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OSFA was part of CommUNITY Day on the Plaza this year.

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The most important New Mexico preservation law in four decades

Somewhere, the late Sara Melton is smiling. This ardent preservationist worried for years that as long as the state could build whatever it pleased in the city's historic districts, Santa Fe's historic buildings would be in jeopardy.

That all changed on March 24, 2009, when new legislation, sponsored by New Mexico Speaker of the House Ben Lujan, was signed into law by Gov. Bill Richardson.

The result is the most important state preservation legislation in the last four decades.

House Bill 360 is an extension and clarification of the State Historic Districts and Landmark Act of 1964. It emphasizes the state's recognition of the fragility of the state's historic areas; and it provides for a collaborative process between the state and cities of New Mexico through special regulations for state capital-outlay projects in the cities' historic districts. The bill does not mandate that the

state must comply with cities' historic-district rules and restrictions, but it does compel all parties to negotiate in good faith seeking to resolve any issues that may arise regarding construction, demolition, alteration, height, façade, color, windows, roofs and other considerations in state buildings in historic zones. The bill is broadly enough worded to also include other governmental entities, such as counties. The act's purpose is not to give one governmental body authority over another, but to establish procedures to address historic-design concerns in an amicable and constructive manner.

Current building projects that would have been subject to HB 360 include the new state parking garage at the corner of Paseo de Peralta and Don Gaspar Avenue and the new county courthouse being built at the intersection of Sandoval Street and Montezuma Avenue. Past projects that would have been affected include the

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2009 Heritage Preservation Awards

Santa Fe's preservation community turned out in force for the 2009 Heritage Preservation Awards ceremony on May 21, in the Community Convention Center downtown. After a cheerful hour of "Sangría Under the Portal," the event moved through French doors to the adjoining Peralta/Lamy Room, where co-sponsors OSFA, the Historic Santa Fe Foundation and the city's Historic

Preservation Division presented this year's awards honoring excellence.

An annual event, the awards ceremony takes place in May, which has been designated National Preservation Month. It recognizes outstanding contributions on the part of individuals, organizations, institutions, programs

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The audience was delighted to welcome once again Mayor David Coss, who joined other officials in presenting the city's several preservation awards.



Supporters of historic preservation applaud the evening's award winners.



City Historic Preservation Division Supervising Planner David Rasch served as MC.

OSFA presented Speaker Lujan with a first-ever Leadership Award for championing House Bill 360.

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and structures. The three sponsors bestowed a total of 15 awards this year.

The audience was delighted to welcome once again Mayor David Coss, who joined other officials in presenting the city's several preservation awards. The Historic Preservation Division handed out nine, seven of which were on behalf of the Historic Design Review Board (HDRB) and two of which recognized the Archeological Review Committee (ARC).

David Rasch, Historic Preservation Division Officer, served as host and MC of the event, introducing each award category and presenter.

Service Awards acknowledging the contribution of volunteer members were presented to **Stephen Post**, ARC member, and **Jake Barrow** and **Robert Frost**, both HDRB members.

The city's Architectural Preservation Award – Residential went to the house at **986 Acequia Madre**. The Architectural Preservation Award – Commercial went to 312 Sandoval St., the former **Second Ward School**.

Compatible New Construction Award – Residential went to the **Ortiz Family Compound** at the corner of Delgado Street and Acequia Madre. Compatible New Construction Award – Commercial went to the location of the night's event, the new **Santa Fe Community Convention Center** at 201 West Marcy St.

The city's Sara Melton Award went to the **William Penhallow Henderson House** at 555 Camino del Monte Sol.

The city's Archaeology Award honored **Ron Winters**, Archaeologist.

Board Chair Graciela Tomé presented the Historic Santa Fe Foundation Stewardship Award to John and Merry Schroeder for the former **First Ward School** at 400 Canyon Road.

OSFA President Marilyn Bane presented the four Old Santa Fe Association awards, beginning with the

Community Service Award, which went to the **Santa Fe Neighborhood Law Center**. Accepting the award was attorney **Daniel Yohalem**, representing the NLC board.

Rick Martinez, vice president of the Santa Fe Neighborhood Network, received OSFA's Cultural Preservation Award for dedication to neighborhood preservation.

