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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Eldorado 30th Anniversary Studio Tour: Sept. 23–25

A CREATIVE COMMUNITY OPENS ITS STUDIOS FOR VISITORS.

The community of Eldorado is home to an abundance of artists and fine crafts people. One weekend a year the Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association (EACA) hosts a Studio Tour, and our roads bloom with flags and directional signs and banners. You can select the artists you are most interested in, find them on the map provided, and see them in their own studios. Being able to meet the artist in person, in their creative “natural habitat” adds a special dimension to collecting art.

Our first tour was in 1992 with 25 artists. This will be our 30th tour, with 83 artists showing in 62 studios. Historically we have had the tour in May; however, due to Covid we have shifted to the fall for 2021 and 2022. The Eldorado tour has become a destination event, and many of our out-of-town visitors tell us that they plan their vacations to Santa Fe to coincide with our event.



Painting by Robert Blanchet

Artists of every medium participate in the Studio Tour. We have painters and photographers, jewelry and fabrics, sculptural and ceramics, glass and metal, recycled and outdoor art, and other categories. There is no jurying process; any member of the association who lives in Eldorado can be in the Tour. The variety and quality of our creations is truly inspiring.

As the September weekend date approaches, you will see our catalogs around town with photos of each artist’s work. An online version will be available at eldoradoarts.org.

On Friday, **Sept. 23**, our Preview Gallery will be open from 5–7 PM and from 9 AM–5 PM during the weekend. Located at the Eldorado Community Center, 1 La Hacienda Loop, the gallery features one or more works by each artist. This helps you



Left: Pueblo maple vessel by John Cobb; Right: Legend inspired jewelry by Stephany Levy

select which studios you want to visit. Items in the gallery are available for sale. Catalogs which include a map to the studios are also available. Studios are open **Sept. 24–25 from 10 AM–5 PM**.

You need not go hungry during the weekend. The two shopping centers at the entrance to Eldorado, the Agora and La Tienda, offer coffee shops, cafés, sandwich shops, food trucks, and fine dining. Brooks’ grocery store provides quick grab-and-go options. Café Fina, located at the #285 exit of highway #25 on Old Las Vegas Highway offers a leisurely lunch.



Petroglyph sculptures in steel with lighting by Harland Soper

The community of Eldorado has always been supportive of the tour, and the EACA reciprocates. By the end of the tour each artist is invited to contribute 5% of their sales (up to a limit of \$75) to the EACA which uses that money to support various community activities. In past years we have contributed to the Library, the Fire Department, the Senior Center, the art programs at the school and Eldorado/285 Recycles. Over the years we have given back to our community more than \$30,000.

For updated information, visit eldoradoarts.org.

—Eve Gauthier,

Photos courtesy of the artists

Board Actions and Summary August 16

THE ECIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING was called to order at 5:32 PM, board met in person and held via Zoom and recorded.

Roll Call: President Carol Sanguinetti, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, Secretary Jonathan McLaughlin, and Directors Jonathan Turkle and Mary Bonilla were present. A quorum was met. Excused: Vice President Amelia Adair, and Director James Herbert Williams. HOAMCO staff: General Manager Julie Navarro, Communications Coordinator Rhonda Pierce, Executive Assistant Ciara Walsh, via Zoom, Operations Manager Mike Rogers, Architecture and Compliance Coordinator Mark Young, HOAMCO-Albuquerque office Nigel Burgess.

Treasurer Gutierrez reported: as of **July 31**, ECIA has spent 53% of the budget and is 5% under budget on expenditures. The collections rate for 2022 dues has been exceptional, with less than \$10,000 outstanding which equals .0006%.

Treasurer Gutierrez, County Report: Infrastructure/Capital requests have been submitted. ECIA submits the capital requests to the county which then submits to the state. The legislators meet in January to vote on disbursements. Still waiting to be contacted for a meeting on the Azul project.

