

# VISTAS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## Upcoming Candidate Forum In-Person and via Zoom



**A** Candidate Forum will be held on **Wednesday, Mar. 15, 6:30 PM** in-person and via Zoom. Candidates will respond to questions presented by the Election Committee. Plan to attend and get to know your candidates.

Candidates for election to the three open Board positions will be announced to the Members on **Mar. 3**. Look for further information on the ECIA homepage [eldoradosf.org](http://eldoradosf.org) and via eBlast.

—Bette Knight,  
Election Committee Chair

## ECIA Annual Report Packet and Election Materials

**T**he Annual Report Packet for Members will be mailed by the end of March. Enclosed in your packet is the ECIA Annual Report booklet which includes the budget report, notice of annual meeting date and time, candidate statements and recaps of 2022. If your 2023 Assessment was paid in full and received and credited to the Association's financial account by **Mar. 1**, you are a Member Eligible to Vote in the upcoming Director's election. You will receive within the Annual Report your election materials



consisting of a Ballot, Quorum Proxy Statement (QPS) and a secure postage paid return envelope. Read the instructions on the Ballot, VOTE for the candidate(s) of your choice. To ensure Bylaws quorum requirements are met for the Annual Meeting, Members are asked to sign, date and return the QPS along with their Ballot in the enclosed postage paid return envelope. Members can either mail (allow 14 days) or hand deliver the provided return envelope to the ECIA office no later than **Thursday, Apr. 27, 5 PM**. Ballot envelopes can be placed in a secure ballot box inside the ECIA office door during regular business hours of **Mon.–Fri., 8:30 AM–4:30 PM**. If you need to deliver your ballot outside of ECIA office hours, please contact GM Julie Navarro to set up an appointment. If you do not receive this packet by **Mar. 30**, notify the office immediately.

—Bette Knight,  
Election Committee Chair



**\$0 ACCOUNT BALANCE BY  
MAR. 1 TO VOTE!**

# Board Actions and Summary February 21

**THE ECIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** was called to order at 5:31 PM and held in-person and via Zoom. The meeting was recorded for minute taking purposes.

**Roll Call:** President Carol Sanguinetti, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, Directors Jonathan Turkle, James Herbert Williams, and Mary Bonilla were present, and quorum was met. Vice President Amelia Adair and Secretary Jonathan McLaughlin were excused absent.

**HOAMCO staff attendees:** General Manager Julie Navarro, Operations Manager Mike Rogers, and Executive Assistant Ciara Walsh; HOAMCO Community Manager Jessica Neal (formerly Collins) was present for minute taking purposes.

President Sanguinetti moved to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda items. Director Turkle requested to add a motion to approve the changes to the Conservation Committee Charter. Director Turkle also requested the January 2023 meeting minutes be amended to reflect Vice President Adair's corrections regarding a social media policy. With the amendments, Director Bonilla seconded the motion, and all were in favor to approve.

**Treasurer Gutierrez reported:** As of the end of January, the Association has spent less than 3.5% of the 2023 budget. 2023 assessment income to-date is lower than this time last year, but not significant. A better gauge of assessment income will be available at the end of February. Cash assets are approximately \$391K higher this year than 2022.

**Santa Fe County Liaison Gutierrez reported:** There is \$900K available for the Azul Trail, and how much is allocated to ECIA will be determined following legislation. A \$2.5Mil bill has been presented for road improvement in Eldorado. Following a meeting with the County, the maintenance building construction can move forward, as far as the County is concerned. Residents were reminded the license plate reader project was tabled and not included in the 2023 budget; the project was not approved nor disapproved. A townhall on this project may be scheduled this spring.

**GM Navarro:** Collection fees for late assessment payments will not be incurred until **Apr. 1**, however, to vote in the Board election, members must have paid their 2023 assessment by **Mar. 1**. Approved 2022 tax returns will be filed with the IRS. ECIA's insurance will expire in April; staff will seek alternative options and potential carriers for comparison. Jocelyn Rizo and Jessica Neal will return on-site **Mar. 6**.

**OM Rogers:** Mike Rogers, Amelia Adair and Joseph Gutierrez met with the Land Use Department regarding zoning of the Community Center grounds. After a review of the documents, the area is zoned "Community Center" and the maintenance facility project can continue forward without public notice. The pump track project will begin this spring; staff awaits direction from the Stable Committee for purchase of training equipment; speedbumps have been delivered and will be installed soon. America Leak Detection located a leak on Tree Road at the Stables which is to be repaired as soon as possible.

