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Rendezvous 2014 Scheduled for September 18-20 at Larned, Kansas

The Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous will be held on September 18 - 20, 2014, in Larned, Kansas. The theme "Hispanics and the Road to Santa Fe" was chosen as a way to examine the interaction and blending of cultures that occurred along the Trail, with particular focus on how the Hispanic culture was affected as well as how the Hispanics influenced other cultures.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 18

- 8:00 a.m. SFTA Board Meeting at SFTC (open to the public)
- 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rendezvous Registration at Santa Fe Trail Center
- 5:30 p.m. Opening Event: Dedication of Facundo Melgares Monument, Dinner, Dr. Leo Oliva program at Santa Fe Trail Center
- 6:30 p.m. Topic: "Our Friend Melgares' Spaniards and Mexicans and the Santa Fe Road"



Friday, September 19

- 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration at Larned Community Center
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Welcome and introductions at the Larned Community Center
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Introduction to theme – Dr. Michael Olsen
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Susan Boyle. Topic: "Traders and Merchants: The Early Years of the Santa Fe Trail"
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee break
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Robert Torrez. Topic: "Mexican Trade Laws"
- 11:30 – 11:45 p.m. Panel session with the morning speakers. Dr. Michael Olsen, Facilitator
- 11:45 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch at Community Center
- 1:15 p.m. Depart for on-site presentation in Lyons, KS
- 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. In Lyons, we will first visit the marker commemorating the murder of Antonio Chavez then proceed to the Coronado Quivira Museum, Speaker: Tony Juarez, a descendant of Antonio Chavez. Topic: "The Antonio Chavez Murder"
- 6:00 p.m. Return to Larned Community Center
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner, speaker and SFTA Hall of Fame inductions and awards
Speaker: Van Ann Moore. Topic: "Dona Tules – first person interpretation of the most colorful, independent, wealthy and influential woman in New Mexican history"

Saturday, September 20

- 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration at Larned Community Center
- 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. SFTA membership meeting
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Doyle Daves. Topic: "They Came Over the Santa Trail from Missouri and Established Families in New Mexico"
- 11:00-11:30 am Coffee break
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Speaker: Marcus Gottschalk. Topic: "Trade During the American Era of the Santa Fe Road"
- 12:30 – 12:45 p.m. Panel session with morning speakers. Dr. Michael Olsen, Facilitator
- 12:45 p.m. Depart for Fort Larned National Historic Site
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch at Fort Larned National Historic Site
Program: Ellen Jones will present educational trunk: "El Hombre"
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Alice Anne Thompson. Topic: "Hispanic Women and the Santa Fe Trail"
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Program: Dr. Michael Olsen. Topic: "Hispanics on the Central Plains – Then and Now"
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Afternoon at Fort Larned: special events such as living history volunteers
- 6:00 p.m. Retreat ceremony – Fort Larned NHS
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner and program in quartermaster storehouse
Speaker: Dr. David Sandoval. Topic: "The American Invasion of New Mexico and Mexican Merchants"

Registration forms will be mailed to SFTA members in August. You can also register online at www.santafetrail.org.

Rendezvous 2014 is hosted by the Santa Fe Trail Center Museum, Fort Larned National Historic Site and the Santa Fe Trail Association. Principal funding is provided by the Kansas Humanities Council with additional funding from the National Park Service through their partnership with the Santa Fe Trail Association.

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Registration Packets to be Mailed in August

By Beverly Howell

“Hispanics and the Road to Santa Fe” is the theme for this year’s Rendezvous seminar to be held in Larned, Kansas. Members of the Santa Fe Trail Association will receive registration materials by mail in August for Rendezvous 2014. Registration may also be done online at www.santafetrail.org.

In addition to the many prominent Santa Fe Trail historian speakers during the seminar, there will be three special additional presentations.

Friday afternoon’s bus tour will stop at the Chavez Historical Marker for a memorial ceremony. Tony Juarez will lay a wreath for all souls lost on the Trail, with David Sandoval providing a military escort in full Mexican militia dress, and Father Robert Spencer of Lyons performing a brief service. Time permitting, Tony will pres-

ent a short overview of the murder taken from court testimony, including the “drawing of the straws” to pick the executioner(s). His program will conclude at the Coronado Quivira Museum in Lyons. He will recap the Chavez marker information for those who do not travel to the memorial site.

During Saturday’s lunchtime at Fort Larned, using an educational trunk called “El Hombre,” Ellen Jones will tell the story of Julio, a twelve year old who travels the Trail with his merchant father. While the story has a “coming of age” theme, it also tells the story of Mexican involvement in Santa Fe trade. David Clapsaddle wrote the story and developed the contents of the trunk.

Dinner Saturday evening at the Larned Community Center will be followed by SFTA Hall of Fame inductions and awards. Then the audience will adjourn to the auditorium for a one woman music theatre performance by Van Ann Moore. Van Ann will present the historical character of

Dona Tules (Dona Maria Gertrudes Barcelo). This is a well-researched drama with music about a New Mexican woman of Spanish heritage who lived and worked in the Republic of Mexico’s Northern Province. A question and answer period will follow her performance. Van Ann Moore will be accompanied by Raul Gomez from Topeka, Kansas.

Principal funding for Rendezvous is once again provided by the Kansas Humanities Council. The KHC awarded the program \$7,795 which will be used to cover honoraria, travel and per diem for speakers, facilities rental and promotion of the Rendezvous seminar. Assistance for the 2014 Rendezvous is also provided by the National Trails System Intermountain Region of the National Park Service, Fort Larned National Historic Site, and the Santa Fe Trail Center. All support is appreciated.

For any questions regarding this year’s Rendezvous please contact the Santa Fe Trail Center at 620-285-2054 or e-mail museum@santafetrailcenter.com. ♦

Myers Collection Silent Auction Slated For Rendezvous

Attention members! A select number of books and other items from the Harry Myers Collection will be offered at Silent Auction during Rendezvous 2014 on September 19 and 20 in Larned, Kansas. SFTA’s Archives and Acquisitions Committee worked hard to review the massive donation from the Myers’ estate and to retain books for the collections relating to the historic period of the Santa Fe Trail. Harry loved books and had multiple copies of many of those he owned. Books offered for auction will be duplicates and those unrelated to SFTA’s collections. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used to promote and preserve the books, maps and other items in the Myers Collection. All those attending Rendezvous will have an equal opportunity to bid on the items of their choosing. The auction will take place at the Larned Community Center on Friday and Saturday mornings during the seminar. The bidding will end after the morning coffee break on Saturday.

Some of the topics of books to be offered include American Indian, Lewis and Clark, New Mexico travel, Billy the Kid, pre-trail Spanish influence, Southwest history, Western art and artists, and books on steamboats, a favorite topic

of Harry’s. Other topics include Tony Hillerman novels, WWII, the JFK assassination, astronomy and the Manhattan Project. It is likely to take more than one silent auction to offer all of the remaining publications to the membership.

Harry was an avid researcher and had many copies of historic maps and prints. Many were obtained through the Library of Congress as well as other institutions. Multiple copies of some of the maps were found with his papers. A number of these map copies will be offered as well as both historic prints and sketches.

Harry Myers was important to the Santa Fe Trail Association during his rather brief time as the Association’s Manager. Harry as an individual, with his persistence to dig out the most elusive information about Santa Fe Trail history, will be missed forever by all of us. We are honored to have his books and other research materials in the collections of the Santa Fe Trail Association and we believe that Harry would approve of our offering duplicates and unrelated materials to the SFTA membership. And so, on Harry’s behalf, we wish you all good luck in your bidding. ♦