

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Investing in our community:

I held a crooked stick in my hand and was trying to pry out the mud from the sole of my boot before climbing into the car and heading back to the office. Having just come down from a new property the Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT) acquired this year, I smiled knowing that a decade-old promise to the community could now be fulfilled.

The La Piedra Trail – as it has become affectionately known – will connect the Dale Ball Trail with the Santa Fe National Forest along Little Tesuque Creek. Others will soon follow in my footsteps (or by the soft tread of a mountain bike) as they too explore this new area. Looking down at the pavement along the road, I am grateful to the landowner who, through a generous donation to SFCT, has made achieving this goal possible. The new trail connection will help keep us all off the streets - and on the land a little bit more.



Alan Eckert

This new open space and trail will soon to be owned by you, the general public. It represents how SFCT, holders of land, and our supporters can “transform” land into remarkable open spaces that benefit us all.

This gift of land to SFCT is a true catalyst for expanding Santa Fe’s public trail system. Building on the Dale Ball Trail system, this area will provide stunning views of the Tesuque Valley and unique terrain for trail users who take advantage of the area’s natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Working with Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe we have laid the groundwork for long term ownership by the county with full support by the city, including constructing a portion of the trail on city-owned land. Both public agencies have demonstrated time and time again their commitment to

open space and trails to conserve open lands and parks by providing world class opportunities for the public to enjoy the great outdoors. SFCT is thrilled to once again contribute to this legacy.

Building trails and conserving open space – in conjunction with SFCT - represent two of the most significant opportunities for members of the community to invest in a true and lasting legacy. Whether you participate as a donor of land, provide financial capital, or volunteer your time to support our mission, SFCT needs your help to conserve land in your community.

By 2012, we will have made good on Dale’s promise and his desire to connect the Dale Ball Trail with the National Forest. When we cut the ribbon that marks the opening of the trail, we will be thinking of you and that fact that we couldn’t do what we do without your support. Together we can help protect the best of northern New Mexico.

Charlie

Charlie O’Leary, *Executive Director*
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P.S. I hope you enjoy this edition of “Earthlines.” When you are finished reading it, please pass it on to friends or family who are interested in land, trails and the night sky!



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GALISTEO BASIN

SFCT Focal Area

The Galisteo Basin is celebrated for its spectacular scenic, wildlife, and cultural resources. It is a vibrant ecosystem characterized by piñon-juniper woodland, dry savannah grasslands, and arroyo-riparian plant communities. It is a storehouse of material culture for generations of ancient and modern peoples, extending back more than 7,000 years. It is this richness of culture and wildlife, coupled with its raw natural beauty that makes the Galisteo Basin an critical region to protect.

Within the Basin is the Galisteo Basin Preserve, a large-scale, community stewardship initiative spearheaded by Commonweal Conservancy. Designed to permanently protect more than 12,000 acres of open space, wildlife habitat, and cultural resources in the Galisteo Basin, the Galisteo Basin Preserve is considered a “keystone property” in the region; inappropriate subdivision into widely distributed, large-lot “ranchettes” would irreparably compromise the region’s scenic, wildlife habitat, water, historic, cultural, and traditional economic values.

SFCT now holds conservation easements on 1,780 acres of the Preserve and plans on receiving an additional 10,000 + acres in the future. The Santa Fe Conservation Trust and twelve landowner partners protect 5,300 acres in the Galisteo Watershed.

In 2011, SFCT completed two more conservation easements within the Galisteo Basin:



Galisteo Springs

A natural spring and numerous natural “seeps” distinguish the 280-acre Galisteo Springs property. In prehistoric and historic times, the seeps, the small wetland, and the larger Galisteo Springs provided a fairly reliable water source to Native Americans and early European travelers and settlers. Today, the spring supports wildlife and wetland vegetation. Runoff from the seeps collects in a broad, level area within the arroyo drainage, forming a wetland measuring approximately 60 meters by 35 meters. The wetland contains a very large cottonwood tree and a dense mat of wetland grasses.

