



NEWSLETTER

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Doña Ana County Historical Society

Because Of Current Threat, Awards Will Be Virtual

With the recent surge of Covid cases locally, the DACHS board of directors decided on Jan. 7 to not have an in-person awards banquet this year. The decision follows many other organizations now cancelling or postponing events that gather crowds together in small spaces. For instance, the Pat Garrett Festival for next month and the 50th anniversary event for the Rio Grande Historical Collection are both postponed.

HOWEVER, we will still give out the DACHS awards and recognition certificates. The plan is to contact the selected individuals and organizations and make the presentations informally. The board will then put together a recording of those presentations, along with supporting photographs, and make it available for all to see on the web. We will post it on

our [YouTube](#) channel and [FaceBook](#) page.

If all goes well, this will be accomplished by the end of January. We will email a link to the video to our membership when it is ready.

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 Evan Davies;
- ☞ *Pasajero Del Camino Real Award* to David Thomas for *The Trial of Billy the Kid*;
- ☞ *Gemoets Prize for Best Article in the 2022 Review* to Dylan McDonald.

DACHS Hall Of Fame Filled With Local "Who's Who"

Later this month, the DACHS will induct David Soules into its Hall of Fame. So what is the Hall of Fame? According to the Society's bylaws, "the Hall of Fame Award is designed to recognize an individual chosen by the DACHS Board of Directors who is known for exceptional contributions to the preservation of the history and culture of the Mesilla Valley. The contribution should be of a substantial nature and be evidenced by enduring and observable worth to the Doña Ana County Historical Society and the community at large."

The next obvious question is, "Who is in the Hall of Fame?" Below are those selected for the Hall of Fame since it began in 1964.

You'll note there are many prestigious folks in this listing. To be elected to the DACHS Hall of Fame means you are rubbing shoulders with people like Hugh Milton, Fabian Garcia, Opal Lee Priestly, Leon Metz, Gerald Thomas, Karl and Toni Laumbach, the Becketts and many a past president. If you run into one of these people, shake their hand and thank them for their contributions.

- 1964 Elizabeth Fountain Armendariz
- 1965 Herbert Watts Yeo
- 1966 General Hugh M. Milton II
- 1967 Helen Pauline Caffey
- 1968 George Adlai Feather
- 1969 Katherine Dougherty Stoes
- 1970 Fabian Garcia
- 1971 William & Minnie Sutherland
- 1972 Hunter & Edith Lewis

- 1973 Louis E. Freudenthal
- 1974 Opal Lee Shore Priestley
- 1975 Harriett Hanson McGuire
- 1976 Edmund & Aileen Shannon
- 1977 The Day Sisters
- 1978 Keith Humphries
- 1979 Ira G. Clark, Jr.

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✍ It is your last chance to see the exhibit on Urban Renewal in Las Cruces at the Branigan Cultural Center. The display of photos and information will be up until January 15. However, the exhibit on local aviation will be up until this summer.

✍ A contract has been let and work begun on populating the new exhibit hall at the White Sands Missile Range Museum. The museum is currently closed while the work is being done. However, the outdoor display of rockets, missiles and other equipment, along with the V-2 rocket building, are still open during this time.

✍ In a few weeks DACHS will publish its Spring speakers schedule. If you have any suggestions for speakers this year, let us know.

DACHS Emails Are Entertaining And Potentially Very Lucrative

By Jim Eckles

As the secretary for the Doña Ana County Historical Society I am charged with checking our email box every day to see what we've received. Many of you may not realize that DACHS has its own email address but we do. I used my Gmail account to set up one for the organization. The address is 19dachs63@gmail.com and it is publicly displayed on our website. In other words anyone can see it and copy it which is where the rub is.

We don't get much, maybe one or two real emails a week. What we've gotten in the last six months are notices of renewal for Norton virus protection for our laptop computer. In fact, we sometimes get five or six notices a day. I imagine by now we have well over a hundred subscriptions to Norton's protection plan. We are certainly well protected especially for a computer that only gets used once a month.

