

RURAL FARMING AND CULTURAL LIFEWAY PROTECTED IN LAS TRAMPAS



Tucked into the historic Village of Las Trampas on the scenic High Road to Taos lie the family lands of Carlos and Sadie Lopez, a short walk from the historic San Jose de Gracias Church and plaza. Together, they anchor the Spanish colonial village that was settled in 1751 by 12 families from Santa Fe. The farm's dirt driveway leads through a tangle of wild rose and native grasses, overlooking fields of willow, cottonwood and the remains of this summer's garden. The irrigated farmland and cultural lifeway of the village are part of the legacy to be protected by a conservation easement – a legacy that is fading as the demands of 21st century lifestyles infiltrate this timeless region.

“All my life I've been coming here and I've seen a lot of changes in New Mexico. It's interesting to see how the rest of the world has come here,” said Carlos Lopez, owner of High Road Gardens and the 18-acre property that he wants to see remain intact. “At a more personal level, it's all about my Tio Max and Tia Eulalia, it motivates me emotionally to keep the farm.”

Carlos Lopez is a direct descendant of the original settlers and the property has been in his family for generations and under cultivation since the mid-18th century. Carlos' father inherited the property from his great-uncle, Max Cruz. When Carlos' dad passed away, Carlos and his wife Sadie returned to New Mexico seven years ago. As the only son, he inherited the property and transitioned into rural farming life from a career as a film editor in Los Angeles.

“I rode out the 90s in post- production, the last decade when it was doing really well,” he said. “I've always been coming back. I'd work on a movie and then take a break. I'm a farmer now. Back in the day I had wondered about farming. With so much land and water, why not grow someday? At that time, there were not many farmer's markets. Now you can make some money.”

The property includes priority surface water rights from the Rio de Las Trampas to irrigate four tracts of land

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The end of this year marks the end of my 12th year at NMLC. The overall experience has been incredibly rewarding and satisfying, though not without its challenges. I have come to know a side of New Mexico that many people don't get to see, because most of the land with which we work is private. I also have come to know the people who own and live on

these lands, their personal stories, and why they are motivated to protect and conserve it. I am humbled by the generosity of these private landowners across New Mexico and southeast Arizona, who have enabled us to protect nearly 165,000 acres of lands that include critical wildlife habitat, productive farm and ranchland, cultural and historic sites, recreational lands and scenic open space.

I have chosen to dedicate my time and energy to this cause because I love this state and believe in our organization's mission and approach. I am also very gratified to be part of a highly committed group of conservation-minded people, which includes not only our staff and board but our landowners, partners and donors.

Running a successful land trust with meaningful and lasting land protection on the ground also requires a lot of persistence and hard work, which can take a toll if not properly managed and balanced. I asked my board for a special favor this year, which they have granted. From November 2016 through early next April, I will step away from my position to pursue other interests and take some much-needed time for reflection and recharging.



I am comfortable taking this time off only because we have an incredibly talented and dedicated staff that will continue to carry out the important work that we do around the state. Our very capable conservation director, Dr. Beth Mills, will serve as acting director during my absence.

I am confident that the organization won't miss a beat while I am away and I look forward to rejoining the staff and the work at hand. Along with our board, landowners, partners and supporters, I also anticipate celebrating our 15th anniversary and beginning our next strategic planning process to help us chart the course for the next five years. There is much to do within this remarkable geography we call New Mexico. I remain committed to preserving its incredible natural and cultural heritage, for all of us and future generations to enjoy.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott".

Las Trampas *(continued from page 1)*

totaling about 10 acres. The Lopez's grow loose-leaf lettuce, arugula, squash, broccoli, green beans, beans, cilantro and spinach. They plan to expand to small monocrops such as garlic and native corn. They worked the local farmer's markets for about six years but now sell mostly to Taos restaurants. "They want local organic vegetables," Sadie said. "We're not certified but we don't use any sprays or pesticides."

