

OPEN SPACE newsletter



Mayor Richard J. Berry

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Happy Trails to You: Assistant Superintendent Tony Barron Retires After 32 Years

Tony Barron, Assistant Open Space Superintendent, started working for the City's Parks and Recreation Department on November 15th, 1982. He will be retiring this fall. Here, Tony recounts some of his early experiences at the Open Space Division.

The Open Space Division has come a long way since its birth in 1984. Tony Barron, now the Division's Assistant Superintendent, began working for the City's Parks and Recreation Department on November 15th, 1982. At that time, Tony, Jay Hart (now Parks and Recreation Director for Rio Rancho), Tim Purtell and a small band of Parks employees were tasked with managing lands which now form the cornerstones of the Open Space system. These properties included parts of the Sandia Foothills, several East Mountain properties, the Rio Grande Bosque, the Volcanoes, and other sections of what is now the Petroglyph National Monument, among others. Before the formation of the Division these properties were managed under the "Regional Parks Program" of the Parks and Recreation Department.

In 1984 the City found the need to create a new Division within Parks and Recreation to manage the increasing number of protected areas and Open Space preserves in and around Albuquerque.

With the purchase of a secondhand trailer and the declaration of "grab your stuff, fix up that trailer and move in there," the Open Space Division was born. The trailer, parked at the City's Pino Yards facility near San Antonio and I-25, served as a tool shed, meeting room, and office. "Most of our good tools were 'borrowed' by other Parks and Recreation staff. We didn't have much of anything to start with," says Tony. Tony also recalls the first City vehicles issued to the Division.

"My first vehicle was number 1303. When I revved it up after stopping at an intersection a huge cloud of smoke came out of the tailpipe." His second vehicle was an old Datsun truck. "It had a scary backfiring problem," Tony recalls. In 1983 the State Legislature created the Rio Grande Valley State Park, a protected preserve consisting of 4,300 acres of riverside cottonwood forest that extends from Sandia Pueblo in the north through Albuquerque and south to Isleta Pueblo. The preserve is co-managed between the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and the Open Space Division. **(Continued on Page 3.....)**





Fall in Open Space....

A Message from the Open Space Alliance

If you love Albuquerque's Open Spaces, you must stop by the **Open Space Gift Shop** at the Open Space Visitor Center (OSVC.) Under the management of Kristy Anderson, it has blossomed into an unusual shop that carries environmentally friendly products, many which have direct ties to the Bosque and OSVC. You'll find seeds from OSVC gardens; garden irrigators made by an OSVC volunteer; bee wraps that replace plastic kitchen wrap; animals/insects representing wildlife found in our open spaces, and stools and benches handcrafted from reclaimed wood from the Bosque. Many visitors have said they'll be doing their holiday shopping at the shop, and we couldn't be more pleased. The philosophy behind

this "Shop Beyond the Ordinary" is to offer items unique to the nearly 30,000 acres of open space. *But only on weekends!* as the shop is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The phone number is 358-8270.

In other news, the OSA has a busy autumn ahead that started September 14th with the Urban Farm and Harvest Festival. Kids and adults went on hayrides, tasted freshly pressed apple cider, and petted alpacas and miniature goats. Music filled the air while magicians and jugglers entertained. Beekeepers demonstrated how beehives become homes for our most precious of pollinators, and chefs cooked up scrumptious local produce for tasting. OSA volunteers gratefully accepted donations from happy event-goers eager to support the OSVC and all it offers.

Later this fall, the OSA is partnering with the city and other groups for the *Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds*. The kickoff event on October 5th was a geocache. If you're not familiar with a geocache, think of it as a treasure hunt using GPS to find and leave behind little treasures for the next person to find. Birders and geocachers from across the nation are invited as Albuquerque makes its way to being a national birding center. If you haven't heard, Albuquerque is host of the *National Wilderness Conference* celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the National Wilderness Act signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. This is the first national gathering of the wilderness community in 25 years, so we're excited to have a table on October 16-17 to introduce open space lands and the work of the Alliance. The conference will be held October 15-19 at the Hyatt Regency, ABQ Convention Center, Civic Plaza, KiMo Theatre.

