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Santa Fe Conservation Trust Earns National Recognition

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust is proud to announce that it has renewed its land trust accreditation with the Land Trust Alliance – proving once again that it is committed to professional excellence and to maintaining the public's trust in its conservation work.

As an accredited land trust, SFCT must renew every five years, confirming our compliance with national quality standards and providing continued assurance to donors and landowners of our commitment to care forever for their land and easements. Every aspect of our work is scrutinized, from our internal policies and procedures, to our fundraising, to our conservation work. It means that SFCT has the strength and integrity to be here for the long haul to provide the best services to all our constituents. Whether you are a donor, a landowner or an organizational partner, you can be assured that SFCT is a well-run organization, here to improve your quality of life through our work.

Outstanding National Resource Waters Designation Would Protect the Pecos River

SFCT is participating in an effort to designate the Pecos River from the wilderness boundary to Dalton as an Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRW) area. An ONRW designation is the highest level of protection against degradation for a water body under the State of New Mexico Water Quality Standards. What this means for you is that if successful, the Tererro Mining proposal would be “dead in the water,” no pun intended. The Pecos River is a precious resource that must be protected. As San Miguel County Commissioner, District 2, Janice Varela said, “From water for drinking and agriculture to outdoor recreation and tourism dollars, the Pecos is truly the lifeblood of our community.”

SFCT has two conservation easements in the area and over 20,000 acres preserved in San Miguel County, so we participated with Amigos Bravos and many others in the process of putting the application together. You can read more from the full coalition – which includes the village of Pecos, the New Mexico Acequia Association, the Upper Pecos Watershed Association and the Molino de la Isla Organics—about why this petition is necessary here: www.ournmwaters.org/press-release We will be reaching out to you early this fall for letters of support for this application.

On the Cover: Andy Warhol, Bighorn Ram, 1983, (*Ovis Canadensis*). From *Endangered Species portfolio, Silkscreen on Lennox Museum Board, 38 x 38 inches. Photo: D. James Dee. Courtesy of Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, New York.*

In honor of Joanna Prukop's nine years on the SFCT board and her 26-year tenure at NM Game & Fish where she participated in moving Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep from the Pecos Wilderness to the Latir Peak Wilderness near Questa.



Above: Sunset over the La Tierra Trails. Photo courtesy of Bob Ward.

From the Executive Director

Midway through 2020, I still find myself shaking my head at how fast things can change! 2019 was one of our best years on record. For the past several years, and thanks to your help, we have been working hard to increase our fundraising so that we could expand our business model to work with a wider variety of landowners who could help us connect our patchwork of easements throughout northern New Mexico into larger, contiguous protected areas. This vision of larger, connected conservation areas would strengthen our region's resilience to climate change, bolster the biodiversity that we all depend on to survive by supporting a healthy diversity of plants and animals, and even offer more recreational opportunities for you to enjoy. You'll read here about what it takes to implement that vision, and how fortunate we are to be able to continue to move forward, even during this challenging time.

Even in the midst of a pandemic, our conservation work goes on! We entered 2020 with 12 conservation projects underway, and you'll read about six of them we recently completed that have protected almost 1,000 acres around Santa Fe, strengthening our environment and expanding your recreational opportunities.

The coronavirus has also exposed deep inequities in our culture, which can show up even in people's ability to access nature. As we've seen during the coronavirus, being in nature can help fight depression, anxiety, high blood pressure and a host of other ailments. I am so proud of SFCT's efforts over the years to ensure that everyone has equitable access to nature through our community programs and how we have adjusted during this pandemic.

Mostly, though, this issue is a celebration of nature and the trails that have provided solace to so many of you as we hunker down to stay safe during the pandemic. Nature has emerged as a healing and dependable resource to fall back on when every other aspect of our lives has been curtailed. And our region's trails are the gateway not just to nature, but also to new possibilities for economic development as we work to get our local economy going. In this issue, we look at how that played out in the past and offer a vision for how today's trails can help to invigorate our local economy.

From one of our best years ever in 2019 to drastic budget cuts in 2020, SFCT forges on protecting the land we all love and igniting a passion for nature through our trails work and community programs! To all of you who have supported our work in the past, thank you! In the midst of the coronavirus, the work of SFCT is more important than ever. If you like what you read here, please make a donation today!

Sincerely,

Sarah Noss
Executive Director





Promoting the Trails and Access to Nature

with an Eye Toward Equity and Inclusion



For the past several years, SFCT has been focusing on a concept called “community conservation,” which is a drive to ensure equity, diversity and inclusion in our work. Everyone deserves to live in a healthy community and enjoy a connection with nature. When land trusts include more people, we improve more lives – and in turn, we gain broader support for conservation.

Equity and inclusion are important when it comes to our local trails. Citizens on the south/west side of Santa Fe, for example, have fewer recreational resources than other parts of town. A recent study from the Outdoor Foundation found that youth of color are significantly underrepresented in outdoor recreation, despite an emerging body of research showing that meaningful outdoor experiences during childhood are often critical for developing a lifelong environmental ethic. Why do we need to develop this ethic for everyone? Because many Americans are growing up without a strong connection to nature – and if they don’t learn to love it, they won’t act to save it. The more SFCT reaches out to those who have been ignored by the conservation movement, the more relevant and inviting the movement will become.

Passport to Trails

The *Passport to Trails* program takes elementary school children on field trips to our local trails. We work with 4th and 5th graders and their families from Nina Otero Community School and El Camino Real Academy. Both schools are primarily Spanish speaking. Each grade level goes on two hikes per year. Students learn to read maps, estimate distances and use compasses. They learn about the history of the trails and the flora and fauna of the area, how to be outdoors safely and responsibly, and where to hike so that they can continue to enjoy the trails on their own with their families. They are given a passport containing maps of the trails, and after they hike four trails and get four stamps on their passports, they earn a hydration backpack! In 2019 and thanks to the continuing generous support from Santa Fe Partners in Education and private foundations, we took nearly 500 schoolchildren and 100 adults out on city trails and organized school-based trail work in La Tierra Trails. Since 2014, we have now taken over 3,000 students and their chaperones out to the trails.

Pandemic Response

When onsite learning is possible again, our plan is to take the kids right outside their schools for a hike on nearby trails to explore the area. This dovetails nicely with our interest in promoting walking to school, so we'll be looking for safe routes to school to show the kids, as well as all the interesting flora and fauna they can see just outside their schools.



Vámonos: Santa Fe Walks is our urban walking program reaching out to elders, the infirm, those afraid to walk alone and others who can't use the soft surface trail system. *Vámonos* is coordinated via monthly meetings with the "Santa Fe Walking Collaborative," convened by SFCT, comprised of representatives of the City of Santa Fe, healthcare providers, NM Dept of Health, and local businesses who bring their social resources and expertise to the table and also help leverage the marketing of the program. La Familia Medical Center's Community Health Workers lead walks for the Spanish-speaking community. Initiated in 2018, over the past two years, we've had almost 900 people walk with us, ranging in age from 98 down to about 2 years old. Regular walking, combined with being outside in nature, has many proven health benefits, including lowering the risk of heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as providing help with weight loss, depression and many other health related disorders. Working to get all citizens on our trail system is a way to connect people from all parts of our community not only to each other, but also to nature.

Pandemic Response

Check out the *Virtual Vámonos* and community cruise maps at sfct.org/vamonos/



View from Atalaya Mountain on Take a Kid Hiking Day, 2019.

Thank Goodness for Our Local Trails!

We are gratified to know that many of you have been sustained by the open spaces of our region and that our local trails have many friends and new users these days. SFCT is proud to have played a part in the creation of the trails that are helping us all cope with the social distancing demanded by the coronavirus.

SFCT's trails legacy goes back to our founding, when Dale Ball became our executive director in 1994. Dale and his wife, Sylvia, wanted to create some trails that were at lower elevation for year-round use. So when he left SFCT, we supported his work on the 35-mile trail system that now bears his name.

When Stewart Udall retired as the Secretary of the Interior under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, he moved to Santa Fe and served on our board. He spearheaded an effort for SFCT, in partnership with Santa Fe County, to purchase a 12-mile easement along the Santa Fe Southern Railway line between Santa Fe and Lamy to create the Rail Trail.

