

# OPEN SPACE newsletter



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## Fall News from the Open Space Alliance

*By Sallie McCarthy*

This year the Open Space Alliance announces a new Board of Directors. They are: **President** – Sallie McCarthy; **Vice-President** – Jack Clifford; **Secretary** – Steve Glass; and **Treasurer** – Elizabeth Young. I want to thank Steven Hamp for his years of service as President, and we are grateful that he will continue to serve on the board. The board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at the Open Space Visitor Center. We welcome your attendance anytime.

In other news, the OSA is a sponsoring organization for Beaming Bioneers. On October 20-22, the national Bioneers will beam (by DVD) its conference speakers from California to sites around the nation. The Albuquerque conference, organized by Becky Holtzman, will provide national speakers, local workshops and activities around the gifts of nature: sustainable foods, water, and transportation systems which leave us with cleaner air to breath. See page 6 for more details about 'Burque Bioneers.

Many OSA members live east of the river. Give yourselves an outing, and come to the Westside. We have a new landmark where Coors meets Bosque Meadows, the road into the Open Space Visitor Center (OSVC). It is a land sculpture called Flyway by Robert Wilson (pictured at right). It is made of recycled jetty jacks that were previously used to contain floodwaters in the bosque. (Oh, wouldn't we be glad for enough rainfall for a small stand of water!)



At the same time, you can visit the OSVC, which features educational exhibits about the three designated Open Spaces in ABQ: the Sandia Foothills, the Rio Grande Bosque, and the West Mesa. At present, the Center is also hung with beautiful paintings from Plein Air artists. This is the 6th annual show called A View with Room, and all the paintings are for sale with sales benefitting the Open Space Alliance.

This year we are also delighted that Matt Schmader, Superintendent of Open Space, has written and published a book on Albuquerque's Parks and Open Spaces. This pictorial history gives a broad overview of the development of Open Space, with an introduction by Rex Funk, the City's first Superintendent of Open Space. See page 7 for a full description of this new book.

In some sad news, Open Space lost one of our pioneers in August. Jay Sorensen was very involved in land acquisition for the Elena Gallegos. He will be missed.

After a summer where extreme temperatures were the norm, we welcome cooler temps for outdoor activities. We are grateful that the bosque's green survived the heat. Please tell your teacher friends that we have a program for classrooms called Get Into Open Space. By calling Education Coordinator Bill Pentler at 452-5222, teachers can arrange to bring a class to an open space area to participate in a variety of projects.

Fall is a great time of year to get out and enjoy Open Space. Remember to watch for the return of the sandhill cranes. The OSVC has fields of sorghum planted to entice them. A welcoming festival for the cranes will be November 12th and 13th. (See page 9).

Thanks for your appreciation of open space lands and I hope we meet along the path one day!

## Hellos and Farewells...

Introducing **Steve Ryan**, our new Open Space Forester. Many of you have probably already spotted Steve working on numerous projects in the bosque. Steve received a B.S. degree in Geography & Natural Resource Management with a minor in Botany from the University of Wyoming in 2002. From 2002-2010 he worked as a contractor with the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver, Colorado conducting biological research throughout the Western United States mainly associated with riparian habitat. He spent quite a bit of time along the Rio Grande near Socorro working on avian species studies including activities such as presence/absence surveys, and nest searching and monitoring. Steve also worked on mapping vegetation and analyzing changes in composition over time as well as assessing suitable vs. non-suitable habitat for federally endangered species such as the Southwestern willow flycatcher. In both the Rio Grande and Lower Colorado River basins Steve assisted with extensive research involving exotic vegetation species such as Saltcedar, its removal and subsequent revegetation with native species.