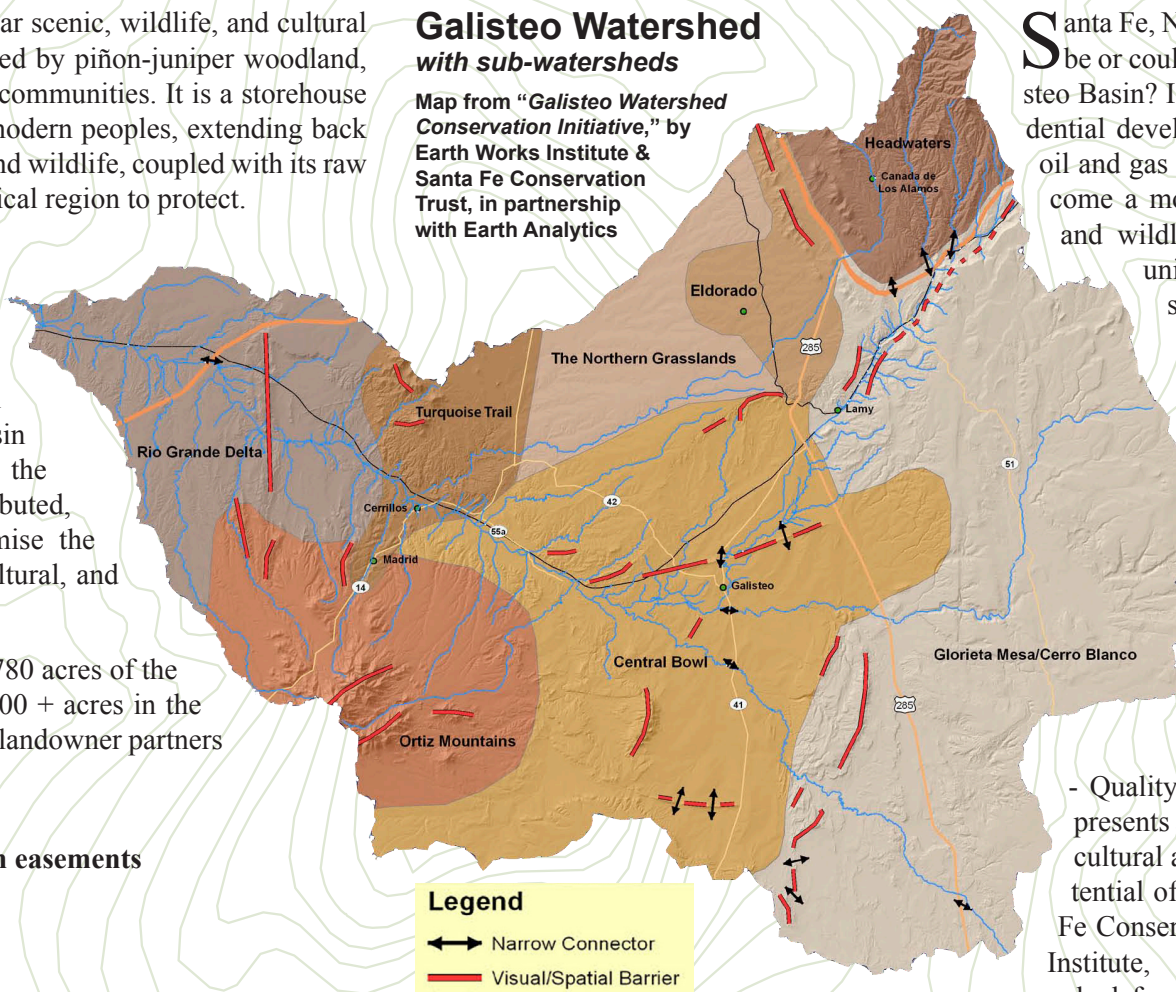
West Canyon

The West Canyon property, comprising 250 acres, is situated on the northern rim of the Galisteo Basin and is distinguished by its open grasslands, gentle slopes and piñon/juniper forest. The slope of the land tips towards the south, draining into the Canada de Los Angeles. The West Canyon property has supported cattle grazing for nearly 100 years. After a number of years of resting the land, the grass density and diversity have become richer and more complex.