## MOTIONS:

1. Director Turkle moved to appoint the following MIGS to a Covenant Compliance Policy Review Taskforce: Amelia Adair, Taylor Ward, Katherine Mortimer, Jon McDermon,

and Gary Moran. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Gutierrez, and unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer Gutierrez moved to adopt the 2022 ECIA financial audit, recommended by the Finance Committee. Director Bonilla seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
3. Director Herbert moved to approve a memorial plaque honoring resident John "Obie" Oberhausen to be placed during the **June 4** Celebration of Life ceremony. The motion was seconded by Director Turkle and unanimously approved.
4. Director Turkle moved to approve the policy recommended by the Conservation Committee: **ECIA Policy for management priorities for the Eldorado floodplain easements (Greenbelts)**. Due to the limited time for review, the Board unanimously agreed to table the motion until the next meeting.
5. Director Turkle moved to approve the changes to the Conservation Committee Charter. The motion was seconded by Director Bonilla and unanimously approved.

President Sanguinetti confirmed the Committee Chair meeting is **Feb. 23 at 5:30 PM** and **held via Zoom only**. The Board Candidate Forum is **Mar. 15 at 6:30 PM**. Three Board positions will be open, and Candidate Petitions must be turned in by **Mar. 1**.

**The following Architecture Committee variance requests were presented by Director Bonilla:**

- 25 Lucero Road—to allow for an existing earth berm to remain at a length of 200 feet with a stipulation landscaping is completed. Director Turkle seconded, and the variance was unanimously approved.
- 2 Balsa Court—to allow for an existing small accessory structure to be located at a distance of 21 feet from the dwelling home. Treasurer Gutierrez seconded, and the variance was unanimously approved.
- 27 Alondra Road—to allow for a new small accessory structure to be located at a distance of 26 feet from the dwelling home. Treasurer Gutierrez seconded, and the variance was unanimously approved.
- 9 Avila Court—a survey of the property found water tanks in the easement. An easement agreement was requested, and the variance was tabled for further review.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Jessica Neal will begin as Communications Director on **Mar. 6** and will present social media operating principles at the next Board meeting.

## NO NEW BUSINESS

## OPEN FORUM:

- John Gervers of the Tree Samaritans stated the group has begun trimming, and he may be submitting a list of needed supplies to ECIA.

The meeting adjourned at **7:19 PM**.

The next Board meeting will be held **Tuesday, Mar. 21 at 5:30 PM** via Zoom and in-person. All Members are welcome to attend.

# Board Prioritizes Communication, Training & Engagement

Last November the Board held an offsite retreat focused on Board and committee leadership training and orientation, becoming a learning organization, and short-term strategic planning. One outcome of the retreat was to identify and prioritize short-term goals for the ECIA to accomplish over the next year, which do not require any additional funding or staff.

Specifically, the Board and committee chairs agreed on the following top three goals:

1. **Improve Communication:** develop & implement a communications plan across more channels, internal and external
2. **Board & Committee Training:** how meetings are run, how to handle anger etc.
3. **Building Community Engagement:** more events and activities to build community, such as sports leagues, coffee hour, classes and lectures

In addition, the Board identified the following high priority goals:

- More support for committees
- Increase meeting professionalism, adopt meeting norms
- Coordinate and work with SF County to ensure funded projects are completed
- GIS: drainage survey, boundary data improvement, architectural requests database

- Better networking with local organizations and businesses like schools, water districts, community garden; neighbors helping neighbors initiatives
- Clarify roles and responsibilities between Board, staff and committees; fine tune staff organizational chart with clear roles and responsibilities

At the January Board meeting, Amelia Adair presented a summary of the retreat including the above goals. The PowerPoint slide deck with more detail about the retreat is available on the ECIA website Board page at **2022 Board Retreat**. If you have not already done so, please take a few moments to read through the document and share your comments on the materials and your own suggestions for short-term priorities with the Board, by emailing General Manager, Julie Navarro at [gm@eldoradosf.org](mailto:gm@eldoradosf.org).

