

# OPEN SPACE newsletter



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## Spring Comes to Albuquerque

Steven Hamp, President of the Open Space Alliance



In April, the Sandia Foothills Open Space cleanup (page 2) will kick-off another year of outdoor volunteerism. There is a contagious enthusiasm when you gather early on a Saturday morning with neighbors and fellow trail users to work on projects that will benefit our Major Public Open Space areas. The activities typically include trail maintenance, trash pickup and graffiti removal. Each Saturday during April, volunteers will be getting together at a different foothill location to lend a hand in cleaning up and preserving the trails that are used by so many residents of Albuquerque. Sustaining the outstanding quality of our

open space areas is a tribute to the loyal and dedicated volunteer participation. This intimate experience with the city's landscapes is repeated three more times each year as part of the Open Space Division's annual volunteer events.

In May, the National River Cleanup Day (see page 2 for more information) is held and volunteers focus their efforts along the Rio Grande. Last year was a tremendous success as volunteers collected an estimated 900 pounds of garbage from the Bosque and river. In June, the annual National Trails Day event will take place. The focus for volunteers is maintaining trails within the Sandia Foothills Open Space areas and the Sandia Mountain Wilderness. Volunteer turnout is always exceptional for this event. We expect bigger crowds than ever, and we're making a special petition to all supporters of Open Space to consider giving an extra donation to the Alliance in support of National Trails Day. Please see page 3 for more information. Finally, the Dia del Rio Celebration is held annually in mid-October. The attention is given to the Rio Grande and the Bosque as volunteers work to improve one of our most vital resources.

These community efforts are an important element in the stewardship of Albuquerque's Open Space land, and all of the events draw large numbers of volunteers. Such strong community participation is exactly what is needed to protect and preserve all of our favorite Open Space areas. The Open Space Alliance is proud to be a sponsor of these productive events, and I encourage you to be part of these volunteer activities this year.

## A Generous Donation: A Tribute to Arbon Lang

~By James Lewis, Associate Planner with Open Space



Take a 10 megapixel digital camera and what do you get? Typically you get a high quality photograph. Now take that same digital camera, attach it to a robot that takes hundreds, even thousands of photos for one scene, stitches them together seamlessly, and you get the emergence of the **gigapixel**. A gigapixel is **1,000 megapixels**. This high tech machine is called GigaPan and was created in collaboration with NASA, Carnegie Mellon, and Google. It is not very often you see one of these machines but it is even less likely that someone will just give their GigaPan away for free. Open Space expressed an interest in the GigaPan robot after local Albuquerque resident and photographer **Arbon Lang** demonstrated the GigaPan Epic 100 system at the Open Space Visitor Center. Mr. Lang donated the robot, all accessories, a tripod, multiple books on photography, and some beautiful photos he has taken of the Open Space with the GigaPan.

The Open Space Division would like to thank Arbon Lang for his enormous generosity and time. Also, keep an eye out for a link on our website to [www.GigaPan.org](http://www.GigaPan.org) for future Open Space panoramas. Please go to [www.http://gigapan.org](http://www.http://gigapan.org) to see a fabulous panorama that Arbon took overlooking the San Antonio Oxbow Lake Open Space.

## SPRING CLEANUP IN THE FOOTHILLS

Join us for our annual Spring Cleanup in the Sandia Foothills every Saturday in April from **9:00AM to 1:00PM**. Tasks include trash cleanup, graffiti removal, and trail maintenance. **Registration starts at 8:30am.**

Meet at the following areas and bring water, work gloves, and dress for the weather. *Please carpool!*

**April 10** – Embudo Canyon  
(Indian School)  
**April 17** – Menaul Picnic Area  
**April 24** – Piedra Lisa Open Space  
(south of the east end of Candelaria)

Arrive early for snacks and registration. See [www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace) or email Kent at [kswanson@cabq.gov](mailto:kswanson@cabq.gov) for more information about the event.



## National River Cleanup 2010 Celebrating the Rio Grande and Its Bosque

Each May the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division along with other local organizations host **National River Cleanup Day**. This year the River Cleanup is taking place on **May 15th 2010 from 8:00am – 1:00pm** on the northwest side of the Central Avenue Bridge. This annual event brings our community together to help do our part to clean the river and its Bosque.

There are several ways you can participate including a Community Bosque Cleanup at the Central Avenue Bridge, cleaning the river in your own boat, organizing your own Bosque cleanup, or cleaning the river in a guided raft. **Please call REI at 247-1191 to register.**

For more information on how to participate please see [www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace). You may also contact Jim Sattler or Kent Swanson at 452-5200 or email [kswanson@cabq.gov](mailto:kswanson@cabq.gov).

