

FACC Newsletter

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Speakers

July 13 Tom Martinez & Charlene Garcia Simms

Aug. 11 FACC Annual Picnic
City Park Gazebo
noon - 3 pm

Sept. 14 Lynda Kouba

FACC Meetings

8:30-10 am — Library/research

10-11 am — Meeting

11-12 pm — Speaker

Location-

Pueblo Heritage Museum

201 West B St, Pueblo, CO

BOD Meetings

First Tues. of the Month 3:30
pm at Heritage Museum

Research

First Tues. of the Month 11-3
pm at Heritage Museum

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questions or new stories.**

President's Message

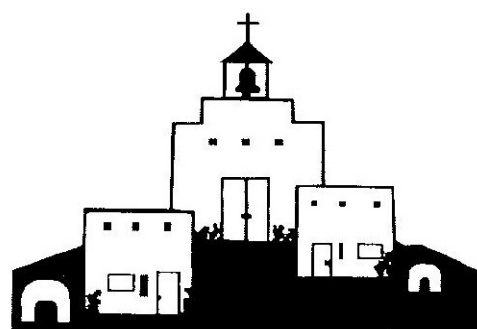
Dear FACC Members,

First, an apology for this newsletter being so late. Our Newsletter Editor, Deborah Martinez Martinez, is not able to do this job any longer and I am assuming this role once again. I have been quite busy with life including my other responsibilities as FACC President. I want to thank Deborah for contributing while she could and we all wish her well in her recovery.

We have heard back from Spencer Little, Director of Heritage Museum, that we will be getting a new floor and bookcase in our meeting room. He is asking for help in moving furniture in and out during remodeling.

The new exhibit by FACC at Pueblo Heritage Museum entitled "Some Descendents of Francisco Montez Vigil" is now complete and open to the public.

I want to thank George Autobee, Claudine Riccillo and Caro-



lyn Cordova for their wonderful presentations this past second quarter.

Many of our members went to Ft. Garland Museum to listen to Virginia Sanchez make her presentation on the "Espinoza Brothers" and came away with a new understanding of this history.

As always, FACC continues to move forward. We have lots planned for the months of July, August and September. Remember that **todos somos primos!**

Un Abrazo Fuerte,
Carmen Arteaga, FACC President

Bill Trujillo: the Man Behind the Scenes

A young man, a freshman at Central High School, was searching at McClelland Library (before Rawlings) for information of his father whom he didn't know much about except that he had died in a car accident. That young man was Bill Trujillo. He and his brother Larry had the good fortune to be at the library and meet Betty Pacheco who was a member of FACC at the time. She helped Bill and his brother who has now passed away with her skills in genealogy research. He credits her for turning him on to genealogy

Bill Trujillo (Continued)



Bill taking down the French Connection Exhibit.



Bill Trujillo

and reconnecting with his Trujillo side of the family. Bill went on to graduate from college at USC in Pueblo in 1978 with a BA in Art Education. He loves water color, sketching and drawing. He received his MA in Southwest Studies at UCCS in Co. Spgs. Retiring after 32 years of teaching, Bill also accepted the role of surrogate parent for his sister, Pearl Gutierrez whom we all know and love dearly.

In 1991, Bill became a member of FACC and in 2002 he became part of the Exhibit Committee which included himself, Ruben/Joan Archuleta, Tom Cummins, Pearl Gutierrez and Betty Duran and they created the first Hispanic Genealogy Exhibits at the Pueblo Heritage Museum. Bill has been the common thread in all our FACC exhibits.