Walter Ganz, also a board member in the early days, oversaw improvements on the Atalaya Trail to improve access to the forest from town. To this day, we remain the stewards of the Atalaya Trail.

Former board member Bill Johnson worked hard during his tenure to oversee the development of the Arroyo Hondo Open Space and Trail System. That project started as a conservation easement on land owned by current board member Al Reed, which was later transferred to the County.

Another former board member, Margaret Alexander, who you'll read about on page 6, saw the opportunity for trails on the north side of town and can be credited with rallying the troops to create the La Tierra Trail System.

More recently, and thanks to another conservation easement later deeded to the County, the La Piedra Trail was created to connect the north part of the Dale Ball Trails to the Santa Fe National Forest.

One of our most fruitful collaborations over the years has been with the Commonwealth Conservancy at the Galisteo Basin Preserve. There, under the auspices of Commonwealth's Ted Harrison and Gretchen Grogan, a 35 mile trail system has been created, which is being protected by conservation easements donated by Commonwealth to SFCT.

Now, as the Santa Fe Conservation Trust enters its 27th year, we are proud to have helped develop not only the Dale Ball Trails but also five other trail systems in and around Santa Fe.

For many, it might seem like our local soft surface trails have been there forever, but they represent years of hard work. If trails are not on City or County open space, they happen because SFCT negotiates with landowners to put conservation easements on their land, many of which provide for public recreation. So not only does SFCT preserve scenic views, wildlife habitat, open space and cultural resources, more than a quarter of our conserved properties include public access for you to enjoy.

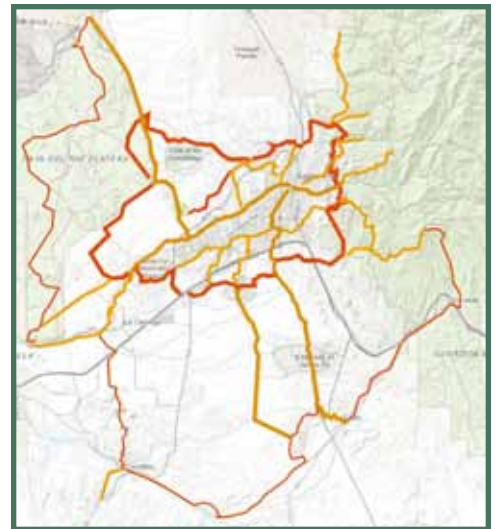
Impact of the Pandemic

So many people have turned to the trails and nature to deal with the isolation created by the coronavirus. If you are a long time trail user, you've probably noticed that the trailheads are packed these days. Thankfully, with more than 55 miles of dirt trails in town, 35 miles at the Galisteo Basin Preserve and another 25 on County land, there's more than enough room to spread out and benefit from the calming effects of nature.

SFCT has been maintaining the City's dirt trails since 2014. Last year, SFCT organized a total of 46 volunteer outings for trail maintenance and promotion, producing 780 hours of work by 83 volunteers on behalf of the City and partners. But our Trails program got some bad news in May. The City, which is grappling with a \$80 million budget deficit, canceled our trails maintenance contract. This put one of our employee's livelihood on the line, and also meant that this incredible resource for our community was going to be left to fend for itself.

There are angels among us, however, who realize the importance of the trails to our community. One angel has stepped forward to cover all but \$15,000 needed to keep our Trails Program budget whole, and dozens of trail lovers generously covered the gap. The City put a volunteer agreement in place for us to continue to provide trail maintenance for the coming year. Our hope is that once the effects of the pandemic recede, we can renew our contract with the City. Because it's not just trail maintenance we provide with our dozens of volunteers. We also promote the City's trails through our community cruises, *Passport to Trails* field trips, and *Vámonos: Santa Fe Walks*, which reaches out to those who want to walk on our ADA accessible trails around our local parks. SFCT has a legacy of building new trails, and our Trails Program Manager is at work on new trails in the Galisteo Basin and other parts of town. Plus, we continue to work on connecting existing trails in a loop around Santa Fe and into the center of town through the GUSTO Initiative. Until the economic effects of the coronavirus are absorbed by the City, we are going to depend on your help to continue to provide these important services so that everyone can enjoy our local trails safely. Please use the envelope enclosed and make a donation today!

Below: SFCT staff hike in the Galisteo Basin, shortly after the shutdown in New Mexico.



Map Above: Proposed loop and spoke trails in and around Santa Fe, presented at the GUSTO Open House in March of 2019.

GUSTO

GUSTO (the Grand Unified Santa Fe Trails Organization) convened and led by SFCT, is an important effort involving dozens of community partners to connect our existing trail system in a loop around Santa Fe with spokes leading into the center of town. Because the main trails are located on the north and east sides of town, GUSTO will help ensure that everyone in Santa Fe has access to a trail from their doorsteps, improving both recreational and transportation opportunities. In 2019, the GUSTO initiative hosted an "Open House and Trail Sampler" showcasing demonstration trails that had been built and seeking feedback on future trails. From this event, the GUSTO plan implementation has been finalized, which you can review at sfct.org/gusto. GUSTO also brought on two new collaborating partners - the New Mexico Land Conservancy and Santa Fe Estates - that promise to bear fruit in the form of new public trail connections in 2020.

A Quiet Determination

Trails Advocate Margaret Alexander Brought you La Tierra Trails

by Rose Farley

Up here on the Arroyo Hondo Open Space trails, beneath a baby blue sky, the morning rays of an April sun lure the blooms of native cacti and sharpen the craggy outlines of their attendant juniper and piñon trees. From here the Galisteo Basin is in clear view, down in the valley below.

A familiar visitor, Margaret Alexander, is here, accompanied by her dog, Roux, his collar jingling as he chases scents. A stranger would never guess Margaret is 72 years old. She glides down the trail with sure feet and a brisk pace, her eyes peeled for signs of spring.

"Here's one that opened up," she says, pointing out the ruby flower of a claret cup cactus.

A little further down the trail she passes a "recovery" bench installed in honor of her longtime friend and fellow trails advocate, Dr. Bill Johnson. Margaret has a bench of her own. It's across town, at "her" trails.

The La Tierra Trails are located northwest of downtown and without Margaret they likely would not exist. Their beginnings date to the year 2000, when she began jogging in the undeveloped space near her house in the Las Estrellas neighborhood. "But it was really kind of uncomfortable," she recalls. "There was a lot of squatting, people partying and big messes out there."

At first Margaret and some neighbors organized cleanup parties, but one day she met Dr. Bill and a better idea emerged: Protect the space from misuse and potential development by creating a public trail system. Dr. Bill, who was on the board at the Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT) working to create the Arroyo Hondo trails, referred Margaret to SFCT. At the time, SFCT had already completed the Rail Trail and was working with its former executive director, Dale Ball, to create his eponymous trail system northeast of town.

A California native who was raising two children while working part-time as a librarian at the Santa Fe Institute, Margaret began to devote her free time to the cause, attending meetings and taking officials on tours of the land to outline her vision. "Everybody thought it was wonderful," she recalls, "but nothing really happened until the money came in."



Photo by Andrew Wilder

That happened in 2008 – after eight years of Margaret's constant cajoling, wooing and subtle arm twisting.

The key to her success, Dr. Bill says, was her knowledge. She was the first advocate to cite studies showing trails improve property values. "And she's just persistent in showing up and gently asserting what the real value of trails is," he says. She advocated for trails development as an SFCT board member from 2006 to 2014, and today is a member of SFCT's trails and community conservation committee.

Margaret is continuing her work as a founder of the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe, the volunteer arm of SFCT. Now that the City's trail systems are in place, scores of volunteers work with SFCT's Trails Program Manager Tim Rogers to maintain them and connect them as part of the GUSTO initiative. Once complete, residents from all neighborhoods will be able to access a unified trail system simply by walking out their doors.

The volunteers also maintain the trails by counteracting erosion. The physical labor, done during 3-hour sessions held once weekly, spring through

fall, is Margaret's favorite activity besides hiking with Roux and is the main reason she co-founded the Alliance. "The people in the Trails Alliance, they don't want to go to meetings," she says. "They just want to be out in the dirt, like me."

