

OPEN SPACE newsletter



Mayor Richard J. Berry

A Quarterly Newsletter of the Open Space Division and the Open Space Alliance

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Celebrating the Life of Jay Lee Evans

July 21, 1953 - January 9, 2014

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*Happy trails to you, until we meet again.
Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then.*

*Some trails are happy ones,
Others are blue. It's the way you ride the trail that counts,
Here's a happy one for you.*

This edition of the Open Space News is dedicated to the memory of Jay Lee Evans. Jay, a lifelong resident of Albuquerque, passed away suddenly on January 9, 2014. He is survived by his mother Bonnie of Albuquerque; Sister Kay (husband Tommy) of Bellingham WA and an abundance of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Jay was preceded in death by his father James Lee Evans. Jay was known by many as "Roadrunner Red", his stage name during the years he spent in the circus trick riding and roping - an homage to his long family history of cattle ranching in New Mexico. After retiring from the circus, Jay worked for the City of Albuquerque in several roles including Assistant to the Mayor, Director of Parks and Recreation, and most recently as Associate Planner with Open Space.

Jay made a special connection with each person he encountered, whether it was having him draw a sketch of you, watching him juggle, singing a song together, subjecting you to a corny joke or engaging in a thought provoking conversation. He will be sorely missed. A celebration of his life was hosted on Thursday, January 16 at the City of Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center at 6500 Coors NW. Memorial contributions can be made to the Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice, 202 Harvard SE Albuquerque, NM 87106 or Open Space Alliance 6500 Coors Blvd Albuquerque, NM 87120. (Biographic information provided by the Albuquerque Journal).

Please visit our online guestbook for Jay at www.FrenchFunerals.com.

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Jay, we'll miss you.

Thirty Years of Open Space

by Mayor Richard Berry



I would like to congratulate the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division on its 30th anniversary. To mark this historic occasion, Open Space is planning a unique series of events and programs to commemorate the event. You will find more details within the newsletter and we certainly hope you can join us in this most significant celebration.

Despite the reality of drought and storms that presented challenges in the bosque and the foothills, 2013 was a year of successes for the Open Space Division.

Among the most exciting news of the year was the announcement that USA Weekend magazine awarded a City Award to the Division and its partner organization, the Nicodemus Wilderness Project, for the 2012 "Make a Difference Day" project. The award came with a \$10,000 donation from Newman's Own to be given to the Nicodemus Wilderness Project. Congratulations to the staff at the Open Space Division and the Nicodemus Wilderness Project, who have been partners in hosting "Make a Difference Day" at the Piedra Lisa Canyon Open Space for more than a decade.

In 2013, Open Space also completed habitat restoration projects and planted native willows, cottonwoods and other shrubs which provide a habitat for a number of bosque species. Many thanks go to the division's bosque/maintenance crew equipment operators on the project: Chris Tavasci, Richard Rodriguez, Steve Aragon, Joseph Hidalgo, Tom Moya, Cindo Griego, Benito Gonzales, Raymond Lente, Edwin Zamora, Steve Ryan and Ray Gomez. They worked long hours to create all of the habitat features, clear non-native vegetation, maintain levee roads, and drill holes for reforestation. Additionally, I am excited to report that there are more bosque habitat projects planned for 2014.

In closing, I am compelled to acknowledge a significant loss to the open space community. I offer my sincere condolences to the family of Jay Lee Evans and to his city co-workers. Jay, who served as an Associate Planner with the Open Space Division, passed away unexpectedly earlier this month. He was a tireless advocate for the environment and for Open Space. Jay would have celebrated twenty years working for the city on January 25 of this year. His contributions to our community and to Open Space are many and he will be greatly missed.



Thank you again for supporting Open Space and I encourage you to take the opportunity to visit your favorite major public Open Spaces often. You will not be disappointed in the gorgeous sunsets and the scenic beauty that our local sites provide.

Sincerely, 

*See Volume 10, Issue 4, October - December 2009 of the Open Space News on www.cabq.gov/openspace.

