



HISTORIC SANTA FE

The Newsletter of the Historic Santa Fe Foundation

For The Love of Santa Fe

The year 1961 began with the Presidential inauguration of John F. Kennedy. Those of us who had televisions might have tuned in to “Bonanza”, “Gunsmoke”, the “Andy Griffith Show” or “Alfred Hitchcock Presents”. Popular offerings at the movie theaters included *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*, *The Hustler* and *West Side Story*. The country’s number one song was “*Are You Lonesome Tonight?*” by Elvis Presley. We were “Singing Along with Mitch” and Bob Dylan made his first appearance in Greenwich Village. We aspired to reach the moon. While the rest of the country was building bomb shelters, we were fighting the demolition of the Nusbaum House.

In 1961, fifty years ago, John Gaw Meem, Alan Vedder, Milton Adler and Thomas McKenna founded the Historic Santa Fe Foundation. The inaugural members were a who’s who of Santa Fe artists, writers, doctors, lawyers, business owners and neighbors.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has had a program for several years called “This Place Matters”, where they invite people from all over the nation to submit photos of places that make a difference in their lives. Being the Foundation Different in the City *Diferente*, we’re launching our own, more passionate version—“What I Love About Santa Fe.” A hollyhock against an adobe wall, real mud plaster—cracks and all, the mountain’s amber blush in the evenings or the Acequia Madre in flow.

We’d like to know what you love about Santa Fe. It might be a small detail that few of us notice. We asked a few HSFF staff members and they contributed a few examples. One mentioned an apricot tree in front of the Fenyes Curtin house at 614 Acequia Madre that is “poetry”; not to mention the rare open space in front of the house. Another favorite memory is a house on Hillside with small river stones at the entrance. It read “welcome home”. It was in perfect condition, but several years ago it was paved over with asphalt. Of course the garden at El Zaguán was on the list.

Places change or disappear from generation to generation.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we thank you for honoring our founders. We thank you for being our supporters and helping us celebrate our irreplaceable historic resources. Tell us what you love about Santa Fe. Call us, write us or stop by and tell us your Santa Fe love story.



Left to right: The Fenyes Curtin house on Acequia Madre; a 1940 photograph of a door at 665 Canyon Road (no longer intact); the garden at El Zaguán; and the west portal of El Zaguán on Canyon Road.



Tudesqui courtyard, De Vargas Street

A message from Stephen Post, Chair of the Board

Happy 50th birthday Historic Santa Fe Foundation! Founded in 1961 following the demolition of the Territorial-style Simon Nusbaum House on Washington Avenue, the articles of incorporation direct a board to be formed and for that board to acquire, preserve, and protect Santa Fe's historic properties and educate the public about the standards and practices of responsible stewardship.

With a staff and Board of committed experts in historic preservation, new media, history, fundraising and development, the arts, architecture, science, history writing, and archaeology, where do we go in the next 50 years? We must strive to preserve and conserve our valued properties which dot Santa Fe's historic neighborhoods as beacons of best practice. As residences and institutions age, they will acquire characteristics and integrity key to their eligibility for the Historic Registry, which will continue to grow. And, perhaps, most importantly, HSFF will go into and embrace the community and its historic preservation traditions to educate future generations about the values, places, and buildings we hold most dear.

As HSFF moves forward in its 50th year, we look forward to completing our commitments to the restoration of the Jane and Gustave Baumann House, renewing our pledge to update and preserve El Zaguán, our flagship home on Canyon Road, and continuing to look for new opportunities to own properties, while protecting our current assets in this uncertain political and economic climate.

As always we are energized by member and community support and look forward to acting with and on your behalf in the coming year.

1961 Articles of Incorporation
To receive donations of sites, buildings and objects significant in the history and culture of Santa Fe and New Mexico, to preserve and administer them for public benefit, to solicit, accept, hold and administer gifts of money, securities and other property of any character for the purpose of carrying out the preservation program; to preserve and maintain the historic and educational landmarks and structures of historic Santa Fe ...for education purposes in order that the interested public will have an opportunity to study the historical and architectural significance of such landmarks and structures.

A message from Elaine Bergman, Executive Director

I have been honored to have worked for the Foundation for the last ten of its fifty years. In preparing for events for our 50th anniversary, I have been reviewing our past.

Often, an organization's mission changes or drifts off course through the years. Our founders were clear in their motives and we are remarkably faithful to those original intentions today.

We are an architectural stewardship organization. It requires thoughtful planning and the performance of skilled protective measures to ensure that our historic properties survive into the future. For these buildings and their components to survive, it takes a large investment in conservation. I am proud that in the past ten years, we have invested almost one and a half million dollars in maintenance and conservation of Foundation-owned properties.

People often ask me about my own motivations for doing this kind of work. Perhaps it is because as a child, I experienced the unlikely event of our home burning down twice, resulting in two re-buildings. Everything around me was new and there were no physical remnants of our past. It is no wonder that I love old things and, like you, love the buildings under our stewardship.

