



HISTORIC SANTA FE

The Newsletter of the Historic Santa Fe Foundation

Internship Comes of Age

Our Faith and John Gaw Meem Preservation Trades Internship has come of age. The quality of this year's candidates is proof. Selected among them was Maria "Patricia" Rojas. A native of Colombia now living in Arizona, Patricia received a Bachelor degree in architecture from Cornell University and in May received a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Arizona.

One of the goals of the internship is to expose interns to preservation skills and practices while working with our restoration staff, including participation in the planning discussions of our Property Committee. In order to expose them to public processes, we also fund them to attend meetings of local, state and federal preservation agencies.

Because of Patricia's interest in landscape architecture, she has been documenting the garden at El Zaguán, including plant identification, and converting the information to an electronic drawing using AutoCAD. She will also produce a hand drawing to be used in our educational material on the garden.

The internship was born out of our desire to cultivate preservation professionals that are aware of and sensitive to our unique earthen architecture. Our hope is that they will use their skills in the Southwest which



Maria Patricia Rojas in the Garden at El Zaguán. Photo by Hope Curtis.

has been the case with all of our past interns. Will Powell, our 2006 intern, is an Architectural Program Associate for the New Mexico Main Street program and will coordinate work on San Miguel Church for Cornerstones.

The benefits to the interns are many such as living at El Zaguán and spending their days in beautiful historic properties. The benefit to the Foundation is great as well as we watch our "family" grow and our mission flourish. We thank you, our supporters, for making this valuable internship possible.

Lecture Will Give Insight into James Lewis Johnson

Early this year we received an email with “Greetings from Frederick County Maryland” in the subject line. It came from Chris Haugh with the county’s Tourism Bureau. One of his duties is Byway Manager for the Catoctin Mountain National Scenic Byway which traverses through Frederick County from Virginia to Maryland. He was interested in his county’s connection to James Lewis Johnson who owned and assembled the land we now call “El Zaguán” from 1854 and 1881.

*From James Lewis to Lewis Wallace:
Two men with Ties to Santa Fe
and Frederick, Maryland*

When: 5:30, September 10th
Where: James L. Johnson House
(El Zaguán) 545 Canyon Road

Haugh first came across an article on Johnson about five years ago in a small-town newspaper that had been printed near his birthplace. The news bit from the 1880s remarked on how Johnson was making his fortune out west, had married a woman of Mexican

descent and was a prominent merchant in Santa Fe.

Through our subsequent email exchanges, we learned that Haugh would be in New Mexico to attend a conference so we arranged for him to make a slide presentation in Santa Fe during his visit. We’re calling it *From James Lewis to Lewis Wallace: Two Men with Ties to Santa Fe and Frederick, Maryland*. It will be held Wednesday, September 10 at El Zaguán, 545 Canyon Road at 5:30.

We hope you will attend.

Sena Plaza Receives Stewardship Award



Mayor Coss presenting award to Katie Peters in May. Photo courtesy OSFA.

Each year, the Historic Santa Fe Foundation presents a special Stewardship Award as part of the City of Santa Fe’s Heritage Preservation Awards. At a ceremony held at La Fonda in May, our 2008 award was presented to Sena Plaza and its owners Katie and Gerald Peters. It was one of the first properties placed on our Registry in 1962.

In presenting the award, Foundation chairwoman Graciela Tome noted, “Sena Plaza doesn’t lend itself to dramatic before-and-after images. It maintains its grace as established in 1831 and restored by William Penhallow Henderson in the late 1920s.” She added, “it is a place that those of us in the field of historic preservation and history take our guests so they can experience authentic Santa Fe.”

The award was graciously accepted by Katie Peters who reminisced about her family’s connection to the property and to Santa Fe. Katie is a descendant of the Bergere family.

We commend Sena Plaza’s owners for ongoing conservation of this significant property.

Kitchen Warming Party

We’re hosting a kitchen party. We moved the kitchen at El Zaguán to what we think was its former



location. It’s beautiful and we have stocked it with basic serving pieces, but we need your help. Join us at El Zaguán on Friday, August 15th from 5:00 until 7:00. Bring a Talavera dinner plate (any design) to add to our new kitchen. Bring it along with your favorite tapas, appetizer or sweet to share with everyone.

Throughout the years, El Zaguán has been the site of many celebrations and is used by many agencies and organizations so your gift will be greatly appreciated.



Above, Graciela Tome and Donna Quasthoff visit with Nick Rugen at the Garden Party held at the Randall Davey Audubon Center on June 22. Right, Mac Watson and John Schroeder. Photos by Hope Curtis. Quasthoff drawing of Vigil House in background.



Our annual Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Deborah Flynn Post. An award-winning graphic designer, she generously reviews our publications and, as if that's not enough, is always the first to call and offer her assistance for our events. Thank you Deborah, you are a treasure.



Foundation Executive Director Elaine Bergman visits with Theo Raven at the 2008 City Preservation Awards. Theo won an award for her successful renovation of the old Montezuma Hotel building, circa 1870, into condominiums. Her store, Doodlet's is in the first floor. OSFA Photo.

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

Historic Preservation Easements Held by HSFF

- 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

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