Open Space Visitor Center Gallery Calendar 2014

<p>January</p> <p><i>Trees, Rocks and Dirt</i> <i>Volcano Vista HS</i> <i>Eldorado HS</i> <i>West Mesa HS</i></p> <p>Opening January 11th, Reception 3-5pm High School Art Students respond to the value of Open Space within their city. A variety of media and interpretations that express the dialog these students have with Open Space properties such as the Petroglyph Monument, West Mesa, Bosque and, Foothills.</p>	<p>February</p> <p><i>Trees, Rocks and Dirt</i> <i>Volcano Vista HS</i> <i>Eldorado HS</i> <i>West Mesa HS</i></p> <p>See January for description</p> <p>Closes February 15th</p>	<p>March</p> <p><i>Revived</i> <i>Local Recycle, Upcycle Artists</i></p> <p>Opens March 1st, Reception 3-5pm A show of found objects reinvented into art. This collection renders the disposable into dynamic new form. Also on display, Lost and Found in Open Space, a collection of artifacts discovered in Open Space sites. This show will coincide with our annual Recycled Art Fair on April 26th and 27th.</p>
<p>April</p> <p><i>Revived</i> <i>Local Recycle, Upcycle Artists</i></p> <p>See March for description</p> <p>Closes April 27th</p>	<p>May</p> <p><i>Land Arts of the American West: Rio Grande Watershed International Land Art Projects</i></p> <p>Opening May 3rd, Reception 3-5pm A traveling exhibit of works from Land Arts partners: Australian National University Field Studies Program, Mira Costa College Land Arts Program, and Local UNM Land Arts practitioners. This exhibit will include a gallery show and field component focusing on the Rio Grande watershed. This exhibit will accumulate new works at the OSVC then travel to another location along the Rio Grande river, where it will accumulate more artwork.</p>	<p>June</p> <p><i>Land Arts of the American West: Rio Grande Watershed International Land Art Projects</i></p> <p>See May for description</p> <p>Closes June 29th</p>
<p>July</p> <p><i>Pieces Of The Whole: A Mosaic Show Local Mosaic Artists</i></p> <p>Opening July 5th, Reception 3-5pm A mosaic tends to be a collection of tiles or glass pieces of various size and color organized creatively. These artists, inspired by Aldo Leopold's "Land Ethic" will exhibit work that seeks to "enlarge the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals, or collectively: the land." There will be a demonstration component to this art show.</p>	<p>August</p> <p><i>Pieces Of The Whole: A Mosaic Show Local Mosaic Artists</i></p> <p>See July for description</p> <p>Closes August 31st</p>	<p>September</p> <p><i>Enchanted Lands: Celebrating NM Public Lands Local Plein Air Artists</i></p> <p>Opens September 6th, Reception 3-5pm Plein Air artists will paint Municipal, County, State and Federal public lands. The goal, besides exploring the beauty of New Mexico landscapes, is to increase awareness of the wealth of public land found in NM. This show will coincide with National Public Lands Day (Sept 27th). This show is a fundraiser for the Open Space Alliance and Plein Air Painters of New Mexico (PAPNM).</p>
<p>October</p> <p><i>Enchanted Lands: Celebrating NM Public Lands Local Plein Air Artists</i></p> <p>See September for description</p> <p>Closes October 26th</p>	<p>November</p> <p><i>Reflections Luna Project</i></p> <p>November 1st, Reception 3-5pm REFLECT - The sky reflected in a river's ripples, one's face in an angled window or the mirror of a pond: reflection is a conversation between world and image. Which is real? We call upon inner reflection, the interplay of self and soul, as we celebrate the world that reflects us. The Luna Project, a collective of fifteen women artists, invites you to join them in reflection.</p>	<p>December</p> <p><i>Reflections Luna Project</i></p> <p>See November for description</p> <p>Closes December 28th</p>



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In the gallery: Trees, Rocks, Dirt

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Camber Arnhart, Artist



Saturday, January 11th
3:00 - 5:00 pm
 Opening Reception in the Gallery

Exhibit ends February 15th

2014 at a GLANCE

Like the seasons, our special events bring surprises each year. The cycle continues, deluge or drought.

- Recycled Art Fair** April 26 & 27
 - Pollinator Awareness Day** June 21 & 22
 - Urban Farm & Harvest Festival** Sunday, September 14
 - Celebrate the **Sandhill Crane** migration November 15 & 16
- For more information, please visit www.cabq.gov/openspace*



THIRTY YEARS of OPEN SPACE!
 Help us celebrate throughout the year.

Basic Backyard Composting

Saturday, January 25th 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

With the help of Bernalillo County Master Composters, we at Open Space will teach you what you need to know to start transforming a variety of yard and household resources into soil "food."

Extend learning throughout the year: participate in the **Food Forest project** or in the well-established **Traditions Garden** where we demonstrate ancient sustainable methods of growing food in this climate.