Years ago, I organized a city design conference at which Charleston Mayor Joe Riley spoke. He told the story of a man that he would often see in one of the city's parks. One day, he asked him why he always came there and the man responded, "*because it's so beautiful*".

The mayor knew the man. He had never seen the rocky coasts of Maine, the golden heartland or seen the sun set in the Pacific. He had never left Charleston and probably never would. If this man was to find beauty in his life, the only place he had to find it was in his city.

This story illustrates a moral imperative to create beauty, both in public works and places we provide for public use, such as El Zaguán. I find great beauty in the old buildings owned by the Foundation and those listed on our Registry. Their continued presence represents the authentic character of old Santa Fe.

As we do our work, we are carrying out the vision of our generous founders and we do it for everyone, locals and visitors alike.

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For the last several months, a massive restoration endeavor has been underway in downtown Santa Fe. We are proud to announce that the Felipe B. Delgado house at 124 W. Palace Avenue, has a new roof.

The Delgado house, characterized by its Territorial architecture including a second-story balcony, Victorian-era moldings and tin roof, was built in 1891. As early as 1872, the local newspaper reported that “*tin roofs are becoming popular in our city because of their durable and fire-proof qualities.*” That’s a decade before the arrival of the train, so the material had to be hauled in on horse and mule trains.

The Historic Santa Fe Foundation, only the third owner of the property, came into stewardship of The Delgado House in 1980 when well-known Santa Fe architect John Gaw Meem donated it to the organization he helped start.

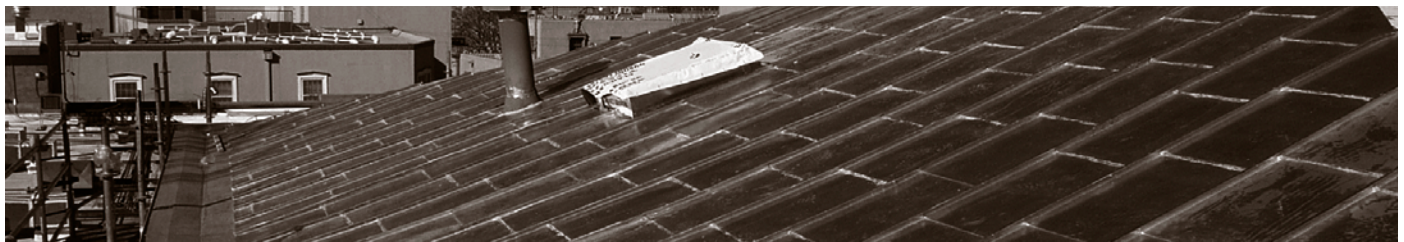
Under the careful stewardship of the Foundation, the new roof was constructed very much in the same way as the original. Only one company was found that currently produces a comparable material to the original tin, which lasted over 100 years. The on-site fabrication of the material involved modern versions of the same tools and methods that would’ve been used in 1891. We imagine



that if the original tanners could have watched the process, they would have been impressed to see electric-powered tin nippers and robotic crimpers that were used to fabricate the new roof.

In 1969, under John Gaw Meem’s ownership, The Delgado House underwent maintenance and repairs including re-stuccoing the exterior walls and re-plastering the interior. With the exception of the addition of a bathroom on the lower floor, the house remains historically intact and unchanged. We believe the replacement of the original roof has been completed in such a way that it would have pleased all those who’ve lovingly cared for the home throughout its rich history.

Above, Delgado with scaffolding, below, the new tin.



PROPERTIES PROTECTED BY THE HISTORIC SANTA FE FOUNDATION

Foundation-Owned Properties

- The James L. Johnson House
545 Canyon Road (El Zaguán)
- The “Tudesqui” House
135 East de Vargas Street
- The Oliver P. Hovey House
136 Grant Avenue
- The Felipe B. Delgado House
124 West Palace Avenue
- The Cross of the Martyrs
Paseo de la Loma
- The Donaciano Vigil House
518 Alto Street

- The Garcia House
524 Alto Street
- The Rivera House
524 ½ Alto Street
- Jane & Gustave Baumann House
409 Camino de las Animas

Historic Preservation Easements Held by Foundation

- The Juan Jose Prada House
519 Canyon Road
- The Original Trading Post
201 West San Francisco

- The Irene von Horvath House
728 Canyon Road
- The Sara Melton House
601½ Paseo de Peralta
- The Shuster Mian House
580 Camino del Monte Sol
- The Wm. Penhallow Henderson House
555 Camino del Monte Sol

You can provide permanent protection to your historic property. Ask us about our historic preservation easement program by calling (505) 983-2567.

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Tour the Baumann House

Now that we have completed conservation work on the Jane & Gustave Baumann house, we invite you to take a private tour. Please call us at Foundation office the to schedule a tour time. (505) 983-2567

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