November 15-16 is the OSVC's annual *Sandhill Crane Festival* celebrating this most revered bird. The Gift Shop will be selling the OSVC's exclusive crane t-shirt. Or you can get yours any weekend since we sell it year-around. It's pre-shrunk, 100% cotton, and just \$15. (By the way, did you know as an OSA member you get 10% off all OSGS purchases?) The OSA needs new board members who will bring new ideas and energy to our projects. We meet the third Thursday evening of each month. We need you to help us with various projects. May we count on you? Finally, please join us at a fund-raiser at B2B (Beers to Burgers), 3118 Central SE, all day on *December 14th*. We're hoping all OSDers, OSAers, OSVCers, friends and families will make this a big money maker for Open Space.



Sincerely, Sallie McCarthy

Assistant Superintendent Tony Barron Retires (.....Continued from page 2)



Before the Open Space Division had even formed Parks Director Orlie Sedillo assigned Tony with an enormous challenge. A quick order of “clean up the Bosque” came from his superiors. And so, with a rough and tumble crew of about ten people, a few tools and trash bags they set out to clean up a 20 mile stretch of unfenced, unprotected riverside forest. “The crew was hand picked by the Parks Department. They were covered in tattoos and some of them just looked plain mean. Those were some rough individuals,” recalls Tony. Tony remembers that the Rio Grande Bosque of the 1980s was nothing like the Bosque of today. It did indeed serve many recreational purposes, but few of those were legal. Being unfenced and easily accessible, many people also considered it a much more convenient place to dump trash and old cars than the official City dump.

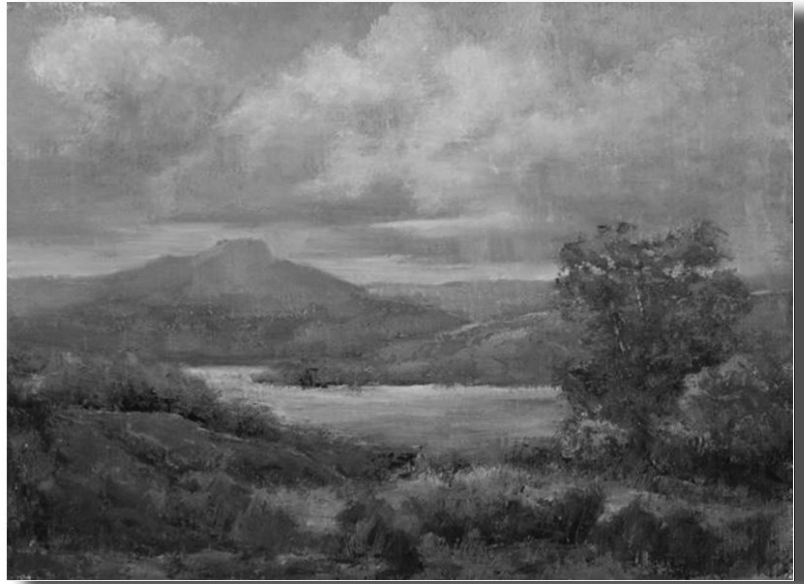
So, the intrepid team headed off into the Bosque. After days of removing garbage and returning to find the same areas filled up again and again with trash, it was clear that their efforts would be fruitless unless the Bosque was fenced and protected. With limited money and equipment, Tony says he was able to assemble rudimentary gates at major access points using guard rails and recycled materials donated by the State Highway Department and local businesses. Tony recalls that the Central Avenue Bosque gate was the first one he ever installed. However, many members of the public were less than receptive to having their garbage dumps, makeout spots and party places cut off. But with those first few gates Tony and crew were able to finally make headway on restoring this precious natural resource. Later, with help from the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and other local organizations, the Bosque continued to improve in appearance and health. With fenced boundaries and no vehicle access, horseback riders, hikers, fishermen, and families started to venture into what was before an eyesore and an unsavory locale. In addition to fencing and securing the Bosque, Tony is responsible for perfecting the technique of “pole planting” young cottonwoods for reforestation and has overseen more than 20,000 new trees planted in the Bosque. (see page 5)

These days the Bosque contains amenities such as naturally surfaced hiking and equestrian trails, fishing piers, paved bicycle paths and picnic areas. Thousands of people now visit the Bosque each year for bird watching, hiking, bicycling, and other (legal) activities. The citizens of Albuquerque and New Mexico have come to recognize our Bosque as a true natural jewel of our City and State. So, next time you see Tony, make sure you thank him for all the hard work he and the first employees of Open Space did in the early days! Those who were around back then know just how far we’ve come!

