

Museum of Heritage & Arts



Small Community, Big Possibilities

HOURS: TUES-SAT 10AM-5PM

(505) 352-7720

251 MAIN ST. SE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *“Surviving the Titanic”*
Saturday April 12
- *“Winter Into Spring”*
Art Show by the Camino
Real Artists - now thru
April 16
- 12th Annual Student
Art Show *“Tales
Through Time”* April 26
- June 7
- Ladybug Paint Parties
May 17 & 31
- Santa Fe Day Trip -
Saturday, May 24
- Making Your Art
Professional on a
Budget - Sat., June 21

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Students from Valencia County will showcase various art pieces from April 26 - June 7, 2025. The theme of this year's show is "Tales Through Time." If you know of students who are interested in displaying their work, please submit an entry form along with up to 3 pieces of art. Entry forms can be obtained on our website at www.LosLunasNM.gov/Museum or in person at the museum. We are looking forward to showcasing student artwork and creativity! Prizes and ribbons will be awarded for Elementary, Middle, and High School categories. All 2D and 3D media types will be accepted.



New for 2025! Pick up a Frequent Visitor Card the next time you visit. Once you visit the Museum four times, you'll qualify for 20% off in our gift shop around the holidays. Restrictions and limits apply.

FREE! Paint Party

Join us on Saturday, May 17 & 31 for a spring themed paint party! We'll all be painting cute ladybugs enjoying the day. No artistic experience is required - you will be guided through the process to create a small masterpiece that you can take home with you.

- Saturday, May 17 & 31, 2 PM - 4 PM
- All supplies provided
- Lemonade and iced tea will be served
- Attendance is limited to adults and youth 14+
- Limit 4 per reservation. Limited to one date.
- This event is free, but space is very limited so reservations are required. Call the Museum at (505) 352-7720 to reserve your spot or to be added to the waitlist.



Santa Fe Day Trip

Saturday, May 24

Let us do the driving for a fun day trip to Santa Fe. We'll tour some museums on Museum Hill and have time to spend at the historic Plaza area. Call the Museum at (505) 352-7720 to reserve your spot! Space is limited.

\$5.00 fee per person includes admission to museums.

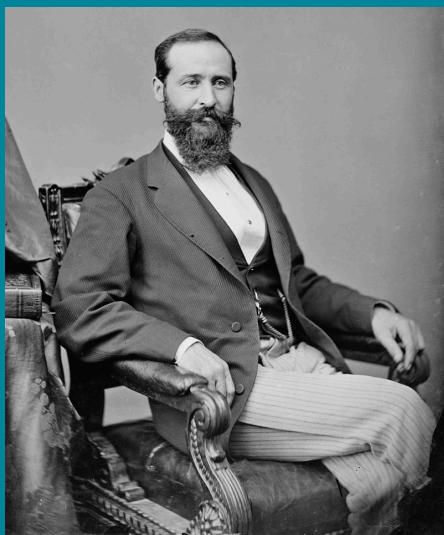
- **8:15 AM** - Arrive at Los Lunas Museum and load vans
- **8:30 - 10:00 AM** - Drive to Santa Fe
- **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** - Museum Hill Museums (Indian Arts & Culture and Int'l Folk Art)
- **12:00 - 12:30 PM** - Drive to Plaza
- **12:30 - 2:30 PM** - Free time in Plaza area to eat, shop, see sites, etc.
- **2:30 - 4:00 PM** - Drive back to Los Lunas

Bring sunscreen, hat, and water bottle, and be prepared to walk.

Times subject to change, may arrive back at Museum as late as 5:00 PM.



HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT



Col. Jose Francisco Chaves
1833-1904

Colonel J. Francisco Chaves was a prominent politician, soldier, and lawyer during the 19th Century. Chaves was born into an influential family that included his grandfather Don Francisco Xavier Chaves who was governor of New Mexico for the Mexican Republic, and his stepfather was New Mexico Territorial Governor Henry Connelly. When Chaves was a boy it is said his father told him when sending him to school in St. Louis, "The heretics are going to overrun all this country. Go and learn their language and come back prepared to defend your people."* Chaves did just that in more ways than one. He was an experienced soldier rising to the rank of colonel and served in the Native Wars, as well as during the US Civil War. Chaves fought for the Union at the Battle of Valverde as well as at other engagements in response to the Texas-Confederate invasion. Chaves would later become a prominent lawyer as well as politician. He was a ranking member of the Republican Party of New Mexico, and served in the territorial legislature multiple times. He was district attorney of the then second judicial district, and was a member of the 39th, 40th, and 41st US Congress where he adamantly fought for New Mexico and advocated for statehood. Chaves was assassinated at a ranch at Pinos Wells in 1904. While suspects were accused and tried, justice was never served, and his murder went unpunished.

*(Twitchell, R. *Leading Facts of New Mexican History*)



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VALENCIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKER SERIES/EVENTS



- **Sunday, May 18** - Annual Road Show and Personal Antiques Display at Los Lunas Transportation Center 101 Courthouse Rd, Los Lunas.
- **Tuesday, April 1 at 10:30 AM** - Albuquerque Genealogical Society's Military Research Group meets virtually and in person on the second floor of the Main Albuquerque Library at 5th & Copper in Albuquerque. This meeting's topic will be **Revolution and Early American 1775-1812**. See this web page for more info: <https://tinyurl.com/4keyf69m> . If planning to attend the meeting via Zoom, register at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ms6pftvh> . For more info send e-mail to MilResSIG@abqgen.org.
- **For other historical society events from around the state please visit www.vchsnm.org.**



Surviving the Titanic Saturday, April 12 at 11:00 AM

Come hear the story of Maud Sincock Roberts' experience aboard the ill-fated Titanic, presented by her granddaughter, Gail Garcia. Presentation will include personal letters and memorabilia, newspaper interviews and articles, and a 1970's television interview. Nearly 113 years after the sinking of the Titanic, there is still more to learn about what happened that night.

Making Your 2D Art Professional on a Budget

Saturday, June 21 at 2:00 PM

Museum Technician Monica Kemsley, who is also an artist, will present on strategies you can use to make your art professional without using custom framing services. She'll discuss typical guidelines for calls for art, how to self-frame, demonstrate wiring, and provide tips for selecting pre-made frames with examples for participants to look at. Monica will also discuss ways to pre-plan your artworks in anticipation of future framing and presentation in shows.



Museum Services

We offer tours, talks, paint parties and exhibits throughout the year. Recently, we added a fun Coloring Corner station for all ages. We can also help with genealogical research, providing the use of historic publications, church, and census records. Our digital archives house oral histories provided by local residents. If you're interested in adding to our oral history project, please call us at (505) 352-7720 to make an appointment.



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VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP!

The Friends of the Los Lunas Library & Museum gift shop offers a wide selection of jewelry, handbags, books, and other items. Come in today and see the new items we have! Your purchase supports our Museum and Library.



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