Bosque Wild Guided Nature Walk
Sunday, January 5th
9:00 am FREE

First Sundays. Register at 897-8831.

Yoga with a View
Sundays 9:00 am - 10:30 am
 \$15 class fee

www.gratefullifeyoga.com



*Open Space Mandala
 December 21, 2013*



On the trail or in the gallery, art displays offer the visitor a visual interpretation & expression of the natural beauty in Open Space.

The **Open Space Alliance** is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote public awareness and conservation of Open Space lands. Find out more about OSA at a special annual event on **Saturday, January 25th 10:00 am.**
<http://openspacealliance.org/>

MOVIE MATINEES

Every Saturday 1:30-3:30 pm

A futuristic theme to start the year. FREE

Silent Running January 4th

The Day the Earth Stood Still January 11th

Contact January 18th

Logan's Run January 25th

6500 Coors Blvd NW Albuquerque, NM 87120

between Montano & Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd.

Tuesday - Sunday • 9:00 am - 5:00 pm • 897-8831 •

www.cabq.gov/openspace

Some programs require pre-registration. Call 897-8831 or e-mail openspace@cabq.gov for more information.

“La Cebolla del Duende” News from Duende Country

El Duende may not have won the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism this year, but he's still got fans! Hats off to you *Virginia McCleod* for your amazing and insightful letter. I will make sure Santa drops off some extra pin flags and a clinometer in your stocking this year. So, Virginia, enjoy the latest news from Duende-Country! Cheers!

Man Addicted to Brake Fluid Found in Bosque:

Albuquerque Fire Department Rescue Unit 16 assisted a man in the Bosque who had been drinking brake fluid. “This isn't the first time we've had to help this man. He's obviously addicted to drinking brake fluid”, said Lt. Osborn of AFD. The unidentified man claims he can stop at any time.

What's in a Name?

The City of Albuquerque is being sued by a retro 80's post punk band known as The Open Space Division. M. Al. Fesence, the lawyer for the band claims his clients have proprietary rights to the name and that the City of Albuquerque should rename their Open Space Division. Mr. Fesence also represents the bands Joy Division and Pansy Division.

Tin Woodsman Found at Gutierrez Canyon

Open Space employee, Luther Pino reportedly found a tin woodsman while out at Gutierrez Canyon surveying for a new trail alignment. “I had to pry the ax out of his cold rusted hands,” Luther reported. Luther then cashed in the tin at Broadway Recycling to help pay for new Pulaskis.

Helper Monkey Picks up Poop

Desiree Applebaum showed up to the 2013 Make a Difference Day with her helper monkey, Snuggems, to assist with picking up trash and dog poop at Piedra Lisa Canyon. Snuggems started the day with several cups of coffee before he ate all the bananas. He then proceeded to “help” pick up dog poop from the trails. “He was certainly good at picking the poop up, unfortunately when it came time to throwing the poop into a trash bag he got a little out of hand,” said Open Space Park Program Specialist Inga Treddle.

Problems in the Pumpkin Patch

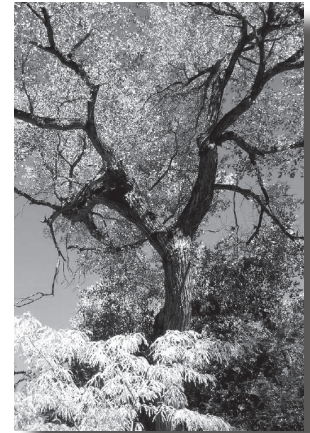
Open Space Police found third grader Linus Van Pelt asleep on a blanket in the pumpkin patch of Las Cebollas Fields after hours on Halloween night. He was escorted off the property and returned to his parents. A sobbing Van Pelt begged officers to allow him to remain in the pumpkin patch until midnight when the Great Pumpkin rises out of the most sincere pumpkin patch to give candy to all the boys and girls waiting there for him.



My Love in the Bosque

By George Peknik, Trail Watch Volunteer

During the Open Space Visitors Center's Return of the Cranes Celebration, Phil Bock's **Love in the Bosque** musical about a family of Sand hill Cranes was magnificent. We in the audience were entertained by the actors who brilliantly mimicked the graceful and energetic dances, elegant courtship rituals, and distinctive bugling calls of the long-necked, long-legged *Grus Canadensis*; in addition, we learned many new things about our winter visitors – that Sand hills mate for life, that some summer in Alaska, and that they seem to feel human emotions like jealousy, fear, and anger. Bravo! The musical got me thinking about how, ever since moving to Albuquerque in 2009 when I started my daily rounds in the Bosque as a Trail Watch Volunteer, I have developed a strong attachment – OK, love – of the cottonwoods, birds, and other fellow living things in the Bosque. Spending time there with my dog has become one of my life's passions.