Currently, as a Forestry Specialist with Open Space, Steve has been busy with numerous projects, including removal of exotic species, restoration activities that focus on reestablishing native vegetation, fuel load reductions, maintaining our native plant nursery, and coordinating projects with volunteer groups and other agencies interested in improving our *bosque*. Steve and his wife recently moved from Denver and are really enjoying the Albuquerque area. They are expecting a little baby girl that is due in late-November. They are looking forward to her arrival and someday teaching her all about the Rio Grande Valley, Open Space, and, of course, the Duende!!

We are also pleased to announce that **Jolynn Maestas** has joined the Open Space Division as a new Volunteer Coordinator. Jolynn brings 25 years experience with the City of Albuquerque in marketing and public information and we are delighted to welcome her to the Open Space team. Jolynn will work closely with Jodi Hedderig in establishing schedules and methods for volunteer training. She will provide outreach, education and training for new volunteers. She will also schedule tours, coordinate with teachers and public service groups, and monitor Open Space volunteer activities. Her energy and enthusiasm will be a welcome addition to the Open Space Division. Join us in welcoming Jolynn to Open Space.

Finally, this year we are saying “goodbye” to Open Space Planner and Beekeeper **James Lewis**. James will still be collaborating on the occasional Open Space project as he will be working as the new Trails Planner with Albuquerque’s Parks and Recreation Department. He will be helping improve recreational trails throughout the Albuquerque area and will host the Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee (GARTC) meetings.

James has made many contributions to the Open Space Division, including working on countless trails projects in the East Mountains properties. When you explore Golden or Gutierrez Canyon, you will be walking on many of the trails James helped to build. James has contributed greatly to protecting Open Space through development review, completing the Tijeras Arroyo Biozone Open Space Resource Management Plan, and sitting on various committees including GARTC, the Open Space Advisory Board, and the East Mountain Regional Trails Council. James was a regular crew leader on many weekend volunteer projects throughout the Open Space system, helping build trails, clean trash from the bosque, and remove graffiti from the Sandia Foothills Open Space. James also worked to initiate the Division’s beekeeping program and along with Jodi Hedderig organized a certification program in beekeeping that the Open Space Division plans to offer again in the future. James was also the mastermind behind the Open Space Division’s mascot, the Duende, which has appeared on the National Trails Day t-shirts and Open Space publications since 2008. Thanks to James for all that you’ve done for Open Space!



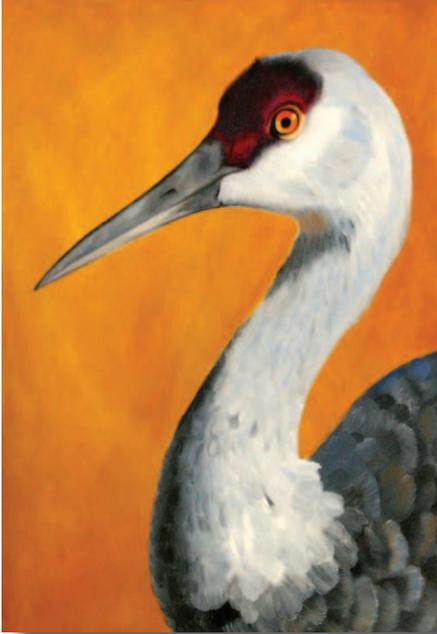
## ***The Visitor Center Gallery Presents:***

***Paul Rodenhauser***

***“Birds of New Mexico”***

***November 5 –***

***December 31, 2011***



**December 10, Accompanying Presentation: “From Camera to Canvas: Bringing Birds Back to Life.” Call 897-8831 for details and presentation time.**

Art provides a cultural resource for present and future generations on which to base an understanding of their social and environmental context. Wildlife art in particular represents a medium through which citizens of all ages can deepen their appreciation for the significance of our natural resources, the critical need to protect our environment, and the responsibility each individual has to help preserve and, in many instances, restore it.

Wildlife art serves as a stimulus for learning not only about the variety and characteristics of mammal, bird, reptile and insect species but also about the delicate balance between their health and the health of their habitats over which humans have ultimate control—and responsibility.