Besides having laid the groundwork for La Tierra, Tim says there are two things to know about Margaret: She may not arrive on time for every work session, but she always brings apples. She also makes sure rocks upset during trail work are put back properly – lichen-side up.

"When some people might say, oh let's just get this out of the way, we always think of Margaret," says Tim, who adds that she has a knack for showing volunteers how to work correctly. "Sometimes people go out and start making lines of rocks, making things look pretty, and that's actually not what we're trying to do." Seamlessly integrating trails into the contours of the land is the goal.

Decked out in skinny jeans and an army-style jacket decorated with flowers, Margaret's fashion reflects her reputation among Santa Fe trails advocates. She is a sage recruit who has learned to balance persistence with persuasion to overcome obstacles

and bring change.

Margaret says its "faaaantastic!" to have her own bench. "I've always been fond of monuments," she says laughing. "And I go sit on my monument."

Yes, she confirms, the name "recovery bench" has two meanings – it is a place to rest during a hike and a place to heal life's bigger problems. Not problems, she corrects. Challenges. "No, I don't have any problems," she says. "I asked my oncologist, 'how many types of cancer can one person get?' She said she had a patient with four types. That made me feel good." That's because Margaret had just two types of cancer. "I'm in remission," she says, casually tossing off the diagnoses as she continues on down the trail.

Margaret can't pinpoint what it is about trails that's made them her life's centerpiece. "I just like to go out there and look at the trees and the wildflowers. If there's some birds around, that's a plus," she says. "Those are the things that I find renewing and I need every day."

Below: Bicyclist on the La Tierra Trails. Photo by Bob Ward.



Santa Fe Has Always Been Defined by its Trails.

Until the coronavirus hit, our local trails might have been a little under the radar. A nice amenity for the City perhaps, but there wasn't very vocal recognition of the value they bring to people's lives, or the economic impact they have on the life of the City. In fact, only recently, in 2019, did the State of NM create the Outdoor Recreation Division as part of its Economic Development Division. When the State needs to pivot from fossil fuels to other sources of income, where are one of the places they turn? To the economic powerhouse of the outdoors! And now the coronavirus hits. When everything else was closing down, where do people turn? To nature! When the arts and musical events have to cancel their seasons, what are the tourists going to turn to? Outdoor recreation! Not only do these resources improve people's health and wellbeing, across the State of NM they create 35,000 jobs that inject \$1.2 billion annually into the State economy, diversifying our economy, improving everyone's quality of life, while strengthening our communities.

Throughout our past, the trails that came into Santa Fe were the lifeblood of this community. The Camino Real de Tierra Adentro was the 1,200-mile north/south link between Santa Fe and Mexico City from the 16th century until 1881. That was the year when the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad made it to El Paso, eliminating the need for the trail. But for more than 300 years, it provided the cultural interaction and economic trade for Spanish and other Europeans, Native Americans, Mexicans and North Americans, bringing both culture and commerce into Santa Fe.

Similarly, the 700-mile Old Spanish Trail solidified Santa Fe's role as the hub of overland trade as it forged a route through five other states from Santa Fe to Los Angeles starting in 1829.

And when the Santa Fe Trail started hopping between 1821 and 1880, it connected Santa Fe to Franklin, Missouri. Thus, it was the trails that defined Santa Fe, helped it grow and become the conti-



Above: Bicyclist on La Tierra Trails. Photo courtesy of Manny Maes.

mental hub of trading for three countries via three historic trails.

Santa Fe might well consider embracing and elevating its trails once again! Facing the worst economic downturn of its history, let your trails be part of the solution. Build more of them, connect them, encourage people to use them for both transportation and recreation, and plug in to the outdoor economy to diversify the reasons people come here.

SFCT has been at the forefront of developing our modern trails since 1993 and will continue to improve everyone's quality of life going forward – one trail at a time!

SFCT Preserves the Historic Santa Fe Trail

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust holds conservation easements on seven properties that contain the historic Santa Fe Trail between Santa Fe and Las Vegas, NM, permanently preserving the remnants of the trail.

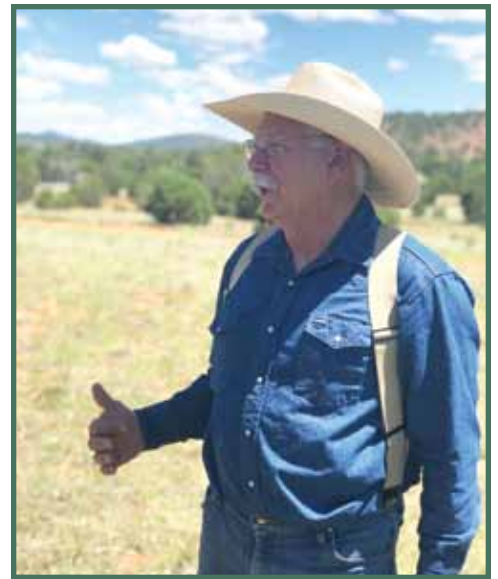
The 1,200-mile long Santa Fe Trail is actually not one single trail, but more like a corridor where many trails wove their way across the plains. Wagon trains are usually depicted as a long line of wagons running single file, when in reality, they often traveled in multiple columns. Santa Fe Trail ruts often run three or four abreast. Wagon trains also made new shortcuts as conditions and water dictated, or where an advantage might be gained.

The Santa Fe Trail was mainly a trade route but saw its share of emigrants, especially during the California Gold Rush and the Pike's Peak Gold Rush in Colorado. The trail also became an important route for stagecoach travel, stagecoach mail delivery and for the famed Pony Express.

What's left of the Santa Fe Trail today are old army posts, ruts and ruins. Just south of Santa Fe along Old Santa Fe Trail, an SFCT conservation easement protects the wagon ruts as the trail left Santa Fe for Apache Canyon.

Just south of the Pecos National Monument on the Los Trigos land grant, two conservation easements protect several sections of the trail near the "Hole in the Rock" spring where travelers would rest before fording the Pecos River.

Outside of Las Vegas, the trail braids across four SFCT protected ranches. Here it passes through natural breaks in the Crestone, a prominent north-south ridge on the west side of Las Vegas, the most famous being Kearny's Gap. The Tecolote Ranch contains several miles of trail ruts, the ruins of a stagecoach stop and an area of the trail "developed" by the Union Army. There are also artifacts from ancient hunter-gatherers, Puebloan ancestors, and Plains Indians still being found. Tecolote Peak, a prominent landmark on the ranch, was an essential guidepost for settlers and bandits alike when they traversed the Santa Fe Trail.



Above: Rowdy Robinson, Tecolote Ranch foreman and co-guide with Steve Post.