Work toward these goals is already ongoing. At future Board meetings, the Board, staff and committee chairs will report to the community on action plans and progress toward achieving the goals identified at the retreat. The Board also plans to hold a future retreat to update the community's strategic, longer term goals and objectives. The last set of long-term goals and objectives is posted on the website at **2021-22-Strategic-Goals-Objectives.pdf** ([eldoradosf.org](http://eldoradosf.org)).

—Amelia Adair,  
ECIA Vice President

# Volunteer Retention and Community Outreach Initiative

The kickoff meeting of the Volunteer Retention and Recruitment *ad hoc* Committee (VRRRC) was held on Feb. 2. Ten Eldorado residents, some new to the community, others long time residents and volunteers, participated. The VRRRC will serve as a central hub in the network of many community outreach activities and events, including a team to welcome new residents, hosting community outreach and education events, and networking with other volunteer groups in the community.

Participants shared their ideas and suggestions as to how ECIA can move forward to improve our methods of welcoming new members, getting the word out about community events through multiple channels, moving toward zero waste events, and following up with new residents and those who indicate interest in committees after events. The committee looks forward to having lots of fun while

planning and supporting these events and activities.

The Board established the VRRRC to help it achieve the goal of recruiting and retaining exceptionally engaged, caring and talented volunteer leadership at all levels of the organization. The mission of the VRRRC is to improve the quality of ECIA's volunteer leadership by developing a set of best practices and strategies for attracting, supporting and helping retain volunteers for ECIA committees, task forces, events and special projects, and Board nominees. Jessica Neal ECIA's new Communications Director, will be the staff liaison for the VRRRC.

The VRRRC is seeking people interested in welcoming new residents, planning events and following up on those activities. Please contact Jessica Neal at the ECIA office, [jneal@hoamco.com](mailto:jneal@hoamco.com), for more information, or attend the next VRRRC meeting on Mar. 2 at 9:30 AM, at the Community Center.

## 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](mailto:jnavarro@hoamco.com)  
Monthly report available at [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org) > Board & Committees > ECIA Governing Board.  
**ECIA office open Mon-Sat 8:30 AM-5 PM\*. For information call 505 466-4248.**

\*The office is closed on Sundays with the exception of scheduled groups.



# HOA Skills Workshop—Learn More about Our HOA

**E**CIA's second HOA Skills Workshop was held **Feb. 8**. Board Vice President and former HOA attorney Amelia Adair gave an interactive presentation to new members and longer term members about the nuts and bolts of living in ECIA. Topics covered included resources—where to learn more about our HOA—how ECIA works, governance and running for the Board, architectural review, and volunteering for ECIA committees.

Feedback from participants was positive. Participants were especially interested in learning more about what

committees do and how ECIA is related to other organizations in the community.

ECIA plans to offer the HOA Skills Workshop several times a year, as always open to all residents, with a special focus on welcoming and orienting new residents to Eldorado. The presentation is available on the Volunteer Retention and Recruitment *ad hoc* Committee web page at: **HOA-Skills-Workshop-Feb.-2023.pdf**.

—Amelia Adair,  
ECIA Vice President



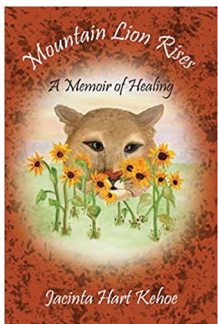
New residents participate in the HOA Skills Workshop



Board members Amelia Adair and Carol Sanguinetti participate in the Workshop

# VGPL Presents El Dorado Community School Art Show

**T**hanks very much to Dan Flores for coming and offering up a terrific talk on his book, and to Nancy and Jyette for pertinent information on health and aging. Not to mention the Santa Fe Origins group and their fabulous installation.



**Wednesday, Mar. 1, 6:30 PM:**  
**Jacinta Hart Kehoe** will be at VGPL to share her new book, *Mountain Lion Rises: A Memoir of Healing*.

On **Saturday, Mar. 11**, **David Yard** will be in the VGPL Meeting Room to tell you everything you ever wanted to know about fly fishing and answer all those questions you didn't know you had.

Our **March Art** is very special. It's our third annual El Dorado Community School (EDCS) Art Show. This is where the kids next door take over VGPL's art space with their 2 & 3-D art. The reception is **Friday, Mar. 3**, from 3–4:14 PM and the art will be here all month. It isn't for sale, but if you simply must have a piece, we can connect you with the art

teacher. This a great partnership between VGPL and EDCS, highlighting the kids' skills and helping us to celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday.

