

SOUTHERN UTAH CHAPTER OF THE OLD SPANISH TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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Meeting Schedule

Meetings are generally held at 7PM on the second Wednesday every 2 months in the Enoch City Office Building, 900 East Midvalley Road, Enoch, UT. The next chapter meeting will be June 11 at 7:00 PM. There will be no chapter meeting this month (May).

In addition, the chapter plans regular field trips to Old Spanish Trail sites. These field trips will be announced at the chapter meetings, local newspapers, and this website. See the chapter website for dates and times.

Report on April Meeting of the Southern Utah Chapter

by Sherrie Singleton

On April 11, 2008 at the Heritage Center Theatre of Cedar City, Utah, The Old Spanish Trail and The Orchestra of Southern Utah, joined efforts to put together music set to different pictures and aerial photography that follows along The Old Spanish Trail route. The concert hall was filled with the sounds of the Orchestra, bringing all the photography to life and filling the imagination, with what it would have been like to travel the trail. The guest artist, Brent Tom, brought the traditional "call" of the Paiute heritage which made the performance seem that much more authentic. The music was by Marshall McDonald and Steven Sharp Nelson, along with a video by Video Ideas Directed, filmed and produced by Jerry Waddell and Daniel Griffith. The video of this amazing production will be for sale soon, so keep an eye out for our release date. We would like to thank all involved in bringing this ensemble together.

Iron County Historical Society Annual Meeting and Dutch Oven Dinner

The Iron County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at the Iron Mission State Park Museum in Cedar City on May 14. Dinner will be at 6PM. The program, featuring Wayne Hinton as speaker will begin at 7 PM. The cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to 586-9290.

15th Annual OSTA Conference June 6-8, 2008

The location of this conference, near Ohkay Owingeh village (aka San Juan Pueblo) is a place of magic to OSTA, but seldom mentioned. All three of the branches of the trail pass here, the North Branch forking northward, and the Armijo and Main Branch continuing upstream along the Chama River. That means that almost everyone who traveled the Old Spanish Trail's full length probably slept here, where the Chama and the Rio Grande join.

Earlier, this was a key to Spanish colonization. Ohkay Owingeh (the old Pueblo name, altered by Spanish name) was the northernmost cotton growing area in New Mexico. In fact, the flood plains were filled with cotton plants and other crops in 1598, when Oñate and fellow Spaniards came here to settle. They settled in on the Ohkay Owingeh people and received some of their food, fiber, and space. Here, they camped, then moved off a little, calling their new location 'San Gabriel' (coincidentally, the same name as the mission at the other end of the trail).

Only after ten years did they start to move to create a new town 35 miles to the southeast - Santa Fé. That city is in a 3-year celebration of

its founding and the diverse cultures that inhabit it - led by various Native peoples, Hispanics, and Anglos.

So, this 400th anniversary will be a very good time to better know the people and the places of the New Mexico end of the Old Spanish Trail. This 40th anniversary of the National Trails System adds to the significance.

See page 3 of this newsletter for eight reasons to attend.

For more information: <http://tinyurl.com/3qag54>

Special Reprint Book Offer

by Lorraine Carpenter (Forwarded by Leon Matheson)

By now you have all received your issue of Spanish Traces and noted the insert advertising the reprinting of the Crampton/Madsen classic, *In Search of the Spanish Trail*. We [OSTA] have worked for about a month with Gibbs Smith Publishing to convince them to reprint this out-of-print book. It will be reprinted with only one addition, that being a "Preface to the Reprint" by Steve Madsen. Also, the cover now looks more like the Trail days.

On behalf of OSTA, we have agreed to be part of the process of obtaining "pre-orders" for copies of this reprint among our partners and contacts, other than bookstores. Gibbs Smith Publishing will handle the usual book store contacts and orders. In order to justify the cost of a reprint, Gibbs Smith wishes to get promises for approximately 6,000 orders in total before going to press. Our share of this number is half - 3,000.

What do we get out of this? A lot! If we can get enough promises for orders from our museums, libraries, visitor's centers, members, national parks and monuments, etc. to get the reprint to press, Gibbs Smith will handle this arrangement as a fund raiser for OSTA. We will receive 40% of the proceeds from the sale of our 3,000 copies. That could amount up to about \$34,000 to OSTA for our efforts on behalf of this OST classic! We would like to enlist the help of all of you in reaching this goal. Step 1 is to identify the museums,

libraries, visitor centers, etc. locations/partners for your state that should be contacted. In other words, make and email me a list. Don't worry about duplicating what someone else puts on their list; the database will eliminate duplicates. We know you will rise to the challenge. We thank you in advance.

Information on ordering your copy is available at <http://www.oldspanishtrail.org/news.php>

Links to Articles Related to the Old Spanish Trails

(Submitted by Leon Matheson)

Spanish Trail Suite Website

<http://tinyurl.com/5wxqqf>

Minutes of March 2008 OSTA Board Meeting

<http://tinyurl.com/55yswy>

Reports given at March 2008 OSTA Board Meeting

<http://tinyurl.com/5a89tb>

8 Reasons to Attend in'08:
Old Spanish Trail Association Convention

June 6-8, 2008,
just north of Española, New Mexico, on NM 68, Ohkay Owingeh Best Western

1. **Visit the Ohkay Owingeh village** (aka San Juan Pueblo)--it breaks stereotypes!
These people hosted the 1598 Spanish colonists for ten years. They now host us.

*All 3 Branches of OST went past this community.
You'll sleep near the campsite.*

2. **Shop and Stroll in Santa Fe**, "*The City Different*." (it's on the schedule!)
 - World-famous Museums are free on Friday night.
 - Internationally popular shops and galleries stay open late for you.

3. **Hear and Meet Joe Garcia**—President of the National Congress of American Indians.

4. **Participate in Fun Presentations**—
 - How (and why) to Pack a Mule
by the Rio Grande Mule and Donkey Association.
 - How to Weave Wool
meet a leading weaver and teacher of the Upper Rio Grande tradition,
Irvin Trujillo, of Chimayó, NM.
 - 1853 Art on the Trail by Kern, with
 - and more!

5. **Meet the Jim and Jim Show**—Elder James Jefferson (Southern Ute) and
Ute student James Goss, two Ph.D.s writing a new down-to-earth history book.

6. **Take the Trail North**: Sunday field trip—
Abiquiu, Lake Abiquiu, and mystical Ghost Ranch (3 museums on the Trail).
 - Led by Claudio Chacón, lucky descendant of OST travelers.
 - Eat Luncheon on the Green.
 - Hear Kay Lewis' lively description of Georgia O'Keefe, ranch resident.

7. **Vote for Vigor in Your Association**; choose 3 ways you can boost it with little effort!

8. **Taste some birthday cake** on the 40th Anniversary of the National Trails System.

Old Spanish Trail Association
We enjoy new vigor!
Come to New Mexico and get yours!

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