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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kaixo denari!

Often, it's the simplest events that are the most memorable. In late June, Sherry Morrison organized a gathering of club members and friends at Cosmo Tapas on Nob Hill in Albuquerque. I'll admit, I was a little apprehensive because Tapas restaurants in the US just aren't the same as they are in the Basque Country. However, new friends, great food, and more than one bottle of sagardoak – hard Basque cider – made for a great evening. And this is one of the principle motivators for NMEE: sharing the Basque culture by bringing people together.



Our picnic was scheduled for August 21. Due to the extreme fire season, the site where we were intending to hold the picnic, Hyde Park, is closed. We have decided to cancel the picnic at Hyde Park and rather hold a potluck this autumn where we will serve the traditional chorizo and have another great time.

Even so, August will still be very “Basque” in New Mexico; We will have a Basque language class on August 25, a cooking class on August 28, and we are still planning a Basque movie night where we hope to see your interpretation of “Basque popcorn.”

That said, we have scaled back a bit in our ambitions this year, a consequence of the busy lives all of the volunteers live. We can certainly use new blood as we continue in our mission to preserve and promote the Basque culture in New Mexico, especially as we try to explore the Basque history of New Mexico. If you have the time and inclination to help out, please contact us!

Personally, I hope to see everyone at one or another of our events the remainder of the year!

Ondo izan!

Blas
2011 NMEE President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Picnic

Cancelled due to fire danger – an autumn potluck will be held in its place, see below -

Euskara Lesson

Thursday, Aug 25
7-9pm in Santa Fe
See page 3

Cooking Class

Sunday, Aug 28
5pm in Santa Fe
See page 2

Isaba Immigrant Celebration

Sept 30 - Oct 3
See page 4 and insert

Autumn Potluck

Date TBD
We need a location!
Contact Blas at
blas@buber.net or
505.670.9642 to host

Basque Film

Date TBD
See page 3

Tapas & Wine Fundraiser!

July or Aug 2012
See page 4

Additional event information
on www.buber.net/NMEE

MEMBER PORTRAIT

By Tricia Erazo Penn



Roger Martínez y Mondragón learned that Mondragón was a Basque name while visiting Guatemala and speaking to a Spaniard. His family came to New Mexico during the DeVargas resettlement. Born in Embudo and raised in Taos, Roger went to the College of Santa Fe and lived in Santa Fe for 20 years, working as a counselor in addiction counseling. The health of his father drew him back to Taos 6 years ago. He “dusted off his camera” and turned to photography, his love since the age of 10, having his own 110 camera, then upgrading his camera and joining his college yearbook staff his junior year at CSF. Only in the last year and a half has he added painting to his media work.

Roger so impressed others with his photography that he was selected to participate in Santa Fe’s Spanish Market on his first attempt, and this is now his third year with the Market. As with many artists, Roger supplements his income with other work. He has been called upon to do subbing and other administrative tasks for the Taos Public Schools. He just recently became a Docent at the Martinez Hacienda Museum. This 20-year old museum was the home of Padre Martinez, a local icon. It allows Roger to participate in both art and history.

Roger is NMEE’s current past-president. He has been a member of NMEE since its first Tapas event. He has visited Spain, the Basque country, and even the town of Mondragón. In fact, Roger has been invited to show his work in various regions of Spain, and hopes to do so. Since 1986, Roger’s photography has shown in several galleries in Taos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Madrid, Los Lunas, Las Cruces, and now in Colorado. He has a gallery of his own: Sweet Dreamz mARTinez Gallery in Rinconada. He hopes to see you there!

A COOKING CLASS WITH CHEF DIANE PERKINS

Sunday Aug. 28th, 2011
5:00pm in Santa Fe



Many of you know Chef Diane Perkins’ delicious Gateau Basque from our Tapas Fundraiser. It is with great pleasure we announce that she will be teaching our next cooking class.

We will learn two classic sauces, an eggless ali oli and a picada to accompany grilled vegetables, fish, and meat. And for dessert? You guessed it, a French Gateau Basque!

What is the difference between the Spanish and the French Gateau Basque? Come to our cooking class to learn more!

\$75 for non-members
\$50 for members (\$25 savings!)

Reservation & advance payment required.

To sign up contact us at:
nmeecookingclass@gmail.com
or (505) 490-6461

MEMBERS

Election information for the 2012 calendar year will be sent to your homes in the early autumn.

Ensure your membership dues are paid by the end of July if you want to run for office or vote in the upcoming election for the Board and bylaw changes.