Sharon Woods, chair of the city's Historic Design Review Board, received OSFA's Sara Melton Award, applauding both her work on the HDRB and her efforts in structuring the city and state collaboration on House Bill 360, the most important state preservation legislation in the last four decades.

But for all the award presentations, none could match the gratitude expressed by both the city and OSFA to **New Mexico Speaker of the House Ben Lujan**, who was in attendance with his wife, Carmen.

OSFA presented **Speaker Lujan** with a first-ever Leadership Award for championing House Bill 360. President Bane, in presenting the award, lauded the Speaker for his recognition of the fragility of the state's historic areas and for listening and responding to the cities' preservation concerns. She noted that the final bill reinforced and strengthened New Mexico's Historic Districts and Landmark Act and provided the state and the city with a collaborative process for historic preservation.

Mayor Coss then presented **Speaker Lujan** with the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Preservation, thanking him for his wisdom, his leadership and his guidance in effecting passage of House Bill 360 through the Legislature. The bill was signed into law by Gov. Bill Richardson on March 16.

After final remarks, the celebration came to a close. This year, as in the past, it was a time for our preservation community to come together to honor those who serve the cause of safeguarding Santa Fe's historic heritage.

2009 Heritage Preservation Awards



OSFA member Nicole de Jurenev and Councilor Rebecca Wurzburger



Architect Suby Bowden and OSFA board member Karen Walker



OSFA board member Bill Loeb and former city and OSFA award winner Jane Farrar



Neighborhood Network VP Rick Martinez received OSFA's Cultural Preservation Award for his support for neighbors and neighborhoods throughout the city



John Kantner of the HDRB presented the city's Architectural Preservation Award - Commercial to Union de Protectiva president Ralph Ortiz for 312 Sandoval St., the former Second Ward School



Archaeologist Ron Winters accepts the city's Archaeology Award from Marissa Barrett, Senior Planner and Archeological Liaison in the Historic Preservation Division.



"Sangria Under the Portal" proved to be a very happy hour for sponsors, award winners and guests



Reynaldo Ortiz accepts Compatible New Construction Award - Residential for the Ortiz Family Compound at the corner of Delgado Street and Acequia Madre

2009 Heritage Preservation Awards



Mayor David Coss presented the prestigious Mayor's Award to Speaker of the House Ben Lujan for his sponsorship of HB360



HDRB member Dan Featheringill presents the board's service awards



Attorney Dan Yohalem accepts OSFA's Community Service Award on behalf of the board of the Santa Fe Neighborhood Law Center

HDRB's Debbie Shapiro announces the award for Compatible New Construction - Commercial



HDRB Chair Sharon Woods thanks the OSFA board for honoring her with the Sara Melton Award



John Schroeder and Elaine Bergman, executive director of the HSFF. The Historic Santa Fe Foundation's Stewardship Award went to John and Mery Schroeder for the former First Ward School at 400 Canyon Road



Architect Beverly Spears accepts the city's Compatible New Construction Award - Commercial, which went to the Santa Fe Community Convention Center



The evenings top awards from OSFA and the city went to Speaker of the House of Representatives Ben Lujan



OSFA president Marilyn Bane announces OSFA Leadership Award to Speaker of the House to Ben Lujan

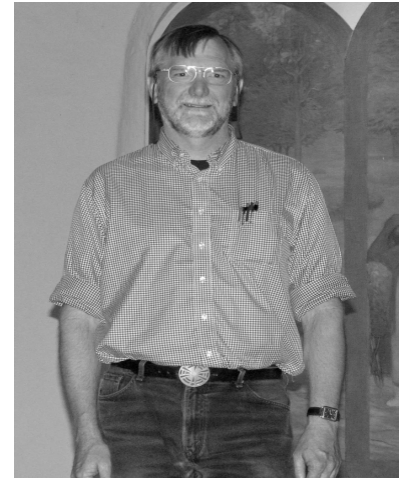
New discoveries in downtown Santa Fe

In January, OSFA hosted a talk by Dr. Eric Blinman, director of the Museum of New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies, on recent excavations in downtown Santa Fe. Blinman presented the results of preliminary excavations near the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis and the old St. Vincent Hospital. Close to the cathedral, foundations of old adobe walls were found that appear to have been part of "the Old Seminary," which was originally built as Bishop Jean Baptiste Lamy's rectory in 1853, long before he became archbishop in 1875. Foundations were also found from other buildings associated with the Sisters of Charity, founders of the hospital, including the orphanage and dormitory. Around the margins of Marian Hall, built in 1910 as part of the hospital complex, and the old hospital itself, on Palace Avenue and Paseo de Peralta, refuse deposits were found from many periods of Santa Fe's history. The most unexpected and exciting of these was a thick and undisturbed trash layer pre-dating the 1680 Pueblo Revolt, resting on top of a cobble pavement. An enigmatic feature was a whitewashed trench or vault that may have been a lime-slaking pit. Determining its exact use, however, must await future investigations. A knowledgeable audience of about 150 people attended the presentation at St.

