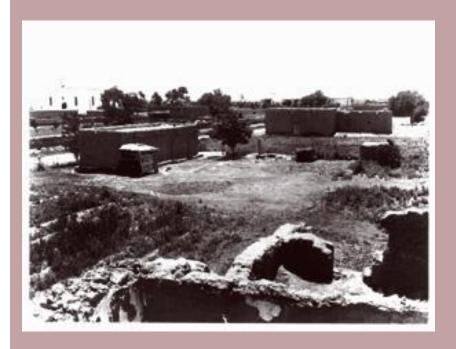
# CULTURAL HERITAGE SOCIETY

of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro





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#### **2021 Binational History Conference**

The 2021 Annual History Conference has been announced for September.

### **CHS Virtual Speaker Series**

The Virtual Speaker series scheduled through August.

## CHS Highlighted on the April 17<sup>th</sup> El Paso History Radio Show

Society President Al Borrego will talk about the Society and its mission.

# News from the Camino

Friends of the Camino in the old North: meaning in the states of Chihuahua, Southwestern Texas, and New Mexico. Working with the history and cultural heritage of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro continues to inspire us. We have a common debt between three states and two countries that we must settle with our people and our culture. We are heirs of a grand tradition that can be felt in historical monuments, goods and historical memory, however, the most important thing is that the Camino Real is still alive. It continues to nourish our identity and motivates us to look for more and better forms of exchange and collaboration. For no reason can we allow the heritage of the Camino Real to be reduced to exhibits in museums. To this end, in recent months we have worked to form a binational committee whose task is focused on the management of historical and cultural projects related to the Camino Real in the states of Texas, Chihuahua and New Mexico. We intend to promote research, meetings and exchanges, publications, and the participation of promoters organized in local networks, along the old commercial route. We hope to achieve, under federal and state laws, a cultural movement that progressively leads us to achieve declarations and recognitions from the local, state and binational level, that will impact social and political areas. This is a collaboration of years of work by a few individuals that are dedicated to our history, our heritage, our culture, and our future.



## Importance of Cultural Heritage

By Cultivating Culture

Not everyone feels a connection with their cultural heritage, but many people do. What is it about cultural heritage that draws these people to it? Some may think traditions are archaic and no longer relevant, and that they are unnecessary during these modern times. Perhaps for some, they aren't; but for others, exploring cultural heritage offers a robust variety of benefits.

Culture can give people a connection to certain social values, beliefs, religions and customs. It allows them to identify with others of similar mindsets and backgrounds. Cultural heritage can provide an automatic sense of unity and belonging within a group and allows us to better understand previous generations and the history of where we come from.

In large cities especially, it can be easy to feel lost and alone among so many other cultures and backgrounds. New York City, for example, is a huge melting pot of people from all over the country and the world. There are large communities based around certain cultural heritages, including Irish, Spanish, Italian, Asian, and others.

Another benefit that comes from preserving cultural heitage as a whole is the communal support. Those that identify strongly with a certain heritage are often more likely to help out others in that same community.

Cultural heritage is made up of many things large and small. We can see it in the buildings, townscapes, and even in archaeological remains. Culture can be perceived through natural sources as well: the agriculture and landscapes associated with it. It is preserved through books, artifacts, objects, pictures, photographs, art, and oral tradition. Cultural heritage is in the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the religions we follow, and the skills we learn. Sometimes we can touch and see what makes up a culture; other times it is intangible.

Heritage helps explain the process of finding and incorporating culture into our lives, if we wish to do so. It begins with understanding the culture. Only then may we begin to value it. From there, we can learn to care for a culture and eventually enjoy it. With more enjoyment, we will want to learn and understand more—and so the circle goes.

## The Virtual Speaker Series



The 2021 Speaker Series kicked off on February 28 without a hitch. The CHS webinar platform has proven to deliver great service. The FREE virtual presentation on Sunday by Gary De Leon was attended by over 100 persons, some of whom were listening via telephone. The program project will be made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. CHS will also present "Descendants of the Oñate Expedition II" in June.

#### Coming Up:

March 21, 2021	"The Lady in Blue ~ Sor Maria de Jesus" with Martha Vera Honorary Consul of Spain
April 25, 2021	"The Top 5 Historic Sites in El Paso County" with

Patricia Kiddney and Bernie Sargent

May 23, 2021 "A History of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo" with Rick Quezada, Perservation Officer for the Tribe

June 20, 2021 "Desendants of the Oñate Expedition II" with Gary De Leon

July 25, 2021 "The Salt War of 1877"

August 22, 2021 "The El Paso Mission Trail Corridor"



#### More Information:

# CULTURAL HERITAGE SOCIETY OF THE CAMINO REAL DE TIERRA ADENTRO

The CHS will be on the El Paso History Radio Show on Saturday, April 17,2021, to talk about the activities of the CHS organization, future projects, and the actual mission of the new non-profit that is based in San Elizario, Texas. Be sure to tune in on 690 AM.



Be sure to take a look at our videos on



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqch UdgKofhOJliJL7Kogq





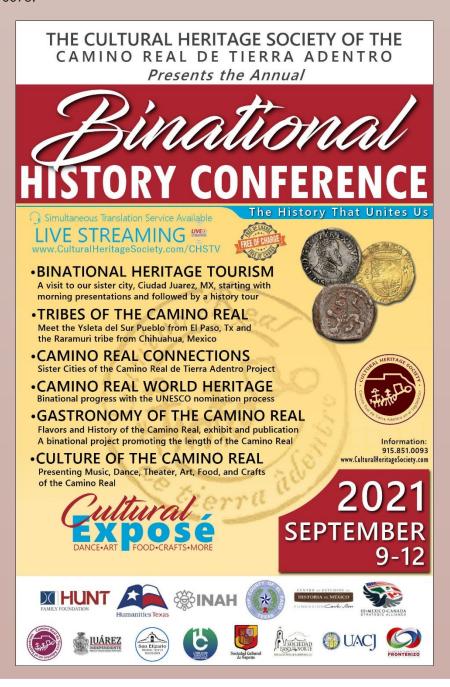
Checkout our Cultural Events on the website or FaceBook page.





# The 2021 ANNUAL BINATIONAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

The 2021 Binational Conference has been scheduled for September 9-12, 2021 by the Cultural Heritage Society of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro. The site for the event has not been confirmed due to COVID Guidelines. The Conference will kickoff, in our Sister City, Ciudad Juarez on Thursday, September 9th with an early morning session at the Museum of the Revolution, hosted by the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH). Following a private tour of the Museum, there will be a private tour of the Mission of Guadalupe, and a private lunch hosted by Ciudad Jaurez and the Sociedad Paso del Norte para la Historia y Cultura. Other activities may be included. Transportation to and from Mexico will be made available for conference attendees that may wish to attend the Binational activities. The Conference will open on Friday, in Texas, in conjunction with a Cultural Exposé of Dance, Art, Crafts, Food, and more. A Conference Schedule will be available in early August. The Conference is FREE to the general public. Information: 915-851-0093.



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