Welcome New Open Space Division Employees!

Open Space has a new Assistant Superintendent, Mark Chavez. Mark has worked both with Bernalillo County and Rio Rancho in their Parks and Recreation Programs, helping get Bernalillo County’s own Open Space Program started. Sarah Browne started in September as a new Associate Planner. Sarah Browne comes to us from working as an environmental consultant and community planner for the past eight years. Sarah also was an intern for Open Space nine years ago and is happy to be back in the division as an Associate Planner. She is an Albuquerque native who grew up playing in the bosque and hiking in the mountains. Her background also consists of environmental education and working at small-scale community supported agriculture farms. Stanley Duran started this summer with the Operations and Maintenance crew, and John Keliiaa and Kevin Slagle joined the Division as Park Attendants. WELCOME ABOARD!!!

Enchanted Lands: Celebrating New Mexico Public Lands



What: The City of Albuquerque Parks & Recreation Department's Open Space Visitor Center and Plein Air Painters of New Mexico present "Enchanted Lands: Celebrating New Mexico Public Lands."

When: Sep 06, 2014 - Oct 26, 2014

Where: Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120.
505-897-8831

It is difficult to argue with the state's motto "Land of Enchantment" when traveling New Mexico. Alpine ridges dive into deep gorges, cool cottonwood forests dissolve into hot plateaus, and mesas showing the stories of New Mexico through the many geologic layers.

New Mexico's landscape is dramatic and its beauty can't be denied. Fortunately, millions of acres of these soaring landscapes are within the public domain and accessible for our enjoyment. In celebration of New Mexico's unique landscapes and in recognition of National Public Lands Day, taking place Sept. 27, and the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, Plein Air Painters of New Mexico (PAPNM) is curating a special plein-air exhibit featuring New Mexico public lands.

The Open Space Visitor Center Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Entry is free.

Get Into Open Space with Pole Planting Bosque Reforestation Projects

~by Bill Pentler



It's Pole Planting time again. Pole planting is when we take long straight branches or "poles" from cottonwood and willow trees and set them into the ground to grow in deforested areas of the bosque.

Each winter, the Division works with dozens of schools, businesses and local organizations to reforest sections of the Rio Grande Valley State Park. In the midst of a drought finding areas where we can reach the water table or moist wet soil without having to dig beyond our means is a bit tricky but we have a few places in mind and things are gearing up to be a fine season.

The planting projects occur during the winter months (January through March) as the trees are dormant or sleeping. We can harvest and work with them at this time without doing any damage or harm such as putting the trees into shock. This creates a very short window of opportunity and with the popularity dates fill up quickly so call now to sign up your school or organization for a planting project.

To add to the rush, we have limited funds generously donated by **Keen** through a grant to the Open Space Alliance to provide a single bus for service projects for a class, grade, or school.

Please fill out the information at the website listed below for a "Get Into Open Space" scholarship or just contact Bill Pentler, 452-5222 or wpentler@cabq.gov if you don't need the transportation. See www.cabq.gov/openspace for more information.



Return of the Cranes Celebration Weekend



WHAT: In Albuquerque in the fall we celebrate one of our most beautiful and cherished seasonal visitors, the Sandhill Crane. Join us for a variety of activities that honor this unique creature.