There will be a **Medicare Information Session** on **Wednesday, Mar. 15, 10–11:30 AM**. The topic is hospitalization... What to know before you go.

We have **Toddler Story Time** every **Thursday** at **10:30 AM**, with a story and a craft.

**Chess** takes places every **Friday** from 3–5 PM. It's open to all ages—children under 12 need parental permission.

**Family Movie Night, Friday, Mar. 17** at 7 PM. Contact VGPL or see our newsletter for the movie title. Admission, popcorn and juice are free.

**Library Board Meeting, Monday, Mar. 20**, at 5:30 PM, is open to the public.

Unless otherwise noted, all library programs are free and open to the public.

For questions: 505 466-7323 or [www.vglibrary.org](http://www.vglibrary.org).

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# Community Preserve Responsible Trail Use Guide



**W**inter is a beautiful time to get out and enjoy the Eldorado trails—snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hiking. It is also a time when responsible trail use is essential. Every year the Eldorado Community Preserve trails are damaged due to improper trail use, especially when the trails are muddy.

Snow doesn't usually stick around for very long—but the mud does. Wet trail surfaces may lose compaction and their

ability to withstand trail traffic, accelerated when people use muddy trails.

Horses have the highest impact on muddy and soft trails. Horses cause compaction to the underlying soil layers and hoofs dig up and puncture the soil surface causing compaction of subsurface soils, leading to impermeable basins on the trail, which retain water and mud for long periods.

Mountain bikes can damage trails during muddy periods by creating a linear track, causing channeling of water that remains on the trail. Even after the tire tracks disappear, the damaged trail surface continues to erode.

When people go around muddy areas they create new trails and the widened trail will create a larger muddy area in subsequent years.

Please, say “no” to mud. Only ride on trails that are durable and drain well. The ECIA Conservation Committee suggests exploring the 100 series trails behind the gas station during wetter periods. Avoid high snow melt times. Trails are generally more solid in the early morning hours, and tend to be sloppier in the afternoon. If you must be out on a muddy trail, stay on the trail surface at all times and avoid the instinct to walk next to the trail.

Dogs should be leashed and under the owner's control at all times. Unleashed dogs invoke a “flight response” in wildlife, which severely depletes their limited reserves. Coyotes and other predatory animals can be more aggressive toward domestic dogs during winter months when food sources are low.

Our trails are a wonderful resource; let's all work together to keep them in good condition, safe and enjoyable.

—Mike Rogers

ECIA Operations Manager

## Eldorado Local Radio Previews SF Opera, St. Pat's

**T**wo broadcast opera previews in March help Eldorado radio listeners familiarize themselves with this summer's fare at the Santa Fe Opera. ELDORADIO 1660 AM airs a complete performance of *Tosca* by Giacomo Puccini on *Saturday Matinee* at **noon Mar. 4**, plus Richard Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman* **Mar. 25**. Canadian pianist Oscar Peterson's **Mar. 18, 1990**, *Blue Note* performance is featured exactly 33 years later, and a concert by Eamon McCrystal **Mar. 11** previews St. Patrick's Day. An Irish tale on *BreakTime's Tell Me a Story* **Mar. 15** helps set the mood. ELDORADIO will showcase Irish tunes all day and share the poetry of William Butler Yeats on *BreakTime* at **10:30 AM on Mar. 17**.

Other poets on Thursday's *Voice of the Poet* at *BreakTime* this month include New Mexican Anne Valley-Fox, Ogden Nash, Dylan Thomas, and William Shakespeare. Mondays'



mid-morning break for *History in Sound* ranges in March from former governor Bill Richardson to a continuation of Edward R. Murrow's *I Can Hear It Now*.

Restricted by the FCC to extremely low power, ELDORADIO's signal covers the community in daylight, but after sunset reaches only the center of Eldorado.

Because the station fades into the background noise when the sun sets, later each day, a short news headline update about half an hour before dusk keeps listeners up to date on events in Eldorado and the rest of the world.



# What Not to Recycle—How to Keep Out Tangles

It is essential to recycle correctly so that materials can be processed efficiently and are acceptable to markets that receive them. Putting the wrong things into recycling can jeopardize what others are doing.

**#1. Keep recyclable items clean.** Rinse out cans, bottles, and other containers. Unclean recyclables can cause an entire load of containers to be rejected.