The following is a list of families that have been displayed to date:

MARTINEZ (Wilfred Martinez) 2002

ARCHULETA (Ruben Archuleta) 2003

WEST WING—NUESTRAS FAMILIAS

ARCHULETA (Reggie Archuleta) Nov 2004 to Aug 2005

PARTIDA (Victoria Partida Arellano) Aug 2005 to Nov 2005

VALLEJO (Janice Martinez) Nov 2005 to Aug 2006

TRUJILLO (Bill Trujillo) Aug 2006 to Aug 2010

PENITENTE EXHIBIT (Ruben Archuleta) Aug 2006 to April 2007

VIGIL (Robert Eloy Vigil and wife Esther) Aug 2010 to Aug 2012

VIGIL (Robert David Vigil and wife Stella) Aug 2010 to Aug 2012

COCA (Edna Vargas and Ruth Martinez) Aug 2012 to July 2015

THE FRENCH CONNECTION (Autobee, Charlifue, Gurule, Large, and LeFebre) Aug 2015 to July 2019 *Charlifue-Ernie/Dolores Charlifue; Autobee-George Autobee; Gurule-Teresa Maestas; LeFebre-Christina LeFebre; Large-Joe Martinez

SOME DESCENDANTS OF FRANCISCO MONTEZ VIGIL

(Carmen Arteaga, Kathy Pacheco, Claudine Riccillo, Ron Sandoval, and Fidel Platero Vigil) July 2019 to _____

FACC FALL FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

Cripple Creek Bus \$25

September 28, 2019 (Saturday)

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Meet at Kmart on Northside

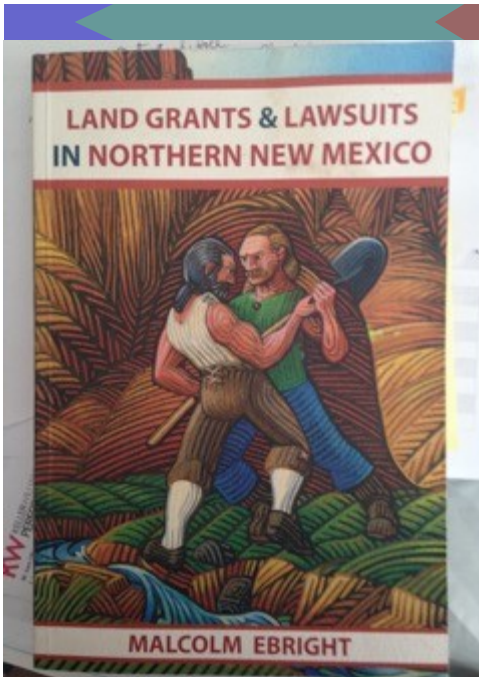
Join Us For "Research"

Every First Tuesday

of the Month at Heritage Museum

11 am - 3 pm

Heritage Museum



BOOK REVIEW: By Deborah Martinez Martinez

Land Grants & Lawsuits in Northern New Mexico by Malcolm Ebricht. Published by Center for Land Grant Studies Press, Santa Fe, NM, 2008.

Malcolm Ebricht is one of the leading scholars on the NM land grants but you'd never know it by his story-like writing mode. He is an attorney-turned-historian and he follows the money trail through the sordid stories of loss and displacement, frustration and disbelief.

This is a collection of essays written in an engaging style. The reader is led through the maze of government officials, mayordomos, judges, alcaldes and lawyers. He gives names of the grants and the petitioners, and educates on, not only the lawsuits and litigants, but also reviews the customs in Hispanic NM (Chapter 2) which are paramount in understanding the lack of justice. He provides an overview of the NM legal system during the Spanish and Mexican administrations before he moves on to the American administration.

In Chapter 3, Ebricht reviews the 1832 litigation regarding Abiquiu, NM. Using the Mexican Archives of NM, he illuminates some of the Tierra Amarilla Grant. By 1786, the title papers given to the original grantees were torn and tattered. However, no official notaries (escribanos) were appointed to this area of NM, so José Campo Redondo, a grantee, copied the document and certified the copies as exact. Usually the village alcalde did the task, but there was no one nearby to do so.