GM Navarro: We are getting quotes for the new phone system. The phones were down for two weeks in July. Will move to a VOIP system which will save money. Twelve liens were released from previous years. Total AR, which includes all outstanding dues from previous years is \$21,000 which is down from \$200,000 four years ago. Nine lifeguards have left to go to college. ECIA will help with scheduling to keep the pool open for as long as possible. Two new lifeguards have been certified. We will have to minimize hours if anything changes.

OM Rogers: Disc Golf course T-boxes are all in place. Graffiti and tagging in the box culverts at the arroyos into Gallinas park continues. It is vulgar, near a park and visible to residents. Maintenance will repaint, the county does not have the time or manpower. The cost of the paint is \$500.00 for each occurrence.

MOTIONS:

- Director Turkle—Moved to accept the emailed resignation of Sue Will from the Conservation Committee effective **Aug. 1, 2022**. Secretary McLaughlin seconded, all in favor.
- President Sanguinetti—Moved to approve the appointment of Naima Shea and Ben Greenberg to the Safety Education Task Force. Director Bonilla seconded, all in favor.
- Treasurer Gutierrez—Moved to accept Fernando Robles as a member of the Finance committee. Director Bonilla seconded, all in favor.

- Treasurer Gutierrez—Moved to table the Entrance Gate project under Capital, which was expected to be completed this year and use those funds to cover excess funds for the Compadres Park shade structure. Director Turkle seconded, all in favor.
- Director Turkle—Moved to accept the updated recommendation of the Conservation Committee to adopt the Preserve Policy based on their review of the Membership comments. Treasurer Gutierrez seconded, all in favor.
- Treasurer Gutierrez—Moved to approve the ECIA phone system replacement this year, which was originally scheduled for replacement in 2023. The cost will be about \$15,000 and will be funded from the reserve account. Secretary McLaughlin seconded, all in favor.

The General Manager's Report can be found on the ECIA website under Contact > Management and then scroll down. Committee and Task Group Reports can be found under the Board and Committees tab.

President Sanguinetti gave an update from the website task force: Need to have a login private section. Director Turkle gave an update on the GIS project. Debra Denker gave an update from the Safety Education Task Group.

The following Architecture Committee variance requests were presented to the Board:

- 1 Caliente Pl.—to allow water cisterns to be painted and not screened. This variance request was denied due to a lack of a screening plan.
- 3 Aula Ct.—to allow for one of the two water cisterns to remain on the lot without additional screening. This variance request was denied. The Board recommends they keep the second cistern and provide a different screening plan.
- 13 Ladera Rd.—to allow for a new small accessory structure to be located 40 ft. from the dwelling home. Architectural Committee recommended approval as no removal of trees were needed and will provide total screening to neighbors. Approved with the stipulation the structure is painted to match the existing dwelling and the roof color meets the guidelines.

Time was allocated for Old Business, New Business and Open Forum.

President Sanguinetti asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Bonilla moved, Director McLaughlin seconded, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The next Board Meeting will be held via Zoom for residents and in-person and Zoom for Board members on Tuesday, **Sept. 20 at 5:30 PM.**

ECIA BOARD & MANAGEMENT

Board: President Carol Sanguinetti, Vice President Amelia Adair, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, Secretary Jonathan McLaughlin, Director Jonathan Turkle, Director James Herbert Williams, Director Mary Bonilla.

Management: ECIA is managed by HOAMCO. General Manager Julie Navarro, jnavarro@hoamco.com
Monthly report available at www.eldoradosf.org > Board & Committees > ECIA Governing Board.
ECIA office open 8:30 AM–4:30 PM, closed Noon–1 PM for lunch. For information call 505 466-4248.

Covenants and Guidelines—Understanding the Process

Eldorado is a covenant-controlled community, and ECIA encourages compliance with the Covenants by all property owners. Dedicated resident volunteers over many years drafted and regularly revised the Architectural Guidelines which are posted on the website at eldoradosf.org under the Governing Documents tab. The Board approved the Guidelines “for the express purposes of protecting the natural beauty and environment of the community of Eldorado at Santa Fe, providing an attractive rural setting for residential neighborhoods and home sites and preserving property values... to maintain the unique natural character of the community for all who acquire property therein, while encouraging individual expression consistent with the historical traditions of the region.” (page 1, **2017-Guidelines-for-Protective-Covenants-Board-Approved-FINAL.pdf** (eldoradosf.org)).

