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THE OLD SANTA FE ASSOCIATION

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OSFA VS. THE POST OFFICE

Here we go again, and here we come again.

OSFA is sending out a second call for membership renewals—but we're not asking any member to renew twice. Here's the situation: When we enclosed the annual renewal notice in our quarterly newsletter

last autumn, we mailed the

package using the non-profit postal rate, to save a little money. But it turned out to be a bad bargain.

The U.S. postal service does not forward items using the non-profit rate, nor does it return undeliverable items. And frankly, we're not sure how hard it even tries to deliver reduced-rate pieces. Dozens of OSFA members have told us they never received last fall's newsletter. At least four members of the

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OSFA *board* did not get it—but several others did. All of this leaves us utterly uncertain of who got the notice and who didn't.

What we do know, however, is this: That after a very nice increase in membership last year, only about one-half our mem-

bers have renewed so far for 2005.

And we strongly suspect that a large number of members never got the notice in the mail. As membership dues provide almost all of OSFA's revenue, this shortfall leaves the organization with lower operating funds. So here we come again. Enclosed in this newsletter is another renewal notice. If you have already renewed for this year, please disregard this notice. But, if you have NOT renewed, please take a moment and do so now.

As usual, the membership year is the same as the calendar year. Thus members making a regular renewal now will be in good

standing until 2006 arrives. Thanks for your continuing support, and we look forward to a second wave of renewals in response to this appeal. As you can see, THIS time we're using FIRST-CLASS postage! All the way.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION WEEK (MAY 2-8)

OSFA Presentation May 4

Ana Pacheco, publisher of the new book *¡Concha!* and a longtime champion of New Mexico's traditional Hispanic culture, is the featured speaker for the Old Santa Fe Association's springtime presenta-



Concha Ortiz y Pino as a college student.

tion on May 4 in the Santuario de Guadalupe, as part of Heritage Preservation Week. The program begins at 5:30 p.m., and the public is invited. There is no admission charge. The Santuario is located at 100 S. Guadalupe St.

¡Concha! is the biography of Concha Ortiz y Pino de Kleven, often referred to as New Mexico's *grande dame*. Lavishly illustrated, the book spans the almost-century-long life of the legendary subject, who has been a legislator, a rancher, a philanthropist and the friend of several U.S. presidents. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase. Pacheco is the publisher of *La Herencia*, a quarterly journal preserving and promoting Hispanic culture, and she has won the Governor's Award as an Outstanding New Mexico Woman.

Heritage Preservation Awards, May 5

OSFA is a co-sponsor of this year's Heritage Preservation Awards which will be presented May 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santuario
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ALERT!

The only opportunity for public interaction with architects working on the proposed Civic Center is May 7, 10-2 at Sweeney Center.

2005 OSFA Annual Meeting

In an overview of Santa Fe's architectural history, Randy Bell outlined the development of

archaeologists and artists, the Museum of New Mexico recognized the uniqueness of the local



Lisa and Gregg Bemis.

Santa Fe's unique evolution and form.

By the time of statehood in 1912, the railroad had brought manufactured materials and the latest design notions from the east. But led by ar-

tradition in the use of local materials and owner-built structures. The 1920s saw a heightened interest in owner-built structures from materials at hand

This movement was not codified until 1957,



City Manager Mike Lujan



Sam and Ethel Ballen.

but is recognized worldwide for its encouragement of the continuation of building within local

community as a preservation policy!"