Galisteo Watershed with sub-watersheds

Map from “Galisteo Watershed Conservation Initiative,” by Earth Works Institute & Santa Fe Conservation Trust, in partnership with Earth Analytics



Legend
 ↔ Narrow Connector
 — Visual/Spatial Barrier



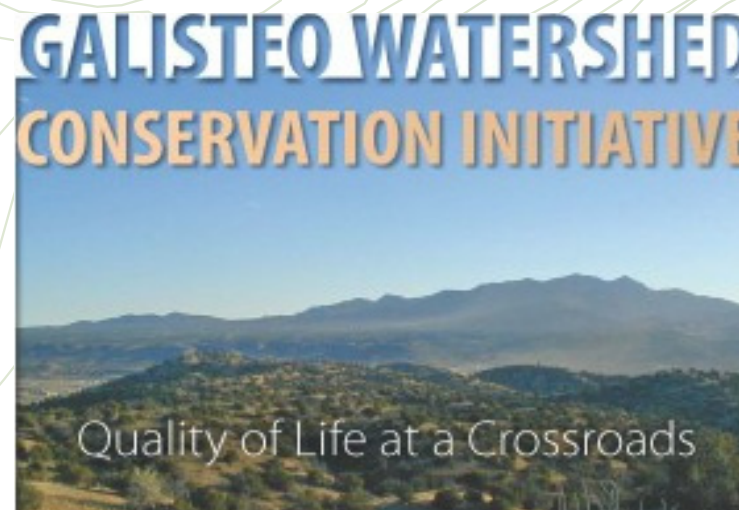
GALISTEO WATERSHED REPORT

Vital Information for Saving the Water and the Land

Santa Fe, New Mexico – What should be or could be the future of the Galisteo Basin? Is it destined for more residential development, roads, mining or oil and gas exploration? Or will it become a more widely treasured rural and wildlands area, valued for its unique historical and cultural sites, its rare but precious water resources and wetlands, its function as a wildlife linkage of continental significance, and its rich opportunities for outdoor recreation and tourism?

A new report “Galisteo Watershed Conservation Initiative - Quality of Life at a Crossroads” presents a thorough overview of the cultural and natural history and potential of the Galisteo Basin. Santa Fe Conservation Trust, Earth Works Institute, and EarthAnalytic, Inc. worked for more than six years with Santa Fe County and many other public agencies, non-governmental organizations, residents, and UNM to produce the report with core funding from the New Mexico Legislature. The report describes in words, illustrations, and maps the potential for creating a “green infrastructure”—a mosaic and network of natural lands—in the Galisteo Basin and between the Basin and its surrounding ecoregions in New Mexico.

The study already played a significant role in averting oil and gas development in the Galisteo Basin in 2008. Since then, the report helped put the Galisteo Basin on the map of national conservation biologists as a critical linkage area for wildlife in a chain of core habitats between Mexico and Alaska. The study also supported Santa Fe County in its efforts to develop the Sustainable Land Management Plan, leveraged hundreds of thousands of dollars of public funds for ecological restoration of the Basin’s streams and wetlands, and stimulated a rapid expansion of voluntary land protection agreements and protected County Open Space across thousands of acres of land in the Basin. As residents and Santa Fe County officials continue to explore the most desirable regulatory provisions for a new Santa Fe County Land Use Code, the study may serve as an important source of background data as well as a method for evaluating the conservation potential of our land resources in ways that support local quality of life and livelihoods!



