

CORAZON de los CAMINOS  
HEASRT OF THE TRAIL CHAPTER  
SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER  
September

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 CHANGE OF POGRAM

Martha McCaffrey has a very different idea for the next meeting of Corazon: "Geocaching on the Santa Fe Trail." The meeting will be September 17 at the CCHP building, 116 Bridge Street, Las Vegas beginning at 1 pm. Lunch on your own. Martha will explain the hobby of geocaching and share pictures of some of the more unusual sites and treasures she has found. "Geocaching takes you to many places you would not think of going" Martha says. There are some 40 locations listed as Santa Fe Trail sites.

A walking tour of the Old Town Plaza will follow the program.

CROW CREEK STAGE STATION

The October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature CS Ranch, Crow Creek Stage Station and Cow Camp. We will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. for an afternoon program. Plans are not firm because of the extreme drought conditions in this area and the fragility of the rangeland. Stay tuned; i.e. read See the October Newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August was our Auto Drive Tour with Nancy Robertson and Henry Ostrander; they were the Speakers and Tour Guides for the Program. I want to thank both for coordinating an outstanding full day starting in Raton and ending in Rayado. You made the Auto Tour a successful event something new to many of us but that had been done before.

September, Martha Mc Caffrey is coordinator and is making some changes in the Program in Las Vegas. She will explain Geocaching.

Remember in November we have election of officers, if you would like to volunteer or know someone who is interested and would like to fulfill one of the positions please contact one of the committee members.

Paula

See you on the Trail

AUGUST AUTO TOUR

The overlook on the old Raton Pass was the first stop. From there it can be seen that the terrain determined the location of trails whether of animals, Indians or wagon trains. Crossing the cliffs of the Raton Mountains would have been difficult in most places. The valley between Red River Peak and Eagle Tail offered the best route and the locations for Willow Springs forage station and Clifton House stage stop.

At Clifton House, Nancy emphasized that in addition to being a well-know stage stop on the Trail, it was also a gathering place for maverick cattle rounded-up in Texas. Herds formed here before heading north to the gold mines of Colorado.

Since the Chapter's last visit to the NRA Whittington Center, Ronald Kil, well known muralist has added scenes in the Frank Brownell Museum. The New Mexico State Calendar for the Centennial year of 2012 will feature these murals.

At the Old Cimarron Plaza the group enjoyed a picnic lunch and met Henry Ostrander and a Philmont summer employee, Robert Trudeau from Oklahoma. In his summer position Robert was Manuel Chavez-LaFabra, an ex trapper working as a hunter for Lucian Maxwell. Robert explained his authentic equipment: a Mexican medical coup saber, a long woven belt, a leather waterproof pouch and a two-edged knife

On to Rayado! There, Henry pointed out that Rayado was most importantly a stage station. Although freight wagons used the route, the majority of military equipment and supplies came over the Granada-Fort Union Military Road after it was established.

Henry guided the group a few miles south on NM Hwy 21 where well-defined ruts lead across UU to the Ocate Crossing. Our thanks go to Nancy, Henry and Robert for guiding us to a better understanding of the historic sights in our area.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Paula has named a nominating committee to choose a slate of nominees for Board of Directors for consideration by the Chapter at the November business meeting. Named were: Tom Ferguson, Peggy Ferguson, Martha McCaffrey, and J.D. Schmidt. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting.

Seven members of the Board of Directors are elected in odd-numbered years for a term of two years. After election, the Board organizes itself.

The nominating committee will be contacting chapter members about their willingness to serve on the Board. Before you turn a deaf ear or say a flat "No!" consider that the Chapter needs your participation.

#### CORAZON SCRAPBOOK

Martha Sauble has volunteered to compile the 2011 Chapter Scrapbook. She would appreciate pictures or any material relating to the chapter as she is getting a late start on collecting. Send them to Box 318, Maxwell, 87728. Paula sends a big "Thank You!" to Martha for relieving her of that responsibility.

#### DODGE CITY SYMPOSIUM

Santa Fe Trail Association members will convene in Dodge City, Kansas September 22-25 for the symposium: "Halfway on the Santa Fe Trail". The weekend will feature meetings, presentations. and tours. Additionally it is the celebration of 190 years of the Santa Fe Trail, 150 years of Kansas Statehood and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail. Faye Gaines will be attending along with other national officers who are chapter members

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday**---Glimpses of the Past program at 7:00 p.m., CCHP building Las Vegas

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**---Corazon program, "Goecaching on the Santa Fe Trail," 1:00 p.m., CCHP/Santa Fe Trail Interpretive Center, 116 Bridge Street, Las Vegas  
Walking tour of the Old Town Plaza follows program.