The riparian corridor and wetlands include several species of willow, alder, narrow leaf cottonwood that merge into Gambel oak, pinon and ponderosa pine forest to form an "edge" habitat that nurtures a variety of birds and mammals. "

We have many birds – redwing blackbird, redtail hawk, blue heron, owls, cranes, and a murder of crows," Carlos said. The couple also has found pottery sherds from 7th century Pueblo settlements on the property, including redware and black on white. Sadie practices wildcrafting. "I go deep into the woods above the

property and gather some 50 medicinal herbs, like arnica, yerba buena, oregano de la sierra (bee balm), yarrow, mallows, and willow bark," she said.

Along with the farm, the Lopezes inherited about \$80,000 in estate debts. "We're trying not to sell property off to pay the debts," Sadie said. "We had 45 days to find \$30,000 or the court would order us to give one of the tracts to Carlos's dad's eight siblings, which would be subdivided at $\frac{3}{4}$ acre each. We had to come up with something."

"They don't build adobe anymore, they put up trailers, to me it's just heinous," Carlos said. "Once you build on something you're going to lose water rights and then, agriculturally, it's not the same. That's what's happening up and down the valley. One by one pieces are getting built up with trailers and houses. Max is in my heart and mind, he had that land for a considerable time. It's an integral, intact entity and it's going to stay like that."





The Lopezes contacted the Taos Land Trust (TLT) to protect the land a few years ago, but the cost of establishing a conservation easement then was prohibitive. Last March they approached NMLC about the possibility of a conservation easement. NMLC contacted TLT and the two land trusts agreed to collaborate to protect the property. An anonymous donor from New England, concerned about protecting local agrarian culture and organic food production, provided the funding for NMLC to move ahead with the easement process. Separately, TLT raised stewardship money for the property and ultimately will hold the conservation easement.

“The upshot is that the money stopped us, but now the judge is working with us, waiting for approval,” Sadie said. “We wanted to conserve the land, not only the land but also respect and honor Carlos’s ancestors.” The partnership forged between NMLC and TLT will help these landowners preserve this traditional rural, agrarian backdrop to the historic San Jose de Gracias church and the Las Trampas plaza, as well as this family’s legacy on the land.



Left: two brother horses roam the farm. Top: corn stalks and cattails. Above: Sadie and Carlos Lopez talk about their plans for the farm.

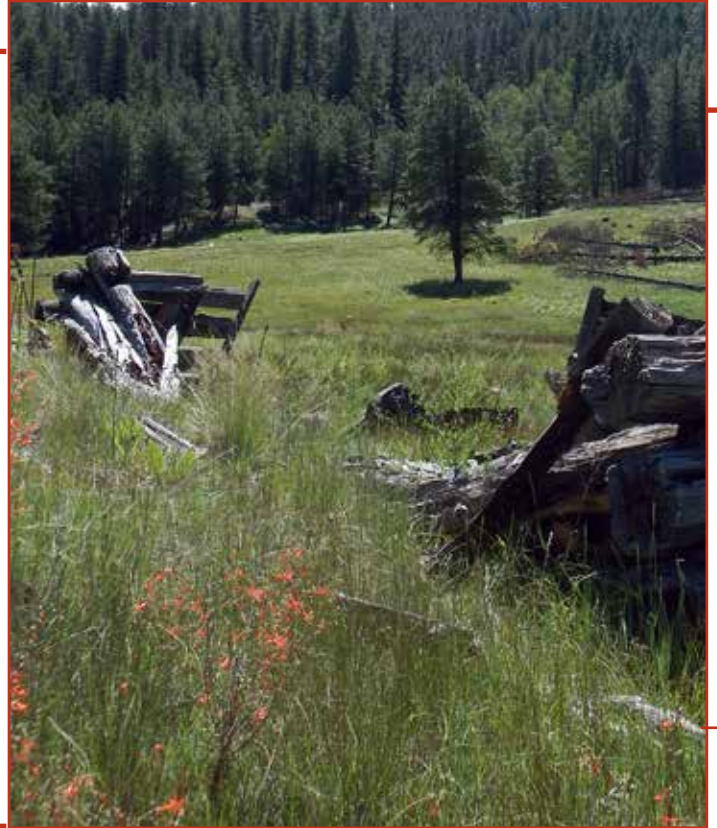
CONNECTING HABITAT IN THE JEMEZ MOUNTAINS