For more information about the report or to purchase a CD, please contact Earth Works Institute at 505-982-9806 or info@earthworksinstitute.org or Santa Fe Conservation Trust at 505-989-7019.

OUR MISSION

Santa Fe Conservation Trust is dedicated to preserving the spirit of place among the communities of northern New Mexico by protecting open spaces and critical wildlife habitat, by creating trails, and by protecting the traditional landscapes of our diverse cultures.



SFCT PROTECTED LANDS

The primary method by which we perform our mission is by enacting conservation easements, preserving the land in its natural state as it will remain for future generations. Following is a summary of the easements that we hold, to be preserved in perpetuity:

Santa Fe County
46 Conservation Easements
5,246 Acres
San Miguel County
15 Conservation Easements
21,009 Acres
Rio Arriba County
14 Conservation Easements
6,466 Acres
Taos County
2 Conservation Easements
66 Acres

New Mexico Total
77 Conservation Easements
33,597 Acres

THE GLORIETA FREEDOM RANCH

Evolving from Conservation Easement to Land Stewardship

Eight years ago, Kathy and I purchased land on Glorieta Mesa for the purpose of preserving nearly 500 acres of an old ranching operation, mainly for recreational uses (hiking and horseback riding). We put both contiguous parcels of land into conservation easements with Santa Fe Conservation Trust, limiting future housing sites to two 5-acre parcels.

As we explored the land we had bought, it became obvious that the piñon and juniper (PJ) forest was heavily overgrown: many tall ponderosa pines surrounded by PJ trees that crowded into the crowns of the ponderosas. This created so-called “ladder fuels,” where

low-intensity ground fires can erupt into massive crown fires in the canopy. In order to prevent this catastrophe, it was apparent that thinning work needed to be done. In addition, the access road through the land proved to be a major source of erosion of the forest and grassland, making it necessary to mitigate the damage along the road and in the drainage/riparian area of Padre Springs Creek, whose headwaters are near the top of our land, crossing our parcels of land diagonally from north-east to southwest.

As we learned more about the condition of the grasslands encroached by PJ trees and the overgrown stands of PJ forest, we realized that a more comprehensive conservation planning process was required. If we did not do some yearly maintenance, the stock tanks along the intermittent Padre Springs Creek would be silted up, thereby deny-

ing wildlife the critical water resource for their survival. Worst of all, a crown fire, driven by hot, dry winds in the May and June wildfire season, compounded in danger by droughts, could blacken the entire Mesa for decades to come. Thinning and riparian restoration are not “options” for landowners.

This fall, we will employ Earth Works Institute as the primary tree-thinning contractor, as well as waterway restoration crew for the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Partners for Fish and Wildlife program, rebuilding the dams and spillways for two stock ponds in the drainage. Work on thinning will begin in late fall along the access road, to

complement the drainage structures that have already been installed. The thinning will be more aggressive within 50 feet of the road-bed and graduated beyond that. The result will be a more defined firebreak, as well as allowing snow to melt on the road in wintertime.

As part of our long-term forest restoration project, we have designated meadowlands as potential staging areas for firefighters in the event of wildfire. In fact, we WELCOME them! We have constructed an off-grid cabin, which has 10,000 gallons of water dedicated to firefighting and will serve as headquarters for managing the land restoration projects, as well as being a focal point for educational tours of cabin construction, forest thinning, and riparian restoration.

The name “Glorieta Freedom Ranch” is meant to invoke the feeling of free-



Brad Holian on his property in Glorieta, NM

dom from development and extractive energy grids, but it does not imply the freedom to do anything one wishes with the land; nor is it freedom from a sense of responsibility for the land. We are proud to tell people that once, we thought of ourselves as owners of the land; now, we understand that the land owns us -- our hearts and souls.