**#2. Learn what items can and cannot be recycled in our area.** Some items cannot be recycled because they are too small and literally fall through or off the conveyor belt in the sorting facility. This category includes pieces of paper smaller than a postcard and small pieces of clean aluminum foil. The paper pieces should be enclosed in an envelope and the aluminum can be compressed into a large ball or enclosed in a folded aluminum pie plate. Other items are considered to be *tanglers* that jam up the sorting apparatus. Therefore, these items cannot be recycled. They include ropes or string, straps, hoses, cords, or plastic film (bags, wraps, or packaging). Also: no electronics, rocks, clothing, food, hazardous waste, styrofoam, medicines or medical waste.

**#3. The materials accepted locally for recycling can often change because recycling is dependent on local markets.** This means that the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency (SFSWMA) must find buyers for the items collected to offset the costs of efficient collections and transportation to processing facilities, which are usually not local. Paper, cardboard, metal cans, glass, and plastics #1–7

are being accepted, although there is only a strong market for #1 and #2 plastics right now (e.g., plastic from water bottles, sodas, detergents). Keep up to date on what is recyclable at: [www.sfswma.org](http://www.sfswma.org).

## WHERE TO RECYCLE



The county provides free recycling for the above-mentioned materials at the Eldorado Convenience Center (ECC) located about two miles south of Eldorado on the east side of Rte. 285 (turn left at green sign on the right).

The other choice is local waste haulers: Waste Management accepts all but glass (you will have to take it to the ECC yourself) and Ibarra has a separate bin for glass.

## A FEW LAST TIPS:

Never put recyclables in bags. The only thing you can put in a bag is shredded paper, and it **MUST** be in a clear plastic bag so sorters can see what it is.

## IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

—Joe Durlak and Gary Stoller,  
Eldorado/285 Recycles

# Dog Adoption Event a Success!

Feb. 11 was a beautiful day for some lucky pups to find their forever home. Many ECIA residents and ECIA neighbors visited the Community Center to meet dogs looking to be adopted. Twelve Santa Fe Animal Shelter volunteers assisted throughout the event—walking, caring for, and introducing dogs to potential new owners. Of the approximately 20 dogs present, three puppies were adopted. Please consider adoptions from Santa Fe Animal Shelter, <https://sfhumanesociety.org>.



# March Meetings

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

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesdays	14, 28	3–5 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors Meeting	Tuesday	21	5:30 PM <i>Zoom / CR</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday Bi-Monthly	7	7–9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Thomas Brendenburgh	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	8	2–4 PM <i>Zoom / CFR</i>	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	1	10 AM–12:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Monday	6	9:30 AM–Noon <i>Zoom</i>	Joseph Gutierrez	j.gutierrez@eldoradosf.org
	Road Committee	Wednesday	1	5:30–7 PM <i>Zoom</i>	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
	Stable Committee	Monday	20	6:30–8:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Lisa Bessone	stablechair1@gmail.com
	Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee	Thursday	2	9:30–11:30 AM <i>Zoom</i>	Amelia Adair	a.adair@eldoradosf.org
Monthly/Semi-Monthly	Bridge Club	1st & 3rd Wed.	1, 15	1–4 PM <i>CR</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	15	3–5 PM <i>LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Eldorado Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	7	1:30–2:30 PM <i>CFR</i>	Naomi Burtnick	505 577-7305 enhnnm@gmail.com
	Life Drawing Class	Alt. Mondays	13, 27	9:30 AM–12:30 PM <i>CR</i>	Joe Mullins	joe@fishprint.net
	Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	14	6–8 PM <i>RR</i>	Anthony Balano	apbbalano@gmail.com
	Mah Jongg (Social Games)	1st & 3rd Wed.	1, 22	11:30 AM–3 PM <i>Foyer</i>	Carol Hardin	caje8@comcast.net
Weekly	Al-Anon	Saturdays		3:30–5 PM <i>CFR</i>	Phebe Macrae	phebemacrae2@gmail.com
	Bible Study & Worship Service	Saturdays		10:30 AM–12:30 PM <i>CR</i>	Kevin Rehorn	kevinrehorn@msn.com
	Chair Aerobics	Tuesdays / Thursdays		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 trgbbs@comcast.net
	Recovery AA Meetings *Thursdays Women Only	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

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

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

## Savor Eldorado

**T**hank you, Karen Davis, for hosting another wonderful afternoon of fellowship with Eldorado neighbors!

Close to 40 of us gathered on a sunny Sunday. Our own Chris Harrell entertained us with his guitar and singing... what a talent!

