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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KIT CARSON HOME AND MUSEUM

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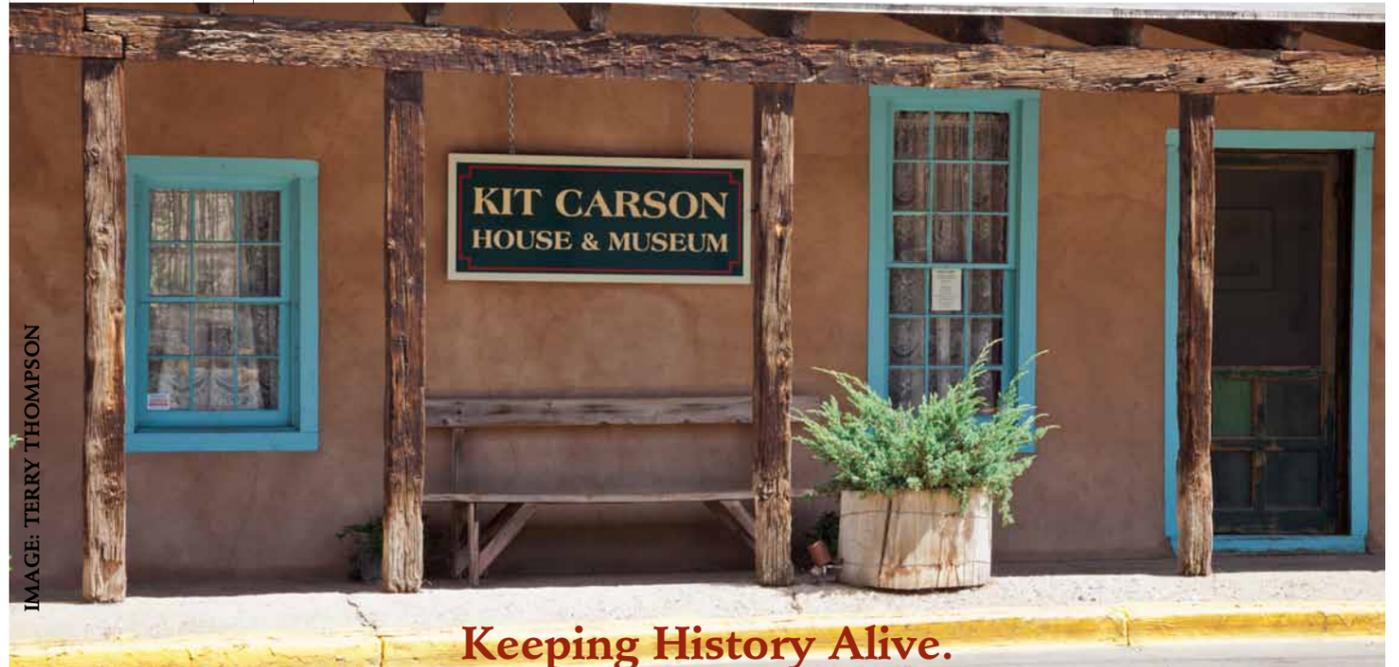


IMAGE: TERRY THOMPSON

Keeping History Alive.

The mission of the Kit Carson Home and Museum is to inform the public about the life, accomplishments and experiences of Christopher "Kit" Carson during America's expansion to the West and to preserve the Carson family home and artifacts for visitors and future generations.

KIT CARSON HOME AND MUSEUM 2016 SUMMER LECTURE SERIES



SATURDAY, JULY 2 AT 6:00PM
Ed Wallace – From Slave to Superstar: The Life of James Pierson Beckwourth. An inspiring and historically accurate portrayal of Jim Beckwourth, an African-American born into slavery, who became a major influence during the exploration and settlement of the American West. Actor Ed Wallace brings to life the adventures and achievements or this enigmatic contemporary of Kit Carson's.



SATURDAY, JULY 30 AT 6:00PM
Sunny Dooley – Cultural Items in Cultural Context. Storyteller Sunny Dooley focuses on cultural items significant in maintaining Diné teachings. The Olive B. O'Connor Distinguished Visiting Professor of Literature and Storyteller-in-Residence at Colgate University and one of nine women, and the only Native storyteller to be included in the Women's Chautauqua Institute. In 2006, Ms. Dooley received the annual Navajos Making a Difference Award at the annual Navajo Studies conference.



SATURDAY, JULY 16 AT 6:00PM
Rosalia de Aragon – Hispanic history and traditions are brought to life with the popular performance and songs of Rosalia de Aragon, a multi-talented native actor. Rosalia is from a family of accomplished visual and literary artists. This evening's performance will include an announcement by the Museum about an exciting new book project.



