

# O-Piñon!

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**TIFFANY BLUE: The True Story of Turquoise, Tiffany & Co., and Jas. P. McNulty in Territorial New Mexico. A history covering the years 1892 to 1933.**

**Author Patricia McCraw details the story of her great-grandfather's three decades as supervisor of the Tiffany turquoise mines, situated on the northeast side of the Cerrillos Hills, with fascinating facts. Discover the heretofore unknown story, compiled from hundreds of original documents.**

Patricia McCraw has generously made **TIFFANY BLUE** available at no cost to the Cerrillos Hills Park Coalition for the support of the Coalition. **Please send your order and donation to:**

**CHPC, PO Box 191, Cerrillos NM 87010. \$20 each copy, plus \$2.50 shipping per order. Check or Money Order only, payable to CHPC.**

**All proceeds benefit the work of the Cerrillos Hills Park Coalition. The profound thanks of the Cerrillos Hills Park Coalition go to Ms McCraw for her magnificent gesture.**

**Join us for a presentation & book signing with Patricia McCraw at New Mexico State Records Center & Archives 1209 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe, NM 87507 **December 8, 2006****

**From 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

**1:00pm - 1:15pm = Welcome & Acceptance of Donation 1:15pm - 1:45pm = Presentation 1:45pm - 2:00pm = Questions and Comments 2:00pm - 3:00pm = Book Signing & Refreshments**

**Brought to you by FRIENDS OF THE ARCHIVES (a portion of the proceeds will go to Friends of the Archives and the Cerrillos Hills Park Coalition)** Also, listen to Pat tell the inside story of **TIFFANY BLUE** to Mary Charlotte on **SF Radio Cafe, KSFR 90.7**, Thursday morning, November 30th.

## What's New...

### ***The Americans with Disabilities Act trail in the Park is built!***

The first phase, completed under the direction of *Scott Rivers of SFCo OS*, will be followed by a second. The ADA trail runs from the interior parking lot to the kiosk-analemma (see below), and up a gentle slope southward for about a quarter mile to the bluff overlooking the San Marcos Arroyo and Cerrillos Village. *Ann Murray & Ross Lockridge*, who were instrumental in the design of the ADA trail, have advised Scott. As a part of the overall project, there will be a small shelter-ramada/stage for a few rows of bench seating cut into the hillside – an amphitheater. Additions also will include a low wall at the overlook, and a more level trail access to the kiosk. There are 2 new pipeline-focused signs addressing the same historical feature. One is half way along the ADA trail. The other is 1/2 mile north, at the beginning of the Escalante Trail near the Mineral Spring. *Our carefully arranged trail system is becoming a reality.*

### ***CHHP's Board Voted in June to Honor the late Jane Calvin***

***Sanchez*** by renaming *Old Mountain Lion Trail* in her memory. Another trail in the Park has been named the Cortez Mine Trail, including an interpretive display, and which runs from upper Escalante Trail, just above the junction with Coyote Trail & eastward for about 1/3 mile, to the Cortez Mine, and to the road, CR-59/Camino Turquesa. The Park now has 5.5 miles of primary trail, and numbers 17 *historical interpretive signs*.

***The New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors*** put in a day and a half creating the new Cortez Trail. The NMVFO has been doing this kind of work for some years now all over New Mexico. On the Escalante-side, 2/3rds of the trail is conventional and an easy walk. The Camino Turquesa end, however, was an engineering challenge. The NMVFO solution involved some substantial steps and several switchbacks, which were constructed beautifully. The roadway to the mine is now about a two-minute walk. *Thanks go to the NMVFO, CHHP Coalition's Norma McCallan, partner Bob, and Bill Baxter, who assisted the crew, and to Todd Brown for erecting new signs and replacing older ones, including the large Mineral Spring display.* (cont. page 2)

**Supporters Of The Park** Please email us and tell your friends to do so if they would like to receive The Cerrillos Hills Historic Park newsletter ***O-Piñon!***, published and distributed four times yearly, primarily by email. Call Chase Morrison at 660-3187 or email her at [celtcello@yahoo.com](mailto:celtcello@yahoo.com) to sign up to receive CHHP news. Please leave a message stating your name, phone number, email address or, if you prefer, a snail mail address.