Francis Auditorium in the New Mexico Museum of Art. Some had plenty of questions about the findings and the implications for better understanding of the Spanish Colonial period. Others, obviously well-read on Santa Fe history, offered their observations and knowledge about Santa Fe's past. Blinman thanked them for their enthusiastic interest and said that he would plan to give another public talk if the archaeological research revealed more knowledge or items of interest.

As much as we would like to know more about historic life in the "Old Seminary," it may remain a mystery. The excavations were conducted as required by the City of Santa Fe archaeological-protection ordinance, and further digging may not be mandatory. Depending upon the final development plans for the property, the area in which the walls were found may remain undisturbed, so further archaeological excavation would not be required.

The excavations were performed by the Office of Archaeological Studies at the request of the Drury Hotels corporation, which plans to transform the old St. Vincent Hospital into a hotel. *(Blinman is an ex-officio member of the OSFA board of directors.)*



Dr. Eric Blinman

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Two OSFA board members receive state awards

On May 2, OSFA board members Rad Acton and Richard Ellenberg received 2009 Heritage Preservation Awards from the state Cultural Properties Review Committee (CPRC) in the category of Citizen Advocacy.

According to CPRC chair Alan "Mac" Watson, the awards were in recognition of their involvement in several projects, including Santa Fe County's new courthouse complex, the new state parking garage just west of the state Capitol, and planned construction in

other parts of the city. Their work was instrumental in passage of amendments to the 2009 Historic Districts and Landmarks Act, which gives local governments a stronger voice in state building projects.

The awards were presented at a ceremony in the Georgia O'Keeffe Room of the Santa Fe Community Convention Center, held in conjunction with the 2009 New Mexico History Conference, which commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Historical Society of New Mexico.



Richard Ellenberg and Rad Acton receiving their Citizen Advocacy Awards. (Photo by Tom Drake, State Historic Preservation Division).

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Message from the president

When you hear OSFA objecting to the height of buildings, or registering concerns about re-zoning, or testifying before the Planning Commission or City Council, you can blame it on love for our 400-year-old city and dedication to our enduring 83-year-old mission.



Mayor Coss stopped by the booth to chat with Karen Walker on CommUNITY Day.



An interested family asked Bill Loeb for more information about OSFA.

As I write this, Santa Fe is launching the commemoration of our city's 400th anniversary. Now seems a fitting time to reflect on OSFA's mission, which explains why we do what we do, and why you belong to this organization. For focus, I'm going to do something different. I'm going to work backward through our one-paragraph mission statement, examining its four specific directives one by one--from the last to the first.

The final directive in OSFA's mission is *to promote that unique charm and distinction, born of age, culture, tradition and environment, which are the priceless assets and heritage of Santa Fe.* Age. Culture. Tradition. Environment. This is what makes Santa Fe different from every other city in the world. Although Santa Fe offers many other attractions, OSFA constantly presses the city's convention and tourist departments to make sure that these invaluable assets are not taken for granted.

Our mission directs us *to guide growth and development.* We treasure our narrow streets. We work to maintain our open spaces and remnants of our rural culture. We honor our ridgetops, and unobstructed views of sky and mountains. It's why OSFA challenges inappropriate development both within and outside our historic districts and applauds responsible and respectful

development projects.

Certainly we work *to preserve and maintain the ancient landmarks, historical structures and traditions of Old Santa Fe.* OSFA works closely with the Historic Santa Fe Foundation and the city's Historic Design Review Board to enforce the ordinance that governs our historic district, and collaborates with the city and the state Legislature to protect our historic areas.

But OSFA's mission, first and foremost, is *to promote the prosperity and welfare of the city and county of Santa Fe and their inhabitants.* It's why we are so involved in so many issues facing our city, including but not limited to "preservation."