SATURDAY, AUG. 13 AT 6:00PM
Ralph Estes – The West Singing Its Story. Take a trip through a thousand years of the American West, from Anasazi Indians to the Atomic Age. Singing and songs were the way the stories of the West were told. Join us for an evening of singing the West. Ralph Estes is a troubadour and a member of the Western Music Association, the Wild West History Association, and the Western Writers of America.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello again. It was a typical and wonderful Taos spring with snow in May and lots of cold temperatures. Despite the cold spring the KCHM historic courtyard is in bloom again. I hope you will be able to stop by and enjoy the hollyhocks and other flowering plants. When you visit, you will notice the condition of the home's historic courtyard walls. Our extreme Taos weather takes its toll on traditional adobe structures like the Kit Carson home, and the damage to the cement stucco over the years has been severe.

This year the Museum will embark on a campaign to restore and rehabilitate these original historic walls. The Museum has engaged an historic preservation architect from Santa Fe to start the delicate process of restoration. It will be the first time since the 1800s that the original adobe bricks of the home will be examined and tested for viability. The Museum adheres to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, which can be read in full at www.nps.gov/tps/about.htm.

We appreciate the support all of you have given to this small historic jewel in Taos over the years. It is difficult for us to ask you to give more, but the process of preserving our important American heritage never stops. Every dollar donated to this campaign will go toward repairing and restoring this important historic home.

Preserving our history for younger generations can only mean the preservation of America itself. We are proud to participate in this struggle and we are truly grateful for your help. I hope that all of you have a safe and fun-filled summer – and see you at our 2016 Summer Lectures!

Sincerely,
John Smedly, Jr.



KIT CARSON HOME AND MUSEUM

Kit Carson Home and Museum, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of New Mexico and governed by a Board of Directors. The home of Kit and Josefa Carson has been supported by Bent Lodge #42 AF and AM since 1911, when the Freemasons purchased the property.

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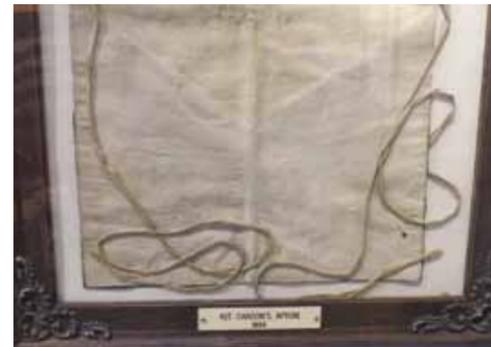
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THANK YOU

The Museum extends its sincere appreciation to our members, donors, volunteers, Bent Lodge #42 and all of our supporters - we would not be able to do the important work of preserving history without your help - thank you.

NEW MUSEUM LOAN FROM THE GRAND MASONIC LODGE OF NEW MEXICO

For the first time ever Kit Carson's Masonic apron will be on display at the Museum. The apron, worn as a symbolic gesture by Freemasons, is a simple white square of kid leather with "Christopher Carson" written under the flap in blue ink. We thank the Grand Lodge for this generous loan and Board member, Noah Shapiro, for obtaining the loan.



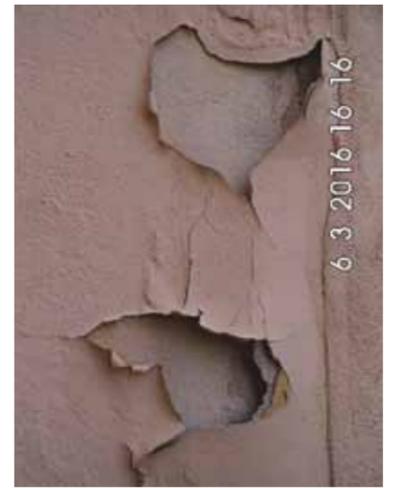
THE KIT CARSON HOME AND MUSEUM TO RESTORE ORIGINAL WALLS OF KIT'S HOME

The Kit Carson Home and Museum will begin restoration work on the exterior walls of the historic courtyard. The Museum will remove the old, damaged and crumbling cement stucco from the original walls of the home, and with the guidance of an historic preservation architect, test the original adobe bricks underneath for structural soundness. The adobe bricks will then be repaired and re-enforced and exterior mud plaster will be applied in the traditional manner.

The scope of work will be:

- Removal of the cement stucco on the exterior courtyard walls
- Subsurface adobe masonry restoration of the original adobe bricks
- Mudding of exterior adobe walls with traditional adobe mud plaster
- Waterproof foundation of the south and west courtyard walls

Help us preserve our American history and ensure the continuation of America's stories for future generations - become a benefactor of history!



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Mail to: KCHM Fund to Restore the Courtyard Walls, 113 Kit Carson Road, Taos, NM 87571
Please call the Director at 575-758-4082 to discuss ways to help with this important preservation project.