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Celebrating the Royal Road through Martineztown:

A Community and National Park Service Centennial Celebration



Southwest Pieta / Pieta Suroeste by Luis Jiménez

On September 27, 2016, the National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) partnered with Albuquerque Public Schools, City of Albuquerque, Citizens Information Committee of Martineztown, and the State of New Mexico to dedicate improvements to Martineztown Park, a community-based initiative that highlights the significance of this urban neighborhood and El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, which runs through it along Edith Blvd. in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The event included a formal dedication ceremony, performances by the students of Longfellow Elementary School, Albuquerque High School, and Tierra Adentro: The New Mexico School of Academics, Art, and Artesanía, and a birthday cake for the National Park Service! The students of Longfellow Elementary, Albuquerque's first magnet bilingual and fine arts public school, have been learning about the trail and will continue to do so throughout the school year through curriculum studies and field trips to historic sites along the trail. Longfellow Elementary School is situated at the crossroads of El Camino Real de Tierra

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Adentro and Tijeras Canyon Trail, both originally indigenous trade routes, in the heart of downtown Albuquerque. During the dedication ceremony, NTIR Superintendent Aaron Mahr highlighted the NPS centennial and the *camino real*, emphasizing its historic connections to the neighborhood. The NTIR centennial event was staffed by Latino Heritage Internship Program intern Alexia Constanza and four NTIR rangers in uniform, who worked with about 400 students from kindergarten through fifth grade to complete the popular *camino real* junior ranger activity and earn a Junior Ranger certificate and sticker. “Celebrating the Royal Road” represented a wonderful opportunity for NTIR to interact with children, teachers, community members, and public servants at an urban event that epitomized the true meaning of partnership. *Submitted by Angélica Sánchez-Clark, Ph.D.*



National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) Superintendent Aaron Mahr and Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry with students from Longfellow elementary.



National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) staff issuing Junior Ranger certificates and sticker to students from Longfellow Elementary after they completed the camion real junior ranger activity.

CARTA Annual General Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2016

10:00am - 3:00pm

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge near La Joya, New Mexico.

Agenda

Board Meeting

Membership Meeting

Presentation:

CARTA Trail Committee members Dr. David Love, Dr. Peggy Hardman, and Mr. Paul Harden will give a presentation of the mapping and photographing they have performed on the trail adjacent to Socorro and along the Jornada del Muerto. This portion includes the ten-mile-long stretch of pristine trail between Paraje Fra Cristobal and the reliable water at Tusas Springs.

From period travelers to contemporary authors, much has been written about the grueling trek along the Jornada del Muerto. However, one glaring feature of the Jornada is seldom discussed in these writings: lava. Miles and miles of black rock lava. In places, as far as you can see. The appropriately named “Jornada Lava Field” covers about 170 square miles of the northern Jornada. The uneven and very rough surface, with cliffs and ravines, made travel very difficult. The route of the *camino real* through the northern Jornada was clearly dictated by these lava flows, including the Tusas route.

NPS Centennial Events Along the Camino Real

Festival of the Trail

Wednesday, November 19th, 2016, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; San Antonio, New Mexico

Celebrate El Camino Real Trail and its role in shaping the history of New Mexico with traditional arts and crafts, music, dance, food. For more information on calendar visit <http://nps.gov/elca>

CARTA Events

¡Escucha! True Stories of El Camino Real

Sunday, October 9, 2015, 3:00 pm, La Casa Camino Real, 314 S. Tornillo St.

Local author and storyteller Denise Chavez will weave *La Llorona and Día de los Muertos* stories with local family histories and traditions at her bookstore, La Casa Camino Real in Las Cruces.

¡Escucha! True Stories of El Camino Real

Sunday, November 13, 2016 3:00 pm, Double Eagle Restaurant on the plaza in Mesilla

Local author and restaurateur Buddy Ritter will talk about his new book *Mesilla Comes Alive* which will be available for purchase and signing.

Other Events

Hammel Museum and Train Museum (the old Hammel Brewery / Icehouse)

The Socorro County Historical Society invites you to visit the Museum, located on 6th Street in Socorro, on the first Saturday of each month.

Socorro Fest

Friday - Saturday, October 7-8, 2016 on the historic Socorro plaza.

Sponsored by the City of Socorro and Socorro Tourism.

Ted Turner's Armendaris Ranch Tour

Saturday, November 5, 2016

This guided tour is by special permission of Ted Turner's Armendaris Ranch. The number of vehicles allowed on the tour is limited and by RSVP only. The all-day tour is \$100 per person (\$80 for SCHS members) as set by the ranch.

The tour visits the old Bruton Ranch, the Valverde townsite and cemetery, nearby El Camino Real trail, a trip atop Black Mesa (Mesa del Contadero) for the view of San Marcial, Valverde Battlefield, and pueblo Indian fortifications, walk a section of El Camino Real trail, the Jornada del Muerto, and other items of historical interest. Drive in your vehicle, high clearance 4WD or AWD required.

For further information contact Paul Harden na5n@zianet.com

New Mexico Archaeology Council Fall Conference:

Spanish Colonial Period in New Mexico: A Trip Along the Camino Real

Friday - Saturday, November 11 –12, 2016

New Mexico State Historian Rick Hendricks will give a presentation on Friday night at 7:30 pm titled "The Catholic Church in the Late Colonial Period."