It wasn't by choice that we moved to Albuquerque; rather it was because one peaceful evening in Boulder, Colorado, I walked out the front door of our home in the foothills and was immediately flattened and almost killed by a large cottonwood in our yard that had been destroyed by a localized column of sinking air, producing violent tornado-like winds that the scientists at the National Weather Service call a "micro-burst." Disabled, I had to retire early and move. Ironically, we moved beside what is the largest grove of cottonwoods in the world (and of the many species of birds in those trees). Having lived many of my years in cities and deserts, I finally came around to seeing the beauty and sacredness of nature in a new way. I was in love.

Living in a gated community that abuts the bosque, I was often feeling rather isolated and even wrote about my feeling of "bowling alone." Soon the bosque became a place for meeting new people, many of whom I took an immediately liking to: some because of our mutual feelings about our dogs; some because after a brief chat, we discovered that we had something in our backgrounds that was similar (Example: two of my new friends, like I, had once lived in Saudi Arabia, and two were fellow Chicago Southsiders.) And some taught me things that I should have learned years ago, like fellow trail watcher, Verne Huser who answered my question that many visitors had asked me: "Why the f#@& is the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher so important that the city needs to tear up the bosque?" with a simple "(Tell them that) All endangered species are important because we don't want them to go extinct." Or the Native American who taught me the symbolic meaning for her tribe of the Great Blue Heron we were watching– that it embodies wisdom and patience and that when one shows up in your life, it is time to follow your own unique path in life. Or the African-American fellow-traveler who helped me understand the truth that the trees are just as beautiful in the winter as they are in the summer or fall.

Or my fellow runner and writer who has written this about my favorite part of the bosque: "It is easy to see—literally—why this area is called Pandora after the forested planet in Avatar. The cottonwoods in Pandora seem to writhe and dance before your eyes (like the Na'vi in Avatar). To say they are living would be understatement. The stump is the epicenter of Pandora." The stump is both where I often meet others and where I meditate and pray every day. In a way, it has become my place of worship, where I can pay tribute to and thank Our Creator for the beauty, peace, and ambiance of the natural world and our fellowship with one another.

The Official Birthday of the Open Space Division! Check It Out! We Found Proof, Yo!

Thirty five used road grader blades were donated by the State Highway Department, for use in the construction of Silhouette target stands.

The following is a breakdown of activities by categories for January 1984:

Pistol Range	89	Trap Range	73
Rifle Range	140	Skeet Range	43
Archery Range	0	Additional Targets	58

A total of 345 persons used the Park which generated \$936.50 in revenues.

INDIAN PETROGLYPH PARK: Vandalism experience at the park included: Six wood boards pulled off one shelter and burned; One "Observation Area" sign was stolen; and 160 feet of welded chain link fence fabric was stolen. All of the above items have been repaired.

Two new security lights have been installed at the park entrance to aid in security.

Attendance for January 1984, was 758 people from New Mexico and 232 people from different states, for a total of 990 users.

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Carolino Canyon, Manzano Open Space, Singing Arrow,
Lava Land, Rio Grande Bosque, Petroglyph Park, La Boca
Negra, Volcano Park and Shooting Range Park.

This totals approximately 17,000 acres of park open space lands to patrol.

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Bosque Habitat Restoration Projects ***~by Steve Ryan, Open Space Division Forester***

The Open Space Division (OSD) is gearing up for a major habitat restoration project within the bosque located southwest of the Paseo del Norte Bridge. The main goal of this project is to provide important habitat for the federally endangered Rio Grande Silvery Minnow by creating a low-velocity, flow-through channel (ephemeral channel) during higher river flows. The ephemeral channel is intended to provide egg retention and nursery habitat for the minnow. The Open Space "Bosque Crew" will first remove all the exotic non-native vegetation that currently dominates the site, and then the crew will begin excavating the 5-acre ephemeral channel. After the ephemeral channel is created, Open Space staff will use volunteers from numerous local school groups to assist with re-establishing native riparian vegetation within and along the edges of the channel to increase the diversity of the riparian (riverside) ecosystem.