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### Flora and Fauna Sightings in the

**Park** What have you seen in the park lately that has feathers or fur? Have you seen tracks or scat on the ground? We'd like to know what creatures have been stirring this Fall. Email us-- tell us what you've seen!

*Recent Work was completed by The Chimayo YCC, who worked on erosion control at the south end of Sanchez Ridge Trail (next to the parking lots). Harold Grantham, of Broken Saddle insisted upon buying the CYCC crew a meal. Thanks go to CYCC, and Harold too.*

*The CHHP has now clearly posted Sunrise to Sunset Hours, as well as No Overnight Camping.*

*Neither of these are new policies but misuse has called for this signage.*

*John Liebson of Eldorado has been hard at work re-coding and cleaning up the CerrillosHills.org website, which was in great need of attention. He has put in many long hours already, and has begun to upload his revised pages, so you will see improvements there daily. We applaud John's efforts and thank him for doing this.*

### Did You Know That...

The Park has **5.5** miles of improved trails?

There are **8** Fantastic featured Mines?

The Park has **8** benches?

The Park has **17** historical informational signs?

### Who's Who at the Park

Todd Brown is the manager of the Cerrillos Hills Historic Park and he is also the owner and operator of the Casa Grande Trading Post & Turquoise Mining Museum in Cerrillos Village.

Contact Todd concerning all non-emergency matters relating to the operation and maintenance of the Park at 438-3008, or simply stop in at the Trading Post. Please report any problems, complaints or just let him know what a good job you think he's doing. Please call 911 for emergencies.



**What is an ANALEMMA?** Our NOON ANALEMMA SUNDIAL is a solar calendar. Each day the Sun's path across the sky is a little higher or lower, depending on the season, than it was the day before. The rays of the Sun passing through that south-facing circular window (and through the APERTURE in the pointer in that window, called a GNOMON), casts a bright spot on the floor of the INFOSCULPTURE. In the days leading to the summer solstice the spot moves closer and closer to the south wall (each day the Sun is rising higher in the sky), and as we move into winter it works its way up toward the north banco (lower in the sky each day). The "lopsided 8" design in the floor of the INFOSCULPTURE is called a NOON ANALEMMA because it is derived from the path of the noontime solar spot throughout the year. Come to the Park and see it for yourself!

**The Cerrillos Hills Historic Park** is the pre-eminent tri-cultural mining region of North America, a cultural crossroads & a living teacher, a place of refuge & of learning, where all may be nourished by a rich historical & multi-cultural heritage. The Park offers, to all who visit it, recreation, education & a renewed sense of connection to the land. It's a place where we may all better understand our own part in a shared history.

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**Why You Should Become a Member** You may once have been a member of CHHP but let your membership lapse, or you may wish to join as a first-timer. Either way, we're glad to hear from you. If you like what we are doing and would like to join us in support of the Park, you are invited to become a member of **The CERRILLOS HILLS PARK COALITION.**

As a member you will receive regular updates, news, and invitations to participate in Coalition events, and you will have an opportunity to contribute directly to the evolution and development of the Park. As a Coalition member you will have advance notice and receive special invitations for selected Park activities and events.

**Annual Renewal** We, as always, need your support. Send in your membership renewal today. Deadline for renewal was October 1<sup>st</sup> BUT we'll ALWAYS accept your contribution! Please print this page, fill out and mail it with your check to the address below. Thank you!

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All contributions (and membership dues) are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. The CHPC is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization, and all of your contributions go toward educational efforts in the Park and to the betterment and maintenance of the Park. All contributions will be acknowledged.



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