Because wildlife art is emblematic of the mission of the City of Albuquerque’s Open Space initiative and because the Visitor Center embodies that mission it is a distinct privilege to have a collection of my oils on canvas titled “Birds of New Mexico” scheduled for display in the Visitor Center Gallery during November and December, 2011.

I will also offer a presentation on the evolution of my interest in the natural environment, avian life, theories of creativity and the elements of creative expression from my perspective as a participant in the arts, especially in oil painting and photography. I will also address the numerous contributions to the arts by physicians, a major field of interest during my former career as an academic physician. Some of my photographs will be from bird photography tours of the Galapagos Islands, Trinidad, Costa Rica, Belize, southeast Arizona and New Mexico. Importantly many of my bird photographs that have served as models for paintings are from the Albuquerque area, including the Open Space Visitor Center, The Rio Grande Nature Center, and Sandia Crest.



*Text and images courtesy of Paul Rodenhauser.*

*The Open Space Visitor Center is located at 6500 Coors Blvd NW between Montañó and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd. Call 897-8831 for more information.*

## OCTOBER 2011

**\*ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 9:00am (Please note time change). *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.

Sunday, October 16th, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. *Presentation and book signing by Larry Littlefield*, author of "Wild-flowers of the Sandia and Manzano Mountains of Central New Mexico." FREE.

## NOVEMBER 2011

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

November 5 - December 31, 2011: "*Birds of New Mexico*" exhibit by Paul Rodenhauer. See page 3 for details.

November 12 and 13: *Return of the Sandhill Crane Celebration Weekend.* FREE. See page 9 for details.

November 19th. *Open Space Visitor Center Volunteer Training.* Registration required. For more details call 505-897-8831.

November 25th. *Thanksgiving Day.* Visitor Center and Administrative Offices Closed.

November 26th. *Slideshow, talk and book signing with Richard Flint*, co-editor of "The Latest Word from 1540: People, Places, and Portrayals of the Coronado Expedition." FREE. Call 897-8831 for times.

## DECEMBER 2011

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ONGOING- December 31, 2011. "*Birds of New Mexico*" exhibit by Paul Rodenhauer. See page 3 for details.

December 10th. *A Presentation by Paul Rodenhauer.* The artist will discuss the natural environment, avian life, theories of creativity and the elements of creative expression. FREE. Call 897-8831 for time.

December 17, 10am. *Volunteer orientation for Trail Watch and Adopt-an-Open Space.* Register by calling (505) 897-8831.

December 18th, 12:30pm -2:00pm. *Wanagi Wolf Fund with live wolves.* Meet live wolves and have the opportunity to purchase holiday photos with wolves to support the Wanagi Wolf Fund's efforts. Please arrive at the beginning of the talk in order to be guaranteed a seat.

Dec. 25th. *Christmas Day.* Visitor Center and Administrative Offices closed.

**\*This event requires pre-registration. Call 897-8831 or email [openspace@cabq.gov](mailto:openspace@cabq.gov) to register.**

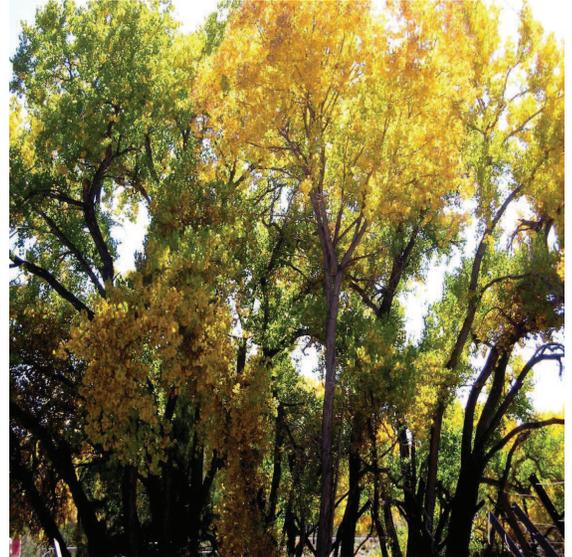
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# Along the Rio Grande

