



OPEN SPACE newsletter



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Welcoming the Spring

A Message from the Open Space Alliance



Welcome to a new year of activities by the Open Space Alliance! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who have visited the OSA Gift Shop at the Open Space Visitor Center, or the OSA website at www.openspacealliance.org, and renewed your OSA memberships for 2015. Your tax-deductible membership dues are used, along with funds from other sources, to support Open Space Division educational and restoration projects - for some of which we hope you'll personally participate!

I am privileged to have been elected President of the OSA Board for 2015, and have been asked to provide some brief introductory comments. I have been registered as an Open Space Trail Watch Volunteer for nearly 10 years, and have served as Recording Secretary for the Open Space Alliance for the past three years. My employment history, until retirement in December 2011, included positions with the City of Albuquerque, with the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, and with Bernalillo County, all focused on protection and improvement of natural resources.

Wilderness and the outdoors are major priorities for me, and serving as President of OSA provides a multitude of opportunities to protect, preserve and educate about the world-class open space system that we enjoy here in the Albuquerque area.

Please consider participating with the Open Space Alliance through your membership dues, through a separate donation, by volunteering for an OSA event, or by attending an OSA Board meeting. The Board meets at 5:00PM the third Thursday of each month at the Open Space Visitor Center. Have a wonderful spring and summer!

Steven Glass, President

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Announcing the 2015 Open Space Summer Series

~Bill Pentler

The stars have aligned for another Summer Series. Not only did everyone step up and set their dates prior to the Spring Equinox but the incredible array of talent has guaranteed a summer of excitement and fun for all who care to join in.

On Saturdays we have old favorites such as Scott and Johanna Hongell-Darsee with an evening of Medieval and Traditional Ballads, the resurrection of Nimbus with a performance of Native flutes, drums, and storytelling, an evening of Spoken Word and Poetry, Bonnie Schmader and Friends playing a wide range of music from varied genres, and the Blues Jam from the SW Blues Network. I managed to track down Sol Calypso Steel Drum Band with Hovey and Alexis Covey and the New Mexican Marimba Band with a duet on a traditional Mexican Marimba led by Steve Chavez.

There will be an instruction of Nia, an exuberant, joyful, cardio dance exercise. For speakers, Dianne Rand from the Albuquerque Xeric Garden Club will teach us to be more water wise in our plantings and there will be information about rattlesnakes from Bob Myers of the Rattlesnake Museum.

Sundays will be filled with hikes and information involving a number of our outlying properties. Many of our own Open Space personnel have stepped up for events. We'll learn about the history of Little Beaver Town on the 66 property from Erik Zsemlye and Matt Schmader will lead us through a little traveled area of the Petroglyph Monument. There will be a Mushroom Hunt with David Wallis of the Mycological Society at the Milne property. Other events will include a Blacksmith demonstration, Composting workshop, an overview of Wilderness First-Aid, a Bonsai demonstration, instruction of Qigong and much, much more.

This is a taste of the events we're sure you'll enjoy while we nudge you and your family to expand your views and begin a lifelong ritual of returning to your soon to be newly discovered favorite Open Spaces. Please check the full schedule in the coming months on our website at cabq.gov/openspace under the events icon or feel free to contact Bill Pentler at 452-5222 or wpentler@cabq.gov if questions arise or you have suggestions of talks or performances for future Series.

Again this year, and for the past number of years, the Series has ended with a Day of Mindfulness which has taught me to know and be aware of all the wonderful and incredible things that come our way so, on that note, I ask you to join me in discovering offerings from astounding local talent and scholars, seeking new areas to explore, and a line-up of diverse options to entice you to not only look to the stars but to take the time to sit back and soak up the wonder of them too.



The Open Space Visitor Center Presents: The Three Sisters



For centuries, from Mesoamerica to the American Southwest, peoples in this region have found sustenance in the basic foods presented in the exhibit “The Three Sisters: Corn, Beans and Squash.”

When: April 4th-June 28th

By presenting the botanical history, the medicinal value and the cultural meaning of these foods, we hope to interest visitors in the foods that provided nutrition to the earliest farmers.

The exhibit is presented in both English and Spanish and will be accompanied by a series of workshops and programming. See www.cabq.gov/openspace or call 505-897-8831 for more information.

The Open Space Visitor Center is located at 6500 Coors NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120 and is open *Tuesdays - Sundays from 9:00am-5:00pm.*

CALL FOR ART ENTRIES: BOSQUE

DEADLINE: April 27, 2015

Exhibition dates: July 5th – September 27th, 2015

BOSQUE is a group exhibition that invites people to interpret their relationship with the Albuquerque riverside forest in media of their preference. See www.cabq.gov/openspace for full submission details.



The mission of the Open Space Gallery is to inspire an exchange of ideas, solutions and interpretations as they relate to Open Space lands so as to deepen and enhance visitor understanding, appreciation and stewardship for Albuquerque’s unique natural and human community.

OPEN SPACE
VISITOR CENTER



OPEN SPACE VISITOR CENTER (OSVC) EVENTS

THE OPEN SPACE GIFT SHOP:

Saturdays & Sundays, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Celebrate our birthday with New Merchandise!

The Open Space Gift shop opened one year ago this month in conjunction with the Recycled Art Fair. For information about the Seventh Annual

Recycled Art Fair, contact recycleartfair@gmail.com

APRIL 2015

***ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 9:00 AM. *Guided Bosque Nature Walk*.** Free. Registration is recommended one month in advance. Join us for a guided walk into the riverside forest and discover this world away from the city.

ONGOING: Sundays 9:00am -10:30am. *Yoga with a View*. Yoga with instructor Jenny Dominique.