For those of you who haven't been yet, Savor is one of the groups that make Eldorado so special. Making new friends and connecting with old friends is helping to create a community spirit lacking in many other large developments.

We usually meet monthly on a Sunday afternoon from 3–5:30 PM. Name tags are always provided.

Residents bring an appetizer or dessert and drinks for themselves. Everything else is provided!

Our next gathering is **Sunday, Mar. 26**. You must be on the list to receive an invitation. Please email me at [Horsey1207@gmail.com](mailto:Horsey1207@gmail.com) to be added.

Once the invitation is sent out and you RSVP, you'll receive the address we'll be meeting at and any additional info.

If you'd like to volunteer your home for March (or any other month), please let me know. Remember, all you need to do is clean your house, everything is provided, even clean up!

Hope to see you soon!

—Elaine Kaiser

## EACA Interest Meeting



**E**ldorado Arts & Crafts Association will be holding its 31st Annual Art Tour on **Sept. 23 & 24**. Any EACA member who resides in Eldorado is eligible to participate. We will be holding an Interest Meeting at the Community Center on **Tuesday, Mar. 21, at 6 PM** for any artist who wants to find out about changes to or wants more information about the tour. If you are interested in volunteering for the Studio Tour Team, please contact Pat Rasmussen, 2023 Tour Director, at [eldoradostudiotour@gmail.com](mailto:eldoradostudiotour@gmail.com).

If you have not yet renewed your 2023 EACA membership or wish to join, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.eldoradoarts.org/member-submission-payments>.



*Winter's hard cold feet,  
through the desert slow walking,  
make footprints to spring.*

—Scott Manzer

**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](mailto:articles@eldoradosf.org). For help with any article, see the *Vistas* Style Guide: [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org) > News & Events > *Vistas* Newsletters.

## Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic Returns for Eighth Year

**T**erry and Janet Chandler, owners of Rugerheim Kennels, Las Cruces, will be again conducting their highly effective Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinics for Dogs at the Community Center grounds. The clinic will be held on **Saturday, Apr. 15**, beginning in groups of about 25 handlers and dogs at **8 AM**, running on the hour, until noon.

This marks the tenth consecutive year the Central New Mexico Brittany Club has hosted this clinic. It will also be held on **Sunday, Apr. 16** on the West Mesa in Rio Rancho, NM.

The clinics held in Eldorado, dating to 2015, have attracted more than 100 dogs annually. The effectiveness of this training is reported in the dozens of first-hand testimonies from our residents and their dogs avoiding rattlers on hikes in the preserve, walks on the greenbelt, or inside their courtyards. The E-Collar has been designed and manufactured for Terry by Garmin Tri-Tronics specifically for the Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic for Dogs. Adjustments are made for each dog's size, age, breed, physical shape, medical pre-existing conditions and personality. The only adverse effect from the E-collar is the consistent avoidance of rattlers.

The goal is to keep your dog from wanting anything to do with a rattler. Avoidance behaviors are individual to the dog. Some may veer away while others do a hard about face.

The \$100 registration fee per dog includes an additional,

one-time free follow-up in a clinic conducted by Terry a year or more later. I have witnessed dogs returning from one to seven years post-training and almost none wanted anything to do with the rattlesnake. Additional retests, beyond the one-time free follow-up, are available for \$40.

Registration deadline at [www.perfdog.com](http://www.perfdog.com) for this year's Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic is **Friday, Apr. 7, 11:59 PM**.

For information visit the Central New Mexico Brittany Club web page: [https://centralnewmexicobrittanyclub.com/CNMBC\\_Hosted\\_Rattlesnake\\_Avoidance\\_Clinics.html](https://centralnewmexicobrittanyclub.com/CNMBC_Hosted_Rattlesnake_Avoidance_Clinics.html).

For questions not covered on the club's clinic web page, contact Tom Mauter: **505 466-6511** or [tjmauter@comcast.net](mailto:tjmauter@comcast.net).



**Left: Dog attempts to get too close to the rattler; Right: Dog exhibits avoidance behavior due training techniques.**

—Tom Mauter



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