



NEWSLETTER

September 2008

Doña Ana County Historical Society

September Program

Dr. Donna Eichstaedt will discuss her recently published book *“Silver City’s Bear Mountain Lodge: a Brief Yet Intriguing History”* at 7:00 PM at the DACHS regular monthly meeting on September 18, 2008 in the Good Samaritan Auditorium at 3011 Buena Vida circle. Come hear about this very interesting place and have her autograph a copy of her book which will be available for purchase.

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President’s Comments:

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. Many of us have traveled and several of your board members are on trips at this time that will last for several more months. The rains finally came and now we can enjoy the weeds that are coming up along with the new City Hall and the Federal Building. Have you seen the new period street lights being installed in the Historic Mesquite District?

We have an interesting fall program as you can see from the schedule on page 2. I just hope that Donna’s book gets here from the printer on time.

We have already received an application for the Mary and J. Paul Taylor Scholarship and now that the NMSU students are back, I expect we will receive more. If you would like to support this Society effort, please consider making a donation to the scholarship endowment fund.

We are looking forward to the picnic at La Cueva picnic area. Please join us and learn about its interesting history from Frank Parrish. Details and directions can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

On Saturday September 13, 2008 there will be a **Cultural Connections Fair** at the Branigan Cultural Center (BCC) sponsored by the City of

Las Cruces Museum System. They are inviting area arts and culture non-profit organizations to set up information tables for the public. The event is an opportunity to share information about programming, activity in the community, membership, upcoming events, and volunteering opportunities, as well as to raise awareness of these organizations. DACHS will be represented. There is also a new art exhibit in the BCC including several works by Celene Rothenmaier, the great history of Las Cruces display, the Cultural Fair and of course the Farmers and Crafts Market, any one of which is worth a trip downtown. The Fair hours are from 8:00am until noon. Come by and say Hello, see you there.



Southern New Mexico Historical Review

Opportunity knocks if anyone is interested in assisting with the production of the current issue (2009) of the Southern New Mexico Historical Review with an eye to becoming the editor of the next issue (2010), please contact the current editor, Rick Hendricks, at 650-3205 or rhend03@comcast.net.

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Donna Eichstaedt

Donna March Eichstaedt is College Assistant Professor of History at Doña Community College in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Born in Peoria and raised in Normal, Illinois, she earned a doctorate in History at Illinois State University in 1990 and for the past 15 years has been teaching History—first for Troy State University at White Sands Missile Range, then at UTEP in El Paso, Texas, and now, at Doña Ana Community College. She taught and advised at Illinois State University and served as Dean of Lincoln College’s Normal, Illinois extension campus for 13 years. Since moving to Las Cruces in 1992, she has contributed feature articles for: Southern New Mexico Destinations; Southern New Mexico Magazine and Southwest Senior newspaper. She compiled and edited *Once Enemies, Now Friends* (Miles and Pfaeffle) in 2002 and writes regularly for *The Southern New Mexico Historical Review*; *Southwest Senior*, and numerous other publications. She is a past president of DACHS, is presently its secretary and serves on the awards committee and creates the program for the annual banquet. Along with her family, she owns Red Sky Horse Farm in Las Cruces, has been in Girl Scouting for 21 years, is presently learning flamingo dancing, and pursues her special interest in the History of WW-II. She and her husband Carl travel extensively in Europe, following WWII Allied movements and talk to people about the war. They have two daughters, 5 grandchildren, 4 dogs, “too many” horses, and 4 very interesting and funny cats.



Doña Ana County Historical Society Scholarship Funds

The Doña Ana County Historical Society provides scholarships each year. For more information please go to our website for details and application forms. Please consider making a contribution, memorial, or estate provision to the *Mary and J. Paul Taylor Scholarship* by sending a check payable to the *DACHS Endowment Fund* at DACHS, P.O. Box 16045, Las Cruces, NM 88004-6045 or call George Helfrich at 522-3477.

Calendar

Thursday, September 18, 2008 @ 7:00pm
Dr. Donna Eichstaedt: *The Bear Mountain Lodge*

Thursday, October 16, 2008 @ 7:00pm
Ms. Frankie Miller: *Father Grange of San Albino, Mesilla*

Thursday, November 20, 2008 @ 7:00pm
Dr. Gerald Thomas: *A Cockpit View of WW-II*

December there will be no meeting.

January 17, 2009 *Annual DACHS Banquet and Awards Presentation*

All meetings of the Society are normally at 7:00pm on the third Thursday of the months of Feb. - May and Sept - Nov. in the Good Samaritan Auditorium at 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

Don't Throw History Away!!

It is readily assumed that all Historical Society members are interested in history. Ask the serious person on the street and they will tell you they are interested in history as well. But, many people talk a good game, but do not live up to their talk.

Everyone needs to keep in mind that your offspring or other relatives may not regard some of your treasures as highly as you do. It is possible that they will see it all as some of your old junk and off to the landfill it goes. Gone forever!!

Either do this yourself or make sure those who might be left behind know your wishes. Offer your old artifacts, papers, photos, etc. to a museum and/or archive. Let them objectively determine if there is historic value to your things, and take appropriate action to preserve and store them so they will be a part of history that is saved and can be used by researchers and other interested people.

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DACHS ANNUAL FALL KICK OFF PICNIC

Saturday, September 13, 4-7pm

In the foot hills of the Organs (in all their green glory)!!

We will meet at the group shelter in the picnic area just below the Dripping Springs BLM Visitor's Center. Go past the Farm and Ranch Museum on University-- continue straight east past the turn offs to Talavera Subdivision and Baylor Road. Turn left and follow the signs to the picnic area about 1/2 mile before the Visitor's Center. You will need \$3 or a Golden Age pass for the car. There are picnic tables for seating, but if you need back support--bring a folding chair. Also mosquito repellent is a good idea. There are bathrooms available.

The Society will furnish the silverware (ok-the plasticware), plates, and drinks. You are asked to bring your own entire picnic dinner. There is a charcoal set up to grill meat. I plan to grill hamburgers for our family so I'll be prepared to light a fire and furnish the charcoal

Frank Parish will give an after-dinner presentation on the history of the Dripping Springs area. All in all, this is a great get together for potential new members-- INVITE SOMEONE NEW!!!-- OR AN OLD FRIEND THAT DOESN'T GET OUT MUCH ANY MORE!!! See you there- Chuck

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DACHS Membership Form

Please renew/enroll my/our membership in the Doña Ana county Historical Society

A check for \$_____ is enclosed. Date _____, Check # _____

Name(s)_____ Phone #_____

Address_____

E-mail_____ Newsletter via E-mail ___ Yes ___ No

DACHS Membership Fees

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

Memberships are active for the calendar year of enrollment. Membership in the Society is deductible within legal limits for Federal and State income tax purposes. If you are unsure of your status or have question regarding membership, please contact the Treasurer, Xandy Church at 526-9774 or George Helfrich at 522-3477

We Welcome These
New Members

**Theresa Powell
of Loudon, Tennessee**



**Learn to listen.
Opportunity sometimes
knocks very softly.**



**Enjoy life,
this is not
a rehearsal.**

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Here's an idea! On the 13th of September, leave a couple hours early to go to the picnic and drive on up to the headquarters for the Dripping Springs Natural Area, park and take a stroll along the trails there. You will find lots of interesting history. You can get a preview at Mary Saxton's great website at URL <http://www.zianet.com/msaxton/NM/DSprings/> for trail scenery and <http://www.zianet.com/msaxton/NM/DSprings/part2.html> for historic structures along the trail.

Come early and take a stroll!!

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