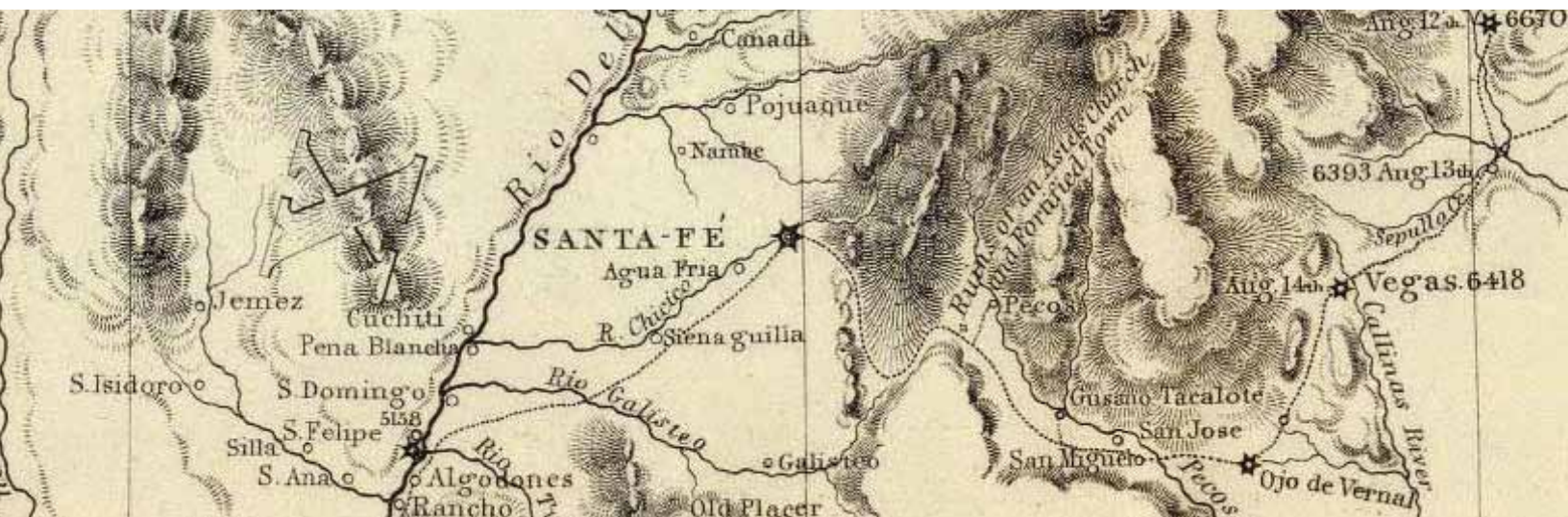
Join Us on an Insider Tour in 2021

As soon as we are able to gather again, we will resume taking our constituents to conserved lands that are not open to the public. These tours give you glimpses of the past that are captured on the landscape. Join our Insider Tour of the 9,148-acre Tecolote Ranch by foot and by car in 2021 for the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail to see these historic features and learn more! Archaeologist Steve Post, profiled on page 10, will be one of our guides.

Places to visit along the Santa Fe Trail in NM can be found here:

nps.gov/safe/planyourvisit/new-mexico.htm

Below: map of the Santa Fe Trail commissioned by Brig. Gen. Stephen Kearny.



Archaeologist Steve Post Shares New Mexico's Rich Cultural History with You.

by Rose Farley

When it comes to his work uncovering the buried clues to New Mexico's past, archaeologist Steve Post claims he doesn't discriminate in favor of the big finds. But the sparkle that lights up his eyes as he describes the ancient debris he's unearthed along the old Santa Fe Trail just might betray a secret fondness for the little things.

"What we find is what you expect to find on the ranch lands and open spaces of New Mexico. We find baking powder, coffee – a lot of coffee cans – condensed milk and Prince Albert Tobacco. So, you've got herders and cowhands making biscuits, drinking coffee and smoking roll-your-owns," Steve says, leaning back from his cup of Ohori's local brew with an easy laugh. "It excites me to find that, because it immediately connects me to those people, to their family, to their experiences on the land. And for me it's an instant 'ah, ha'."

Steve says his love for the small stuff took root in 1977 when he started out as a crew member at New Mexico archaeological sites, doing the grunt work that goes with delicately uncovering and bagging objects. Promoted to project director for the state's Office of Archaeological Studies (OAS) in 1986, he spent the next 20 years exploring millennia of Santa Fe's past while excavating archaeological sites in advance of construction projects. His work on these projects, which included a major excavation to make way for the New Mexico History Museum, led to a promotion in 2006 as Deputy Director of OAS.

From the ground around the Place of the Governors and the New Mexico State Capitol to sites along New Mexico 599 and out to early Ancestral Pueblo sites near Chaco Canyon, Post has played a central role in uncovering and curating New Mexico's cultural past. On public lands his discoveries are catalogued and stored for future research, while his work with private landowners helps them understand and preserve the historical value of their land. Just 15 percent of New Mexico lands have been surveyed, but Post says archaeologists have documented more than 190,000 sites.

"I've found so much," Steve says, racking his brain while he tries to think of which of his discoveries

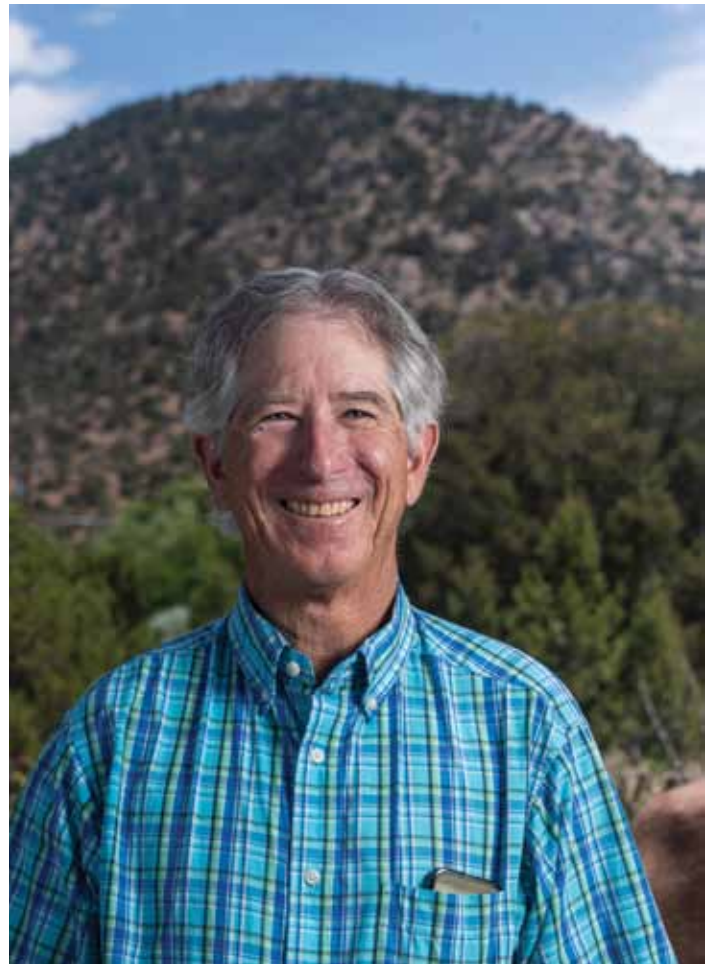


Photo by Andrew Wilder

stands out. After a few moments, he gives up and explains that it's not the singular value of any one object, per se, that excites him.

"One of the most exciting things for me is when I go out onto a property or landscape where I've been many times before and I find something new, something that's been buried for thousands of years and has in recent times been washed out by heavy rains and erosion," he says. "It can be just a thin stain of charcoal that's left from the fire pits of a family who lived in that place and often those stains are associated with their tools, their grinding implements – the things they used to process their food and make their meals."

But discovery is just one thing.

"The second really exciting thing is when you find something new and you have a group with you," Steve says. "You have the opportunity to communicate your excitement to them and bring them into the story as well."

Steve officially retired from his state position in 2011, but has continued his work as a private consultant to a variety of individuals and organizations,

including SFCT. And lately, with his new role as a guide for SFCT's Insider Tours program, Steve says, "I'm excited a lot."

The Insider Tours began in 2018 when Steve and Jan-Willem Jansens, the co-founder of the Galisteo Watershed Conservation Initiative, were the expert guides on a half-day tour of the Galisteo Spring – the most significant water source in the 740-mile Galisteo Basin and, by natural extension, an archaeological trove. "People, they gravitate towards water," Steve explains. "So Galisteo Spring has a very long history of people gathering around a number of springs that are on or around the property."

In 2019 SFCT's Insider Tours program was expanded to include a full-day tour of Tecolote Ranch, a 9,148-acre spread through which the Santa Fe Trail ran and which is under conservation easement with SFCT. The Trail is still vibrant in the stone ruins and fragile wagon ruts carved into the ranch's land. Old as they are, the ruins and ruts are some of the more recent treasures present on the ranch, which contains artifacts left by the ancient hunter-gatherers – the Puebloan ancestors – and Plains Indians, whose presence there dates back to pre-Columbian contact.

Insider Tours grew out of Steve's initial volunteer work for SFCT, which included a four-year term on the Land Review Committee that ended in August 2019. During that time, he and other committee members drafted a strategic conservation plan that will guide SFCT's conservation efforts for the next decade. The plan, which incorporates Steve's reservoir of knowledge about New Mexico's cultural landscape and his suggestions for how to best protect it, will help SFCT ensure its future conservation easements can be sewn into its current patchwork of protected land.