By Steven Hamp, Open Space Alliance Board Director

Today, the river flow is high. I can hear the swift movement as the water passes by me. Along the river bank it gurgles and sloshes as it rushes near low willow branches. In the wider stretch the rippling sound is stronger and more powerful. The current is definitive and more vigorous than I might imagine. The strength of the water shows a purpose. The movement is timeless. The Rio Grande is dark gray-brown and murky; a reflection of the sediment it carries. It's a welcome sign that the summer rainfall upstream has connected with the flow. The rainfall is essential and timely.

But the sight is also a little sinister. Looking more closely I can see debris in the water being carried downstream. Burnt gray ash is a remnant of the recent fire in the Jemez Mountains. The flow brings residue from thunderstorms over the area burned by this summer's Las Conchas Fire.



As I look at the river flow it unlocks memories. It tells a story without commentary. The summer's fire was exhaustive to those fighting to bring it under control, and destructive to the tall ponderosa pine and once vibrant watershed. After five days of burning it became the largest wildfire in the state's history. Without vegetative cover the watershed was repulsive and primed for flash flooding. When the rains came there was more damage as the water's force showed its character, but it left little replenishment. Standing along the river I see that the flow also brings a measure of closure to that awful event as the debris floats downstream and is quickly lost in the shadows. The live water is impartial and it dissolves the shock of the upstream episode. When I look again downstream the water has reassembled as if nothing had happened. Its movement is strength. The water still nourishes the Cottonwood trees and still is available for irrigating the fields. It still moves with purpose.

Looking upstream the light reflects off the water; bright and pure. I see a handful of ducks swimming and the current cutting edges along the sand bar. Before long, the river will bring fresh news from many undisclosed sources. The future is always upstream and its definition is in the water's movement. Snow melts and water flings itself down from the mountains, past rocky ledges to reach the many tributaries. It races along to become the river. There is renewal; a cycle without end.

## Call for Volunteer Help!

**Sandia Foothills Volunteers: Do you enjoy watching the Sandias and seeing wildlife? If you have some extra time on your hands and you don't know what to do with it, we can help you! Volunteers are needed to assist our Park Attendant staff at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area and the Sandia Foothills Trailheads. Rewards include beautiful sun rises, wildlife and our gratitude.**

**Call 452-5200 or email [jsattler@cabq.gov](mailto:jsattler@cabq.gov) for more information.**

# The Open Space Alliance Presents 'Burque Bioneers 2011

~by Becky Holtzman



Since 1990, the Bioneers have been hosting a national conference of social and scientific innovators, who put forth environmental solutions and innovative social strategies for restoring Earth's imperiled ecosystems and healing human communities.

Since 2002, they have offered the Beaming Bioneers program, giving communities an opportunity to "beam" in the speakers from the national conference and organize local events to complement the national programming.

And now the Bioneers are coming to Albuquerque! This October 21 & 22 head down to the National Hispanic Cultural Center and check out Open Space Alliance Presents 'Burque Bioneers 2011, our locally-organized Bioneers event.

Beginning at 9am each day and ending at 4pm, this two-day sustainability and action conference merges education, inspiration, service, and fun for the community. Video keynotes from the 22nd annual Bioneers Conference in San Rafael, California will include activist Gloria Steinem, renewable energy thinker Amory Lovins, and Karen Brown from the Center for Ecoliteracy. Local speakers, panel discussions and workshops will also be presented in morning and afternoon sessions.

