



NEWSLETTER

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DACHS Webmaster
Mary Lou Pendergrass



Born in 1940 in Honolulu, Hawaii to a Navy family she lived at Kaneohe Bay Naval Air Station on December 7, 1941. She and her mom were evacuated in April, 1942 and lived in El Paso, Texas with grandparents until her dad came home from the war. After living in all sorts of places during her growing up years, she attended high school in Naples, Italy; Kingsville, TX; and graduated from Austin High School in El Paso, TX. Coincidentally, both her parents graduated from that same school, so she said it was a coming home of sorts. She has a BS degree in Education from UTEP (then Texas Western) and a Master's degree in Education from New Mexico State University.

Inspired by a couple of visits to Williamsburg, Virginia, she also started working on a Master's in History here at NMSU, hoping to work there, but started her family instead of finishing.

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Have a happy holiday season
from the DACHS Board

Members in the News

By: Doyle Piland



Martha Shipman Andrews

The office of Gov. Susana Martinez announced that the NMSU Library's University Archivist, Martha Shipman Andrews, has been appointed to the New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board (NMHRAB).

Martha is a Board Member of the Doña

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Now retired, she taught for 33 years: 16 years at WSMR, several years at Alameda Elementary School here in Las Cruces, and lastly Math and Science at Middle School level. She said she loved middle schoolers –“ they “got” her jokes and could take a little gentle sarcasm”. They must have liked her, since for quite a few years after she retired, many former students, including great big boys walking with friends, would greet her on the mall or out-and-about with big hugs. She said, “What a great reward for my years of teaching, no gold watch could match that!”

She and her husband live a mile or so north of town on one acre with fruit and pecan trees, flowers, and birds. To keep busy they dance, read, design and maintain web sites for a number of organizations, and are involved in various computer related pursuits. Actively interested in photography and genealogy, they spend time with cameras in hand or tracking down elusive ancestors when they’re not two-steppin’ or square dancing. They were, until recently, the sponsors of a computer users’ group. Mary Lou has added making cards and keeping a scrapbook of their travels to their schedule.

Mary Lou currently belongs to the Doña Ana Camera Club, the Doña Ana County Historical Society, the Three Crosses RV Group, and two square dance groups.

She has been a member in the past of New England Genealogical and Historical Society and Sports Car Club of America, was local and state president of New Mexico Classroom Teachers Association, former president of the Doña Ana Camera Club and, of course, is a member of the Doña Ana County Historical Society. She’s webmaster for her church as well as for DACHS, and was a Member-at-Large of the DACHS Board. She takes photos of the award nominees for the annual DACHS banquet program.

She says “Traveling was part of my life as a Navy brat and has continued to be so.” She and her husband make a trip or two each month in their motorhome and spend three winter months living in it in the Mesa, AZ area where they dance once or twice a day most of each week, reserving the weekends for sightseeing, hiking with their cameras, visiting friends, or relaxing.

She was the general contractor and part-time laborer for the home she built in 1989 before she met her husband. About that she says, “We live in that home, filled with sunshine, memories, and my blood, sweat, and tears.” ■

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County Historical Society and the editor of the *Southern New Mexico Historical Review*.

NMHRAB is New Mexico’s advisory board to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, a branch of the National Archives and Records Administration.

NMHRAB reviews grant proposals for projects that identify, preserve, increase accessibility to and promote the use of New Mexico’s historical records and documents.

Martha has been with the NMSU Library since 2004. She came to NMSU from The Madeira School in McLean, Va. A graduate of Wellesley College, she received a master’s degree in library and information science with a concentration in archival studies from the University of Pittsburgh.

Martha edited *Out of the Shadows: The Women of Southern New Mexico* (Rio Grande Books/NMSU Library, 2012) and *The Whole Damned World: New Mexico Aggies at War, 1941-1945: World War II Correspondence of Dean Daniel B. Jett* (Rio Grande Books/NMSU Library, 2009). ■

DACHS will recognize the following Past Presidents and DACHS honorary members at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

Name	Term	#
J. Paul Taylor	Nov 1965 - Nov 1966 Feb 1977 - Mar 1979	3rd 8th
Charlotte Priestley	Nov 1966 - Jan 1969	4th
Calvin Traylor	Jan 1969 - Feb 1977	5th
Austin Hoover	Apr 1981 - Oct 1983 & 2004	10th 23rd
Linda Harris	Jan 1993 - Jan 1995	15th
Charles (Chuck) Miles	Jan 1995 - Jan 1997	16th
Clarence Fielder	1997	17th
Eva Jane (Janie) Matson	1998	18th
Beverly Pirtle	2000 - 2001	20th
Robert L (Bob) Hart	2002	21st
Charles (Chuck) Murrell	2005 - 2006	24th
Roger Rothenmaier	2007 - ½ 2008	25th
George Helfrich	½ 2008- 2009	26th
George Hackler	2010 - 2012	27th



You are invited to the Doña Ana County Historical Society's Annual Awards Luncheon

January 26th, 2013, Picacho Country Club 12:00 noon

Seating for the Annual Awards Luncheon will begin at noon with the buffet lunch to be served at 12:30 p.m. On the BBQ Buffet the choice will be Brisket, Chicken, Corn, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, and Cobbler with real Whipped Cream. The cost is \$20.00 per person payable in advance or at the door. For your convenience, a reservation form is included, and you may email your reservation directly to Xandy Church at xbchurch@com-cast.net Or, if you prefer, you may print it, fill it in, and snail mail it to Xandy Church, c/o DACHS, P.O. Box 16045, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

Following lunch, Scott Green of New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum has graciously volunteered to be the Master of Ceremony for our annual awards and to treat us with a reminder of the Butterfield Trail Stage Drivers Life on the Trail.

If you have any questions, please call Xandy at 526-9774.

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Rob Hinton as Fred Harvey

The speaker at our November 15th membership meeting was Mr. Rob Hinton who performed a Chautauqua relating the history of the "Harvey Houses." For those of us who were unfamiliar with a Chautauqua, or Living History Character, Rob Hinton's presentation of Fred Harvey was an extra-ordinary event and for all, familiar or not, it was a spellbinding half hour. The narration, combined with Rob's empathy

for Fred Harvey and delivery were both educational and entertaining. Rob's/Fred Harvey's descriptions of the difficulties of early train travel in the West and of the details and care taken in the selection and nurturing of the "Harvey Girls" brought to life the culture and history of the late 1800's. ■

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