The American West is a patchwork quilt of land ownership, no better illustrated than by private inholdings within our nation's public lands. These private lands pose both considerable challenges and opportunities for all parties: access and trespass concerns for landowners; management by agencies; critical economic opportunities for ranchers; and outright confusion by the public. They also pose concerns for conservation, as they are potential islands of development in a larger sea of unbroken landscapes and wildlife habitat.

Opportunities to work with private landowners with inholdings are a rare but exciting opportunity for the New Mexico Land Conservancy. In the Jemez Mountains, where inholdings are abundantly peppered throughout the Santa Fe National Forest,



we are working with two such landowners. They see the value of reducing disturbance on their lands to enhance private and public land connectivity for the benefit of wildlife, water resources and ecosystem health.



One of these properties encompasses 160 acres of School Section Canyon, a small drainage feeding the Rio de las Vacas, an important tributary of the Jemez River. This open, park-like valley was once a small farming homestead cultivating oats and cold weather crops, providing a hard-scrabble subsistence for homesteaders in the early 1900s. While the original cabin was refurbished by the current landowners, native high-elevation grasslands and mixed coniferous forests have reclaimed much of the agricultural signature. Today it offers refuge for the Jemez elk herd along with turkey, grouse, bear, mountain lion and other Rocky Mountain flora and fauna.

The property is managed for temporary, seasonal cattle grazing, a long-time New Mexico tradition during summer months in the high country. It also is located a stone's throw from critical habitat for the Jemez Mountain salamander, a rare endemic species known only to this part of the world. The landowners are committed to protecting New Mexico's charismatic cultural and natural landscape. The conservation easement is but one testament to their love of the land and concern for the preservation of New Mexico's heritage.

Another inholding in the National Forest lies just two miles downstream from School Section Canyon on the main stem of the Rio de las Vacas. The Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails, a non-profit organization founded in the early 1970s, purchased the 1,200-acre parcel within the former Cañon de San Diego Land Grant. For nearly half a century, they have used the camp to instill wonder and appreciation of the natural environment in generations of girls and young women. Known as Rancho de Chaparral, the camp is one of the largest single inholdings in the Jemez Mountains. It hosts a diverse and well-managed forest that includes ponderosa parklands, an alder and willow riparian complex, and thick spruce-fir and aspen stands. Ojitos Canyon, a main feature of the property under easement, was once home to a large logging camp in the early 1920s. Today one can explore the skeletal remains of a machine shop, a village store and other dwellings.

NMLC staff is working with the Girl Scouts on easements to permanently protect about 800 acres for educational, cultural and conservation purposes. As visionaries, the Girl Scouts' board of directors' understand the many reasons for resource conservation beyond the significant financial incentives for a non-profit. By permanently protecting their land with a conservation easement, they are strengthening the legacy of land stewardship and environmental education so fundamental to the Girl Scout tradition.

Lower left: Aspen stand on the Rio de las Vacas. Top left: Logging camp remains. Below: Rancho de Chaparral.





CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF CONSERVATION SUCCESS!