- Brad & Kathy Holian

SFCT Easement Grantors
Brad is an SFCT Board Member

LAND OWNER RESOURCES

If you are interested in waterway or forest restoration, contact the following:

Earth Works Institute
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DEFINING CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

A Summary for Landowners

We drive, hike, and ride what seem to be endless expanses of land – we have the impression that we will never run out of open land and that there will always be plenty for future generations. However, with each generation that passes, the land is divided between more and more owners, and it is seldom that larger parcels of land are assembled from smaller parcels. This division happens for a variety of reasons and purposes, from wanting to pass a piece of property on to a family member to the outright subdivision and development of property for pure economic gain. We cannot take for granted that the way in which we see land today will be the way it will look next year, in ten or 20 years or much less in perpetuity. Change is one constant, which we see year in, and year out

Land is a limited and valuable resource in a large state like New Mexico. Ensuring its lands are conserved creates benefits for public and community health, security to grow local foods, and contributes other economic benefits to tourism, film making and real estate. Ecological benefits include trees and vegetation that serve as critical filters for our air. Wetlands that border our rivers, lakes and streams filter pollution before it reaches our drinking water. In addition, conserving land increases property values near open space saves tax dollars by encouraging development that is more efficient, and reduces the need for expensive city water filtration facilities. Study after study has demonstrated the tremendous economic benefits of land conservation.

The most traditional tool for conserving private land, a “conservation easement,” is a legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust that protects conservation values by permanently limiting uses of the land. In use for over 100 years, conservation easements protect properties from being completely altered from their natural state. When a conservation easement is donated to a land trust, some of the development rights associated with the land are retired forever. Each conservation easement is unique to the specific property and landowner in that it restricts and protects those values you wish to conserve. Those conservation values or purposes may be scenic, open space, educational, wildlife habitat, unique natural or geological areas, recreational, or historic. An easement on property containing rare wildlife habitat might prohibit all development; while an easement on a farm would allow continued farming and the addition of agricultural structures. The land trust is responsible for working with not only the grantor of the easement, but all future owners to make sure the easement’s terms are followed.

Even though a land trust holds an easement on a piece of property, it does own the land. It remains private property, and like any other private property can be sold by one to another. However, the easement is forever tied to the property. Like a utility easement or an access easement, a conservation easement is merely a restriction on the use of the land; in this case, restricting uses to favor the conservation values and purposes of the land.

NEW MEXICO LAND CONSERVATION INCENTIVES ACT

Charitable donations of land or a conservation easement to a qualified Land Trust, such as the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, for conservation purposes may be eligible for a state tax credit through the New Mexico Land Conservation Incentives Act. The maximum tax credit is 50% of the appraised value of the donation and a maximum of \$250,000 per individual donor.

Land conservation tax credits must be approved by the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Secretary in consultation with the Natural Lands Protection Committee. The state is currently accepting applications. If you are interested in exploring the protection of your property please contact us:

by phone: (505) 989-7019

or email: info@sfct.org



BEAUTIFUL, INSPIRING, ENDANGERED

New Mexico's Oldest Natural Beauty... Our Starry Night Skies

The night sky has informed and inspired humankind for thousands of years. Around the globe, regardless of national borders, political ties or spiritual beliefs, all of us live with the night sky. It is one of the great unifiers of the human experience across time and across cultures. Very few places on Earth look the same as they did 1000 years ago but when we look at the night sky, we see the same sky revered by our ancestors.

Unfortunately, the invention of the incandescent light bulb changed everything. The night sky most of us see now is a lot less dark than it was in even the recent past. Researchers have found that a single unshielded street lamp can affect the view of the night sky for an observer up to two hundred km away. It is estimated that artificial lighting has consumed so much of the night sky that two-thirds of the US population can no longer see the Milky Way! Here in New Mexico, we are still fortunate to have dark skies throughout much of our state, but we are rapidly losing what stars we have in our urban centers – one outdoor light at a time.