The validity of such regulation has been up-



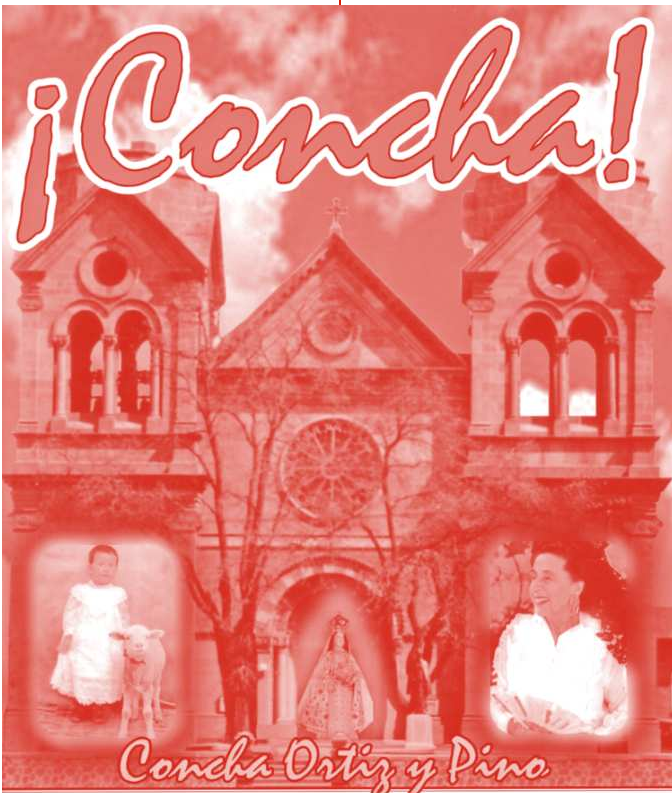
New member Anita Thompson, and Meleah Artley.

traditions so that both the buildings and their context retain historical identity.

Nathan Winebur in "Preservation in America" asks if "building in historic styles is a fakery?" "Rather it enhances com-

held by the Supreme Court as appropriate for the welfare of a community.





Matriarch of a 300-Year-Old New Mexico Legacy

Kathryn M. Córdova

(The following is from the book jacket. Author: Kathryn M. Córdova. A La Herencia publication.)

This book is the story of a woman. Her long and melodious full name is María Concepción Ortiz y Pino de Kleven. But her real name—the one used by thousands of relatives and friends, the one used by 19 New Mexico governors, by at least six U.S. presidents, and by countless other state and national politicians, the one inscribed on dozens of award certificates, the one installed in timeless metal on a government building

in Santa Fe, and the one under which she became a living legend—is her nickname: “Concha.”

This book is the story of a family—or, of course, the story of many family streams that all flowed together in the endless river of time: the Pinos, the Ortizes, the Bacas, the Raels, the Senas, the Gomezes, the Bustamantes, the Gonzaleses, the Vigils; and on the Anglo side, the Davises, the Dinkels, the Martins, the Hasteds, the Klevens. Some family members came to New Mexico from Spain in the

16th and 17th centuries, when the New World was young. Others came from Yankee or Rebel families that served with honor in the American Civil War. Many members were born and grew up in New Mexico. Others discovered New Mexico later in life, loved it, and never left.

This book is a story of history, history beginning back in the mist, when native people lived, loved and died in this land without leaving behind a written record, except for indelible images etched into rock. This is a story of bold Spanish conquistadores, succeeded by loyal but

faraway subjects of Spain, then by proud Mejicanos staking claim to their own territory, then by the brash American nation, not yet 100 years old, on its inexorable march from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific. This is the story of a raw Southwestern land, questing for its place as one of the United States of America, and then becoming and growing as one.

This is the story of races, of bloodlines—native, Hispanic, Anglo, black. It is a story of Indians and cowboys, violence and dedication, wagon trains and atomic bombs, politics and compassion, very long lives



Concha Ortiz y Pino. (Photo by Robert H. Martin)



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and tragically young deaths, voting rights for women, the Great Depression, village fiestas and spectacular occasions, pride and humility, religious devotion, travel to many lands, accolades at high levels, funerals in tiny cemeteries.

This book is the story of a woman. Her name is Concha Ortiz y Pino de Kleven. She was born in 1910. In 2004 she passed her 94th birthday. As a child she spoke only Spanish, and did not learn English until she was 10 years

old—and even then, most unwillingly. Along the lengthy track of her life, Concha became a college student in Washington, D.C., a state legislator in New Mexico, a faculty wife at the University of New Mexico, the boss-lady of a 100,000-acre ranch, a widow, a board member of 60 or more organizations working to make the world a better place, a champion for women and the handicapped and Hispanic culture and the arts and the poor. She has been inducted into halls of fame,

has posed for official busts and portraits, has been honored on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. She has officially been declared a treasure in Santa Fe, in Albuquerque, and by the state of New Mexico. Yet countless individual people, big and small, treasure her personally, as their friend.

This book is the story of a woman, and of a life well-lived, with passion and with love. This is the story of ¡Concha!

*Heritage Preservation Week
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de Guadalupe. The awards recognize outstanding contributions in the categories of preservation projects, compatible new construction, archaeology, cultural preservation and exception contributions to understanding Santa Fe's history.



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