It is this type of copied document that the U.S government failed to acknowledge as legitimate although it was part of both Mexican and Spanish law to copy legal documents in this manner. It is Ebricht's attention to historical details, like mentioning the documents were originally written on processed lamb's skins called velum, that puts a descendent right in the era.

Large land grants, including many small parcels, were lost because the Mexican legal documentation did not match the American expectations.

The main reason I recommend this book is the readability. Open any chapter and you will be caught up in the action, mystery and suspense. Whoever thought a reader could get this much entertainment in a scholarly book on land grants? If you find it for \$20, buy it. It's value is closer to \$50 and the books are unavailable in on-line used bookstores.

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Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Bob Craig

June 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019

Account Balances

Operating	\$2,908.76
Raffle	8.20
Savings	<u>5,494.79</u>
Total	\$8,411.75

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Genealogical Society of Hispanic America
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Celebrating 30 years of seeking our Roots

What have we discovered and how far can we still go

Aug. 16-18
Rawlings Library
100 E. ABRIENDO AVE.
PUEBLO, CO 81004

Go to
gshaa.org
for a registration form
and complete agenda
of speakers and activities.

Sessions include:
Beginning Genealogy
Using Family Tree software
researching at the Santa Fe Archives,
Mexico and Spain

Exhibit and vendor area

Join us for
Native American storytelling,
cultural poetry,
an 1800 murder mystery,
music, information on DNA
testing and interpreting results

Keynote speaker **Estevan Rael y Galvez**
will present the Manitos project, a
W. F. Mellon Foundation grant project.

**Current New Mexico Historian
Rob Martinez** will present a history
of music of New Mexico through the
centuries using historical context.

For more information:
gshaa.org
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30th ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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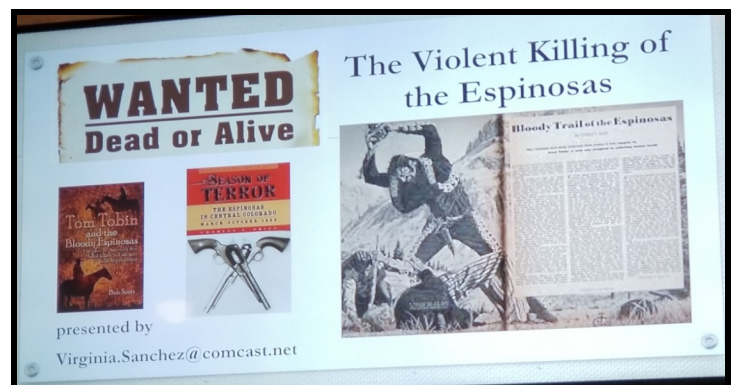
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The Espinoza Brothers

By Virginia Sanchez



On May 23rd, many FACC members attended a presentation by Virginia Sanchez at the Ft. Garland Museum. She shared her research and we all learned a much different perspective on this legendary folktale. During this time in Conejos, 1861-1863, 7000 Hispanos became part of Colorado. Barela and Garcia were representatives from the San Luis Valley. Legislation was passed which increased taxes for everyone. Indios/Hispanos lost land because they had no papers. Ft. Garland soldiers were on the lookout for Utes. Lafayette was agent in 1861 and the Indios/Hispanos were not happy with him. Newspapers were notorious being written in English by English Correspondents. Stories in these newspapers were exaggerated so that they would sell. Truth was not an important consideration. No Spanish newspapers survived. There was lots of lawlessness and the country was in Civil War. Virginia brought to the attention of her audience the many myths surrounding this issue. She mentioned that miners used kangaroo courts. There was mob violence and torcher was used to coerce thieves into pleading guilty of crimes they did not commit. She believes that the Espinosas were a case of mistaken identity. Dolores Sanchez was supposedly raped by the Espinosa Brothers but no one knew who she was. Lastly, the Espinosas were beheaded by McCannon's posse and Tom Tobin. Many ancestors of the Espinosa Brothers from near and far attended this presentation.