## Calling All Friends of Open Space!

We're gearing up for another fabulous volunteer event season, and **we need your help!** For each of the following events we need help with soliciting food and prize donations from local businesses, setting up the morning snack table, help sorting recyclables, and help cleaning up after each event. Additionally, we are seeking assistance with the following food related tasks: *Please call Jim Sattler or Kent Swanson at 452-5200 if you are interested in helping!*

### **National River Cleanup (May 15th)**

- Donated food pickup and preparation the day before the event
- Help preparing the after event BBQ lunch for volunteers

### **National Trails Day (June 5th)**

- Donated food pickup and preparation the day before and the day of the event
- Help preparing the after event lunch for volunteers

### **Dia del Rio (October 16th)**

- Help soliciting food and prize donations from local businesses
- Donated food pickup the day before the event
- Help setting up the morning snack table (requires arriving 30 minutes before event kickoff)
- Help cleaning up after the event



## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY 2010: THE RETURN OF LOS DUENDES



Everyone at Open Space is getting excited about National Trails Day 2010 and another season of hiking, biking and horseback riding on our fantastic Open Space trails. This year is going to be great. Last year we had record breaking attendance and got more accomplished than ever before! If you love hiking on our beautiful trails like we do, **consider giving an extra donation to the Open Space Alliance to support the National Trails Day event!** Your tax deductible donation will help to provide things like graffiti remover, tools, and snacks for volunteers. See the donation form on page 7 to make your pledge. Check out [www.openspacealliance.org](http://www.openspacealliance.org) or call 897-8831 for other ways you can help.

**EVENT DETAILS:** This year's NTD celebration will take place on **June 5th** at the Elena Gallegos Open Space in Albuquerque starting at **8:00 am** with snacks and registration and will last until about **1:00pm**. The Elena Gallegos Open Space is located east of Tramway at the end of Simms Park Rd., just north of Academy. *Please carpool as parking is extremely limited!*

Volunteers will work on over 10 different projects ranging from reseeding to heavy trail maintenance and new trail construction in the Sandia Mountains and Open Space trail systems. Bring a hat, water bottle, snacks, sunscreen, work gloves, and lots of enthusiasm! The Sandia Ranger District and Albuquerque Open Space will provide tools and instructions. At the end of the event, we reward our volunteers with lunch and lots of prizes donated by our generous sponsors!

Register starting in mid-May at **Recreational Equipment Inc (REI)** by calling 247-1191 or stop by 1550 Mercantile Av (I-25 and Montano).

# 2010 Open Space Summer Series

~by Bill Pentler, Open Space Education Coordinator



The challenge is upon me to track down new, amazing talks, events, and performances for the **2010 Summer Series**. So far they include talks by the High Desert Bird Club on basic bird care, a talk on Bonsai, a presentation on Horned Lizards, and stories about animals.

The Hongell-Darsees will be back with music and storytelling, as will Kompanye playing Klezmer Music. The P'Judy's will make an appearance with a folk and blues revue and Natalie Roe will tell stories for children and children at heart. I'm still trying to get jugglers, a children's band, a lecture on rabbits and beaver plus many more to round out the Saturday Sunset Series. My hope is to keep things fresh so that you'll find enough that will interest and entice you to come every week throughout the summer and year after year.

We're going to continue to explore the Open Space outlying properties on our Sunday Hikes with trips back to the Golden and Milne properties but also include trips to San Antonito in the East Mountains and the North Geologic Window in the Petroglyph National Monument. There will still be hikes in the Bosque and foothills, a demonstration on outdoor awareness and observation by Mike Bochnia, and, of course, a wildflower hike with Pearl Burns.

Check the full schedule on our website at [cabq.gov/openspace](http://cabq.gov/openspace) or feel free to contact me at **452-5222** (email [wpentler@cabq.gov](mailto:wpentler@cabq.gov)) if questions arise or you have suggestions of talks or performances for future Series.

## National Get Outdoors Day at Tingley Beach

Saturday, June 12, 2010  
10:00am-2:00pm

**National Get Outdoors Day** will feature a climbing wall, GPS/Orienteering, a fishing clinic, Junior Ranger programs, guided bosque hikes and much more. You can even win an on-site drawing for outdoor-themed prizes. This is free, outdoor fun for the whole family!