So when you hear OSFA objecting to the height of buildings, or registering concerns about re-zoning, or testifying before the Planning Commission or City Council, you can blame it on love for our 400-year-old city and dedication to our enduring 83-year-old mission. And come join us!

Warmly,

Marilyn Bane
President

OSFA joins in CommUNITY Day

The tent was set up. The tables, chairs, easel, banner and poster were in place. By the opening time of 10 a.m. on May 16, OSFA was *good to go* for the city of Santa Fe's **CommUNITY Day** celebration on the Plaza! We missed the first couple of years, but made up for it this year with a professional presentation and lots of enthusiasm. Board members Rad Acton, Tom Spray, Bill Loeb, Pen LaFarge, Ann Lacy,

Marilyn Bane, Karen Walker and Tim Maxwell took turns answering questions and handing out information sheets at the booth--and Karen and Tim even managed to de-bike Mayor David Coss for a minute or two from his cruise around the Plaza. It was a great CommUNITY event, and OSFA was proud to be part of it. We'll be back next year!



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Annual Meeting Notice

OSFA's annual meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 12:00 noon at El Zagan, 545 Canyon Road.

Preservation Law (Continued from page 1)

State Capitol, or Roundhouse, the PERA Building and several others that were controversial in their time.

The actual regulations covered by HB 360 are to be determined by the cities, in consultation with the state if requested. At this writing, Santa Fe's Historic Preservation Division, the Historic Design Review Board and OSFA are working with the state's General Services Department to craft the appropriate height and design standards that will apply to state buildings in Santa Fe's historic districts.

It should be of no surprise that the Old Santa Fe Association was instrumental in getting this bill written and passed by the 49th Legislature. President Marilyn Bane and board of directors member Karen Walker, in tandem with Sharon Woods, chair of the Historic Design Review Board and Lifetime Member of OSFA, worked tirelessly with Speaker Lujan, General Services Department Secretary Arturo Jaramillo and Legislative Services Director Paula Tackett to craft this document. And our city officials supported us from the outset: Mayor David Coss, along with councilors Chris Calvert, Rebecca Wurzburger, Patti Bushee and Rosemary Romero sponsored city

resolutions to move this important bill forward and jumped in to help when deliberations were stalled.

It is a document that emphasizes a collaborative process with our Historic Design Review Board, extensive involvement by our city's recognized historic preservation groups, and a new state/city review board made up of city and state preservationist appointees as well as members of the public, which will serve as an arbitration board for unresolved issues. Final appeal, if necessary, would go to the state District Court.

The cities of New Mexico owe a huge debt to Speaker Lujan for his unqualified support of this legislation.

OSFA is enormously proud of our organization's leadership in providing this new protection for the city's historic districts and landmarks. We think Sara would be, too.

You can find HB360 in its entirety on our web site, www.oldsantafe.org or through the bill finder on the state's legislative web site, www.nmlegis.com.



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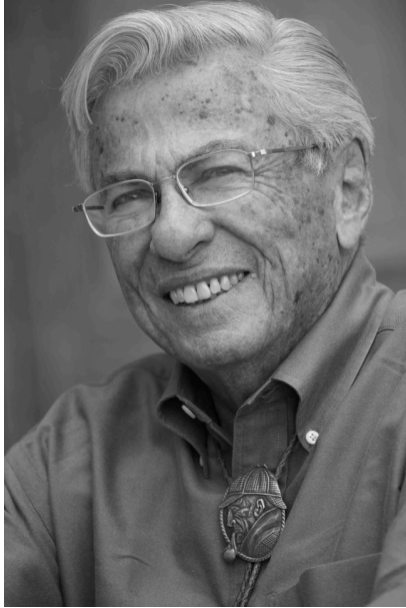
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Saul Cohen, former OSFA president, recognized as a Living Treasure



Saul Cohen (Photo by Genevieve Russell/ StoryPortrait)

“I feel that his remarkable personal virtues, in addition to his exhaustive list of accomplishments, serve as an example to all Santafesinos.”

At a June 7 ceremony, former OSFA president Saul Cohen was named a Santa Fe Living Treasure, in a program that “publicly honors elders who have generously served the community with kind hearts and good deeds.” Through the years since the lawyer’s arrival in 1971 from Los Angeles, Cohen has contributed to Santa Fe in a variety of ways.