WHEN: November 15th and 16th, 2014

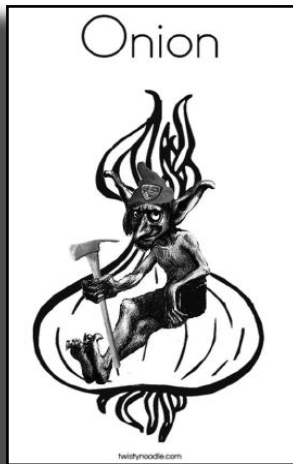
WHERE: Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors Rd. NW, 87120

One of the best places for watching the Sandhill Crane is the Open Space Visitor Center, which is located adjacent to farm fields managed by the Open Space Division as wildlife habitat. Since its official opening in 2006, the Visitor Center has become a haven for wildlife enthusiasts, as it allows for unique views of Sandhill Cranes and other bird species, with the spectacular backdrops of the Sandia Mountains and the Cottonwood forests of the Rio Grande. See www.cabq.gov/openspace for full details.

Sandhill Crane Fun Facts

- The Sandhill Crane could be the world's "oldest bird." In Nebraska, a crane fossil estimated to be about 10 million years old was found to have the identical structure as the modern Sandhill crane.
- Mated pairs of cranes stay together throughout the year. They migrate south as a family unit with their offspring.
- The average lifespan of a Sandhill Crane is 20 years.
- An adult crane can measure up to four feet tall!





La Cebolla del Duende: News from Duendelandia....

Open Space's Birthday Bash! The Open Space Division celebrated its 30th anniversary on Saturday, August 9. In addition to educational exhibits and a slide show of historic Open Space photos, visitors were also treated to the Open Space Side Show and Midway. Visitors were greeted at the side show by "The Bearded Park Attendant", they were also entertained by the "Incredible Shrinking Staff" and "Timmy the Coyote Boy". Fun and games were found at the midway including the popular "Tunnel of 311 Calls" in which visitors had to run a gauntlet of 311 complaints that had nothing to do with Open Space. Also popular was the "Paper Work Maze", hosted by our friends at HR and the "Water Rights Dry Ditch Log Flume", sponsored by our friends

at the Regional Irrigation District. Children especially enjoyed the "Dog Poop Slalom" complete with lunging off leashed dogs. Last but not least the "Dunk the Graffiti Vandal", sponsored by the Open Space Police was also a hit.

Dust Up at Summer Series: Education Program Intern Bob Gooseman received a slap in the face from local meteorologist April Zephyr and a reprimand from his supervisor after a Saturday evening talk about recent drought and sand storms. Bob had introduced Ms. Zephyr before the talk and at its conclusion commented, "Let's give April a round of applause. How many of you were excited by haboobs?" "It was all a misunderstanding! I was talking about the sand storms!" Bob exclaimed.

The Hills Are Alive ...Conspiracy theorist, Nancy Nuttel has been complaining to 311 that the Foothills are alive with the sound of music and it is keeping her awake at night even after adding 2 more layers of aluminum foil over her windows. Ms. Nuttel likens the strange music to the Taos Hum. Upon investigation Open Space staff found that the music is actually coming from Ms. Nuttel's neighbor who is a hearing impaired Mary Martin fan.

Social Workers to Check on Open Space Adoption Groups: Adopt -an -Open Space groups can expect to be visited by social workers to make sure they have not been neglecting their adopted trails. Groups found to be neglecting their adopted trails may find themselves the subject of an investigation by over zealous local investigative reporter Harry Wooffer.

Bad Hare Day at Open Space! Open Space Dispatch received several complaints from hikers at the Elena Gallegos concerning an angry rabbit who was kicking them in the shins with its hind legs. "He was hopping mad I tell you!," exclaimed hiker Harvey Stewart, a victim of the bad hare.

Special Agent Maddern: Open Space welcomes new Park Attendant Martin Maddern. Martin brings a wide range of experience from his time spent as a sniper with the Army Rangers. "I have the ability to remain still for long periods of time and I am skilled in the art of camouflage," said Martin.



Park Attendant Martin Maddern waits to greet visitors at the Elena Gallegos.

Photo courtesy of: wade-inpublishing.blogspot.com.