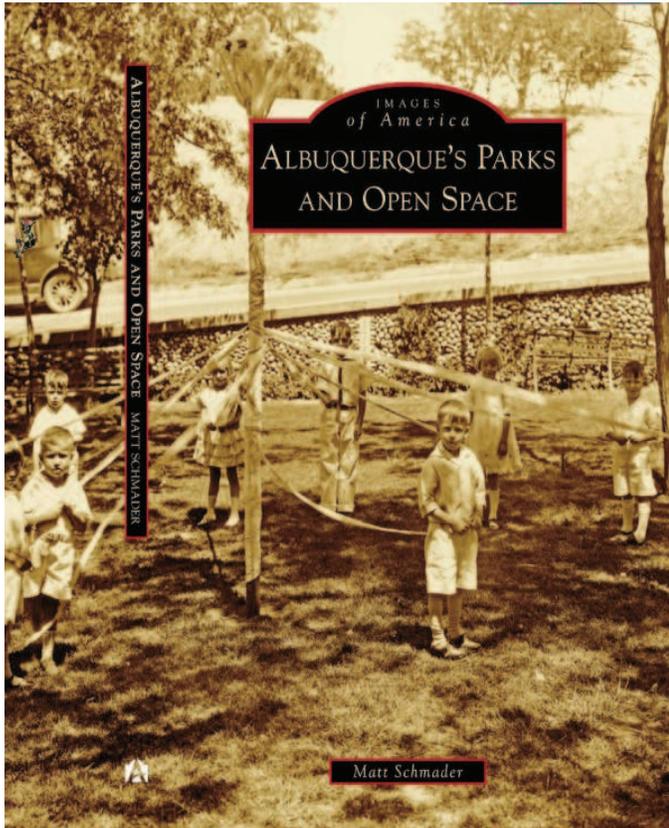
These include REI-supported service projects in the Albuquerque Open Space, panels on transportation, water and local agriculture, and Yoga for Earthlings with Jennifer Dominique. A special in-person Q&A with Bioneers co-founders Kenny Ausubel and Nina Simons will take place on Saturday morning – an opportunity unique to Albuquerque, and worth the ticket price by itself!

There are also special evening events, including a free reception hosted by Open Space Alliance at the Open Space Visitor Center from 5-7pm on Friday, October 21.

Tickets for the conference are \$25 for both days or \$15 for a one-day pass, and are on sale now at the NHCC box office. Visit the 'Burque Bioneers blog at [bbabq.wordpress.com](http://bbabq.wordpress.com) for a full schedule of events. For more information, contact Becky Holtzman at [becky@beckytomato.com](mailto:becky@beckytomato.com), or 505.301.2840.



# The History of Albuquerque's Parks Told Through Photographs



The newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular *Images of America* series is **Albuquerque's Parks and Open Space** from local author Matt Schmader. The book boasts more than 200 vintage images and memories of days gone by.

Albuquerque is a city of crossroads and cultures. Located at the southern end of the Rocky Mountains, at the edge of the Great Plains, and in the high desert along the banks of the Rio Grande, it is the junction where historic Camino Real crosses venerable Route 66.

Although officially founded as a Spanish Colonial villa in 1706, native people have lived in the Albuquerque area for over 10,000 years. Thousands of ancient petroglyphs are testimony to the endurance of today's pueblo peoples. Explorer Francisco Vazquez de Coronado overwintered his famed expedition here in 1540–1542.

Albuquerque has been a boomtown several times, from the coming of the railroad to its role as a health Mecca, and from postwar urban growth to recent sunbelt immigration. This mile-high city has always attracted outdoor enthusiasts, as this chronicle of its parks and magnificent open space system attests. Contributions of Aldo Leopold, Clyde Tingley, Harry Kinney, and many community activists have melded with native and Hispanic traditions to create a place unlike any other.