In addition to improving minnow habitat, the secondary goal of the project is to improve riparian habitat for another federally endangered species – the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher. This will be done by planting cottonwood, willow poles, and native shrubs throughout a 40-acre section of the *bosque* around the created channel. The flycatcher is a neotropical migratory songbird that breeds in dense riparian habitat that is typically dominated with native willows. Open Space recently completed a flycatcher habitat restoration project located just south of the La Orilla drain. Open Space created 5-acres of moist soil swales and planted native willows, cottonwoods, and other moist soil riparian shrubs to provide breeding habitat for the flycatchers.

Before dams and levees were installed throughout the middle Rio Grande, spring and summer floods would scour new channels throughout the bosque creating backwater wetlands and marshes that provided habitat for the minnow and the flycatcher, as well as a wide-range of other wildlife. With the Rio Grande now confined and regulated to a single narrow channel, these species have lost a large amount of the habitat they rely on for survival. The OSD is working hard to help save these species from extinction by re-creating habitat that was once abundant throughout the Middle Rio Grande.

All funding for these projects was provided by the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program. US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) funding is part of the San Juan Chama Drinking Water Project-Environmental Mitigation. The funding was provided through the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program (a group of local agencies) to conduct habitat restoration for endangered species. The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) is responsible for implementing the mitigation measures for the USBR, and used the funds to have Open Space implement the La Orilla and Paseo del Norte projects. SWCA Environmental Consultants and HDR Engineering assisted with project design, mapping (GIS), field staking features, and environmental monitoring.

Open Space Bosque/maintenance crew (equipment operators) on the two projects include: Chris Tavasci, Richard Rodriguez, Steve Aragon, Joseph Hidalgo, Tom Moya, Cindo Griego, Benito Gonzales, Raymond Lente, Edwin Zamora and Ray Gomez, who all worked to create habitat features, clear the non-native vegetation, maintain levee roads, and drill holes for pole planting. Many thanks also to Bill Pentler, who coordinates and leads school groups and volunteer groups to do plantings, and to Erik Zsmelye for mapping, GIS work, harvesting plants, and planting. The State Forestry Inmate Work Camp also assisted with the La Orilla project harvesting plants, plantings, and removing Jetty Jacks.

Fall Event Wrap Up

by El Duende



As staff hunkers down for cold and snowy weather we want to take a moment to thank all of our volunteers who helped make 2013 another banner year for volunteer projects. Our most recent projects in October were Dia del Rio and Make a Difference Day, both of which were great successes and accomplished a great deal of trail building and maintenance.

This year we returned to the South Valley for Dia del Rio and teamed up with Bernalillo County Open Space to host the event at the county's Durand Open Space. We followed up on recent work done by AMAFCA, the Army Corps of Engineers and Bernalillo County whose efforts have resulted in a South Valley access point to the *bosque*. Volunteers helped staff build approximately 1 mile of trail leading to a scenic viewing area along the river. In addition to trail building, volunteers also cleaned up 2 pickup truck loads of trash and a truck load of recyclables.

September rains hammered the Piedra Lisa area in the Sandia Foothills causing all sorts of trail problems. There was evidence of a 2 foot flow of water coming down over the cliff face. This flow took out a 15 foot long section of trail along with a section the arroyo bank leaving the trail with a four foot vertical drop down into the arroyo.

There were also numerous washouts across the trails from side drainages. Staff and volunteers were able to repair much of this damage during the Make a Difference Day project in October.

Special thanks go out to our friends and partners at the Nicodemus Wilderness Project for their help in sponsoring this event. Volunteers also cleaned up a half pickup load of trash and 8 bags of recycling, which included 4 bags of broken glass, much of which was exposed by the recent rain.

Once again thanks to all of our volunteers who participated in these fall projects and all who help us throughout the year. Special thanks go out to our sponsors and partners! We look forward to working with everyone again in the spring!





Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old and my parents are Trail Watch Volunteers. Some of my friends say there is no such thing as a Duende. My father says if you read it in the Open Space Newsletter it has to be the truth. Please tell me the truth: is there a Duende?

Virginia McLeod

Yes Virginia, there is a Duende!

He exists as certainly as pinons, junipers and cacti, and you know cacti exist because try as you may, no matter how careful you are around them, you always get poked by a needle. You may never see a Duende, but that's no proof that they don't exist. Why even if you did see a Duende you might not even know that you've seen one. Duendes are a part of the mysteries and wonders of nature. All it takes is to follow a trail through Open Space and you'll find yourself in a world of Duendes. Or better yet come out for a spring cleanup project, or National River Cleanup Day, or National Trails Day, or any other Open Space event and you'll find yourself surrounded by Duendes. No Duendes, indeed! As long as there is nature, Open Space and volunteers there will be Duendes. And most importantly, Virginia, we all deserve to unequivocally enjoy nature and deserve the everlasting sunsets that Open Space provides.

