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Doña Ana County Historical Society

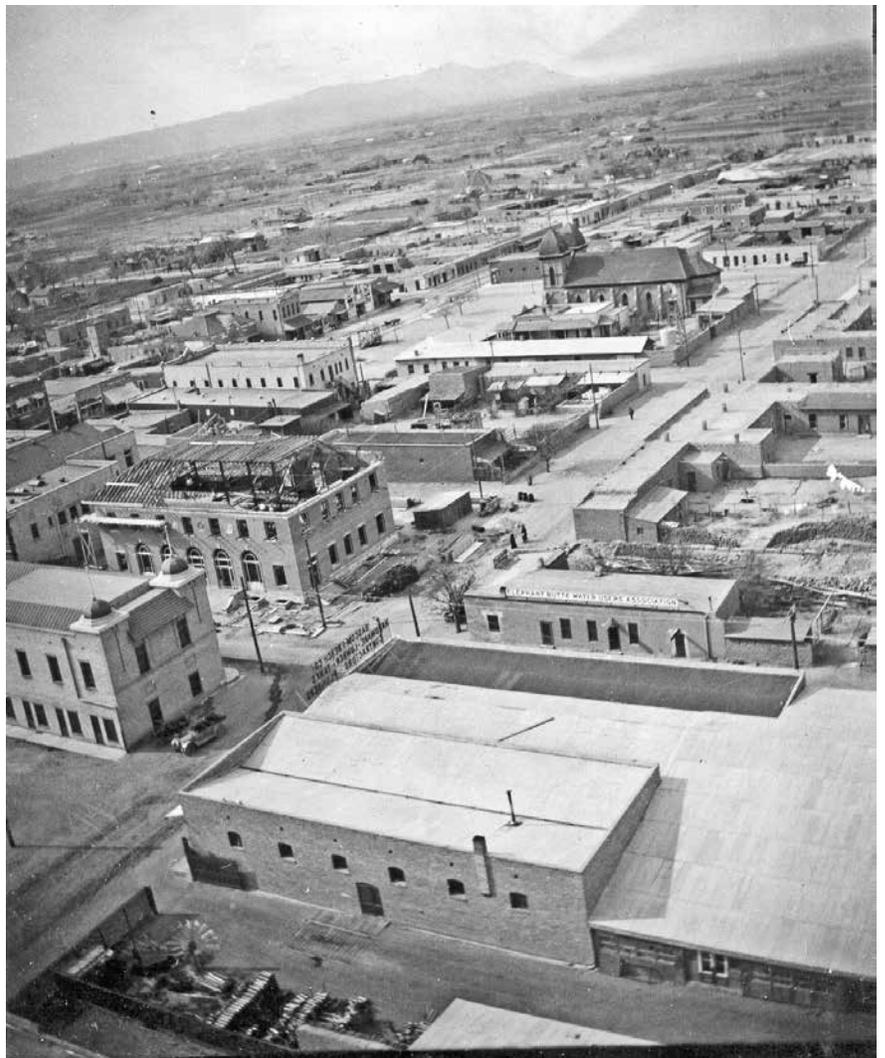
Christopher Schurtz Will Be Our First Speaker In 2023

Local historian Christopher Schurtz will be our speaker for the February 16 meeting in the Good Samaritan auditorium. His talk is called “The Story of S. Parks and the First Aerial Photo of Las Cruces.” Schurtz will present his research regarding the surprising story behind what is likely the first aerial photograph of Las Cruces, taken by kite in 1917, as well as this story’s connection to another project he is researching about the short-lived Las Cruces Railway. This should be very interesting.

The meeting is open to members and non-members and begins at 7 p.m. at Good Samaritan, 3011 Buena Vida Cir. The presentation will also be available via Zoom. Members will get an email a couple of days in advance with the Zoom invitation.

Christopher Schurtz is a New Mexico historian who focuses on the history of Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley. A former reporter for the Las Cruces Sun-News, Schurtz has a master’s degree in history from NMSU and is the author of the book *Historic Las Cruces*, as well as more than a hundred articles about local history.

In addition, Schurtz has served as a historical consultant and researcher for local museums, and has taught courses in U.S. history, public history, and military history at New Mexico State University and El Paso Community College.



This photo is the subject of Schurtz's talk - believed to be taken from a kite and is the first aerial photo taken of Las Cruces. The photo is pretty easy to date as the building under construction is the old U.S. Courthouse and Post Office which was completed in 1917. Photo courtesy of NMSU Library and Special Collections.



Awards Presented At Banquet

DACHS President Dennis Daily is the presenter in all of the photos except the last.

1. Mike Jackboice for the Gemoets Prize.

2. Cliff Schlothauer for his Noteworthy Restoration of two properties.

3. Darren Court for the Hall of Fame.

4. Luis Rios and Heather Reed for the Heritage Award. Not attending but sharing the award were Dr. Jerry Wallace and Jose Aranda.

5. Dan Crow for the Pasajero del Camino Real Award.

6. After the formalities Crow and Karla Steen performed three of Crow's compositions from his award winning album "Sidekicks and Saddle Pals." At the time, the album was number 12 on the county western music charts.



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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. You can also renew on our Website.

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

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✎ It is not too early to start thinking about an article, essay or book review for our next *Southern New Mexico Historical Review* in January 2024. The Doña Ana County Historical Society is looking for original articles concerning Southern New Mexico history.

Biography, local and family histories, oral history, student papers and articles focusing on the history of the Southwest and Northern Mexico will be considered. Small monetary awards are available for some pieces.

Jim Eckman has volunteered to be the editor again. All submissions must be made electronically as Word documents. Other formats can be negotiated. Also, we would like end notes instead of footnotes. To submit an article or to ask questions,

contact Jim Eckles by email: 19dachs63@gmail.com or by phone at: 575-521-8771. Eckles will act as the middle man and continue to do the layout.

The deadline for final articles will be sometime in October. More information is available on the society's website at: <http://www.donaanacountyhist-soc.org/HistoricalReview/Reviews.html>

✎ Put it on your calendar -- the 2023 New Mexico History Conference will be held in Silver City from March 30 through April 1.

The 2023 conference will feature 34 sessions, including many presentations on southwest New Mexico, many by our own authors and historians. All details will be in the conference program, to be released in early February, and registration will open at that time.

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