



# November 2017

## REFUGE UPDATE

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### Calendar

#### **Amigos Board Meeting January 2nd**

Meeting is at the visitor center, pot luck dinner at 5:30 meeting to follow. All are welcome .

#### **A Hike back in time**

**Friday, January 5, 2018**

**9 am – 3 pm**

Join Refuge staff and naturalist for this hike along the Rio Grande and learn about ancient times and wild creatures. This 3 mile hike will offer 360 degree views of the Middle Rio Grande Valley and explore ancient villages! Keep your eyes open for birds! This is an arduous hike through, steep, rocky off trail terrain. Sturdy hiking boots and hiking poles recommended.

Annual Meeting  
January 27<sup>th</sup> 2018

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#### **Sevilleta and the El Camino Real lecture part 1**

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**

**11 am – 12:30 pm**

Take part in this unique opportunity 2 part program to learn about the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro from historian Tom Harper. View images from Tom's research and learn fascinating facts.

#### **Sevilleta and the El Camino Real tour part 2**

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

**9 am – 2 pm**

Join us for part 2 of our El Camino Real series with Tom Harper and Refuge staff. Walk the El Camino and enjoy the views and fascinating facts about the area. Hiking will be limited and over uneven surfaces.

#### **Line shacks of Sevilleta NWR**

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

**9 am – 2 pm**

Join Refuge staff and naturalist for this presentation focusing on line shacks of Sevilleta then join us for an opportunity to explore the Silver Creek area line shack. Line shacks are small rustic cabins used by the ranchers when out with the herds. Typically, they are located near a well or other water. Hiking will be over uneven terrain; dress for the weather.

**A RSVP is requested for the hikes, call 505-864-4021.**

**Space is limited**

### Managers Update

Kathy Granillo, Refuge Manager

Thank you to everyone who participated in Celebrate Sevilleta 2017! We had about 220 attendees who enjoyed tours, exhibits, 10-minute talks and great weather, other than a wind event that lifted up all of the canopies in the parking lot. All feedback indicated attendees had a great time.

That same day we also held the award ceremony for the Drawn to Sevilleta poster contest. This was the 6th year of this contest, and it gets better every year. We had over 500 participants from 10 local elementary schools! At the award ceremony, we had about 80 attendees (friends and family of the winners) and almost all of the 18 winners were present to receive their awards. Many thanks to an anonymous donor who provided the prizes for the winners. And a shout out to our two interns, Maggie and Brennan, and our Visitor Services Manager, Jeannine, for all of their hard work to make this event happen. The Amigos supported the two interns with modest stipends, which allows us to recruit outstanding interns.

Work continues on the refuge riparian restoration project along the Rio Grande, through funding from the Interstate Stream Commission. We plan to have all work completed by next summer, and the wetland units A & B will be open once again for recreational use by September (unless Nature intervenes and wrecks havoc on our schedule).

We have new tours planned for the coming year - stay tuned for more information on those via email, the refuge and Amigos websites and facebook pages. I look forward to seeing many of you over the next several months.



# Amigos de la Sevilleta Annual Meeting

- **Food**
- **Music**
- **Bees**
- **Year in Review**

## **The Bees Of New Mexico, With Special Attention To Those Found On The Sevilleta NWR**



New Mexico is a hotspot of biodiversity for native solitary bees, with an estimated 1000 species in the state, representing about 1/4th of all the bees found in North America. Unlike the honeybee, these bees do not make honey, do not live in hives, and there are no queens and worker bees. Dr. Carril will discuss their role in pollinating the majority of New Mexico's flowering plants, and reveal how they are essential to ecosystem health. She will also share results of her field research on some of the more interesting solitary bees that occur in the Sevilleta.

*Dr. Olivia Carril is a coauthor of The Bees in Your Backyard: A Field Guide to North America's Bees. She is currently working on surveys of the bees of Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and Bandelier National Monument.*



**January 27, 2018, 1-4 pm**  
**Visitor Center at Sevilleta**  
**Members and non-members are welcome**  
**No cost, but please R.S.V.P. 505-864-4021**  
**or [members@amigosdelasevilleta.org](mailto:members@amigosdelasevilleta.org)**

### **The Amigos Board Needs You**

We have openings for additional Board members, so please contact us if you would be willing to serve a one-year term.

#### **Amigos Contacts**

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