Tingley Beach is located on Tingley Drive, south of Central Avenue just east of the Central bridge.

See [www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace) or call 452-5200 for more information.

## THE HISTORY OF THE OPEN SPACE DIVISION\*

A presentation for current Open Space Alliance Members by Matthew Schmader, PhD., Director of City of Albuquerque Open Space Division.

Dr. Schmader will present a slide lecture on **Saturday, June 12th at 10:00am - Noon** at the Open Space Visitors Center. He will be discussing the history of our unique open spaces and how the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division was established and exists today.

*\*This event is open to all current dues-paying members of Open Space Alliance. If you're not a current member, please see page 7 to sign up or renew your membership.*

## APRIL 2010

**\*ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30 AM. *Guided Bosque Nature Walk.*** Registration is recommended one month in advance.

Every Sunday, 9:00am-10:30am, Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm. *Yoga with a View.* Yoga with instructor Jenny Dominique. \$15.00 donation. A portion of the donation benefits the Open Space Alliance.

**ONGOING through May 1st, 2010. *Lost (and Found) in Open Space Exhibit and Katy Cannon, MFA Thesis Show.***

**\*April 16th, 1-3 pm. *Wool Dying Demo and Spin-in.*** Registration Required - limit 15. Please bring your wool and make something while you learn from Denise.

**April 17th 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. *Backyard Composting Made Easy.*** Open Space Visitor Center. Composting Demonstration with John Zarola. Limit 30. Learn from the experts how to create your own soil amendments. Take-home literature provided.

**April 17, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm & April 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. *2nd Annual Recycled Art Fair.*** See page \_\_\_\_ for more info.

**\*April 27, 9am. *View With Room Exploratory Hike with Joshua Willis.*** Golden Open Space. Limit 15.

## MAY 2010

**\*ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30 AM. *Guided Bosque Nature Walk.*** See April listing.

Every Sunday, 9:00am-10:30am, Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm. *Yoga with a View.* See April listing.

**May 2 - June 29, 2010. *"Pollination," a group Art show by New Mexico Wax.*** Gallery Opening May 8th from 1-4pm.

**\*May 8, 9AM. *Bird Banding Demonstration.*** Mike Means, biological technician, will demonstrate how birds are netted, banded and tracked for the Rio Grande Bird Research Study. Bring water and sun protection.

**\*May 13, 10am - 1pm. *Encaustic Demonstration with Harriette Tsosie.*** Harriette Tsosie will talk and give a demonstration about encaustic (pigmented wax).

**\*May 15 & 29, 9am - Noon. *Coronado at 500.*** Two half-day panel discussions will examine the current state of knowledge and retrospectives about Francisco Vázquez de Coronado (1510 - 1554) and his famed expedition. Guided tour of a recently investigated Coronado site will follow. Bring water and sun protection.

**\*May 18, 9am. *View with Room Exploratory Hike with Joshua Willis.*** Location: Placitas Open Space. Limit 15.

**\*May 22. 9:30am - 4pm. *Make your own Mineral Paints with Scott Sutton.***

**May 22, 6pm. *Star Party: Saturn Rising.*** View the night sky with The Albuquerque Astronomical Society (TAAS). Telescopes, sky tours and Astronomy 101.

**\*May 23, 10am - 2pm. *Traditional Gardens.*** Nomadic native peoples and Pueblo communities each developed subsistence practices adapted to the challenging New Mexico climate.

## JUNE 2010

**\*ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30 AM. *Guided Bosque Nature Walk.*** See April listing.

Every Sunday, 9:00am-10:30am, Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00pm. *Yoga with a View.* Open Space Visitor Center. See April listing.

**June 1, 1:00 pm. *Cooper's Hawk Natural History and Nesting.*** Presentation and live birds.

**\*June 5, 9:30 am. *Protecting Pollinators: Beekeeping Demonstration.*** *Beekeeper, Jerry Anderson, will demonstrate how to host and care for bees. Bring water and sun protection.*

***\*This event requires pre-registration. Call 897-8831 or email openspace@cabq.gov to register.***

The Open Space Visitor Center is located at 6500 Coors Blvd NW between Montañito and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd.

## “Pollination,” a Group Art Show by *New Mexico Wax*

May 2 - June 29, 2010. Gallery Opening May 8th from 1-4pm at the Open Space Visitor Center. This diverse group of artists will demonstrate a variety of pigments, mark making, and textures that can be derived from the ancient art of Encaustics. At its foundation encaustic medium is made from bee's wax. Each art work will visually explore the vital role pollinators have in our resilient and robust planetary ecosystem.