BASQUE NEWS

Over the last year, the three capitals of the Basque Autonomous Community (BAC) have been chosen for special honors. Bilbao, the capital of Bizkaia, was chosen as the first city to receive the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize, dubbed as the Nobel Prize for cities. Bilbao was chosen because of its efforts to revitalize itself, renewing the city from its industrial past. Donostia (aka San Sebastian), capital of Gipuzkoa, will be a Capital of Culture for Europe in 2016. That year, Donostia will host events that highlight the cultural heritage of Europe. And Vitoria-Gasteiz, capital of Araba and of the BAC, has been recognized as the 2012 European Green Capital for its environmental polities, including public spaces and transportation. Zorionak to the Basque Country!

BASQUE FILM NIGHT



We are still planning a screening of the film Aupa Etxebeste! About a Basque businessman who can't afford the traditional summer vacation, the comedy is another great opportunity to get a glimpse into the Basque language and life in the Basque Country. We hope to announce a location soon. As part of the movie night, we want to see what you do with the idea of "Basque popcorn!" If you have an interesting idea for "Basque popcorn," get it ready for our movie night!



EUSKARA LANGUAGE LESSONS

Probably the key-identifying feature of the Basques is their language. It is what truly sets them apart. Taking some cues from other clubs, in particular Seattle and San Francisco, we would like to incorporate more Euskara into our activities. To this end, we will be providing basic language lessons.

On August 25, from 7-9, Karen Squires and Blas Uberuaga will teach an introductory class on Euskara, the Basque language. The aim is to give people a feel for the language and some basic vocabulary. The class will be free and held at the Santa Fe Whole Foods Community Room on Cerrillos.

If the interest holds, we will hold additional classes that delve a bit more into Euskara, at least as far as the knowledge of the instructors allows.

To assist us in our planning, please RSVP to nmee@buber.net or 505.670.9642 if you are interested in participating.

BUBER-TIK

By Blas Pedro Uberuaga

A few years back, I, along with my parents, brothers, and our wives, went to the Basque Country. It was the first visit for many of us. We were a band of 7, a little too big for dealing with hotels and moving from city to city. Plus, we wanted to experience the Basque countryside as much as possible. So, we opted for an agroturismo, a Basque farmhouse or baserria that has been converted into a guesthouse and rented to large groups. Staying at one of these guesthouses just outside of my dad's home town of Munitibar let us prepare and eat meals together, gave us a base of operations to explore the Basque Country, and even let us do mundane tasks such as laundry. It was a great way to experience the Basque Country and, if you are planning a trip any time soon, you might consider one of these. A great website to find these guesthouses is <http://www.nekatur.net/>

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HISTORICAL STUDY

As we described in our spring newsletter, NMEE would like to explore the Basque history of New Mexico. To that end, we would like to hear from you. Let's begin small. Tell us about your Basque history, the history of your Basque family in New Mexico. Send a short paragraph to include in our future newsletter. Tell us about *your* history!

TAPAS & WINE 2012

The committee has begun its work on our flagship event and fundraiser, and we have some exciting changes in store for you! The event will likely be simpler and smaller, but we still need volunteers to make the evening a success. Contact us at nmeenews@buber.net or 505.471.6474 if you are interested in lending a hand.

ESKERRIK ASKO

To Tircio Romero and Tricia Erazo Penn for their recent generous donations to NMEE!

To Sherry Morrison and Cosmo Tapas in Albuquerque for a wonderful evening!

ISABA IMMIGRANT REUNION Sept 30 - Oct 3, 2011

Last year, a group of descendants of emigrants from Isaba, Navarre, Spain met in Isaba with distant cousins they never knew they had. They met with the descendants of those brothers and sisters of their ancestors who stayed in Isaba. They saw the houses their ancestors came from, walked the same streets, and enjoyed the same way of life, though briefly, their ancestors enjoyed before trekking to the United States. This time, it is New Mexico's turn to host those whose ancestors stayed behind. From September 30 to October 3, a group of Basques from Isaba will visit New Mexico and learn about this distant land their cousins left for in search of a new life.

30 Sept. (Friday) - Conferences & institutional Reception (NHCC) - Brotherhood food

1 Oct. (Saturday) - Coffee at Victor Perez Ranch, Tour Vaughn, and
"Cowboy Day" at Ramon Perez Jr. Ranch (see enclosure)

2 Oct. (Sunday) - Balloon Fiesta, Rancho de Las Golondrinas, & Santa Fe

We hope you will join us!

RSVP: Because food will be available for purchase at most of these events your prompt response is appreciated.
RSVP for some or all of the events at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/72M8SP3>

Contact Deanna Pérez with event questions: deecole@plateautel.net / home: 575-355-7527 / cell: 575-760-3864
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