The Covenants, Bylaws and New Mexico statutes give the Board the authority to pass and enforce rules, policies and guidelines consistent with our governing documents. The Guidelines are intended to provide clarity on the Covenants to maintain consistent application and enforcement of the Covenants and treat all residents with fairness. All permanently built items in Eldorado on the outside of the home, such as sheds, fences, solar panels, awnings, cisterns, pergolas, walls etc. must be installed with Architectural Committee approval, and according to the Guidelines and Covenants.

VIOLATIONS OF THE COVENANTS AND GUIDELINES

Violations are a complaint-driven process and action is taken based on what the Covenants and Guidelines allow. The ECIA office staff receive daily calls and/or emails from residents asking for checks regarding compliance issues, most of which are uncovered RVs, but also include weeds, and trash cans being left out longer than 24 hours, etc. When a complaint is received, the Architecture and Covenant Compliance Coordinator (ACCC) must complete a site visit to verify if the complaint is valid or not. If there is a noncompliance issue found, a letter is sent to the resident stating the violation, and the related Guideline/Covenant statute and asks for compliance. The ACCC does daily site visits within the community to follow up on complaints made by residents as well as following up on architectural projects to ensure they are being done as per the approved plans.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE GUIDELINES

The Architectural Guidelines are enforced as Covenants. Written in 1972 and last amended in 1977 the Covenants are broader in nature whereas the Guidelines lay out further specifics on the Covenants. When the Covenants were written, they could not foresee changes in architectural needs such as solar arrays, short-term rentals (Airbnb), and environmental concerns that would need to be addressed in our current day. In order for the Covenants to be changed it would require a 50 percent vote +1 by the membership of Eldorado, which would be almost impossible to accomplish

with the current size of the community. Without the ability to change the Covenants and in order for Eldorado to progress, the Architectural Committee uses the Architectural Guidelines which are reviewed for updates in an open and transparent public process every 3–5 years.

UPDATING THE GUIDELINES

For the past three years, the Architectural Committee and ACCC have been working on Guideline revisions, but due to Covid, have chosen to wait for in-person meetings for resident input. Organizational meetings for the Architectural Committee will begin in September to lay out the process, timeline and to go through the recommendations. In addition, two public, town-hall style meetings will be scheduled for resident input on the proposed rules. The committee will then create a draft of the changes that will go to the board for a vote. After the board votes on the proposed rules, the changes are sent for legal review after which the Board will vote to adopt the new Guidelines. This is a 4–6 month process and residents should know that the Architectural Committee is sensitive to the changing environment and has been working on Guideline changes that reflect these needs.

OUR CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

Page 3 of The Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions, states “in an attempt to lessen the impact of any home construction project on our local, as well as the global environments, ECIA encourages all residents to utilize green building practices whenever possible”. This includes the support of water conservation with the use of cisterns and rain barrels, the planting of Xeric plant and tree species, and not allowing lawns over 1000 sq. ft., pools or large spas. Conservation efforts must meet the Architectural Guidelines and Protective Covenants to ensure consistency and fairness to all residents of Eldorado.

The Covenants and Guidelines are available on the eldoradosf.org website under the Governing Documents tab. If you have any questions regarding whether an item falls under a guideline or covenant restriction, call ECIA at **505 466-4248** or email architecturechair@gmail.com.

—ECIA Board

HOA SKILLS WORKSHOP

Wed. Sept. 14, 6 PM at the ECIA Community Center. Open to any Eldorado resident. Come join us for an informative and fun evening. During this fast-paced, interactive workshop you'll learn the nuts and bolts of how the ECIA works and how you can get involved, what your assessments cover vs. what other agencies do in the community, how the board is elected, how architectural decisions are made, board member roles and responsibilities and more. Refreshments and door prizes! RSVP to rpierce@hoamco.com.