All the best in the New Year,
El Duende

The Open Space Visitor Center Presents: Trees, Rocks and Dirt

When: January 11th- February 15th, 2014

What: A Variety of Art by Volcano Vista, El Dorado, and West Mesa High School Students

Where: The Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Blvd NW, 87120.
505-897-8831

OPENING RECEPTION: January 11th, 3-5pm



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Look at How Far We've Come! Some Highlights from OSD History

- 1963:** Golden Park, Gutierrez Canyon, Montesa Park, Carolino Canyon, and Four Hills Park acquired (totaling 2,126 acres).
- 1964-1968:** Shooting Range Park and Grasslands Preserve acquired (3,832 acres).
- 1966:** Placitas open space acquired (640 acres).
- 1967:** La Boca Negra Park acquired (1,528 acres).
- 1968:** San Antonito open space acquired (168 acres). Lands acquired in the 1960s are referred to as "Regional Parks."
- 1969:** First *Rio Grande Valley State Park* feasibility study done by the State. City/County Goals Commission calls for preservation of open space.
- 1971:** First purchases of volcanoes open space land.
- 1973:** Indian Petroglyph State Park built and opened. First purchases of Sandia foothills open space. 10% slope demarcation established in foothills.
- 1974:** Glenwood Hills open space purchased.
- 1975:** First *Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan* adopted. Open Space Task Force formed.
- 1976:** Continued purchase of volcanoes open space tracts (1,320 acres).
- 1977:** Acquisitions of Candelaria Farms, Sandia foothills lands, and West Mesa lands (526 acres). *Shooting Range State Park Master Plan* completed.
- 1978:** Acquisitions of Volcano Park, Embudo Canyon, Bear Canyon, and Glenwood Hills open space lands (3,093 acres).
- 1979:** Purchase of West Mesa Open Space and Manzano-Four Hills lands (3,394 acres). First offices at Pino Yards to manage Regional Parks; beginning of Operations & Maintenance section.
- 1980:** Open Space ordinance adopted to regulate public activities. Carolino Canyon picnic area built. *Master Plan for Volcano Park* completed.
- 1981:** Sandia foothills and West Mesa lands acquired.
- 1982:** Elena Gallegos Grant purchased with special quarter-cent tax funds. Open Space Trust Fund established. Rio Grande Nature Center opened. First Ranger/law enforcement patrols. Foothills parking lots at Embudo Canyon and Piedra Lisa built. First Open Space planner hired.
- 1983:** Rio Grande Valley State Park established by State legislature. First Open Space Advisory Board meetings. Shooting Range State Park opened. First purchases in Piedras Marcadas Canyon.
- 1984:** City Open Space Division formed; Rex Funk is first OSD superintendent. Construction begun at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area.
- 1985:** Elena Gallegos Picnic Area opened. Archaeological surveys of West Mesa escarpment. *Water-Based Recreation Study* completed.
- 1986:** *Facility Plan for Arroyos* adopted. Las Imagines Archaeological District created on West Mesa escarpment. Archaeological surveys and purchases in Piedras Marcadas Canyon.
- 1987:** Quality-of-Life quarter cent tax enacted to include Open Space purchases. *Rio Grande Valley State Park Management Plan* and *Northwest Mesa Escarpment Plan* adopted. "Extraordinary Facilities on Open Space" ordinance adopted.
- 1988:** *Comprehensive Plan* revised with major Open Space components. Piedras Marcadas pueblo ruin and Rounds Estate acquired. Open Space

Look at How Far We've Come! *We Got Mad Skills and We Know It!*

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Advisory Board priority list for acquisition established.

1989: Albuquerque hosts national Open Space conference. Kiwanis Reservation area built at Elena Gallegos. Continued purchases in Piedras Marcadas Canyon.

1990: Petroglyph National Monument established by Congress. Open Space Division moves offices to Montesa Park. Continued purchases in Piedras Marcadas Canyon. Biological inventories conducted in Rio Grande State Park.

1991: Open Space Visitor Services section created. *Land Protection Plan* for Petroglyph N.M. adopted by Park Service and City. *Bear Canyon Arroyo Plan* adopted. Los Metates, Piedras Marcadas Canyon, and Bear Canyon lands acquired. High-tensile fence adopted as standard for Open Space boundary.