## Highlights of **Albuquerque's Parks and Open Space**:

- The book illustrates how Albuquerque's unique natural setting has set the stage for centuries of human settlement, and how the city's history is an outgrowth of its cultural geography.
- The book shows how the idea of parks had to catch up with the growth of the city as an 19th American boom town, and how several phases of growth shaped the city's outdoor recreation.
- The book features some of Albuquerque's oldest parks, including Robinson, Highland, and Roosevelt, and follows them from early days of construction through changes and up to the present.

**Author Bio:** Matt Schmader, PhD has worked for the City of Albuquerque for 20 years and has been the Open Space Division Superintendent since 2005. He has lived in Albuquerque for nearly 35 years. He attained several degrees in anthropology from the University of New Mexico, culminating with his PhD in 1994. He hopes that this book will remind readers that Albuquerque has always been a place that values its natural beauty and cultural roots, and he sees the story of Albuquerque's parks and open space as a vehicle for a larger story of the unique way people have related to the land for centuries.

**Book Signing:** **October 15th, 1pm at the Rio Grande Nature Center.** Dr. Matt Schmader will be discussing his new book and will be available to sign copies. Address: 2901 Candelaria NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107. Phone: (505) 344-7240.

*Book description courtesy of [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com)*

## 17th Annual Dia del Rio Event to be held in the South Valley

Celebrate the Rio Grande by giving back to our beautiful river on Dia del Rio! During this one day event you and your family can participate in a variety of conservation projects that nurture and protect the bosque and river, including trail work, re-vegetation, and trash clean up. There will be activities appropriate for all ages.

For this year's event, we are developing a new access point and trail to the Rio Grande Valley

State Park in Albuquerque's South Valley with your help. The new access, extending from Bernalillo County's Durand Open Space, lets citizens get out and enjoy the bosque through activities such as hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Additionally, Dia del Rio participants will get the opportunity to visit Durand Open Space, an agricultural property with a unique history and great natural beauty.



The City of Albuquerque Open Space Division organizes this annual event, which takes place at a different location along the river each year. 2011's Dia del Rio is being held in coordination with Bernalillo County Open Space, REI, the US Army Corps of Engineers and other local organizations.

**What:** The 17th Annual Dia del Rio

**When:** Saturday, October 15th, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Arrive promptly at 8:30am to sign in and enjoy donated snacks. At 1:00pm there will be a prize drawing for volunteers with great prizes from REI and other sponsors!

**Where:** Bernalillo County Durand Open Space in the South Valley. 4812 Isleta Blvd, S.W. 87105. (South of Gun Club on Isleta.)

**Register:** Please register at [www.rei.com/albuquerque](http://www.rei.com/albuquerque) or call 247-1191. The first 80 people to pre-register will receive a FREE T-SHIRT the day of the event, courtesy of REI!

**Bring:** Gloves, sun protection, plenty of water. Donated morning refreshments are provided.

Another way you can give back to the river on Dia del Rio is to organize your own trash cleanup. Do you have a favorite area of the bosque you'd like to clean up? Call us at 452-5200 and we'll provide the trash bags and haul out the trash at the end of the day!

Also on Dia del Rio, Quiet Waters Paddling Adventures is organizing a river clean-up near Rio Rancho. Call for more details: ABQ Metro: 505.771.1234, Toll Free: 877.45-FLOAT or see [www.quietwaterspaddling.com](http://www.quietwaterspaddling.com).

For more information on Dia del Rio or other volunteer opportunities with Albuquerque Open Space, please call 505.452.5200, or see [cabq.gov/openspace](http://cabq.gov/openspace).

## Return of the Cranes Celebration Weekend

### Celebrating the Yearly Migration of Sandhill Crane

The Open Space Visitor Center prepares 18 acres of agricultural fields as wintering grounds for a variety of migratory birds including Sandhill cranes. Join us for a variety of all age events that celebrate the return of this majestic creature.



**WHEN:** November 12 and 13, 2011

**WHERE:** Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Blvd NW between Montañó and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd.