Eagle Scout Award Presented to Eldorado Scouts

Four boys from Eldorado at Santa Fe—Samuel Verschoor, Ryan Cordova, Sean Kieling and Aaron Kieling—have earned the Boy Scouts of America's highest advancement award, the Eagle Scout Award, and were recognized in a ceremony on **Aug. 12**. Members of Troop #57 and Troop #414, these boys are of only approximately four percent of all Boy Scouts who attain the Eagle rank. Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community service project to earn his Eagle.

Samuel Verschoor's Eagle Scout project benefited the Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association, (EACA), with his construction of a Raku Ceramics Kiln, complete with all the supplies and hardware required to fire Raku pottery. This kiln is free for community use. The EACA is already planning Raku community workshops for the near future.

Ryan Cordova's Eagle Scout project benefited the Friends of Pecos National Historical Park and everyone who visits. He refurbished a monument site dedicated to the volunteer soldiers from New Mexico, Colorado and Texas. He led other scouts to fortify the monument with decorative rock and improved drainage while removing a dilapidated fence.

Sean Kieling's Eagle Scout project benefited the Santa Fe Parks Division with Little Libraries at Ragle Park and Monica Lucero Park. The Little Libraries are full of books for all ages, and they have been replenished by Sean and others in the community.

Aaron Kieling's Eagle Scout project benefited the Santa Fe Humane Society by building six dog houses and refurbishing one dog house donated by a community member. These will be used by adopted pet owners.



Eagle Scouts Aaron Kieling, Sean Kieling, Ryan Cordova, and Samuel Verschoor receive their Eagle Scout Award, Aug. 12.

ABOUT THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating in citizenship and develops personal fitness. For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes—and, through over a century of experience, knows—that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible and productive society.

—Article and photo, Laura Tarnoff

Vista Grande Public Library Autumn Events

Lots going on this autumn! For answers to questions, or more information: **505 466-7323** or **www.vglibrary.org**. Hours: **Tues–Fri 10 AM–6 PM, Sat 10 AM–4 PM**.

Sensory Storytime: Returns in Sept. **Tuesdays 3 PM**. Contact VGPL for more information.

Toddler Storytime: **Thursdays 10:30 AM**. A story, a craft, a good time.

All Ages Chess: **Fridays 3–5 PM**. All ages welcome. An interest in chess is the only requirement. Children under 12 must register with a parent or caregiver the first time.

Rock Time: Please contact library for details.

Special Grown-Up Movie Night: **Friday, Sept. 9, 7 PM**. Our license precludes publishing the movie title outside of the library, but if you think a recently released period film from a period TV drama might interest you, come on by! Popcorn, juice and admission are free.

Family Movie Night: **Friday, Sept. 16, 7 PM**. Family-friendly recent release. Please contact VGPL for movie title. Popcorn, juice and admission are free.

Library Board Meeting: **Monday, Sept. 19, 5:30 PM**. Open to the public.

Trivia Night Returns! **Monday, Sept. 26, 6 PM** at the Santa Fe Brewing Company at La Tienda! Fun! Fiendishly difficult questions and fundraising to help VGPL!

Harvey Girl Chautauqua Performance: **Saturday, Oct. 1, 1 PM** in the library Meeting Room. Liz Miklos of the New Mexico Historical Society will present a Harvey Girl Chautauqua Performance. Ever feel bad you missed your chance to meet a Harvey Girl? Now you can!



Have a reluctant reader in your family? **Wags to Words**, our program where young readers who are struggling to connect with the written word can come in and read to a non-judgmental, warm and fuzzy certified therapy dog. Call **505 466-7323** for more information.