The Insider Tours offer visitors a rare opportunity to explore archeological sites with their own historical guide. The coronavirus has put them on hold in 2020, but they'll be back in 2021. Steve thinks they are worth waiting for, because the intimate expeditions on lands not typically open to the public are unique and a great way for him to continue his life-long mission as a modern-day hunter-gatherer of information.

SFCT "is in a privileged position whereby they can offer access to private properties that have significant ecological and historical value and are a showcase of cultural artifacts," Steve says. "It's important that we continue to educate the public and elevate the profile of our shared cultural past."

Below: Steve Post (second from right) and Jan-Willem Jansens (right) at 2019's Galisteo Spring tour.



Despite Coronavirus, Moving Ahead with Our Strategic Conservation Plan

SFCT has had a successful 27 years of working to protect the beautiful landscapes of northern New Mexico. Our successes have created a portfolio of 97 parcels of conserved land in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and San Miguel Counties. For the past several years, SFCT has been working on a Strategic Conservation Plan to take us into the next level of conservation over the next ten years, one that will connect our patchwork of conservation easements into larger, unbroken natural landscapes.

Larger areas of conserved land will improve your life by making our community and surrounding areas more resilient to climate change. Open lands will protect biodiversity and wildlife, all so important since we depend on the plants and animals to feed us, help pollinate our crops and improve our enjoyment of nature.

SFCT's Strategic Conservation Plan (SCP), completed in 2019, will guide our work as we implement this vision of connected conservation lands. In early 2020, the SFCT Board of Directors held an exciting and transformative planning retreat. We got the green light on two important initiatives. The first, after years of working to expand our fundraising, was to hire another land professional to help us implement the plan and work on our many conservation easement projects. The second was to begin creating the tool we need to identify lands of high conservation value to help us begin the process of

connecting our existing conservation easements into larger conserved areas.

This was a truly historic moment for the organization, as the Board realized that the implementation of the SCP would fundamentally expand our business model to include working with a wider diversity of landowners. To do this, SFCT will need to buy some landowners' development rights, help some to cover the transaction costs for implementing a conservation easement, and perhaps even purchase lands of high conservation value. One of the first steps was to create a GIS mapping tool so we could identify lands that warranted this level of support.

The pandemic hit shortly thereafter, so hiring the land professional was put on hold. And after cutting our budget 20%, we also were asked to cancel the contract we had just signed with Allpoints GIS and independent contractor Breece Robertson for the mapping and analysis work. We feared this would halt all progress on the SCP. To our great surprise and relief, Breece Robertson Consulting and Nickolas Viau and Deb Grieco of Allpoints GIS generously offered to donate the essential mapping components of the contract; an incredible gift of their time and talent to support SFCT's work! So the implementation of the SCP goes on, powering our work forward for greater conservation impact.

If You're a Landowner, Here's How Conservation Easements Benefit You

It can take around 18-months to finalize a conservation easement (CE), which is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust (or government agency) that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. All CEs must provide public benefits, such as protecting water quality, agricultural lands, scenic views, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation or education, and historic sites. While every easement is unique, there are a few general rules. Farming and ranching are usually permitted. Development is almost always limited, but you can include a building enve-

lope for future construction. While some easements provide public access, it is not a requirement and many do not. Once protected by a CE, you can sell the land or pass it on to your heirs, which will lower their estate taxes. Because conservation easements benefit the public, your State and Federal taxes go down because you can claim the value of the easement as a tax-deductible charitable donation on your Federal return(s). The State of New Mexico also has a transferrable tax credit that you can use to lower your State taxes or sell for cash. Curious if this might work for you? Give us a call! - (505) 989-7019

Protecting Land. For Everyone. Forever.

Well before the pandemic hit, SFCT was as busy as it has ever been on land conservation projects. Heading into 2020, SFCT had 12 land conservation projects underway throughout northern New Mexico that will add over 2,000 acres to the more than 40,000 acres we currently have preserved. Conservation continues, even in a pandemic! There are six projects that have recently closed, three of which provide public access to expand your recreational opportunities.

Conservation Successes: 2019



Commonweal Conservancy IX: Mark's Reach

The Commonweal Conservancy is hard at work protecting its wonderful trail system in the Galisteo Basin Preserve along with the incredible scenic views, open space and cultural resources that bless this wide-open landscape. Mark's Reach is a 530.5-acre conservation easement in the heart of the central basin that protects about a quarter of the existing 35-mile trail system. The easement allows for 5 more miles of trails to be constructed, and it adds to a contiguous 5,050-acre conservation area that permanently protects wildlife habitat, migration corridors, and cultural resources.

Conservation Successes: 2020

Forest Trust: Transfers

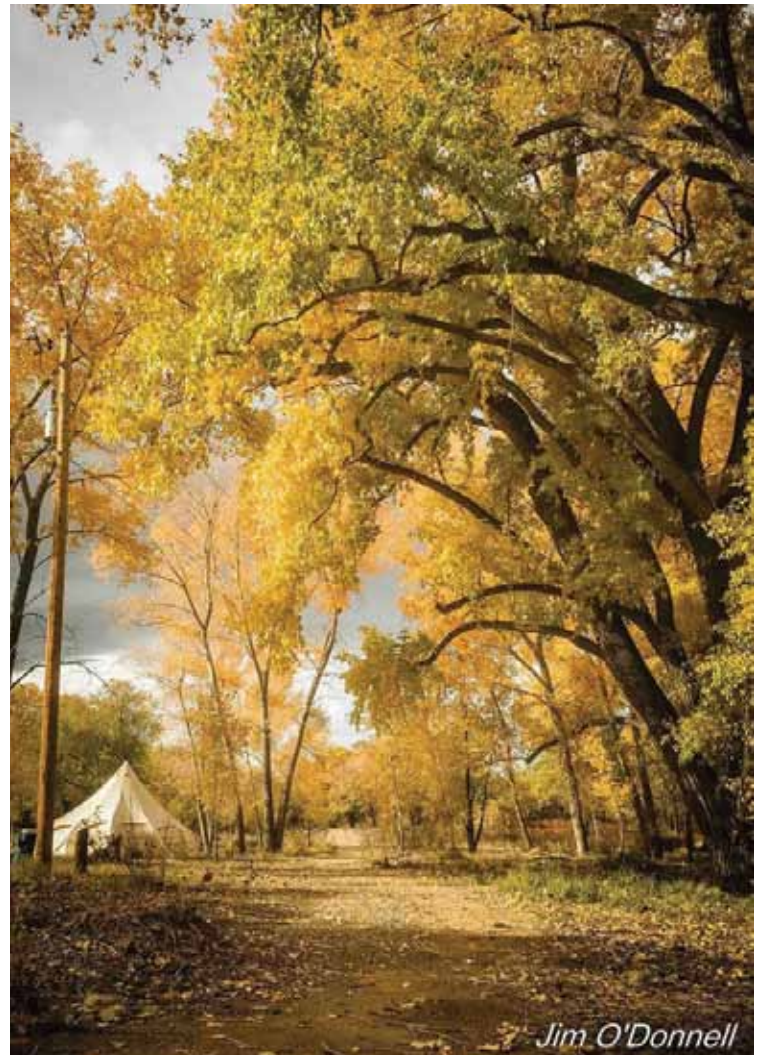
SFCT recently added two conservation easements to its portfolio. The two easements were transfers from the Forest Trust. One protects a one acre scenic view on a hilltop visible from Bishop's Lodge Road. The second protects the scenic view on 14 acres along a road on the top of Ojo de la Vaca mesa, just south of Cañoncito. We send our thanks to the Forest Trust for trusting us with the perpetual protection of these two properties!



Taos Land Trust: Rio Fernando

The Taos Land Trust donated a conservation easement to the Santa Fe Conservation Trust to permanently protect 20 acres of land that houses the Taos Land Trust offices and will become the Rio Fernando Park protecting the newly restored Vigil y Romo acequia, the Río Fernando de Taos and public access walking trails in Taos, NM. The conservation easement is comprised of 13 acres of historical agricultural land and nearly 7 acres of wetland next to Fred Baca Park just one mile from the center of downtown. Its wetlands hug the Rio Fernando, connect to a broader wetland, spilling out into the adjacent Fred Baca public park and downstream to the Rio Pueblo that feeds the Rio Grande. The remainder of the property is urban forest and land once used for agriculture and ranching.