**COST:** FREE

Scheduled activities include:

- Live music with Bonnie Schmader on harp
- Water and Wildlife with Kristin Madden of Wildlife Rescue
- Educational Lectures on migrations
- Love in the Bosque, by Phil Bock. A popular play told from the perspective of a family of cranes

See [www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace) or call 897-8831 for more details!



Come explore a 7-acre corn maze, follow dinosaur tracks, dig for bones, and even hunt for dino eggs. Rio Grande Community Farm in partnership with the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science and the City of Albuquerque, Open Space Division are proud to sponsor the 2011 **“DINO” MAIZE MAZE!** **The Dino Maze runs through OCTOBER 31st. New Hours:** Mon – Thu 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Fri – Sat 9:00 am – 9:00 pm, Sun 9:00 am – 6:00 pm.

MOONLIGHT MAZE – OCT 14th & 15th. Explore the maze by the light of the moon. Open until 10pm

STARLIGHT MAZE – OCT 29th. Night-sky telescopes with Albuquerque. Astronomy Society. Open until 10pm

HAUNTED MAZE – OCT 29th – 31st. Wear your costume for a scary good time. Open until 10pm

See [www.riograndefarm.org](http://www.riograndefarm.org) for more details or call 345-4580.

## Thank You Open Space Volunteers!

We can't thank our volunteers enough! But we do try. The annual Open Space Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held in August at the Open Space Visitor Center as a small token of our thanks. The Open Space volunteer program has been growing steadily over the years and the event was well attended, including volunteers from as far away as the Golden Open Space and Juan Tomas Open Space.

### Trail Watch Volunteers recognized during the 2011 awards this year were:

KATHY KOLANKIEWICZ, LINDA DELL BALTZLEY, ANN CALDERWOOD, SUSAN CURRAN, SUE HILDEBRANDT, ERIC JOHNSON, TOM MENARD, ISTVAN ORAVECZ, SUE ORAVECZ, ARIAN PREGENZER, LARRY REED, RENEE ROBILLARD, CHARLIE & JANET CARMAN, CARL VIKSTROM, KAREN GIBBS, LISA HADA, MARY JANE PENN, RIC ALAN SMITH, MARK SPEAR, CARL & MARILYN WEIK, CARL LITSINGER, MARY WORTHEN, MARIAN MEYER, BILL WHITE, PATRICK VIGIL, WILLIAM ZORN, GEORGE PEKNIK, ROBERT WILSON, JOHN HEGBER, BOB MARTINSON, TOM MAYER, SUSIE OSTWALD, MIKE STARK, CHRIS STAGEMAN, RICHARD BEASLEY, CECELIA, JACK BYRON, CHARLIE WOOD, JOHN & MARY LOUISE BACA, BOB BARR, JACKIE BOUKER, CHRIS HODEN, MIKE MEANS, and CHUCK LEE.



### Visitor Center Volunteers recognized during the awards were:

JAN WILSON, LINDA DELL BALTZLEY, GWEN BRANCH, ANN CALDERWOOD, JOELLE COLLIER, SARI JENSEN, ERIC JOHNSON, YOLANDA MARTIN, PATRICK VIGIL, DOUG CALDERWOOD, SUSAN NOFTSKER, CAROLINE OTANI, NINA TROGDON, SANDY CONWAY, DICK CONWAY, CHARLES WOOD, and FRANK AMEDURI.

We'd also like to thank all of our Adoption groups who have been helping us maintain and improve our trail system. This year's adoption Group of the Year went to FBOMB or Fat Boys on Mountain Bikes. Thank you for the awesome work!

This year we sadly bid farewell to Dick and Sandy Conway, a volunteer duo who have contributed an extraordinary amount of time, materials and heart to the Open Space Volunteer Program. Together, they would dedicate full 8-hour days at the Open Space Visitor Center to help with visitor service. Dedicated birders, the Conways assembled an improved bird checklist for the bosque adjacent to the Visitor Center (look for it soon at the Center!), and donated materials specifically to enhance visitor enjoyment of wildlife around the facility. Not only generous with their time and materials, but also with their skills, Dick designed, built and donated the beautiful podium in the Visitor Center meeting room and the Leopold bench on the back patio. We are fortunate to have had the privilege to work with them and wish them the very best as they settle into their new home.