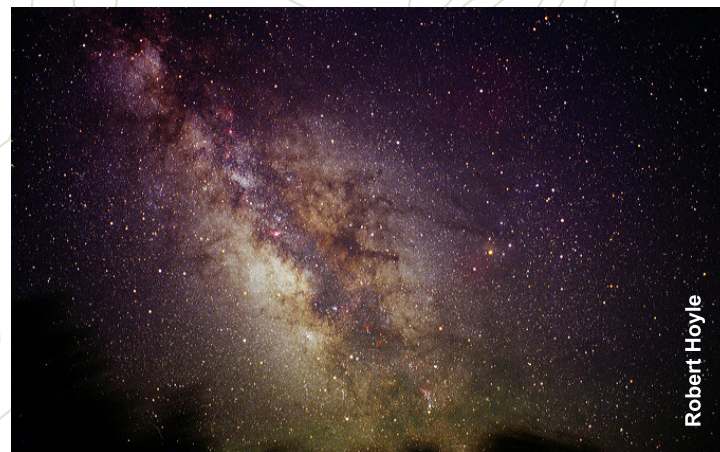
The good news is we can bring back the stars! In 1999, New Mexico enacted the Night Sky Protection Act; its purpose is to regulate outdoor night lighting fixtures to preserve and enhance the state's dark sky while promoting safety, conserving energy and preserving the environment for astronomy. One of the first of its kind in the US, the Night Sky Protection Act makes dark skies a priority in New Mexico for the health of its people, wildlife, and economy.

Everyone can take simple and effective steps to preserve and restore our beautiful night sky. Outdoor lighting is certainly something we need. It provides safety from crime, visibility on roadways, and comfort when walking at night. However, more and more lights are being used improperly and with little thought to address human needs. When you can see a light from far away or from above, it is probably a bad light.

For a typical unshielded light fixture, 50% of the light shines upward. This is a direct waste and is the main cause of light pollution. About 40% of the light shines downward to illuminate the intended target. Light emitted horizontally tends to create glare, working against the productive light. A shielded fixture eliminates the upward light and minimizes glare, allowing a much smaller wattage bulb to be used.

Bad lights do more than just spoil the view of the stars. They confuse and harm wildlife, create light trespass, waste energy, create glare, and actually reduce nighttime visibility. Bad lights are less expensive to purchase and install, but end up costing you much more energy in the lifetime of the fixture – you end up paying more.

Good lighting allows us to meet the basic intent of lighting – safety, security, visibility, comfort- while having very little negative impact on our skies and our health. Good fixtures direct all the light where it is needed, and do not scatter it wastefully into the night or through the neighbor's window. Good lighting incorporates modern, high performance optics that aim light in a defined pattern to reduce glare and light pollution. By taking a few simple actions, you can practice night-sky friendly lighting, conserve energy, save money, be a better neighbor, and reap the rewards of a beautiful, starry night sky.



Robert Hoyle

The Milky Way, seen at a Galisteo Basin Preserve Star Party

2011 STAR PARTIES

SFCT had three exciting star parties this year, teaming up with the Capital City Astronomy Club, lead by Peter Lipscomb.

Santa Fe Garden Club & Santa Fe Conservation Trust

In June, Beverly and Don Clark graciously opened their enchanting home to the Santa Fe Garden Club and the Santa Fe Conservation Trust for an evening of conversation and watching celestial bodies.

Trails + Telescopes

Commonweal Conservancy and the SFCT hosted their third annual Trails + Telescopes, celebrating the wonderful landscape and the starry skies in the Galisteo Basin Preserve. Guests enjoyed a guided hike, a sunset picnic dinner while local musicians Eric Carlson & the Mystery Ship entertained, followed by stargazing well into the night.

Fiesta de Estrella

What science class is complete without information on the Stars! Thanks to Salazar Elementary Teacher Mollie Toll and the PTA for hosting this fantastic event for the students. Students heard traditional stories of the Stars followed by Stargazing!!!

Check out www.sfct.org for upcoming events.