A similar partnership exists between our two organizations on Taos's Rio Hondo Park, which the Taos Land Trust owns and SFCT protects with a conservation easement. We're pleased to help our fellow land trust guarantee that one of the last agricultural properties within the Town of Taos – along with the waters in the Vigil y Romo acequia and the wetlands of the Río Fernando – will be here for everyone to enjoy for generations to come.



Commonweal Conservancy IV: West Canyon

On March 27th, we closed on an amended and restated conservation easement on West Canyon in the Galisteo Basin Preserve with our landowner partners, the Commonweal Conservancy. The amended and restated conservation easement adds 548.56 acres to the existing 250-acre easement, for a total of 798.56 acres at the heart of the Galisteo Basin Preserve. This expands the protected area at the Galisteo Basin Preserve to a contiguous 5,050-acre conservation area that permanently protects wildlife habitat, migration corridors, scenic vistas, cultural resources and publicly accessible trails. It also creates more of a buffer on the west side of the Galisteo Spring conservation easement, the source of water for more than 350 generations of ancient and modern peoples. This additional protected acreage also grants public access to up to five miles of future trails that will connect to the Galisteo Basin Preserve's larger 35-mile trail network. Commonweal has partnered with SFCT since 2008 and has donated eight conservation easements for the conservation of this amazing landscape.



Forest Trust: Big Fence

This rolling 372-acre parcel in the Galisteo Basin watershed brings SFCT one step closer to the "landscape" scale conservation that we envision for the Galisteo area. A former homestead from the early 1900's, the property, owned by the Forest Trust, is now an unoccupied piñon-juniper woodland, smack dab in the middle of major wildlife migration pathways. The property is currently grazed, supporting local agricultural producers. We're pleased to help our fellow conservation organization guarantee that agricultural properties within Santa Fe County will be here for both agricultural production and wildlife habitat – forever.



Meet Our Newest Board & Staff Members

SFCT is lucky to have one of the best boards in Santa Fe. Meet them all at sfct.org/about/board-of-directors. Our board members serve on at least one committee and bring their professional expertise and personal commitment to the mission of SFCT. At our December 2019 board meeting, four new members were voted on to the board. We are pleased to introduce them to you.

Marianne Scott Dwight

I am an attorney licensed in Texas and am currently of counsel to Michael Best & Friedrich, LLP. I have worked in both the public and private sectors on issues related to investments, healthcare, housing and water. I earned a BBA in accounting with honors from Texas A&M University; a JD from Southern Methodist University; and recently a Master in Liberal Arts from St. Edward's University, with a focus on global issues and water's impact on the economy. I grew up speaking Spanish in about as far south Texas as you can get in an area that lacked many essential services. So when I got to Austin as a young adult, I fell in love with the many parks and trails. I played soccer in the parks and ran and hiked on the trails there practically every day. I served on the Austin Parks and Recreation Board for many years, and now that I am here in Santa Fe and out on our trails almost every day, I want to make everyone a "user and believer" in the value of open space, parks and trails.



Julie Martinez, MD

Growing up in northern New Mexico, I was given many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and natural landscapes. Weekends and summers were spent swimming, biking, hiking, and camping. Of course, I took these experiences for granted and only truly realized how lucky I was upon moving from Los Alamos, NM to Houston, TX for college and Dallas for medical school. I spent a decade in big cities and finally worked my way back to the Rocky Mountain states for a family medicine residency in Pueblo, CO. Following three years of training, my husband and I moved to Alamosa, CO in the San Luis Valley and began practicing medicine at a regional community health center. In 2008 we moved to Santa Fe to be closer to my family. We worked with several medical practices in town before opening Family Medicine Partners of Santa Fe in 2014. In our independent practice I advocate for our patients and effect change on a small, but meaningful scale. In addition to providing evidence-based, current, comprehensive medical care I help patients strive for healthy living, diet, and exercise, including encouraging them to walk in our outdoor spaces. I am excited to have this new opportunity to work with the Santa Fe Conservation Trust and to protect the landscape that nurtured me and so many in our community.

Below: Easter Lily in the Galisteo Basin Preserve, Lamy, NM.



Dennis Romero

I am an attorney engaged in the general practice of law in Santa Fe and Taos. My practice currently focuses on land use, commercial and residential real estate litigation and transactions, business and probate. I am a graduate of Stanford University, with a degree in American Studies and went on to get my juris doctorate from Stanford Law School. In addition to the SFCT board, I am on the advisory board of Breakthrough Santa Fe and am a director of Centinel Bank of Taos, a family financial institution founded by my father. I previously served as a Trustee of Santa Fe Preparatory School, where my daughter, Gabriela, graduated in 2015. She, too, attended Stanford and graduated in 2019. I have also served on the boards of Santa Fe Pro Música, Commonweal Communities, and the Institute for Spanish Arts. In my spare time, I coached youth soccer with AYSO and the Northern Soccer Club and served on the AYSO board as well. I have been a long time mountain biker and have enjoyed the local trails and the wonderful open space and scenic views they bring to all of us. I am excited to be involved in both the conservation and trails work of this wonderful organization.



Beth Kirby SFCT's Organizational Advancement Officer

I relocated to New Mexico in early 2018 and am thrilled to call Santa Fe home. I grew up in New England, graduated from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst then headed to California to join the National Park Service as an interpretive ranger. I later moved to Germany for a position in outdoor recreation as a civilian employee of US Army-Europe. In addition to working in the public sector, I have held management positions in several nonprofit organizations focused on advancing safe housing, environmental education, arts awareness and park preservation. Most recently I was the Vice President for Philanthropy at the Gettysburg Foundation and was a board member of the Land Conservancy of Adams County in Gettysburg PA. When I moved to Santa Fe, I wanted to volunteer for an organization that focused on many of my passions, which is how I originally discovered the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, where I volunteered for events. I started part-time in November 2019. Currently I serve on the Friends of Pecos National Historical Park board and the Santa Fe Water Conservation Committee. When not in the office I love to hike throughout beautiful northern New Mexico.

Justin Svetnicka



I grew up in Santa Fe, which gives me a heartfelt appreciation for this place and its cultural vitality. A product of the Santa Fe Public Schools, I graduated summa cum laude from UNM with a degree in primary education with an emphasis in mathematics. I spent fifteen years developing and operating restaurants here in my hometown, eventually becoming vice president and chief operating officer of Santa

Fe's largest local restaurant corporation. I decided to use my expertise in business finance and commercial development as an Accredited Business Intermediary (ABI) and New Mexico Real Estate Broker to benefit both local businesses and the local community. In my free time, I like to make tacos for my beautiful wife and precocious son, and seem to spend a lot of time chasing gophers out of the garden. But I also love being in the forest, which is why I am excited to be on the board of an organization that works so hard to protect nature through its conservation work and to give people access to it through its programs.



Dr. N. Scott Momaday and Executive Director, Sarah Noss at the 2019 CCC Dinner.

Defying the Weather at Our Community Conservation Celebration

Our 2019 event was either going to be an evening of throwing our hands in the air with an “oh well, we tried,” or it was going to surprise us in a big way. Not really much of a surprise when it comes to our family of supporters who braved dark skies, wind, rain, and a competing wedding party next door on Museum Hill to celebrate our Community Conservation Celebration (Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner). Our guests were taking it all in stride as they sipped sparkling wine and sampled appetizers specially prepared by three local restaurant chefs. “Keep the wine and hors d’oeuvres flowing,” we asked of our resourceful volunteers, even as some of them were pulled away to move, clean and prep tables in the aftermath of the flooding. The first guests that arrived were happy to pitch in as well!

Hats off to chefs Matt Yohalem from Il Piatto, Ahmed Obo from Jambo Café and Harry and Peyton from Harry’s Roadhouse for contributing to those smiles. Nothing like soul-satisfying noshes on a chilly damp evening to add to the revelry. And then there was the rush to fit the entire NMSA youth Jazz Combo under the tent rather than outside, with a too-small stage that was set for something else entirely - our dinner music trio, Los Primos Melódicos and a cock-

tail hour slide show.