From the start, historic preservation was one of his leading interests. Quickly he joined the OSFA board of directors, and became president by the mid-1970s. He then served several years on the Historic Design Review Board, and for his work was awarded a Heritage Preservation Award from the city.

In addition, he has served on numerous charitable and not-for-profit boards, often as president. They include: the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum, the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, New Mexico School for the Deaf, the International Folk Art Foundation, St. John’s College Library and Fine Arts Guild, the New Mexico Supreme Court Building Commission, and several others.

He often took part in the Christmastime Las Posadas pageant of Mary and Joseph searching for an inn before taking shelter in a stable and finding a manger. Several times he took the role of Joseph, and even provided his own burro, which he led around the Plaza, with Mary on it. Exuberantly he taught Greek dancing. In the Santa Fe Run-Around he has placed high in his age group.

A voracious reader, Cohen is renowned for his vast library, and has written books and many articles. He has represented the literary estate of Sir

Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes. He hosted a raucous limerick contest for the Palace of the Governors Press, and contributed some of his own limericks to the mix. He has studied and lectured on the Jewish surnames of New Mexico.

A notorious punster and quipster, he has evoked guffaws, chuckles and groans on occasions too numerous to count. His wit has lightened many serious meetings, and his wisdom has helped steer them to successful conclusions. His quick smile and evident joy in the things that surround him embrace friends and strangers alike.

“Among his many talents so generously shared is that of just plain old-fashioned kindness, so refreshing amid the dissension and criticism expressed on so many sides in current times,” wrote one admirer, in a Living Treasures nomination. “I feel that his remarkable personal virtues, in addition to his exhaustive list of accomplishments, serve as an example to all Santafesinos.” Another summed Cohen up as “a gem of a person.”

Since 1984, the Living Treasures program--the first of its kind in the nation--has honored more than 180 Santa Fe men and women age 70 or older. Their ranks include Hispanos, Anglos, Native Americans, blacks, and even Japanese-Americans. They have been artists, Boy Scout leaders, journalists, educators, doctors, women’s -rights advocates, builders, a rabbi, conservationists, community organizers, and fund-raisers for numerous causes. Their only common attribute is a remarkable record of giving back to Santa Fe.



OSFA Efforts in 2009

January

- OSFA board votes unanimously to oppose New Mexico House of Representatives Speaker Ben Lujan's initial House Bill 360 and to support the creation of a new State Capitol Historic Subdistrict; Santa Fe City Councilor Chris Calvert and Mayor David Coss agree to sponsor the legislation.
- OSFA board votes unanimously to support Councilor Matthew Ortiz's proposed City Council resolution requiring the state, Santa Fe County and the All Indian Pueblo Council to abide by city ordinances if requesting city water.
- OSFA begins collaboration with City Councilor Carmichael Dominguez on proposed County Youth Summit to develop historic/cultural preservation segment.
- OSFA invites architects for the Drury Hotels renovation of Marian Hall/old St. Vincent Hospital project to a board meeting; discussion to include suggestions for better pedestrian and vehicle relationships prior to Business Capitol District/Design Review Committee review.
- OSFA hosts talk by Dr. Eric Blinman, director of the state Office of Archaeological Studies, on recent excavations near the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis and the old St. Vincent Hospital.

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February

- OSFA negotiates the development of substitute HB 360 legislation presented to the House of Representatives by Speaker Lujan; bill reinforces state statute 322.2 (Historic Districts and Landmark Act), provides unprecedented collaboration between the state and cities in sharing responsibility for preservation of historic areas throughout New Mexico; Santa Fe city attorney's office begins rewriting city resolution to conform to the substitute bill.
- OSFA plans roundtable discussions, lectures and panel discussion over the next two years to commemorate the city's 400th anniversary; these events to be free and open to the public.

OSFA invites architects for the Drury Hotels renovation of Marian Hall/old St. Vincent Hospital project to a board meeting.

March

- OSFA applauds Gov. Bill Richardson's signing into law HB 360 on March 24.
- OSFA board hears presentation from the Drury representatives to address plans for the renovation and development of Marian Hall/old St. Vincent Hospital, registers concerns about height.
- OSFA board supports reviving the January 2006 Cultural Landscape Report for the Santa Fe Plaza as the administrative reference for future work on the Plaza; collaborates with the Downtown Merchant Association on moving the 7-foot metal box from the Plaza; votes to begin plans for a "Friends of the Plaza" effort to help guide and fund the maintenance of the Plaza; forms Plaza Committee to collaborate with city's Plaza Roundtable Committee.