Disc Golf Opens at Eldorado Community Center

Well, after nearly a year and a half Eldorado is getting a Disc Golf course. Yes Eldoradoans, you are getting a 9-hole Disc Golf course which will open to play in early September. We are the lucky recipients of a new resident, Larry LaSota, and his course designing skills. Larry and his wife Elaine recently moved here from Kauai, where Larry designed the course that was just named the third best course in Hawaii by UDisc. The Facilities and Grounds Committee sponsored the Capitol Project Request for the course in 2021 and it was approved by the Board for this year. The course wraps around the Community Center, starting by the Dog Park and ending behind the pool. The “holes” will range from 250' to 309', with many trees to play through and around. The course will be perfect for beginners to experts, so bring the whole family!

—Mike Rogers,
ECIA Operations Manager



Eldorado's 9-hole disc golf course wraps around the Community Center starting by the Dog Park. The holes range from 250' to 309': #1-280'; #2-306'; #3-308'; #4-269'; #5-257'; #6-309'; #7-287'; #8-250' and #9-267'.

What Can I Do About All the Weeds?

What is a weed? Basically, it is any annual or perennial plant growing where we don't want it; weeds really are in the eye of the beholder. It appears that many Eldorado residents think of our native Tree Cholla as a weed with irritating glochids. But to others among us, the cholla is a beautiful rose-like shrub with magenta flowers. In fact, it is a significant part of the natural landscape that the Eldorado covenants seek to preserve.



Native Tree Cholla displays magenta flowers.

There are some weeds that everyone may agree upon: tumbleweeds; goat heads; alfalfa; and mustard. I prefer to add

broom snakeweed and false tarragon to this list. The really bad nuisance weeds are the ones that we don't grow in our yards, but they blow in carrying seeds from neighboring lands. And these weeds are aggressive, they out compete our native grasses and wildflowers for scant resources.

Frequently, many Eldoradoans turn to mowing and trimming. They believe that these activities are effective in removing the pesky weeds and the fire hazard that develops when they dry up. But why do we have to mow and trim repeatedly? It is because these beliefs are not true. We are not removing the weeds by mowing and trimming; just lowering their height. And the fire hazard is not removed unless we remove the fire hazard; not leaving the dry clippings on the ground. The chopped-up weed bits deposit seeds waiting for rain to sprout, they provide mulch for weed seedlings to survive, and they create and preserve a weed carpet, not a lawn, devoid of grasses and wildflowers.

The best way to remove weeds and the resulting fire hazard is to weed them out by hand. Learn to identify weeds as seedlings and remove them before they set their seeds. After just a few years, your property can return to a natural landscape. This method is time-consuming, and it can cost a lot to hire someone to do it for you. But the reward is a permanent weed-free property that supports wildlife and provides beauty with prairie zinnias, penstemon, and blanket flowers.

—Article and photo, David Rasch

The Night Skies Above Eldorado: September 2022

The summer constellations have shifted into the western half of the evening sky, while fainter autumn stars rise in the east. But, while dimmer, the autumn constellations have their share of interesting objects, for those with the patience to search for them.

As darkness descends, binoculars or a small telescope will help you view the Andromeda Galaxy, which looks like a fuzzy oval in the ENE sky. Not far away from the Andromeda Galaxy is the Double Cluster in Perseus, a gorgeous pair of open star clusters that appear to touch, but are actually distant from and unrelated to one another.



Celestial smoke. The Summer Milky Way looks like chimney smoke as it begins to vertically set in the WSW.

brighter constellations that will dominate Eldorado's long winter nights.

Jupiter is well-positioned this month, rising in the east around sunset. At opposition on the 26th, Jupiter is at its

closest this month, appearing at its brightest and offering a larger than average image in telescopes.

The four largest moons of Jupiter are easy to observe with a small telescope and are of continual interest, shifting positions from hour to hour and night to night in their never-ending orbiting of their planet.

KEY SEPTEMBER 2022 NIGHT SKY EVENTS:

September 1–30: The Zodiacal Light (sunlight reflecting off dust particles orbiting the Sun) is faintly visible in the east for about an hour before dawn. Fourteen-century-old teachings of the Prophet Muhammad mentioned the Zodiacal Light, referring to it as 'Al-Fajr-al-Kadhib' or 'false dawn'.

