

NEWSLETTER

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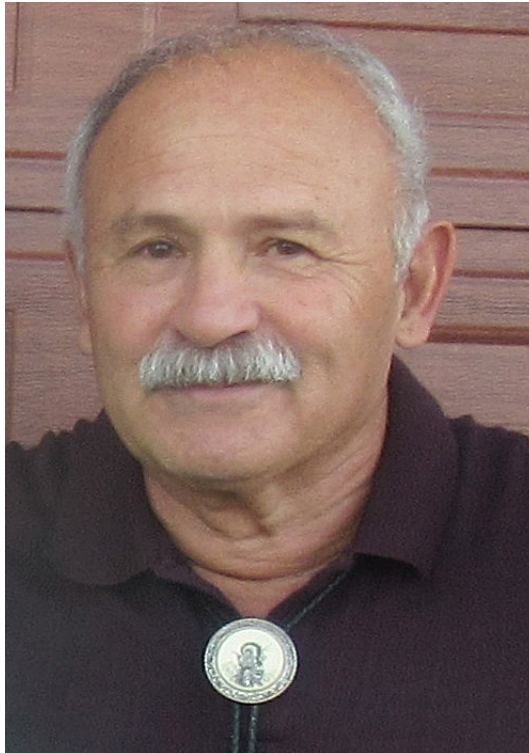
Doña Ana County Historical Society

Dan Aranda To Speak About Santiago McKinn

On Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., local historian and author Dan Aranda will talk about Santiago McKinn, an Apache captive. The talk is taken from Dan's just published book, *Episodes From Apache Lands* and is just one of its interesting chapters.

McKinn was 10 years old when he was captured by Apaches on Friday, Sept. 11, 1885 near Faywood, NM. Dan has reprinted a photo of McKinn from when he was in captivity, a very rare item. McKinn was a captive for about six months but was freed when a group of Apaches surrendered at Ft. Bowie in the spring of 1886.

Born in Las Cruces, in 1947, Dan is a re-



tired firefighter and member of several historical societies, including the Doña Ana County Historical Society, the Cochise County Historical Society, English Westerners and is a proud charter member of the Order of the Indian Wars, an organization dedicated to preserving this important part of our national heritage. In the late 1980's, Dan was the commander for the Department of the Rio Grande of Council on America's Military Past.

The presentation will be held in the Good Samaritan auditorium,

3011 Buena Vida Cr. It is free and open to the public. A Zoom invitation will be sent out a few days before the 16th for those who want to listen in via their computers.

Cemetery Field Trip Will Be Nov. 4 - Zombies Allowed

What better way to learn about the local personalities found in our history than to visit their graves and hear concise summaries on each. That's what we'll be doing on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Las Cruces Masonic Cemetery, 760 S. Compress Rd. We will park and gather at the columbarium, pictured to the right. Wear good shoes as we will be walking on uneven ground - there may even be a few stickers. There will be coffee and cookies served afterward. Some of the better known graves include, Albert Fountain, Thomas Branigan, Fabian Garcia, Pat Garrett, Louis Freudenthal and Doc Noss.



Board And Officer Election Will Be At Nov. Meeting Volunteers Needed To Fill Three Board Vacancies

There hasn't been an overwhelming response from our membership concerning volunteers to fill slots on the DACHS board of directors. There are four openings and so far we only have one nominee.

At-large members of the board serve two-year terms and can help on committees and help out on DACHS activities as they see fit. The board meets once a month via Zoom from Sept. to May and controls the actions of DACHS. Board members from diverse backgrounds provide more balanced discussions and activities for the group.

The annual election will take place during the November membership meeting at the Good Samaritan - Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. Members will be asked

to vote on the candidates presented by the current board. We will be taking nominations up until the last minute so if you'd like to help out, contact our president Dennis Daily at ddaily@nmsu.edu or 575-646-4756 or Jim Eckles at nebraska1950@comcast.net or 575-521-8771.

So far Dennis Daily has volunteered to run for President again. There is no volunteer for the Historian's job. Susan Krueger has volunteered for one of the board at-large positions. There are three other empty slots. **Without a full board, it is going to be difficult to conduct regular business next year.**

The new board takes over the DACHS reins at the annual awards banquet in January.

Yes, It Is That Time Of The Year To Renew Your Membership

If you haven't already renewed your DACHS membership for 2024, please consider doing so now. The renewal form that you can mail in with your check is on the next page. Please mail it to our P.O. Box (its at the top of the form).

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 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 choose 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.

When you hit "add to cart" you will be taken to a secure PayPal page. Select to pay via PayPal or the option below for "check out" 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. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.**

If you have questions, contact Susan at 575-640-4266 or Jim at nebraska1950@comcast.net.

Nominations Sought For Awards

For decades DACHS has held an annual awards ceremony to honor the people who have done great work to preserve and interpret our local history and to point out the places and structures that are important symbols of that history. These ceremonies have lately been lunches held on the last Saturday in January.

If you would like to nominate someone or someone to be singled out, there is a list of the various categories on the DACHS website. Go to the list of Quick Links down the front page and look for "Award Categories and Forms."

There is a short summary of each award after its title. If you'd like to see past awardees, there is a link to the lists on the front page.

Donations Being Accepted For The *Southern N.M. Historical Review*

This year we will again accept donations to help defray the costs of printing the 2024 edition of the *Southern New Mexico Historical Review* in January. You can include your donation in your membership renewal. Also, you can go onto the DACHS website and under "Quicklinks" there is a button for "Donations" to the same PayPal setup as for membership. Just fill it out and say it is for the *Review*.

If you plan to donate, please do so by early December so Jim can get you listed in the *Review* as one of our donors.

DACHS Membership Form

Please renew OR sign me up for 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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Donations

In addition, I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____

Please specify use for your donation _____

Is this a change of information? Yes No A check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Date _____ Check # _____

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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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Karla Steen, President of "Friends of Pat Garrett," presents a Pat Garrett statue to Matthew and Leon Samuel Metz. They are the sons of Leon and Cheryl Metz. Karla presented the statue on behalf of Scott Davis, great-great grandson of Pat Garrett. Scott said he wanted to give the statue "for the recognition, appreciation, and thanks for all the Metz Family contributions to the Old West history, particular my great grandfather, Pat Garrett." Leon Metz's book on Pat Garrett established a new baseline for information about the famous sheriff. Photo by Bob Gamboa

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