LA PIEDRA TRAIL

Connecting the City to the Sky

In response to a growing demand for access to recreational trails, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT) is building a new public trail connection in Santa Fe. The La Piedra Trail will provide over two miles of new trails connecting Dale Ball Trail North with the Little Tesuque Creek Trail, increasing public access to trails from the city to the Santa Fe National Forest and the high peaks of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains above Santa Fe - connecting the city to the sky!

The La Piedra Trail will allow hikers, runners and mountain bikers the opportunity to enjoy breath-taking views of the Tesuque Valley as well as shaded forests of piñon and ponderosa pines as the trail winds its way through diverse terrain and alongside cool, running creeks, enhancing the outdoor experience for thousands who take to the trails each year. When completed, this trail promises to be one of the most important trail connections in Santa Fe.

Preliminary plans have been drawn up and the services of a professional trail construction company have been engaged to execute the project, with an anticipated completion date by early 2012. However, many steps remain before this trail connection becomes a reality: land surveying, archaeological and environmental clearance, the actual trail construction, and implementation of best management practices. Our goal is to raise \$120,000 to help cover the costs associated with La Piedra Trail and 53 acres of open space.



La Piedra Trail Donors

Thanks so much to those who have shown their support so far:*

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OUR COMMITMENT TO TRAILS

Here at the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, we remain a strong advocate for public trails as part of our core mission, including negotiating trail rights with landowners to construct new trails and helping increase public access to trails where appropriate.

Much of our work in trail maintenance, promotion and education is done through our affiliate, the all-volunteer group: Trails Alliance of Santa Fe.

Please visit the Trails Alliance website (trailsallianceofsantafe.org) to see a calendar of activities and projects.

If you'd like to make a gift in support of this exciting project, call us at the SFCT office (505) 989-7019 or donate online at www.sfct.org. Every gift, large or small, will have a direct impact on the ongoing success of the La Piedra Trail and land conservation in northern New Mexico. Thanks. We look forward to seeing you on the trail.



GOOD PEOPLE, GOOD FOOD...GREAT CAUSE!

10th Annual Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner Raises \$66,000

The mid-September evening was balmy and the winds were calm as guests gathered in the courtyard of the historic National Parks Service Building to celebrate the 10th Annual Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner. The evening was a complete success, raising money to support the Santa Fe Conservation Trust's programs dedicated to protecting open space, wildlife habitat, our beautiful night sky and creating trails that provide opportunities for outdoor recreation.

The highlight of the evening was the opportunity to honor long-time friend of Stewart and Lee Udall, Jack Loeffler. After a warm and amusing introduction by his friend, fellow environmentalist, and author, Bill DeBuys, Jack regaled the crowd with stories of his conservation beginnings with the likes of Pete Seeger and Ed Abby. He spoke from first hand experience and with passion about how environmental consciousness has expanded enormously in New Mexico and pointed out that through a continued combined effort this "great Southwest" can be preserved for future generations. These sentiments were later echoed and confirmed by Amanda Cooper, Stewart Udall's granddaughter, when she spoke lovingly about her grandfather's commitment to the environment and his great legacy.

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, we were fortunate to have ten environmentally-minded students from nearby St. John's College join us at the dinner to hear Jack's message and share in the evening's festivities. We were also blessed with the presence of SFCT founder Dale Ball and his wife, Sylvia.

Proceeds provide a significant portion of our budget, allowing us to focus on our mission—protecting our land and preserving the quality of life in Northern New Mexico. Specifically, revenue generated from this year's event will be used to underwrite three new conservation projects, stewardship efforts on our 33,000 acres and conservation planning and preparation for national accreditation. Many thanks go out to all our committee members, volunteers and event underwriters whose dedication and hard work sent this event over the top.