1992: Wildlife blind built and pond relined at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area. *Parks, Open Space, and Trails Facility Plan* adopted.

1993: *Bosque Action Plan* and *Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan* adopted. *Bosque Biological Management Plan* completed by interagency team. High Desert open space lands dedicated; Piedras Marcadas Canyon purchases.

1994: Rex Funk retries; Jay Hart becomes second OSD superintendent. Paseo del Bosque Trail built from Rio Grande Nature Center to Paseo del Norte. Rio Grande/Alameda open space purchased jointly by City and Bernalillo County. Roberson Ranch and Piedras Marcadas Canyon acquisitions.

1995: Open Space Division receives "Urban River Restoration Award" from American Rivers. Open Space environmental education program formalized. More active management and citizen participation for Placitas open space.

1996: *General Management Plan* for Petroglyph National Monument completed. Open Space Alliance formed. Mann Tract acquired. Rio Grande Community Farms begins operating on open space farmland.

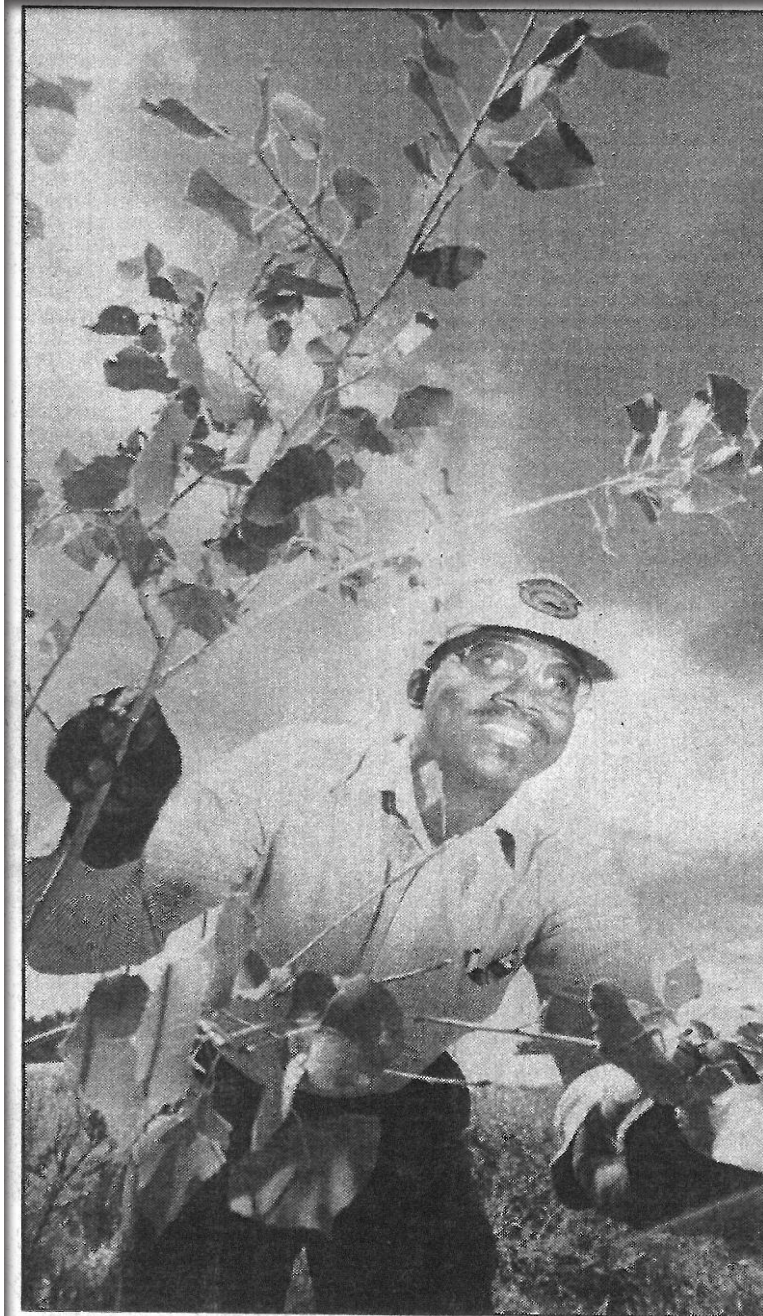
1997: Quarter-cent tax for Open Space and Parks. Los Poblanos Farm (Anderson Field) acquired. *San Antonio Oxbow Biological Management Plan* adopted.