Fall Volunteer Opportunities



20th Annual DIA DEL RIO

Join the Open Space Division, the Open Space Alliance, the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park, REI and other local organizations for a variety of conservation projects that nurture and protect the *bosque* and river, including trail work, re-vegetation, and trash clean up. There will be activities appropriate for all ages.

WHEN: Saturday, October 18th from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Please arrive promptly at 8:30am to sign in and enjoy snacks provided our generous sponsors. Make sure to stick around for a fabulous prize drawing at the end of the event!

WHERE: Rio Grande Nature Center State Park, 2901 Candelaria NW, 87107. Parking is limited so PLEASE CARPOOL!

BRING: Gloves, sun protection, plenty of water, and a sack lunch. Free snacks will be provided during morning sign in.

REGISTER: Registration is required. Register online with REI at www.rei.com/albuquerque or by calling 247-1191. The first 80 people to pre-register will receive a free t-shirt the day of the event, courtesy of REI!

Organize your own clean up for Dia del Rio: Do you live near the bosque? Or do you have a favorite area near the river? Open Space will provide trash bags and haul off the collected trash. Call 452-5216 or email kswanson@cabq.gov to sign up your group for your own cleanup.

Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day is a national day of community service held annually at the end of October. Each year, volunteers throughout Albuquerque work to help improve the quality of life in our community through service projects. The Open Space Division and our partner organization the Nicodemus Wilderness Project participate in Make a Difference Day by organizing a variety of conservation activities that take place at the Piedra Lisa Open Space located at the end of Candelaria. Projects include trail maintenance, trail building, trash cleanup, graffiti removal, etc.

WHEN: October 25th, starting at 8:30 am and ending at 12:30pm.

WHERE: The Sandia Foothills parking area east of Tramway on Camino de la Sierra, just south of the east end of Candelaria.

REGISTER: Registration is required and space is limited! Register at www.centerfornonprofitexcellence.org.

The *Nicodemus Wilderness Project* is a worldwide organization based in Albuquerque and are the adopters of the Piedra Lisa Open Space. Their mission is “to protect wildlife and our environment and to build future conservation leaders by engaging youth in environmental stewardship projects worldwide”. Their program helps to elevate young people (especially at-risk and low-income kids and teens) into leadership roles by engaging them in environmental stewardship projects. For more information see www.wildernessproject.org. For more information about Make a Difference Day please call 452-5213 or email jsattler@cabq.gov.

Albuquerque Community Foundation Grant Update



This summer, the Albuquerque Community Foundation (ACF) awarded the Open Space Alliance a \$4,000 grant for conservation projects for 2014 and 2015. The goal for the projects funded by the ACF grant is to begin to mitigate severe erosion affecting areas of the Milne Open Space and the Placitas Open Space.

City Open Space staff and local citizens will directly benefit from the instruction they will gain during these three workshops by gaining skills to help protect fragile desert landscapes. The workshop attendees will then be able to pass on the skills to other citizens, volunteers, schools,

etc. The number of future volunteers who will benefit from OSD staff- and volunteer-led erosion control and revegetation workshops is limited only by time and staff availability. Additionally, the Open Space Division gets hundreds of requests from corporate, youth, school and other groups to participate in volunteer projects outside the regular cleanup and trail-building events.

Furthermore, the citizenry of the Albuquerque Metro Area, Placitas and anyone, in fact, who uses and values Open Space, benefits from proper care and management of their public lands.



The first workshop was offered to Open Space Division staff in September at the Milne Open Space. During the workshop fourteen employees of the Division and a graduate student from UNM's Community and Regional Planning Program learned techniques that will help these eroding lands to heal themselves.

Thanks to Jim Brooks and Alberto Lopez of Soilutions for their time, enthusiasm, and excellent work in collaborating on the workshops.

OPEN SPACE VISITOR CENTER (OSVC) EVENTS

OCTOBER 2014

EVERY SUNDAY, 9:00 AM: YOGA WITH A VIEW. Yoga with instructor Jenny Dominique. \$15.00; a portion of the fee benefits the Open Space Alliance.

ONGOING through October 26: Enchanted Lands: Celebrating New Mexico Public Lands.