What did remain outside was the photo booth, complete with props for the guests courageous enough to don them, making for some silly and amusing photos throughout the evening.

The Cowgirl’s buffet and margaritas were plentiful and delish as usual, and their staff carried on like troopers even as their entire staging area and bar were ravaged by the early rains as well.

We were honored when N. Scott Momaday accepted our offer to be featured speaker that evening. In his mesmerizing way, he held a sacred space for all of us as he told stories, recited poetry, spoke words of wisdom and captured our hearts.

Our guests brought the same uplifting spirit to the paddle raise and surpassed our imagination with their generous giving. We are grateful for each and every one of you! Let’s keep the celebration going this fall at our first virtual CCC...until we meet again!

Check out our 2020 virtual event at:

sfct.org/events/ccc-udall





2020 Banff Mountain Film Festival

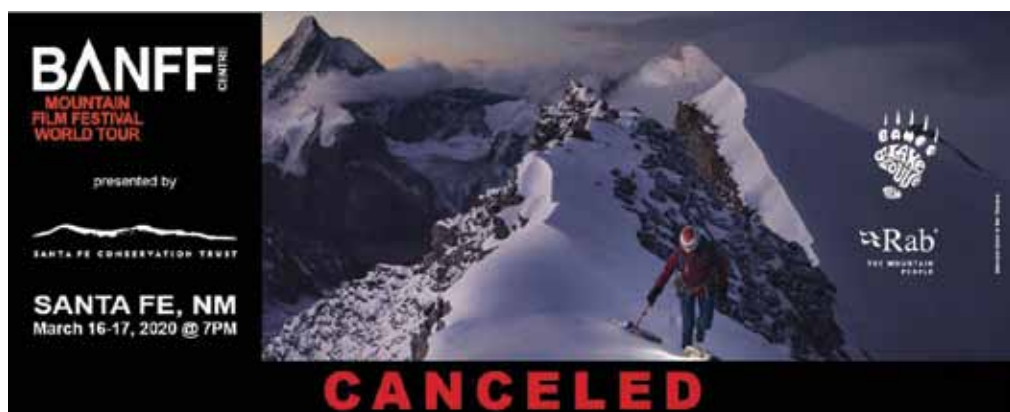
SFCT's first casualty of the pandemic

During the last cold-cold-cold spell of the winter in 2019, over 1,600 people gathered over two nights in warm winter coats, rain gear, and thick hats to enjoy the

23rd year of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. Representing a wide range of ages and backgrounds, they filed in the double doors of the historic Lensic Performing Arts Center in downtown Santa Fe ready to revel in the wonderful mountain and outdoor documentaries we bring to Santa Fe each year.

Little did we know then that a pandemic was coming, or that our 2020 event would have to be canceled just days before the March 16 and 17, 2020 showings. We are trying to carry forward the attitude of *The Frenchie*, 82-year-old Jacques – a “badass athlete” who inspired us with his life-loving “no problem” attitude, to close the 2019 festival. Being light on our feet, and not knowing how long this virus thing was going to last, we rescheduled the Lensic for September 16 and 17; but alas, our “no problem” response is not going to be possible either. If you haven’t received a refund yet, please do, and consider making a donation to SFCT, as your Banff ticket revenue provides needed operating support for our conservation and trails work. Call the Lensic at (505) 988-1234 to get a refund.

And don’t forget to thank and support our wonderful sponsors, especially this year! They are listed on page 28. They came in early to underwrite our annual Banff Mountain Film Festival for 1,600 people at the Lensic, and, like us, were disappointed that the coronavirus upended everyone’s plans. But we are deeply grateful to them for sticking with us as we wait for the Banff Centre to figure out if they can present their World Tour films as an online festival this year.



Audited Financial Statements

January 1 through December 31, 2019

Financial Position

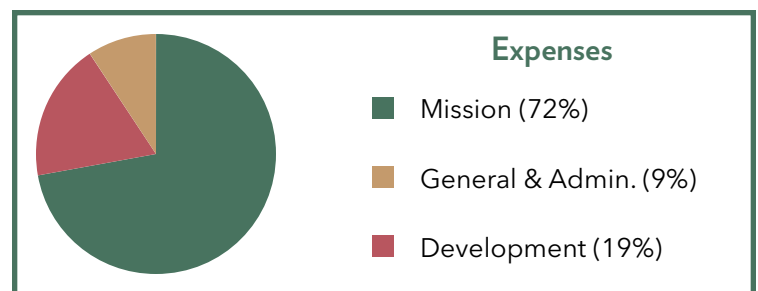
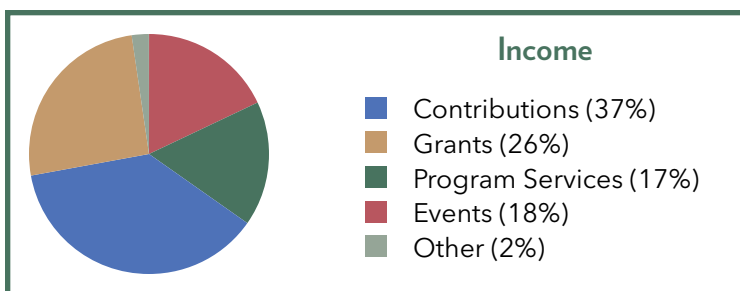
Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$329,041
Accounts Receivable	\$84,155
Prepaid Expenses	\$8,651
Fixed Assets	\$1,133,586
Operating & Stewardship Reserve	\$1,017,089
Stewardship Endowment	\$192,213
Other Assets	\$2,500
Total Assets	\$2,767,235
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$2,853
Payroll Liabilities	\$19,628
Unearned / Deferred Revenue	\$4,000
Passthrough Payables	\$5,811
Total Liabilities	\$32,292
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$1,508,979
Board Designated	\$30,372
With Donor Restrictions	\$835,712
Total Net Assets	\$2,734,943
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$2,767,235

Activities

Operating Income	
Contributions & Grants	\$489,662
Fundraising Events	\$142,859
Program Services	\$124,962
Total Operating Income	\$757,483
Operating Expenses	
Mission Programs	\$401,204
Development	\$103,320
General & Administrative	\$51,659
Total Operating Expenses	\$556,223
Non-Operating Income & Expenses	
Interest & Dividends	\$23,102
Investment Income, Net of Fees	\$133,751
In-Kind Contributions	\$4,081
Total Non-Operating	\$160,934
Net Income	\$362,194



Right: Ruins of a stagecoach stop along the Santa Fe Trail, west of Las Vegas, NM.



SANTA FE CONSERVATION TRUST

PROTECTED PROPERTIES & SERVICE AREA MAP

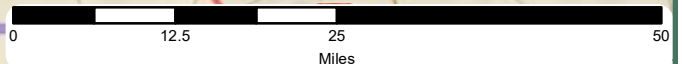
SFCT holds 95 conservation easements and owns 2 conservation properties.
We work primarily in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and San Miguel Counties,
with two conservation easements in Taos County.

Legend

● SFCT Protected Properties

SFCT Protected Lands County Breakdown

County	Acres	Properties
Rio Arriba	6,389	7
Santa Fe	14,491	73
San Miguel	20,863	15
Taos	42	2
Total	41,785	97



Remembering Theo Raven

We received notification in early January that Theodora Ruthling Raven had left a \$25,000 bequest for SFCT in her will. She died November 29, 2019 at her home in Tesuque, leaving behind her devoted dogs, Amigo and Huey, and scores of dear friends and fans. She was 88 years old.

As Lisa “Poohy” Dendahl, a longtime neighbor, said, “She was an iconic Santa Fean and touched the hearts of anyone who knew her. Her web of friends (humans and dogs alike) is enormous and come from so many facets of an interesting and very enriched life.”

