

NEW MEXICO HISTORY MUSEUM

PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS

Resolved: Learn more history in 2016 *January events at the New Mexico History Museum*



Santa Fe—Starting January 17, the New Mexico History Museum inaugurates a monthly program for children, families and the young at heart. **Family Fun Day** occurs the third Sunday of each month, 1:30–3:30 pm. Participants will learn about an aspect of New Mexico history as museum educators and special guests guide them through various take-home craft projects. Family Fun Days are designed to accommodate drop-ins anytime during the two-hour span, and they are free with admission. Remember: Sundays are free to NM residents, and children 16 and under are free every day.

Make a new year's habit of coming to the History Museum the third Sunday of each month for Family Fun Day.

This month's programming schedule:

Sunday, January 10: Last day to see *Poetics of Light: Pinhole Photography*

This groundbreaking exhibit features choice images from the world's largest collection of pinhole photography. In 2012, Eric Renner and Nancy Spencer, founders of the Pinhole Resource Collection, donated it to the Palace of the Governors Photo Archives. From historical images to contemporary versions, along with a room-sized camera obscura, the exhibit mixes art, history and science.

→Download high-res images from the exhibit [by clicking here](#).

Wednesday, January 13, noon: Brainpower & Brownbags Lunch Lecture

Francois-Marie Patorni, a native of France and a Santa Fe resident, speaks on "The French in New Mexico," based on his research for the book, *New Mexico: The French since the 1500s*, which explores 500 years of French, French-Canadian and other French-speaking people in the Land of Enchantment. His website is <http://newmexicofrenchhistory.com/>. Lectures are free in the Meem Community Room. Enter through the Washington Avenue doors.

Sunday, January 17, 1:30–3:30 pm, Family Fun Day

Learn more about hide paintings like the legendary Segesser Hides in the Palace and historic and contemporary versions in the exhibit *Painting the Divine: Images of Mary in the New World*. Then come to the classroom to make your own take-home hide painting. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free with admission. Sundays free to NM residents; children 16 and under free daily.

→Image above: A child tries her hand at a type of traditional hide painting at the New Mexico History Museum. Download a high-res version of this image [by clicking here](#).

Sunday, January 17, 2 pm: "Uncovered: The Discovery of a Confederate Mass Grave at Glorieta"

In 1987, homeowner Kip Siler discovered human remains that proved to belong to a mass grave of Civil War soldiers. Archaeologist Matthew Barbour talks about the excavation and what the remains tell us about the decisive 1862 battle of Glorieta Pass. Siler will show some of the artifacts in his personal collection. Part of the exhibit *Fading Memories: Echoes of the Civil War*. Free with admission; Sundays free to NM residents.

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Sunday, January 31, 2 pm, *Into the Dream Maze*, a poetry reading by John Brandi

Celebrated poet and painter John Brandi reads from his newest book, *Into the Dream Maze*, a limited-edition publication from the Press at the Palace of the Governors. As novelist John Nichols writes in the introduction: "Here is an autobiography in fifteen prose poems and sweet haikus and whimsical joyous pictures. The effect is wonderful. We should all love the world this much." *Into the Dream Maze* is homage to the wandering poets of Japan whom Brandi has followed for years, and also a love letter to New Mexico's land, sky, prayed-for water, ancient peoples, and next-door neighbors.

→Download a high-res image of the book [by clicking here](#).

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For more information about the museum, log onto www.nmhistorymuseum.org.

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[The New Mexico History Museum](#), 113 Lincoln Avenue, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is part of a campus that includes the Palace of the Governors, a National Treasure and the oldest continuously occupied public building in the nation; the Fray Angélico Chávez History Library; the Palace of the Governors Photo Archives; the Press at the Palace of the Governors; and the Native American Artisans Program. A division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, its exhibitions and programs are supported by the Museum of New Mexico Foundation.

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