

Sessions:

Saturday, August 6

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Speaker, Nasario Garcia – *Memorable Portraits of our Venerable Viejitos of Northern New Mexico*- Banquet Room -Dr. Garcia will use black and white portraits highlighting the philosophy of our elders, their philosophy of life, wisdom, sense of humor, and other personal attributes to underscore the legacy each has left behind.

10:45 – Noon

Session #1 Dr. Ronald Maestas- *Lucero de Godoy Family* – Banquet room

Pedro Lucero de Godoy, considered the progenitor of New Mexico, was born before 1680 in Mexico City. He married (1) Petronila de Zamora, daughter of Bartolome Montoya and Maria de Zamora, (2) Francisca Gomez de Robledo. This presentation looks at all family members as Dr. Maestas is related on each side. The presentation will also give an overview of the Spanish Archives of New Mexico (SANM), an outstanding research tool.

Session #2 Donie Nelson –*The Heck with New Mexico, We are going to California* - Conservatory While most New Mexico researchers focus on the families who came to New Mexico from Zacatecas, Mexico City, Cuba, the Canary Island and back to Spain, Donie Nelson has focused her research on her ancestors who left New Mexico for the golden state: California. And, though many New Mexicans claim California as their home, most came to California in the 1940s. Donie's presentation will focus on a group of New Mexicans who came to California a century earlier: in the 1840s.

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Session #1 – DNA Webinar with Elise Friedman *Genetic Genealogy Demystified: Reading and Understanding Your Y-DNA and MtDNA Results*– Banquet Room

Join us to learn how to read and understand your Y-DNA and mtDNA results from Family Tree DNA. We'll review DNA basics, tour the myFTDNA account, discuss how to interpret your Y-DNA and mtDNA matches, and explain what your raw Y-DNA and mtDNA results mean. We'll also discuss ways to make the most of your genetic genealogy testing experience at Family Tree DNA

Session #2 – Gloria Cordova – *Dancing on the Loom, the New Mexico Historic Women Marker Initiative* Conservatory - The New Mexico Historic Women Marker Initiative was founded in 2005 by members of the New Mexico Women's Forum in a statewide effort to recognize women's contributions to New Mexico history on the State's Official Scenic Historic Markers. The Initiative ensures that women's diverse histories will be remembered and told and will inspire and provide a guide for future generations. The 2006 Legislature funded the project. Fortunately, there are Latina/Hispanic women included among these women. Dr. Gloria Cordova presents an overview of these Latinas, noting who they are and where their markers can be found.

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. Dr. Richard Nostrand – *Preserving & Rebuilding the El Cerrito Schoolhouse with Authentic Adobe* – Conservatory

Dr. Nostrand's presentation will be about The El Cerrito Schoolhouse - In 1882, El Cerrito villagers built a schoolhouse. It served as a grade school (1-8), but also as a place to meet, to vote, and to hold dances. In 1950-51, only nine students attended, and San Miguel County closed the school and sold the schoolhouse and its lot to the Torrez family. About 1958, a fire

destroyed much of the building. In 1982, Dr. Nostrand purchased the schoolhouse lot, but rebuilding the structure did not get underway until 2005. He is rebuilding the schoolhouse with adobe and as authentically as they can, with the purpose of setting an example in historical preservation.

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. Session II

Virginia Vigil – Salon A

Virginia will have a living history exhibit set up in Salon A depicting the important role women played in their families survival. Please visit the exhibit on Saturday. On Sunday she will make a presentation entitled “Women’s Labors as the Key to Frontier Family Survival.”

6:30 p.m. Banquet & Entertainment (dress as your ancestor if you desire – wear a name tag of your ancestor) Speaker: Jesus Lopez, Board of Regents appointee, Highlands University, Topic: *A historical perspective of Las Vegas, New Mexico.*

Entertainment: Award Winning guitarist and Native American Flute – Ron Roybal

Sunday – August 7

9:00 – 10:00 – Session 1 George Sanchez - *Did my Eighth Grandfather, Santiago Gurule draw that ship?* Banquet room

At this year's conference George A. Sanchez will share an extraordinary story about the question "Did my Eighth grandfather, Santiago Gurule draw that ship?" The ship in question is on the cover of *The Threads of Memory (El Hilo De La Memoria)*. Mr. Sanchez has become the human bridge to the painting of the ship "La Belle", done over three hundred years ago, that is the log for the *Threads of Memory* exhibit. Descended not only from one of the two Frenchmen who survived the ill fated La Salle expedition, but also from one of the Spanish soldiers who supported the American Revolution of 1776, Mr. Sanchez will tell the exciting story of how he has been able to trace his ancestry and the history he has discovered along the way.

Session 2 Linda Serna – *Hints for more effective research* – Conservatory

Do you sometimes feel like you are at a dead end in your research or you become overwhelmed with all the information out there. Linda will give you ideas for maximizing research before you go to a repository, when you are there, and after you come home. Her talk intersperses specific examples along with practical ideas.

10:45 – 11:45

Dr. Jose Rivera – Banquet Room – *A History of the S.P.M.D.T.U. (Sociedad Proteccion Mutual de Trabajadores Unidos* - In 1900 you didn't receive government checks if you were laid off. In November of that year a group of men in Antonito, Colo., led by Celedonio Mondragon, organized a mutual aid society for Hispanics. One mission was to provide its unemployed members with emergency cash. It also helped fight discrimination. Dr. Rivera will talk about this organization and his recently published book. Rivera states “A motive in writing the book was to see what we can learn in (today's) depressed economy, with the unemployment, people losing their property, their inability to pay mortgages.”

1:45 – 2:45 – DNA Panel – Angel Cervantes and two GSHA members TBA - *Update on the New Mexico DNA Project and DNA testing testimonies* – **Banquet Room**