

**The City of Albuquerque Open Space Division invites you Expand Your Views with the
2012 Summer Series**

Albuquerque – Mayor Richard J. Berry and the City of Albuquerque’s Parks & Recreation Department, Open Space Division, invite you to a summer of family friendly events during our **2012 Open Space Summer Series**. All **Saturday Sunset Series** programs take place at the **Elena Gallegos Double Shelter Amphitheater** with the exception of the Filipino Cultural Dance program and Albuquerque Worldwinds concert which will be at the nearby **Kiwanis Shelter**. All talks and performances are free with a \$2.00 entry fee per vehicle to the park. The **Elena Gallegos Park** is located at the end of Simms Park Road, east of Tramway Boulevard, just north of Academy.

Our **Sunday Hikes** will continue to explore the Open Space’s outlying properties in the East Mountains and elsewhere. Please check our website, www.cabq.gov/openspace under Open Space Events for more information on details and directions to the individual events or call Bill Pentler at 452-5222 for Pre-registration or other questions.

I’m sure you’ll find something to entice everyone in the family in this year’s Series and the only thing to hinder you would be the weather but that doesn’t stop us so cross your fingers but don’t hold your breath because the Summer Series is no place to be blue. Come explore with us, expand your views and enjoy a summer of family entertainment through Open Space.

Saturday SUNSET SERIES at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area

The Saturday Sunset Series will feature talks, demonstrations and shows by some of Albuquerque's best speakers, teachers and performers at the Elena Gallegos Double Shelter Amphitheater on Saturdays at **7:00pm**.

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| May 26th | <u>Playing in the Garden</u> – An interactive talk about gardening for Wildlife Habitat, water conservation, sheer joy & more with Wes Brittenham from Plants of the Southwest. |
| June 2nd | <u>Master Percussion Griots</u> – Facinet Bangoura and Male’ Fainke play traditional West African instruments such as the Kora, Balaphon, and a variety of hand drums sharing their ancient, rich culture through music, songs, and storytelling. |
| June 9th | <u>An Evening in Old Mexico with Mariachi</u> – A performance by Reynaldo Maestas |
| June 16th | <u>The Albuquerque Worldwinds</u> – A concert by Beverly Ortiz-O’Connell, Lauren Stephens, Todd Hollister, Byron DeFries, and Bonnie Schmader. A woodwind quintet playing unique music from around the globe |
| June 23rd | <u>Environmental History of the Rio Grande</u> – A lecture by Steve Harris of Rio Grande Restoration and Far Flung Adventures. |
| June 30th | <u>Prehistoric Technology</u> – A lecture and demonstration by Ron Fields from the Petroglyph National Monument. |
| July 7th | <u>The Science of Weather</u> – A lecture by Deirdre Kann and Kerry Jones of the National Weather Service |
| July 14th | <u>New Mexico Reptiles and Amphibians</u> .-A talk and display by Scott Bulgrin of the New Mexico Herpetological Society. |
| July 21st | <u>Filipino Cultural Dance Group</u> – A performance of traditional dances from the Philippine Islands. |
| July 28th | <u>Fire on the Mountain</u> – A talk on fire and restrictions by Karen Takai of the US Forest Service. |
| August 4th | <u>Nanoscience - DNA</u> – A talk and demonstration by Mario Paz, Graduate Student in the UNM Nanoscience and Microsystems Degree Program. |
| August 11th | <u>Poetry and Spoken Word</u> – Offerings from a collection of artists led by Gina Marselle. |
| August 18th | <u>Ballads and Runes: An Evening of Ancient Tales and Original Music</u> – Music and Stories with Scott and Johanna Hongell-Darsee and guests Sharon Berman plus |

Juan Wijngaard on hurdy gurdy.

August 25th Chris Nolan – One Man Band – A musical performance by guitarist and songwriter Chris Nolan.

SUNDAY HIKES - From varied areas of Open Space

On Sundays, starting at 9:00 a.m., **unless stated otherwise**, knowledgeable guides and members of our community lead explorations and offer demonstrations in an assortment of fields and specialties. Please call Bill Pentler at 452-5222 for **Pre-registration** if stated. Our wish is to nudge you and your family to expand your views and begin a lifelong ritual of returning to your newly discovered favorite Open Spaces.

