagle Restaurant on the Mesilla Plaza. During the luncheon we will have the installation of the Board Members and the presentation of awards. Information on how to reserve your place will be in the *January Newsletter*.

The awards for 2022 include:

☞ *Old Timer's Award* to be given to recognize the boundary markers between Mexico and the United States in Doña Ana County;

☞ *Historically Significant Building Worthy of Preservation* to be given to St. James Episcopal Church, completed in 1912;

☞ *Hall of Fame Award* to David Soules;

☞ *Heritage Award* to be given to Evan Davies;

☞ *Pasajero Del Camino Real Award* to David Thomas for *The Trial of Billy the Kid*, 2021.

☞ *Gemoets Prize for Best Article in the Review*: Yet to be selected.

If you have any questions or comments contact Susan Krueger, at [skrueger575@msn.com](mailto:skrueger575@msn.com) or 575-640-4266,

## DACHS Elections Are Final - Still One Opening On The Board

At our Nov. 18 general meeting and lecture, the election of new board members and officers was conducted by Vice President Garland Courts. There were no nominations from the floor - either those present in the Good Sam auditorium or those tuned in via Zoom. The slate of nominees passed as presented by the board.

For 2022, your president will be Dennis Daily and the historian will be Jose Aranda. Past historian Sally Kading simply stepped down from her position and was elected, along with Luis Rios and Sim

Middleton, to the board of directors as members at large.

There is still an opening on the board of directors for another member. If you would like to help out, just contact our president Dennis Daily and volunteer. His phone number is 575-646-4756 and his email is: [ddaily@nmsu.edu](mailto:ddaily@nmsu.edu). The DACHS Bylaws allow the election of a board member at anytime between the annual elections. Your assistance would be much appreciated. By the way, members of the board are now protected by liability insurance.

## Several Events Will Be Popping Up In Las Cruces In Early 2022

In addition to the DACHS Awards Luncheon on Jan. 29, that day will kick off a year-long celebration marking the 50th anniversary of the Rio Grande Historical Collections. According to our President Dennis Daily, who happens to be the department head for the facility, they will offer a program later in the afternoon on the 29th. The idea is that DACHS members can easily attend both events that day. Historical Society members should be proud of this anniversary because the DACHS played an important role in getting this incredible resource established.

February marks the annual celebration of Black

History Month and our new historian Jose Aranda is looking for presenters for an educational program he is putting together. He can be reached by email at: [jaranda2@hotmail.com](mailto:jaranda2@hotmail.com).

Finally, the DACHS board has voted to partner with the Historical Society of New Mexico in their big joint New Mexico/Arizona Historical Conference being planned for April 7-9. It will be held at the Farm and Ranch Museum and will be attended by historians from all over the two states. Some great presentations will be on tap if you attend. Also, we will be calling for volunteers to help out.

## 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 \$25       Family \$30       Student \$10       Contributor \$40   
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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). In addition to a printed copy, you can download copies of the whole document or individual articles from the DACHS website.

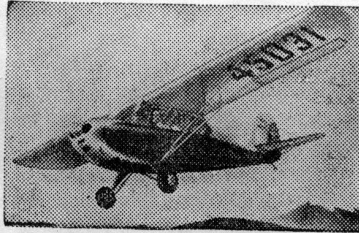
**Review copies are first made available @ the awards banquet. They will also be available at the regular February presentation. We mail to non-locals & non-attendees.**

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This 1946 advertisement is from Jennifer McClung's article on early Las Cruces aviation that will be in the upcoming *South-ern New Mexico Historical Review*.

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