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April/May

- OSFA mans booth on the Plaza for CommUNITY Day.
- OSFA co-sponsors 2009 Heritage Preservation Awards with the city and the Historic Santa Fe Foundation.
- OSFA co-sponsors with the Museum of New Mexico Press a talk by Dr. Jason Shapiro, local archaeologist and author of *Before Santa Fe: Archaeology of the City Different*.
- OSFA board member asked to join River Parkway Design Review Committee.
- OSFA joins the city, state and school board in resolving concerns about the proposed renovation of Carlos Gilbert Elementary School in the city's historic district.
- OSFA board asks city to contact Qwest on mitigation of a metal telephone box near Cristo Rey Church at the intersection of Canyon Road and Camino Cabra.

June

- OSFA president and board members meet with city and state representatives to collaborate on crafting the city ordinance per HB 360.
- OSFA board votes unanimously to support putting the Northwest Quadrant Master Plan on hold without City Council approval.

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OSFA continues to protest plans for a bridge as an option for the St. Francis Drive/Cerrillos Road bike crossing, pushes for tunnel or at-grade crossing options.

OSFA Efforts 2009 (Continued from page 11)

OSFA continues to register concerns for the city's water sensor project for monitoring water pressure relief valves both within and beyond the historic districts.

July

OSFA and city and state representatives craft final draft of city ordinance per HB 360. OSFA continues to protest plans for a bridge as an option for the St. Francis Drive/Cerrillos Road bike crossing, pushes for tunnel or at-grade crossing options. OSFA monitors proposed plans for Acequia House (Paloheimo Estate) on Acequia Madre. OSFA board votes to submit questionnaire for candidates running for city office in 2010.

August

OSFA urges the city to join with the school board in asking for a declarative judgment from the state District Court to resolve jurisdictional issues. OSFA urges City Council to deny developer's appeal of Historic Design Review Board's decision disallowing proposed outdoor market on Old Santa Fe Trail. OSFA applauds city decision to reduce number of monitoring units for water pressure relief valves and consideration of underground monitoring. OSFA asks city to pursue legal discussions with Qwest on city's right to restrict metal telephone boxes in historic districts.



Plaza benches were donated by the Kiwanis Club in the 1960's, OSFA objected to a plan earlier this year to replace the existing benches with new, non-hispanic designs.

Watching over the Santa Fe Plaza

Faced with what seems to be an endless and ongoing affront to the Santa Fe Plaza, the OSFA board has formed a new committee to keep abreast of potential problems. Joanne McCarthy is chair, joined by Pen LaFarge and Ann Lacy. The OSFA Plaza Committee will monitor all issues pertaining to the Plaza for our board's consideration.

The need for this first came about when we heard of potential plans to replace the existing Victorian-style park benches with new ones designed as art projects for Santa Fe's 400th anniversary in 2010. Fortunately, we were able to relate the history of the benches, donated to the city by the Kiwanis Club in the 1960s, to the city's Business and Quality of Life Committee. The plans were dropped, the old park benches have been repaired, and they remain on the Plaza today as they have for the last four decades.

Then "the box" arrived. The appearance of a 7-foot-high metal box housing electrical wiring on the northwest corner of the Plaza came as a very unhappy surprise to many Santa Feans. Installed in violation of the city's historic preservation ordinance, and approved

by neither the state Historic Preservation Office nor the city's Historic Design Review Board, the box drew numerous complaints, including OSFA's. In response, the city acknowledged the problem and now is weighing options for moving the box and/or reducing its size after Fiesta. Budget concerns have held up a final determination of exactly how the box will be mitigated, but OSFA will continue to press for "smaller and off the Plaza."

Overlooked for three years, a comprehensive 2006 Cultural Landscapes Report produced in collaboration with state and city departments and the National Park Service is now the reference for any rehabilitation efforts or changes to the Plaza. It will be used as a guide by the newly formed city Plaza Events Committee, charged with recommending which events, and how many, will be held on the Plaza, as well as suggesting alternative sites. OSFA's Pen LaFarge has been tapped to sit on this committee.