For more information contact Cherie Walth cwalth@swca.com

[Registration Form](#)

Saints and Sinners Tour

Friday, October 14, 2016 - Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts

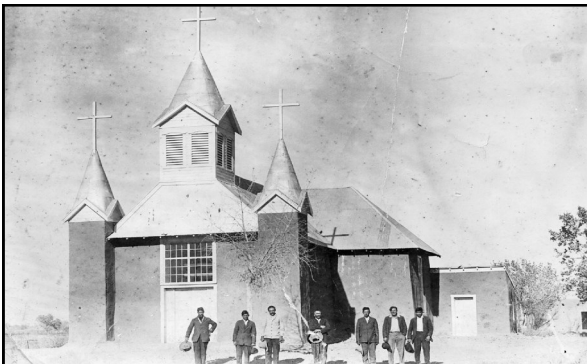
Valencia County, once known for its vineyards and orchards, is home to some of the oldest churches along El Camino Real. Institutional CARTA member, the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts, invites you to join them on a religious art and history tour of three of these notable churches: San Augustine de la Isleta, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Peralta, and San Antonio de Los Lentes. They will also stop at the Camino Real Winery for a sampling of their wines and lunch at the Museum of Heritage & Arts to view the Pastel Society of New Mexico's *"Interpretations of Life Through Pastelist's Hands"* Exhibit.



Albuquerque Museum, PA2007.17.22

San Augustine de la Isleta

Isleta Pueblo was the largest of a group of Tiwa villages along the Rio Grande settled a few hundred years prior to the arrival of Oñate. At this well-established population center, the original church at Isleta was constructed beginning in 1613 and dedicated to St. Anthony upon its completion in 1617. The church was nearly destroyed in the 1680 Pueblo Revolt and still abandoned when De Vargas re-conquered the pueblo in 1692. Around 1710, the Tiwa Indians reoccupied the pueblo and in 1720, the original church was rebuilt and named St. Augustine.



Museum of Heritage & Arts

San Antonio de Los Lentes

In 1789, the residents of Los Lentes built a small community chapel on the ruins of an abandoned pueblo. According to contemporary descriptions, the chapel was a simple, flat-roofed structure with a dirt floor. The structure was dedicated to San Antonio, perhaps to recall the patronage of the mother church at Isleta before the Pueblo Revolt.



Museum of New Mexico, 124379

Our Lady of Guadalupe was built on land donated by Mercedes, the widow of Juan Antonio Otero and was dedicated as a mission of Tomé in 1892. The parish was officially separated from Tomé on April 1, 1971.

The *sacrista*, the small extension on the southwest side of the Peralta Plaza (left side in the image on the left), was the home of the Valencia County offices from 1848 to 1852, and was also the Peralta school until construction of a new school in 1911.

The all day tour is \$35 per person with lunch included.

For more information contact Troy Ainsworth at (505)352-7720 or ainswortht@loslunasnm.gov.



A CARTA Membership Makes a Great Gift...

Student Rate Just \$15/Year!

EL CAMINO REAL DE TIERRA ADENTRO

TRAIL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

In recognition of the importance of the pathways and histories of prehistoric peoples, conquistadors, colonizers, missionaries, settlers, traders, warriors, Native Americans, and modern U. S. and Mexican travelers, a group of trail aficionados has formed an organization called El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association, or CARTA. The Camino Real de Tierra Adentro – the Royal Road to the Interior – that connected Mexico City to Santa Fe and nearby Ohkay Owingeh (formerly San Juan Pueblo) in northern New Mexico has been used for centuries. The U. S. segment, which extends from the storied Rio Grande crossings at San Elizario and El Paso, Texas, to Ohkay Owingeh is a designated National Historic Trail, administered by the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management, with the assistance of CARTA, for the enjoyment and benefit of the public.

CARTA was founded to facilitate goodwill, cooperation, and understanding among communities and to promote the education, conservation, and protection of the multicultural and multiethnic history and traditions associated with the living trail. We invite you to join us as an ongoing member and to help write a new chapter in the history of the trail. Member benefits include our biannual journal, *Chronicles of the Trail*, Symposium invitations, e-mail alerts regarding upcoming events, and membership in the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS). **Please join us!**

Please make checks payable to CARTA and mail to the address below. Annual membership fees are preferred to be received by January 1 each year. However, new memberships and renewals are welcome throughout the year and are valid for twelve months.

Date: ____/____/____

New ____ / Renewing ____ Member

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Street/P. O. Box

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: Work or Home (optional) _____ E-Mail: **(important)** _____

Annual membership fee:

____ Individual \$25.00

____ Joint \$30.00

____ Student (Include Copy of ID) \$15.00

____ Institutional/Corporate \$40.00

____ Additional Contribution: ____ \$10.00 ____ \$20.00 ____ \$50.00 ____ Other Amount

I would be interested in helping CARTA by:

Serving as an Officer/Board Member _____

Writing trail history _____

Organizing tours _____

Organizing conferences _____

Developing tourism ideas _____

Other _____

Serving as committee chair or member _____

For more information, please contact Cynthia Shetter, Interim-Treasurer at cartatreasurer@gmail.com or by writing to: **CARTA, P. O. Box 1434, Los Lunas NM 87031-1434 USA. Website: www.caminorealcarta.org.**



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