The costs vary with no invoice being the same. They run from about \$200 to four or five hundred. Norton sure is sloppy ☺. And not very business-like as they address me as everything from "Most Honorable Customer" to "Dear Dona Ana" to "Hey Premium Customer."

Of course, these scammers have to have a name and they make up the most interesting junk – like, Alice Toy, Flouretta Lofink, Annie Rob, Johnnioiy Stopouy and Davisx Scarlett. I love the Annie Rob one as it must be a Freudian slip.

A lot of these notices come from Norton's "Billing and Settlement Dept." Do you ever see an email

✍ Planning continues on the big joint New Mexico and Arizona history conference to be held here in Las Cruces, April 7-9. It will take place at the Farm and Ranch Museum. The DACHS is assisting the Historical Society of New Mexico in putting it on. In fact, the DACHS board voted on Jan. 7 to spend \$100 and sponsor a session at the conference. These sponsorships are available to individuals as well so if you'd like to see your name associated with a session, contact Jim Eckles at 19dachs63@gmail.com and he'll put you in contact with the HSNM.

✍ Also on the subject of the conference, the organizers, who are mostly from northern New Mexico, wish to publish a list of recommended restaurants and drinking places. If you have suggestions, email them to Dennis Daily at daily@nmsu.edu.

from Amazon's "Billing and Settlement Dept."? I don't think so. Of course, the ploy is to get you call a number so they can talk to you and use their wiley powers of persuasion.

Thankfully we occasionally get other scams which are much more entertaining. We've gotten a few that want to share treasure with us. Here is a direct quote from one of my favorites – *"I'm Mrs, jenet white, Army surgeon General from America. But in Asia at the moment with our troops on going peace keeping in the area, here in the Military Zone Camp we are not allowed to make use of mobile phone, we only make use of radio message and email communication, I have decided to communicate via emails only. My dear, I discovered some Gold here which I kept in A Bank and the Bank Management told me that they are going to pay me equivalent amount of \$3,600,000.00 Million US dollars for the Gold which I agreed with them. But I don't want the money to be transferred to my Country America because of my position in Army since they knows me as Military personnel, American Government will like to know how I get such amount of money as they knows my income and my salary."*

Finally, some of the emails we get are not cons at all. They are from people trying to sell us some item or service. Most of those only repeat a few times and they disappear. However, we now get one a day, just like clockwork, from one of those sports betting outfits. Now they want us to start betting on NFL football games. Who knows, maybe it is a way to raise money for the historical society?? ☺☺

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LAST CALL - DUES ARE DUE 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
Benefactor \$150 Life \$300

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 # _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone # _____

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 end of January. They will also be available at the regular February presentation. We mail to non-locals & non-attendees.**

Hall Of Fame List Continued

1980 Eva Pendleton Henderson
 1981 Margaret Page Hood
 1982 The Cox Family
 1983 Carmen Freudenthal
 1984 Mary D. and J. Paul Taylor
 1985 Herman Weisner
 1986 Ilka Feather Minter
 1987 Calvin Lee Traylor
 1988 Leon Metz
 1989 Lee & Christine Myers
 1990 Michael R. Taylor
 1991 Patrick Beckett
 1992 Louis Ray Sadler
 1993 Bradley Blake
 1994 Jesse Scroggs
 1995 Alice Wilbur Gruver
 1996 Gerald W. Thomas
 1997 William P. Stevens
 1998 Archie Beckett
 1999 Austin Hoover
 2000 Gordon Owen

2001 Charles Miles
 2002 Karl Laumbach
 2003 Eva Jane Matson
 2004 Bob Pick
 2005 George Helfrich
 2006 Jo Tice and John Porter Bloom
 2007 Donna Eichstaedt
 2008 Dr. Jon Hunner
 2009 Charlotte Ann Priestley
 2010 Marcie Palmer
 2011 Allan Holmes
 2012 not awarded
 2013 Sally Kading
 2014 not awarded
 2015 Toni Laumbach
 2015 Heather Pollard
 2016 Doyle Piland
 2017 John Smith
 2018 Deb Dennis
 2019 Peter Kopp
 2020 Jean Fulton
 2021 Susan Krueger
 2022 David Soules

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