Thanks again to all our volunteers, we can't say it enough! Remember, "Volunteers aren't paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless". ~Anonymous

### DUENDE'S PICK: WEIRD TRASH OF THE WEEK

This interesting trash item was assembled by Bill Pentler with junk found at a recent clean up near the Piedras Marcadas site on the Petroglyph National Monument. This summer, Sandia Prep high school seniors contributed to cleaning up this area that has historically been used as an illegal trash dump.

If you are interested in helping the Open Space Division clean your favorite Open Space area, please contact us at 452-5200!

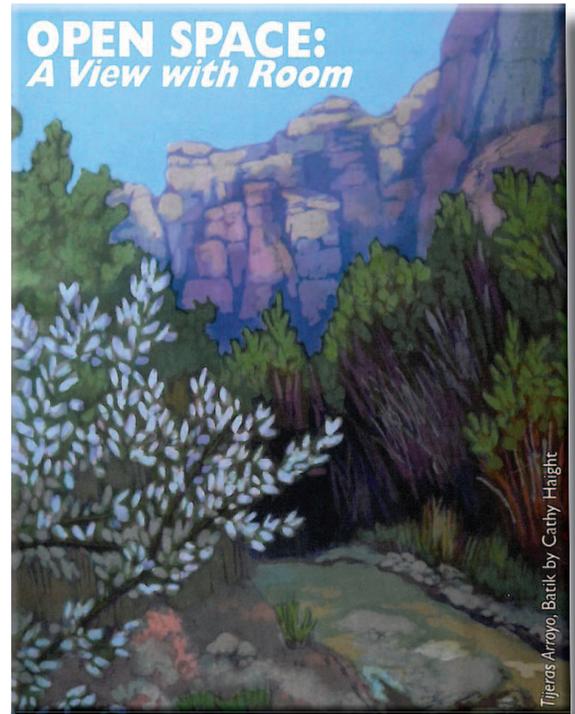


# A View with Room at the OSVC

Through **October 2011**, invited artists are displaying their Open Space landscape paintings. Not only does this art show function as a fundraiser for the Open Space Alliance (OSA), it benefits the Open Space Division’s mission and supports continued growth of the land inventory.

The community is encouraged to come enjoy these works of art, become a member of the OSA and take a painting home. Each purchase is a donation to the OSA. Continuing this year...“Little Gems” a body of small and affordable works that can be taken home immediately. The paintings sell fast and are an incredible value for the price.

**WHERE:** Open Space Visitor Center | 6500 Coors Blvd NW between Montañño and Paseo del Norte at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd., 505-897-8831



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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 Sallie McCarthy, OSA Board President, at [mccarthy\\_sal@hotmail.com](mailto:mccarthy_sal@hotmail.com)

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*Sallie McCarthy*

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### OPEN SPACE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

3615 Los Picaros Rd. SE  
7:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Monday through Friday  
(505)452-5200

### ELENA GALLEGOS PICNIC AREA

Winter: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Summer: 7:00 am to 9:00 pm  
all week  
\$1.00 weekdays / \$2.00 weekends  
(505)857-8334

### PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT BOCA NEGRA CANYON

8:00 am to 5:00 pm, all week  
\$1.00 weekdays / \$2.00 weekends  
(505)897-8814

### OPEN SPACE VISITOR CENTER

6500 Coors Blvd. NW  
(505)897-8831  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Tuesday - Sunday

### TO REPORT VIOLATIONS

8:00 am to 6:00 pm, all week  
(505) 452-5206 (voice/relay)

OR  
**242-COPS**