October 18th, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM: BASIC BACKYARD COMPOSTING: Master Composters teach you the basics of composting.

NOVEMBER 2014

EVERY SUNDAY, 9:00 AM: YOGA WITH A VIEW. Yoga with instructor Jenny Dominique. \$15.00; a portion of the fee benefits the Open Space Alliance.

November 1ST, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Opening reception for REFLECT by the LUNA Project. The Luna Project, a collective of fifteen women artists, invites you to join them in reflection.

November 1ST, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM: STAR PARTY with TAAS. The Albuquerque Astronomical Society share their telescopes to look at the night sky.

November 2ND, 9:00 AM: GUIDED BOSQUE NATURE WALK. Registration is recommended.

November 8TH, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM: PRINTMAKING WITH PARTNERS. Work with a chosen partner to create monotypes, a popular contemporary printmaking process. \$15.00 per couple. Registration required. A LUNA project workshop.

November 8TH, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM: PET HEALTH FAIR. Animal Humane Society sponsors FREE pet vaccinations, microchipping and health care advice.

DECEMBER 2014

EVERY SUNDAY, 9:00 AM: YOGA WITH A VIEW. Yoga with instructor Jenny Dominique. \$15.00; a portion of the fee benefits the Open Space Alliance.

November 6TH, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: REFLECTING ON WILDERNESS: A WRITING WORKSHOP Join author-illustrator Betsy James for a workshop that matches the peaceful pace of the land. In the simplest of journals, with a range of writing/drawing instruments—yours to keep—come share ways to reflect on the quiet world. \$10.00 fee. Registration required.

November 7TH, 9:00 AM: GUIDED BOSQUE NATURE WALK. Registration is recommended.

November 13TH, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM: BASIC BACKYARD COMPOSTING. Master Composters teach you the basics of composting.

November 21ST, 10:00 AM: SOLSTICE MANDALA. Using seed and objects from nature, the community comes together to create a mandala in celebration of the winter solstice.

The Air

Out in Bosque by
the River
in open spaces,
there is air,
that sweet, quiet air
and most days
there are birds,
too numerous to even count,
in spite of great sound and song,
are welcome always.

Such freedom felt
in Bosque,
as anyone
who ever wandered, walked,
or dwelt among the alamos,
as any son
or daughter of Adam,
or even angel,
can perceive,

of all places,
that closeness to
the Creator
or whatever one may believe,
and one
has freedom from fear or drama,
and the indefinable quiet.

Whenever one is away,
by sea or plain,
the absence felt,
of high and dry
and that great, quiet air
among the alamos
which afford the chance
to pause and reflect,
Is much to bear.
Here,
there is air.

~
Anthony D. Jones

Open Space Alliance Fund-raiser at B2B!

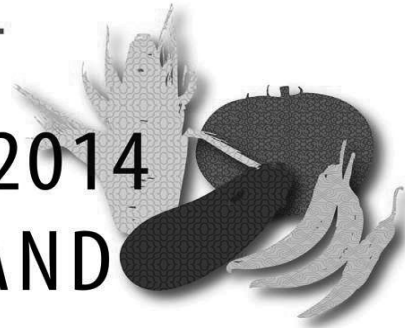
When: December 14th, 2014

What: Please join us at a fund-raiser at B2B (Beers to Burgers), 3118 Central SE, all day on *December 14th*. We're hoping all OSDers, OSAers, OSVCers, friends and families will make this a big money maker for Open Space. B2B is a great local restaurant that serves local beers and helps support non-profit organizations throughout the state.

A portion of sales on December 14th will help benefit the OSA and will fund conservation projects on City Open Space lands. The OSA and the OSD also want to thank B2B for sponsoring events such as National Trails Day, the spring cleanups in the Sandia Foot-hills, National Public Lands Day, Dia del Rio, and Make a Difference Day.



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 SOUTH VALLEY SOAP**

The Maze at Los Poblanos Fields is Back!