***April 11th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. *Book Signing*.** Space limited - please register at (505) 897-8831. Author Stephen Ausherman will present a slideshow, book signing and discussion of his new book. The book will be sold by the Open Space Gift Shop the day of the event.

***April 12th, 1-2:30pm. *The Basics of Water Harvesting*.** Call 897-8831 for details and to register.

April 25th, *Star Party*, April showers are not welcome at this party! Solar Astronomy from 2-5pm followed by astronomy-related activities starting at 6 pm.

MAY 2015

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ONGOING: Sundays 9:00am -10:30am. *Yoga with a View*. Yoga with instructor Jenny Dominique.

JUNE 2015

***ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 9:00. *Guided Bosque Nature Walk*.** Free. See January listing for details.

ONGOING: Sundays 9:00am -10:30am. *Yoga with a View*. Yoga with instructor Jenny Dominique.

****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 Montaño and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd.

Happy Trails to You....In Memory of Trail Watch Volunteer Don Heuszel

The Open Space Division is sad to report the passing of Trail Watch Volunteer Don Heuszel. Don passed away October 14, 2014. Don and his wife Yvonne were in the very first group of Trail Watch Volunteers when the program was launched in 1994. Don remained an active volunteer until 2007 when he and Yvonne moved out of state. During his time as a TWV Don contributed almost 8,000 hours to the Open Space program. Don was involved in a variety of activities including the Open Space Division's annual conservation and cleanup projects and the Open Space Holiday Program. Don also enjoyed assisting the park staff by opening the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area during staff shortages and by helping to enthusiastically meet and greet visitors at the entry station. When Don wasn't at a volunteer project or at the entry station he and Yvonne could be found hiking in the Foothills or riding their bikes on the Paseo del Bosque Trail. Donations in Don's name may be made to the Cornelia Library at 301 Main Street, Cornelia, GA 30531 or Habersham County Food 2 Kids in care of Clarksville First United Methodist Church, PO Box 365, Clarksville GA 30523.



Summer Volunteer Events

National River Clean Up

During this one day event volunteers help remove trash from the Rio Grande and its bosque. For more details see www.cabq.gov/openspace. The event is free. All volunteers must register with REI at www.rei.com/albuquerque or by calling 247-1191.

When: Saturday, May 16th, 2015 from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Where: The event hub is on the northeast side of the Central Avenue Bridge at Central and Tingley. Parking spaces are limited, so please carpool!

National Trails Day

Volunteers work on over 10 different projects in the Sandia Foothills Open Space trail systems including vegetation restoration, trash removal, and trail maintenance. The event is free.

Registration: Registration is required. To register see www.rei.com/albuquerque, call 247-1191 or stop by their store located at 1550 Mercantile Av (I-25 and Montano). The first 100 people to register for NTD will receive a free T-shirt!

When: June 6th, 2015 from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Where: The Elena Gallegos/Albert G. Simms Park in the Sandia Foothills.

For more information on other volunteer opportunities with Open Space, call 505-452-5200 or visit www.cabq.gov/openspace



La Cebolla del Duende (The Onion of the Duende)

National Trails Day Food Donations: This year's National Trails Day Lunch will be donated by two new local restaurants. Carnivores will be treated to tasty sausages from a new eatery located near Montessa Park called "Of Mice and Menu", while vegetarians will be delighted by dishes from "50 shades of Green" (formerly called "Beet my Guest"). Their motto "We are strictly vegetarian, and you will like it."

Nut-rageous!: A South Korean heiress attending a company barbecue at the Kiwanis Picnic Area flew into a rage over being served macadamia nuts on a paper plate. She then assaulted the caterer and threatened Park Attendant Rod Kadacka who was cleaning a nearby restroom. "She was pelting the caterer with nuts and then threatened to give me a paper cut with the paper plate. Fortunately I had my toilet brush to fend her off with." said Kadacka. The heiress was subdued by others attending the picnic and has since been banned from the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area.

Harry Woofers Wants to Know: Overzealous local investigative reporter Harry Woofers informed City administrators that he would be opening an investigation of Open Space staff because of a rumor that they actually like their jobs. "They are obviously on some mind altering substance because who in their right mind likes their job" said Woofers. Andy Trigenta, Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent of Open Space responded by saying, "There's no better place than Open Space".

Canada Goose Wants to become American: Self-proclaimed animal whisperer Fluvanna Van Horn claims she has been in communication with a Canada Goose at Las Cebollas Fields. "Bob the goose claims to have been brought to this country by his parents as a young gosling and has been a resident goose at Las Cebollas Fields for most of his life" said Van Horn. "He doesn't even know how to speak Canadian and he's not familiar with their customs" added Van Horn.

Occult activities at VC: Conspiracy Theorist, Nancy Nuttel called 311 after seeing what she described as a "Strange occult ceremony happening at the Open Space Visitor Center". She emailed the following photo of the supposed occult activity which she claimed was a primeval dance ritual. Upon investigation the photo was found to have been taken during the Urban Farm and Harvest Festival and is actually a young child in a squash bug costume.



Strange happenings at the Open Space Visitor Center

2015 Spring Volunteer Cleanup Projects



In the Sandia Foothills Open Space, you can enjoy 2,650 acres of high desert landscapes and multi-use trails open to hikers, bikers and horseback riders. The Sandia Foothills are also the gateway to the Sandia Mountain Wilderness and offer many opportunities to enjoy nature.

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!

Annual Spring Cleanups in the Foothills:

April 4th: Copper Trailhead

April 11th: Indian School Trailhead

April 18th: Menaul Trailhead

April 25th: Piedra Lisa Trailhead (the end of Candelaria at Camino de la Sierra)

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

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

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