



NEWSLETTER

October 2019

Doña Ana County Historical Society

Dr. Nicholas Natividad To Examine Border Policies, How We Decide Who Can Cross and Who Cannot

Our October program will feature Dr. Nicholas Natividad speaking about the history of border policies. The meeting will be Oct. 17 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.

Historically the Borderlands region, particularly the Juárez-El Paso area, has been



known as a major “Passageway” for human migration. There are over 350 million human crossings each year along the 2,000-mile stretch of the U.S.-Mexico border. Determinations about who can and cannot

cross are affected by national, political, and cultural understandings of migration. Nativist ideas help form policies that prohibit “foreigners” from crossing, while economically-driven policies often favor foreign labor that prioritizes profit over human rights.

Dr. Natividad will examine the trajectory of these policies that predate both the border and the United States.

Dr. Nicholas Natividad is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at New Mexico State University. His current research focuses on community practices of human rights across borders. His larger research trajectory seeks to investigate political movements that transmit and translate ideas of local communal justice. He is a huge advocate for community engagement initiatives and believes education should offer outlets for students to learn from and give back to their communities

Field Trip To Chloride On For October 19

Last month we announced a field trip to Chloride, the old silver mining town two hours north of Las Cruces. We will leave at 9 a.m. on Oct. 19 from the old K-Mart parking lot on north Main, between the Telshor 12 and the Shell Station.

When we get there, Don Edmund will provide a short walking tour down mainstreet, explaining the town’s history. We will then eat lunch. You can bring your own picnic lunch but the Chloride Bank Cafe is up and running and will be available. After lunch you will be free to visit the museum, the gift shop & gallery and wander around a bit.

Jim Eckles is going to take reservations from Oct. 2 thru Oct. 13. In addition to providing the names of those going, **you need to tell him if you plan to eat in the cafe.** The cafe is not used to getting a flood of people at one time and they would like to know in advance how many folks plan to eat. They need to make sure they have enough baked goods and other food available.

Since it is a two-hour drive each way, plan on being out most of the day. To make a reservation and indicate your plans for lunch, you can email Jim at nebraska1950@comcast.net. If you don’t have email, call him at 521-8771.

DACHS Volunteers Cleared Weeds At Cemetery



Rakes, shovels and hoes were the order of the day on Sept. 7 as we cleared the ground at the Picacho Cemetery so more ground penetrating radar work can be done. The crosses were placed by project leader Sally Kading and mark where previous radar work indicated possible individual graves.



DACHS board member Garland Courts gets into the tall stuff. We didn't clear around the edges as there is no indication of graves there.



Not everyone was a volunteer. Landscapers Carlos Mares and Juquin Oivas were hired by Bob Gamboa to help and haul away the trash piles.



Everyone was willing to take a break to hear Sally Kading, in blue shirt, explain what's been found.

New Collection Of Material At The NMSU Archive Will Probably Fill In Gaps In Lincoln County History

The New Mexico State University Library Archives and Special Collections recently acquired a collection that will be of interest to aficionados of the Lincoln County War. The Lewis A. Ketring Jr. papers contain a wealth of information collected by one of the pre-eminent Lincoln County experts. Ketring, who passed away in 2017, became fascinated by the Lincoln County War while still a teenager and began collecting information on the topic as early as 1955.

During his lifetime, he acquired copies of the bulk of Lincoln County records dealing with the turbulent episode, much of which subsequently went missing from the county courthouse. He also carried on extensive and prolonged correspondence with descendants of participants in the Lincoln County War, and with leading researchers of Lincoln County, including Robert Mullin, Maurice Fulton, Eve Ball, and Robert McCubbin, among others. The correspondence forms a big part of the collection.

Also included are Ketring's original research notes, biographies of Lincoln County characters, photographs, newspaper clippings, and more.

Ketring collected his research material in binders, and more than 20 linear feet of material was given to NMSU by Ketring's son. The material from the Lincoln County Clerk's office, photocopied by Ketring during the 1960s and 1970s, fills in many

gaps of official county documents that appear to have been removed from the clerk's records over time.

Former county clerk Rhonda Burrows has been on a quest to repatriate stolen documents, such as probate records, back to the county and had been in communication with Ketring about his unique collection of photocopied materials. Burrows and writer Roberta Haldane helped facilitate the gift to NMSU.

The archives received the collection in July and currently is processing it in order to make it available to researchers as soon as possible. For more information, contact Dennis Daily at the archives – ddaily@nmsu.edu.

DACHS Membership Dues Are Due

Dues for those of you yet to renew your DACHS membership for 2020 are just about due. Remember we've raised the price a few dollars so an individual now pays \$25, a family owes \$30 and student membership is \$10. We think it is still one of the best bargains in the county.

In the November newsletter we'll have a form you can clip and mail in or bring it to the next public program or, if you know a board member, hand it to them. At the October program we'll have big, easy to fill out forms available so you can take care of it on site. ▶ Also, **BIG NEWS HERE**, we will be able to take your payment via your Visa or Mastercard. We are getting modern. ◀



Your DACHS manned a table at the Dona Ana County Genealogical Society's Fair on Sept. 21. Secretary Jim Eckles poses with Amberly Walker and her 19th century dress. Amberly was part of a class called "Fashions In The Past" which was taught by Beckie Clawson. The idea was to provide a history of fashion and explain why clothes were the way they were.

Human Systems Research Sets Out This Season's Schedule

HSR kicked off its annual lecture series on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Social Center Auditorium at Good Samaritan Village with "The Archaic Occupation of the Cañada Alamosa." This year's series is *A Synthesis of Twenty Years of Archaeological Discoveries on the Cañada Alamosa*.

HSR initiated field activities on the Cañada Alamosa Project in June 1999. Over the last years, the HSR lecture series has included numerous researchers who are working on some aspect of the Cañada Alamosa analyses. Their subjects have included geology, geomorphology, obsidian and ceramic sourcing, ground stone, projectile points, Apaches, climate change, etc.

A frequently asked question has been "Can you somehow wrap up all this information?" Karl Laumbach, Cañada Alamosa Project Director and HSR's Associate Director for Research and Public

Education will attempt to do just that over the course of five lectures that are offered in the 2019-2020 lecture series. By addressing each of the major archaeological periods and sharing our current understanding of the particular time period and the research that supports that knowledge, he plans to synthesize 20 years of archaeological discoveries on the Cañada Alamosa.

The last four lectures are:

★**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

Pithouse Life on the Cañada Alamosa

★**Thursday, November 14, 2019**

Early Pueblos - Mimbres & Socorro

★**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

Late Pueblo Period - Tularosa, Magdalena & Glaze

★**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

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