1998: Bernalillo County passes two-year property tax mil levy for open space purchases. Tres Pistolas acquired. Alameda wetland constructed.

1999: *Open Space Facility Plan* adopted. Roberson residence purchased as Open Space visitor center site. Paseo del Bosque trail extended from Paseo del Norte to Alameda. Hubbell oxbow acquired. Open Space Division hosts national Parks Law Enforcement Association conference.

2000: Cottonwood Springs accessible trail and new entry station opened at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area. San Antonio oxbow acquisitions completed.

**From the Early Days of Open Space....
A Blast from the Past**



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Tony Barron, an Albuquerque Open Space Division supervisor, checks one of 100 small cottonwoods planted last spring on the Rio Grande's west bank. The city is seeking ways to encourage new cottonwood growth.

**Park
Survey**

Does the public
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 recreation or natur

The answer is "ye
 a survey commissio

Open Space Divisio
 Done by the Uni
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 survey involved 500

More than 90 pe
 questioned said th
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Although the sur
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 city officials stand

Survey results for
 bosque uses were:

- Add restrooms and
 tains — 83 percent
 no.
- Add picnic areas v
 percent yes; 23 per
- Include barbecue
 cent yes; 51 percent
- Increase hard-sur
 bike paths — 57 p
 percent no.
- Put in sand volley
 percent yes; 61 per
- Designate horse t
 cent yes; 30 percent
- Designate mountai
 67 percent yes; 33 p
- Increase parking s
 — 81 percent yes; 1
- Increase the num
 points — 59 percent
 no.

Assistant Superintendent Tony Barron. From the Albuquerque Journal, Sunday, September 10th, 1989. Mr. Barron has been a key member of the Open Space Division since before 1984. He has been instrumental in implementing reforestation projects in the Rio Grande Valley State Park, among other projects.

Calendar of 30th Anniversary Events

~by El Duende

See www.cabq.gov/openspace for a full calendar of events! The Open Space Visitor Center and the City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department are on Facebook, so don't forget to "like" us! (Or El Duende may give your computer the 'Pulaski Virus.')

We are also organizing a special community event/birthday party to bring the Open Space community together. Stay tuned for more details!



ONGOING EVENTS:

- First Sunday of each month: Guided Bosque Nature Walk at the Open Space Visitor Center. Call 897-8831 to register.
- Yoga with a View at the Open Space Visitor Center. Call 897-8831 for details.

JANUARY: January 25th: Annual Open Space Alliance Meeting

FEBRUARY: Trees, Rocks, and Dirt art exhibit at the Open Space Visitor Center

MARCH: Open Space Summer Series: Saturday Sunset Series and Sunday Hikes. Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend

March 8th: Training for Trail Watch and Adopt an Open Space programs. Call 452-5207 for details and to sign up!

APRIL: Open Space Summer Series

April 26th and 27th: Annual Recycled Art Fair Event at the Open Space Visitor Center

Spring Cleanups in the Foothills. See page 15 for details.

MAY: The Open Space Summer Series continues.

May 17th: National River Cleanup

JUNE: The Open Space Summer Series continues.

June 21st and 22nd: Pollinator Awareness Weekend

June 7th: National Trails Day

JULY: The Open Space Summer Series continues.

AUGUST: The Open Space Summer Series continues.

New Mexico Outdoor Expo at the Albuquerque Shooting Range Park (Date TBA)

SEPTEMBER: September 14th: Urban Farm and Harvest Festival

OCTOBER:

October 18th: Dia del Rio.

October 25th: Make a Difference Day

NOVEMBER: November 15th and 16th: Return of the Sandhill Cranes Celebration at the Open Space Visitor Center (Date TBA)

SPRING CLEANUPS IN THE FOOTHILLS

Join the Open Space Division for our annual Spring Cleanups. We will be cleaning trash and graffiti, as well as working on trail improvement projects. And don't forget Bill's ever popular dog poop patrol!



March 22nd: Echo Canyon Cleanup in Tijeras Canyon.

March 30th: The Route 66 Open Space Cleanup.

Spring Cleanups in the Foothills:

April 4th: Copper Trailhead

April 12th: Indian School Trailhead

April 19th: Menaul Trailhead

April 26th: Piedra Lisa Trailhead (the end of Candelaria at Camino de la Sierra)

See the Open Space website www.cabq.gov/openspace or call 452-5200 for more details!

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 Sallie McCarthy, OSA Board President, at mccarthy_sal@hotmail.com

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