- May 27th** Wild About Wildflowers – Meet at the Elena Gallegos Pino Trailhead for a 2 to 3 hour moderate hike with Pearl Burns from the U.S. Forest Service. **Bring water and whatever you need for a comfortable hike.**
- June 3rd** Paddlefest - Meet at the Alameda/Bachechi Open Space. An all day introduction to paddle sports led by Michael Hayes of Quiet Waters Paddling Adventures, Stephen Verchinski of New Mexico State Parks, Steve Harris of Far Flung Adventures, and Mike Pogzeba of Southwest Wind Sports **Bring water and clothes you can get wet in. Pre-registration Required**
- June 10th** Bosque River Walk – Meet at **8:00 am** at Pueblo Montañño on the SE corner of Coors and Montañño. A 2 hour lecture and hike about the history of the Rio Grande with Verne Huser. **Bring water and whatever you need for a comfortable hike**
- June 17th** Mountain Bike for Fun – Pueblo Montañño. A 2 hour session led by Chuck Malagodi of the City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department. **Bring your bike and helmet for a light to medium ride.**
- June 24th** Bee Keeping – Meet at the Open Space Visitor Center for a 1 to 2 hour talk by Chantal Forster
- July 1st** Explore the North Geologic Window – Petroglyph National Monument. A 2 to 3 hour hike with Dr. Matt Schmader, Open Space Superintendent. **Bring water and whatever you need for a comfortable hike.**
Pre-registration Required
- July 8th** Five Pieces of Brocade – Meet at Poblanos Fields for a 1 to 2 hour introduction and demonstration of Qigong with Sifu Dug Corpolongo of Lotus Dragon Tai Chi and Qigong. **Bring water and wear comfortable clothes.**
- July 15th** Introduction to GPS – Meet at the Elena Gallegos Double Shelter for a 2 to 3 hour instruction. led by Erik Zsemlye of Open Space. **Bring your GPS**, limited borrowing of extra GPS units. **Pre-registration Required**
- July 22nd** The San Antonio Oxbow – Meet at **8:30 am**. A moderate hike with some tripping hazards in one of Open Space's properties. **Bring water and whatever you need for a 2 hour hike. Pre-registration Required**
- July 29th** The Juan Thomas Open Space – Meet at **8:30 am**. A moderate to strenuous hike with some to an outlying Open Space property. **Bring water and whatever you need for a 2 to 3 hour hike. Pre-registration Required**
- August 5th** Bosque Wild Guided Nature Walk – The Open Space Visitor Center. A 2 hour hike through the Bosque. **Call 897-8831 for Pre-registration. Required**
- August 12th** Basic Orienteering by the NM Orienteers - The 66 on 66. A 2 to 3 hour instruction by Jerry Boyd and others. **Bring water, a compass if you have one, and whatever you need to deal with a strenuous area. Pre-registration Required**
- August 19th** A Magic and Juggling Hike – Location to be announced. A unique hike led by Wayne Hicks from the Magic and Juggling Store. **Bring water and whatever you need for a 1 to 2 hour hike. Pre-registration Required**
- August 26th** A Day of Mindfulness and Nature – Meet at **8:30 am**. Carolino Canyon. A morning of

tranquility and meditation led by Dug Corpolongo of Albuquerque Buddhist Fellowship lasting a few hours or longer. **Wear comfortable clothes, bring water, lunch, and an open mind.**
Pre-registration Required

DIRECTIONS TO EVENTS:

The 66 on 66 – Travel east of Tramway on Central Blvd for approximately one and one third mile. The gate will come up on your right. If you pass Abbott Labs you've gone too far. **Note: This property is not yet open to the public except during special events.**

Alameda/Bachechi Open Space – Exit I 25 at Alameda and travel west or left. The parking area is to the left before you cross the river or just after you pass Rio Grande Blvd. If coming from the Westside, go north on Coors Blvd past Paseo Del Norte. Stay to the right and take Old Coors behind the mall until you reach Alameda. Turn right and travel approximately one quarter mile to the parking lot.

Carolino Canyon - Exit I-40 at the Tijeras exit and continue south 9 miles on 337 which most know as South Highway 14. Carolino Canyon will come up on your left. The rough address is 10900 Park Access Road, Tijeras but look for the sign designating Carolino.

Elena Gallegos Park - The Elena Gallegos Park is located at the end of Simms Park Road, east of Tramway Boulevard, just north of Academy.

Main Loop – Turn right at the Entry Booth and follow the road. It loops past many trailheads and parking areas finally returning to the Entry Booth.

Pino Trailhead – Follow the road to the right of the entry booth and at the top of the loop, near a restroom, is the Pino Trailhead. It's marked by a small sign.

Double Shelter Amphitheater – Turn right at the entry booth and follow the road two-thirds of the way around the Main Loop. The Double Shelter parking area will come up on your left just after you begin to head back toward the entry booth.

Kiwanis Shelter – Turn left or go around the entry booth and follow the road going north. Continue down the road through the dips and curves and the Kiwanis Shelter will come up on your right. Enter through the first gate and park.

Open Space Visitor Center – Located at 6500 Coors Blvd. between Montaña and Paseo Del Norte. Look for the brown signs saying "Open Space Visitor Center" and turn east on Bosque Meadows Road. Look for the sculpture of multiple metal bars painted blue.

Los Poblanos Fields – Drive west on Montaña from I-25 or Fourth Street and turn north on Tierra Viva Road. The parking area is on the left.

Pueblo Montaña – Located on the southeast corner of Coors and Montaña Roads. It's the park that has all the wonderful, carved sculptures by Mark Chavez.

For the remaining hikes, please call Bill Pentler at 452-5222 for Pre-Registration and directions will be given at that time.

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