Theo was born in 1934, three years after her mother, Helene Ruthling, better known as “Ma,” came to New Mexico to be the governess for the children of Mabel Dodge Luhan. Theo was born in the same house that she died in, living in Tesuque – except for a ten year stint when she moved to Seattle with her husband, Peter Raven – for almost 80 years. During WWII, Ma took care of children at their Tesuque home called Rancho Arroyo, and Theo and her twin brothers, Ford and Carleton, helped run things by working on the farm, taking care of the animals and making cider from the apple orchard. Her love of animals was renowned, especially dogs, and in addition to the gift to SFCT, she left dozens of other bequests to animal rights groups, shelters and other nonprofits serving animals.

But she was perhaps even better known for the store that she ran with Ma called Doodlet’s. After graduating from Santa Fe High in 1949, Theo worked at a sandwich shop in Prince Plaza where the Shed Restaurant is now located. Theo noticed a retail shop there, run by two women, and one of them reportedly liked to sit in front of the store and read books all day. “I thought that was a terrific way to make a living,” Theo said in an article. When the store went up for sale in 1955, Theo, with the help of Ma, borrowed some money, bought it and renamed it Doodlet’s Christmas Shop. Doodlet was Theo’s nickname, given to her by Will Shuster, an artist and member of Los Cinco Pintores, who also created Zozobra.

In 1967, Theo bought the building on the corner of Don Gaspar and Water Street and moved Doodlet’s there. The Old Santa Fe Association said the building was built in the 1870s. The downstairs store area is a triple adobe, the second story a double adobe, and the third floor, built later, is frame. To



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the west where the Shop of the Pampered Maiden is, was a one story adobe, and the second and third stories were added of frame construction. In 1908, the buildings were joined and became the Hotel Normadie. In 1912, it was renamed the Montezuma Hotel, and it stretched up to San Francisco Street, formed a ‘U’ and had livery stables near the open west end. When Theo bought it, she called it the Helen Marshall Building after the previous owner, the sister of Laughlin Barker. Theo won an award for her careful renovation of it in 2008.

Going forward, though, that building will be known as the Doodlet’s Building. Theo’s whimsical and quirky taste filled it with everything from toys, to folk art, to candy, cards, aprons, housewares, and those wonderful goose lights. Theo’s vision for the store was all about delight. You could find Theo, her twinkling blue eyes and her signature braid at the store that she ran for more than 50 years, until she retired and sold it in 2010.

Theo made an indelible imprint on Santa Fe, and her bequest to SFCT helps to insure that the places we all love will be forever protected, keeping the spirit of Santa Fe that Theo so positively impacted alive and well for future generations to enjoy.



Like Theo, Please Include SFCT in Your Estate Plan

Does your connection to the land sustain, enrich and inspire you? Are you concerned about access to nature for your children and grandchildren? Including SFCT in your will is easy to do and will ensure that the land, trails and skies of northern New Mexico will be protected for future generations. Let us know if we are in your will or estate plan, and you'll become a member of the Atalaya Legacy Society. You'll be invited to an annual lunch for insider updates on our work and, if you wish, be acknowledged in our publications. There are numerous options to consider. Look online at sfct.org/planned-giving, which outlines ways you can include SFCT in your estate plans. As we protect land, for everyone, forever we depend on, and are grateful for, your support today and in the future. Gifts of any size are welcomed and deeply appreciated!

Left: Theo, Amigo and Huey.

Below: Theo was often seen driving, maybe a little too fast, in her 1967 Impala Sport convertible. Photo courtesy of Poohy Dendhal





Your Donation Preserves the Places We All Love and Need!

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust depends on your generous support to ensure our land, trails and sky are protected for future generations. There are as many ways to give as there are needs to be met. And every gift is appreciated and needed. Please use the envelope provided and send in your donation today. Gifts can also be made online at sfct.org/donate.

Types of Giving

Outright Gifts

Donations can be made in the form of cash, checks, stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, real estate and personal property. Please contact SFCT at (505) 989-7019 for stock transfer instructions.

Pledges

Your gift can be paid over one year or several years. You can specify when payments will begin and the frequency of payments (i.e., quarterly, semi-annually or annually).

Sustaining Member Gifts

A recurring monthly gift starting at just \$10 a month might be easier on your budget. Plus it gives SFCT the security of a steady, reliable stream of operating support.

Here's how easy it is to become a Sustaining Member:

- Choose the amount that you want to contribute every month.
- Decide if you want to use a credit card or your checking account.

If your life changes, you can choose to increase, decrease or suspend your monthly gift. All you have to do is check the box on the envelope, call us at (505) 989-7019 or go to sfct.org/donate.

Matching Gifts

Does your company offer a Matching Gifts Program? If they do, submit their form with your donation.

In-Kind

We also accept in-kind donations. Please contact us for a list of needs.

Volunteers

SFCT has many volunteer opportunities: on programs, in the office, on our events, and doing trail maintenance. If you'd like to make a gift of your time, please contact us.

Designate SFCT for your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA

Age may just be a number, but if that number is 72 (or higher!) you can now make your required minimum distribution a tax-free gift to SFCT directly from your IRA. This gift will not count as taxable income for you, and will make an amazing impact preserving the land you love. Please contact your financial advisor for details and thank you!

Top and Below: *Cylindropuntia Viridiflora*, Santa Fe Cholla



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Left: Charmay Allred at the Stewart Udall Dinner, circa 2002.
Right: Charmay and Sarah Noss at the 2019 Community Conservation Celebration.

Charmay Allred 1937 - 2020

If you read the local paper, you know what a huge impact Charmay Allred had on the community. She died on April 8th in Santa Fe. There were tributes to her from many arts and educational nonprofits, but Charmay was also a conservationist who cared deeply about the land and the work of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust. Her affiliation with us started 24 years ago and continued every year since then. She was a guiding light for our Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner--as former board member Peter Chapin said, "giving advice, money and table decorations, then always buying two tables and bringing all her famous political friends to our party." Peter said he first met her on a petroglyph hike and most recently had seen her at a Conservation Voters New Mexico dinner, where they sat together enjoying each other's company, "but when the rich and famous came over to say hi to Charmay, we were completely ignored," he laughed. Charmay had a great sense of humor. She loved to say "cook" was a four letter word at our lunches together. She always got there first, paid the bill, orchestrated the meal, agreed to help in whatever way she could, and left after 45-minutes, forcing us to have dessert in her absence. Quick, efficient, and as another former board member, Connie Bright, said, "definitely one of the most generous people I've ever encountered in Santa Fe." All of us at SFCT feel fortunate to have known her!

Below: 2019 Community Conservation Celebration Dinner Event Committee and Volunteers. Top row, from left to right: Gary Bass, Joanne Smogor (staff), Pam Walker, Laura Malone, Sarah Noss (staff). Middle row: Jill Hutchinson-Bass, Elaine Jenkins, Nancy Cook (board), Jacqueline Hartley, Connie Bright, Tamara Prochorchik. Bottom row: Maggie Odell. Not pictured: Brooks Bollman, Mike Gravel, Ann Mac Vicar, Craig O'Hare, Mary Ellen Richardson and Linda Zingle.



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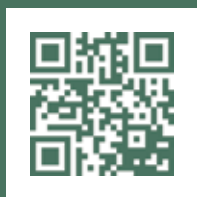
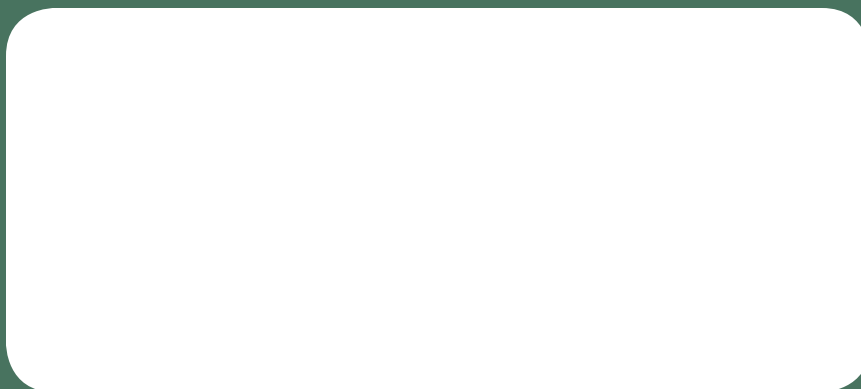
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