Rio Grande Community Farm (RGCF) has resurrected the long-standing tradition of the eight-acre Maize Maze featuring complex fractals, towering sorghum plants and family-friendly activities. Last year's drought hit us hard when our water was shut off, preventing the corn from reaching its full potential. Determined not to be thwarted twice we put our heads together and opted to sow our field with sorghum -- an environmentally sound crop that provides food for wildlife, uses less water and improves soil health of the fields. "The City of Albuquerque is excited to host this unique event that serves to edu-

cate the public about local agriculture while offering an enjoyable and exciting maze experience," said Mayor Richard Berry.

We couldn't have done it alone. As a non-profit, Rio Grande Community Farm is dependent on help for paying for daily expenses. Our invaluable partners -- the Fractal Foundation and the City of Albuquerque, Open Space Division -- contributed time, money and expertise in order to bring this fun, educational event to Albuquerque this fall. RGCF thanks the City Council for securing funding for irrigation for the Open Space farmland where the maze is located. RGCF especially would like to thank Councilor Isaac Benton for securing funding for water for the next two years.

When: The Fractal Maze will be open Fridays 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through October.

For the first time ever we're bringing a little more of a thrill to the fields with **Quarantine Collapse** -- an interactive zombie themed performance art troupe that brings the audience into the story. From Oct. 3 through Nov. 1 the undead will haunt the maze starting at dusk. Visit www.quarantineabq.com for more information. During the maze the farm will regularly host pumpkin painting, hay rides, food trucks, and educational fractal-themed activities. There will be a private Moonlight Maze on Oct. 8 from 7 to 10 p.m.

How much: Admission for the event are \$8/adults and \$5/kids (4-12 years old). Kids 3 and under are free. Tickets for Quarantine Collapse are \$20.

Where: Rio Grande Community Farm is conveniently located in the heart of Albuquerque at 1701 Montano Road NW in the Poblanos Fields Open Space. The entrance is 1.1 miles west of Fourth St NW. Turn north on Tierra Viva and park in the gravel lot to your left.

Duende Departures

The Open Space Division would like to give a special thank you to Forester Steve Ryan and Operations and Maintenance staff Steve Aragon. Both are leaving Open Space this fall. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Aragon have put in countless hours helping with projects in the bosque, foothills, and outlying Open Space properties. Dan Lucero, who has taken care of the Paseo del Bosque Trail and other Open Space properties, is also leaving this year. Buen Viaje! We'll miss you!



Thank You Urban Farm and Harvest Festival Partners!

On September 14th, over 800 people attended the Annual Urban Farm and Harvest Festival. Our thanks goes to our sponsors and partners.

Thanks to our presenters: Joran Viers; Tomoko Kase; Wildlife Rescue; Dara Saville; Brett Rimer and ABQ Alpacas. Thanks also to the Bernalillo County Extension Service, Maggie and Connie Gould and their awesome dwarf goats, and the Albuquerque area Master Gardeners for their contributions!

A big shout out to our great bands, Mezcla Latina, Last Call, and Sage Harrington and the Happy Gland Band, who provided awesome music for the day.



Volunteer with the Open Space Division!

Become a vital part of Open Space - become a volunteer!



TRAIL WATCH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (TWV):

Trail Watch Volunteers are the foundation of the volunteer program - essentially, all volunteers are trained to be Trail Watch. Trail Watch is ideal for those volunteers who enjoy using the trails. Often referred to as Open Space “eyes and ears”, these volunteers patrol areas of their choice and record observations, report problems and needs, and educate the public on proper resource use.

Contact *Jolynn Maestas* at jmaestas@cabq.gov or call 452-5207 to find out more!

Get involved in the Open Space Alliance *today* and contribute to the future of YOUR Open Space!

Your generous contribution to the Open Space Alliance supports OSA's mission of enhancing our quality of life through: heightening public awareness of Open Space lands; building and strengthening partnerships with groups who share Open Space values; promoting conservation, acquisition, and stewardship of Open Space lands; strengthening volunteerism and community outreach programs; and providing financial support.

For information about our current activities, contact Sallie McCarthy, OSA Board President, at mccarthy_sal@hotmail.com

To join, please fill out the information and return the form with your check or money order.

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