September 10: The Moon is full at 3:58 AM. This full moon is known as the Harvest Moon because it's associated with the harvesting of crops.

September 15: The Summer Milky Way begins to set around 10 PM. By month's end, it will begin to set around 9 PM.

September 16: Neptune is at opposition to the Sun, as seen from Earth. The seventh planet from the Sun will be at its brightest and visible all night. That said, for most people, seeing blue Neptune will require binoculars or a telescope, due to its extreme distance from Earth.

September 22: The autumnal equinox occurs at 6:55 PM, marking the end of summer and the beginning of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.

September 25: The Moon is new and not visible due to its proximity to the Sun.

September 26: Jupiter is at opposition to the Sun. This is the best time of year to view the Giant Planet since it's at its closest to Earth, is at its brightest, and is visible all night.

—Article and photo, Eric Saltmarsh

El Dorado Fire Rescue Engine 2



The addition of Engine 2 was welcomed by the community with a "Push-In Ceremony" on **Jul. 30** at the El Dorado Station 1. Push-In ceremonies date back to the days of horse-drawn equipment when members had to push the equipment into the bay. Now, in honor of those early crews, many fire departments hold a push-in ceremony when taking delivery of a new apparatus.



El Dorado Fire Rescue's Engine 2 is the newest apparatus to begin service for the Santa Fe County Fire Department.

—Photos by Rhonda Pierce

September Meetings

Meetings may be suspended, held via Zoom, and/or in-person: please check eldoradosf.org.

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesday	13, 27	3–5 PM <i>CFR & Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors Meeting	Tuesday	20	5:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	6	7–9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Paul Butt	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	14	3–5 PM <i>CFR & Zoom</i>	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	7	10 AM–12:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	13	9:30 AM–Noon <i>Zoom</i>	Joseph Gutierrez	j.gutierrez@eldoradosf.org
	Road Committee	Wednesday	7	5:30–7 PM <i>Zoom</i>	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
	Stable Committee	Monday	19	6:30–8:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Lisa Bessone	stablechair1@gmail.com
Monthly	Bridge Club	1st & 3rd Wed	7, 21	1–4:30 PM <i>LR</i>	Susan Lovro	sulovro@aol.com
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	14	4–6 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	21	3–5 PM <i>LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Life Drawing Class	Alt. Mondays	12, 26	9:30 AM–12:30 PM <i>CR</i>	Joe Mullins	joe@fishpront.net
	Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	13	6–8 PM <i>RR</i>	Anthony Balano	apbbalano@gmail.com
Weekly	Adult Basketball Pick-Up	Thursdays		6 PM–Dusk <i>Courts</i>		
	Bible Study & Worship Service	Saturdays		10:30 AM–12:30 PM <i>CR</i>	Kevin Rehorn	kevinrehorn@msn.com
	Chair Aerobics	Tuesday / Thursday		10:30–11:30 AM <i>RR</i>	Naomi Burtnick	505 577-7305 naomiburtnick@gmail.com
	Eldorado Hikers	Tuesdays		8:30 AM <i>NE corner CC Pkg.</i>	Terry Gibbs	505 466-6914 trgibbs@comcast.net
	Fitness Class	Tuesday / Thursday		9–10:30 AM <i>RR</i>	Sandra Younf	ysandra317@gmail.com
	Knitting Club	Contact for information			Joyce Hanmer	505 466-3018 joycehan@msn.com
	Recovery AA Meetings	Tues / Thurs / Fri		Tues: 5:45 PM <i>CR</i> Thurs: 6 PM <i>CR</i> Fri: 6 PM <i>RR</i>	Olivia Ogorek	oliviaogorek@gmail.com
	Volleyball Pick-Up	Thursdays		7 PM–Dusk <i>Courts</i>		
*	Social Games (Mahjong)	Wednesday	14, 28	11:30 AM–3 PM <i>Breezeway</i>	Carol Hardin	caje8@comcast.net
	EACA Studio Tour	Fri / Sat / Sun	23–25	Preview Gallery: Fri: 5–7 PM and Sat/Sun 9 AM–5 PM <i>RR, CC</i> Studios: Sat/Sun 10 AM–5 PM		eldoradostudiotour@gmail.com