SFCT ONE STEP CLOSER TO ACCREDITATION

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust has received two \$3,000 grants – one from the Land Trust Alliance and one from the Wells Fargo Environmental Affairs Division – to support the Trust's efforts to achieve national accreditation through the Land Trust Alliance. The Land Trust Alliance ("LTA") is the national convener, strategist and representative of more than 1,700 land trusts across America.

What will accreditation mean in the long run? This official endorsement by the LTA will provide our community with assurance that SFCT meets the highest ethical and legal standards for the responsible operation of a land trust. In short, this process will make SFCT an even stronger organization.

The accreditation process is a lengthy one, requiring SFCT provide the LTA with exhaustive documentation for each of our 77 conservation easements. SFCT must also meet or exceed 12 standards and practices that, in addition to conservation easement documents, require documentation of responsible governance of the organization, fiscal responsibility

including accountability to donors and the public, and compliance with all laws required as a non-profit organization.

The grants we received allowed us to engage the services of a Jane Ellen Hamilton, seasoned LTA trained professional in the accreditation process. Ms. Hamilton recently worked with the staff and Board of Directors to perform a guided organizational assessment. After completing a preliminary evaluation of SFCT materials, documents, policies and procedures, she conducted a half-day retreat for members of the SFCT staff and Board. Through her guidance, we have been able to establish a framework within which we will operate to ensure continued and future compliance with LTA standards and practices in preparation for accreditation.

Santa Fe Conservation Trust is definitely up to the challenge of accreditation and looks forward to reporting our progress and sharing our success with you in future newsletters.

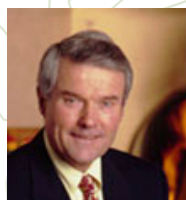


Charmay Allred & Jack Loeffler at Udall Dinner

Laura Shields

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Five New Members Joined Santa Fe Conservation Trust in 2011



David Chase is currently a managing member of Vestor Associates, LLC, Chairman of the BF Foundation, and a Trustee of Thornburg Investment Trust. Active in equity investing since the late 1960s, David has also taught finance at Northern Arizona University, and has served on the Board for the School for Advanced Research and the College of Santa Fe. He holds degrees from Principia College (BA), The Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College (MBA), and Arizona State University (PhD).



Harlan Flint is a native Santa Fean with fond memories of playing in the Santa Fe River and the mountains near his childhood home on upper Cerro Gordo Road. A graduate of Cornell University, Harlan has had a 25+ year career in financial markets, investments and risk management. He is currently a Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and previously held executive positions with Instinet Corporation, which pioneered the development of electronic trading in global securities markets.



Kent Little moved to Santa Fe to create a life in the mountains and to pursue a passionate lust for climbing and back country skiing. A passionate skier, climber, paddler and fisherman, Little has skied and climbed all over North America, including the summit of Mt. Rainier; Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the Americas; and 4000 foot back country ski runs in the Canadian Rockies. Kent graduated from Loyola University of Chicago and The College of Wooster along with the National Outdoor Leadership School and Hurricane Island Outward Bound School.



Janet Stoker, retired former Development Director of United World College, is a long time resident of Santa Fe, NM. She was previously Institutional Development Director at the School of American Research (now, the School for Advanced Research). Janet holds a BA from Occidental College and a MA in Spanish from UCLA. She is currently serving on the board of the Historic Santa Fe Foundation and on the Fundraising and Strategic Planning committees of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County. She participated in the Santa Fe Conservation Trust's Development and Communications Committee in 2010 before joining the Board in 2011.



Linda Tigges has been the principal for Tigges Planning Consultants, Inc., since 1982, working with residential, commercial and non-profit development in Santa Fe. She is a certified historian and has served on the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Committee and the City of Santa Fe Archaeological Review Committee and has written many archival reports and historic documents. Linda has also worked with the City of Santa Fe Planning Division, the Historic Design Review Committee and she drafted Santa Fe's Archeological Ordinance.

The combined wisdom and experience of these new members is a valued asset and will enhance the Board for years to come.

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