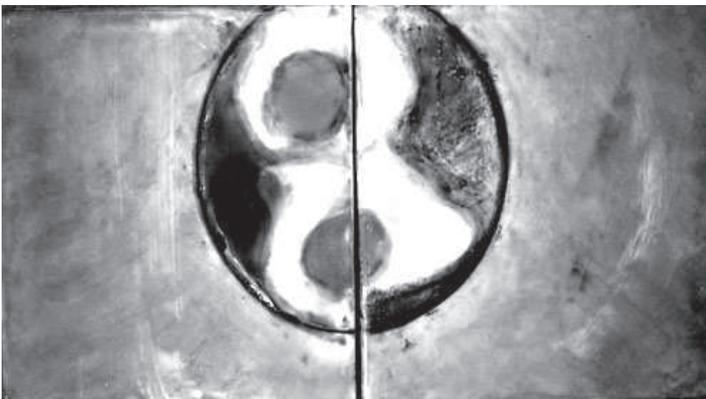
***Encaustic Demonstration with Harriette Tsosie  
Sunday May 13, 2010 10am - 1pm.***

Harriette Tsosie will talk and give a demonstration about encaustic (pigmented wax). This program will coincide with the art show “Pollination.” Registration Required- Limit 20. To registrar call - 505-897-8831.

Tsosie founded New Mexico Wax, an organization for encaustic artists, and is now president of the Encaustic Art Institute, a non profit based in Cerrillos, New Mexico. She has been painting with encaustic for seven years and is represented in Albuquerque by:

FLUX Contemporary: [www.fluxcontemporary.com](http://www.fluxcontemporary.com), and nationally by the Institute: [www.eainm.com](http://www.eainm.com), [www.eainm.blogspot.com](http://www.eainm.blogspot.com)

*Image by: Harriette Tsosie*



## 2nd Annual Recycled Art Fair for Open Space

**April 17th 10 – 4 & April 18th 9 -1**



Over twenty local Upcycle artists, Live Music with Juniper Hill, Recycled Art Workshop Art Street\*, **Backyard Composting Made Easy\***, Bosque Birds Guided Walk\*, Life-size Puppets, “Make & Take” crafts for kids Roots & Shoots, Wolf Meet & Greet - Wanagi Wolf Fund, Plant Start Sale, Westside Grower's Market info table, “Yoga for Recycling” Raffle - win yoga classes!

\*Registration required.

**Call 897-8831 for more info about the event!**

### **Help support the Open Space Alliance by Reading Your Newsletter Online!**

This year, consider canceling your subscription to the Open Space News and view each issue on our website, [www.cabq.gov/openspace/news](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace/news).

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# More Wild Turkey, Please...

As many of you know, the Pueblo of Sandia recently reintroduced wild turkeys back to Pueblo lands. Part of this grant is to trap and release 40 feral turkeys. (Please see Volume 10, Issue 3 of Open Space News.) Open Space volunteers are encouraged to help in this reintroduction project by reporting any turkey sightings to **Mr. Smith at 867-4533, Monday – Friday, 8 – 5, or 934-8636** during weekends, or by email at [tsmith@sandiapueblo.nsn.us](mailto:tsmith@sandiapueblo.nsn.us)

***Please include the following information:***

- Give a brief description of the bird including the gender, color of leg band, and number on leg band if you can see it.
- Is there a radio transmitter?
- The number of turkeys spotted
- Time of day.
- Location where spotted.

***Also, please keep these items in mind:***

- Do not feed these turkeys otherwise they will become dependant on humans.
- Do not bother turkeys in their roosting area.
- Please do not bother or handle baby turkeys (known as Poults).
- If possible please photograph any turkeys that are spotted.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter and have fun looking for turkeys in areas where you thought you would never see them before.

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## Get involved in the Open Space Alliance *today* and contribute to the future of YOUR Open Space!

Your generous contribution to the Open Space Alliance supports OSA's mission of enhancing our quality of life through: heightening public awareness of Open Space lands; building and strengthening partnerships with groups who share Open Space values; promoting conservation, acquisition, and stewardship of Open Space lands; strengthening volunteerism and community outreach programs, and providing financial support.

For information about our current activities, contact Steve Hamp, OSA Board President, at [shamp7@comcast.net](mailto:shamp7@comcast.net), or 247-2523.

**To join**, please fill out the information and return the form with your check or money order.

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