Zoom meeting information is online at www.eldoradosf.org > News & Events > Zoom Schedule. Calendar info collected and verified by ECIA office, GM@eldoradosf.org. Sign up for ECIA Newsbriefs by going to eldoradosf.org, scroll down to “Sign up for eBlasts”.

CFR: Conference Room; CR: Classroom; CC: Comm. Ctr.; CC Patio: Comm. Ctr. Patio; CC Pkg.: Comm. Ctr. Parking Lot; RR: Railroad Bldg.

* Indicates Community September Events

News Corral

TRIVIA CONTEST IN ELDORADO: SEPT. 26, 6PM



Trivia contests have arrived in Eldorado! The next event is scheduled for **Sept. 26, 6 PM**, at the Santa Fe Brewing in La Tienda. This trivia contest is a fundraiser for the Vista Grande Public Library. The entry fee is \$5 per person, and there will be a

special prize for the winning team. Teams can include up to four persons and we'll be happy to match up those without a team before each contest. Questions will come from multiple categories such as History, Entertainment, Health and Medicine, and Miscellaneous Trivia.

So please mark your calendars and come along to have some fun, test your knowledge of trivia, enjoy some liquid refreshments, and support your local library.

Juniper Bush

*This one juniper bush
rooted solitary in the desert
home to a flock of bluebirds last week
now swings its limbs excitedly
in the whirling desert gusts
like Vishnu as Bernstein
conducting the wild symphony of the winds.*

—John Bing

*Sunrises, sunsets
Centipedes and tumbleweeds
Eldorado life.*
—Mary Hall

Mission Statement The mission of the monthly newsletter, *Vistas*, is to inform members of ECIA about issues before the Board of Directors, various committees, and the office staff. Any interesting events happening in Eldorado or the surrounding areas may be included. The publication seeks to foster increased neighborhood pride and community participation in the decision-making process.

Editorial Policy *Vistas* welcomes factual and objective submissions, which will be selected and edited at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Community announcements, photos, and articles of interest to homeowners are welcome. Submissions are due on the 5th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may be submitted to articles@eldoradosf.org. For help with any article, see the *Vistas* Style Guide: www.eldoradosf.org > News & Events > *Vistas* Newsletters.

Eldorado Stables Community Fun Day Open House

Community Fun Day Open House at the Eldorado Community Stables will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1 this year. The event starts at 9 AM. Free horseback rides will be offered from 9:30–11:30 AM, and again from

12:30–1:30 PM. Parking will be on the Stable grounds. Visitors should come to the main gate at 11 Avenida Eldorado and a volunteer will direct you.



Listening Horse Therapeutic Riding Center provides horse rides for children.

will generously provide horse rides for children free of charge. Other activities Eldorado residents and their guests can enjoy will include a scavenger hunt, refreshments, grooming a donkey, stick horse games, a riding demonstration, and walking the Stable Amenity common areas.

Eldorado Community Stables volunteers are happy to be hosting this long-time annual open house for their neighbors, which has been canceled the past two years due to Covid concerns. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the event, please contact the Eldorado Stable Committee at eldoradostables@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed to help parents sign waivers, direct parking, and serve refreshments. It's a fun opportunity to meet your neighbors, their kids, and the charming equines!



Simone the donkey receives a grooming from two visitors.

Even if you can't make it on Community Day, Eldorado residents are welcome to visit the Stables at any time during daylight hours to enjoy this unique amenity. Year-round activities for people without horses include dog walking, bird-watching, plein air painting, picking up manure for compost, and simply enjoying the beautiful equines.

—Amelia Adair,
Photos by Pam Henline



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