If you are interested in joining our efforts to protect the Plaza, contact Joanne McCarthy at chatwinsf@comcast.net.

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Before Santa Fe: the early people

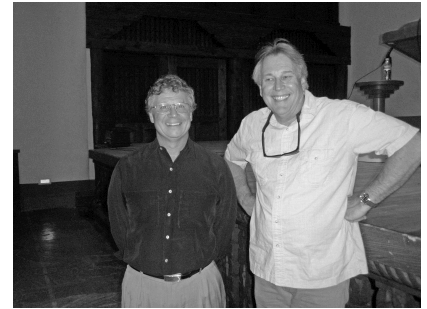
Before Santa Fe: Archaeology of the City Different is a book title and was the subject of an OSFA-sponsored talk last May by local archaeologist/author Dr. Jason Shapiro. Shapiro spoke about his goal to provide a book on Santa Fe archaeology that would appeal to a public audience. As a member of the City of Santa Fe Archaeological Review Committee, he came to understand the great depth of archaeological knowledge about the city's past, and realized that Santa Fe citizens really had no way to learn about it. Shapiro's goal was to not only cover the basics of Santa Fe's prehistory, but to also include up to the minute research. In his presentation, he mentioned some of the new conclusions he had reached about the city's past, and his personal discoveries about Santa Fe archaeology as he wrote the book.

Santa Fe's archaeological protection ordinance, enacted in 1987, may have been the first in the nation and has led to a wealth of discovery and new knowledge about prehistoric life around the city. After 20 years of accumulated findings by many archaeologists,

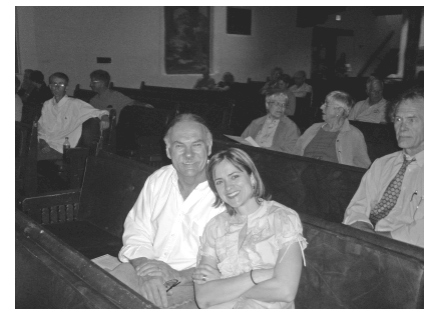
Shapiro felt it was time to bring them altogether with an analysis of their meaning.

To emphasize his desire to share the most current archaeological research with the public, Shapiro closed with an account of a recent study of the past people of Arroyo Hondo Pueblo, south of the city. After examining deformed bones in Arroyo Hondo skeletons, one physical anthropologist believes that residents suffered from rickets. This wouldn't be expected in an area where people should be receiving adequate vitamin D through exposure to sunlight. The anthropologist hypothesized that children were kept sequestered in dark pueblo rooms for protection from attack. It may be that protection was required from attacks by neighbors who were concerned about witchcraft as they faced continuing hunger when the climate deteriorated.

Shapiro's presentation was co-sponsored by the Museum of New Mexico Press, publisher of Shapiro's book. Copies are available by calling 1-800-249-7737.



Speaker Jason Shapiro and Tim Maxwell, OSFA vice-president.



Ron Winters and Lisa Cooley enjoyed the lecture.

Beneath the City Different

On Saturday, November 7, 1 - 5 pm, seven local archaeologists will talk about the various periods of Santa Fe's past as revealed through archaeological excavations. OSFA is partially underwriting *Beneath the City Different: The Archaeology of Santa Fe* which will offer an afternoon series of public talks at the New Mexico History Museum. Speakers will begin with a look at Santa Fe's first seasonal residents—nomadic hunters and gatherers who came to pick wild plants and piñon nuts. Then they will talk about the later Pueblo people who built large villages along the Santa Fe River and survived by farming. The severity and luxury of Spanish Colonial life will be discussed, as well as the economic and changes brought by the Santa Fe Trail. Finally, the archaeologists will examine the agricultural and later industrial use of

the recently developed Santa Fe Railyard.

Organized by the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, Friends of Archaeology, and the School for Advanced Research, this event follows the acclaimed lectures on water use held in 2007 and also partially underwritten by OSFA. The new lectures promise to offer exciting views of the past in New Mexico's capital city. Much of the research is still being prepared for publication, so this will be the public's first chance to hear about it from the experts.

Tickets at \$10 each are available in advance by calling 505-954-7200 or mailing payment to Beneath the City Different, School for Advanced Research, P.O. Box 2188, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2188.

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