It's a balmy spring evening as you stroll through a cottonwood grove on the Santa Ana Pueblo, listening to the strains of a live band while the Rio Grande beckons below. Crickets join in with the music as the sun slowly begins to set and the alpenglow lights up the Sandia mountains to the east. Breathe in the Southwestern ambience while you gather with friends to celebrate 15 years of successful conservation by New Mexico's only statewide land trust. From our humble beginnings as a staff of two, to a mature, accredited organization of seven dedicated professionals, ten active board members and five advisory board members, the New Mexico Land Conservancy has a lot of celebrate:

**74 conservation projects completed across New Mexico and southeast Arizona,
permanently protecting over 160,000 acres!**

On June 10, 2017, the NMLC family will fête our 15th anniversary at the Hyatt Tamaya Resort. We'll kick off the evening with a cocktail reception and silent auction (make sure to bring some spare change), followed by dinner and a brief program celebrating 15 years of private lands conservation. We also will honor Courtney White, Quivira Coalition founder, author, celebrated conservationist and proponent of the "radical center." We're thrilled to recognize Courtney with the 5th annual Jane Wing Petchesky Conservation Award (For more on Courtney see pg. 12). We'll close out the evening with some two-steppin' fun, so don't forget your dancing shoes!

This year's event will gather at the Cottonwood Pavilion situated just above the Rio Grande. We're expecting 200 guests and want you to be one of them! Tickets are \$150 and go on sale through our website in January. You also can become a much-appreciated and esteemed "Table Captain" by purchasing a table at \$1,500 for your friends and family, and you'll receive the exclusive benefit of two special guests joining your table.

NMLC is a charitable organization and, as such, we offer sponsorships to help support the event and raise funds for our ever-expanding conservation work. Sponsorships range from \$500 - \$5,000 and offer an abundance of marketing and event benefits. For more information about the event, to volunteer, or become a Table Captain or Event Sponsor, please contact Elizabeth Temple at 505.986.3801 or etemple@nmlandconservancy.org.

**NMLC's 15th Anniversary Celebration
Corazón de la Tierra
June 10, 2017**





We look forward to celebrating with you next June!



HAVE A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!



BUILDING OUR PRESENCE IN SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO



Since NMLC hired Ron Troy as the southern New Mexico project manager, our increased presence has generated considerable interest in land conservation from landowners in the area. We currently are working on six projects comprising more than 26,000 acres. These are primarily on working ranches that are loaded with conservation values, especially in the realm of freshwater ecosystems.

“When you look at land coverage in the desert Southwest, only one percent is comprised of freshwater habitat such as streams, wetlands and riparian areas,” said Troy. “Some studies suggest that 80 percent of that one percent is imperiled by residential and commercial development, irrigation impoundments and withdrawal, culverts, dikes, bridges, and other factors. The loss of this habitat is pretty devastating when you consider that this critical freshwater habitat is vital to the life history of 80-90 percent of all of the fish and wildlife species occurring in the desert southwest.”

To protect some of this critical habitat, we currently are seeking funding for several properties that possess these rare freshwater re-

sources, their surrounding desert habitats and the immense diversity of animals that rely on them for survival. Specifically, NMLC is working with landowners on three projects in southwest New Mexico that will protect some of this limited and imperiled habitat.

The first project is a 36-acre property inholding within the Gila National Forest that includes a quarter-mile of the West Fork of the Gila River. The property is located at the gateway to the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument. The West Fork of the Gila River is an extremely important headwater stream to one of the few major river systems in the Southwest. It offers potential habitat for numerous threatened and endangered aquatic and avian species.

A second property is located on the relatively pristine Bear Creek riparian corridor. Bear Creek bisects a mature woodland dominated by Fremont’s cottonwood and Arizona sycamore, communities that both are considered globally imperiled. The overall diversity of habitat on this property supports an equal diversity of wildlife including: Mule deer, Coues’ white-tailed deer, Rocky Mountain

bighorn sheep, javelina, black bear, cougar, elk, Mexican grey wolf, coyote, grey and red fox, bobcat, Merriam's turkey and quail.

Further south, towards the "Bootheel" of New Mexico, NMLC is partnering with ranchers to protect land along the Burro Ciénega, which is composed of a series of surface wetlands. These include slow-flowing channels and small ponds that form a ribbon of riparian habitat, traversing the Chihuahuan grassland and savanna of the property. These rare pockets of water provide "island" habitat for numerous animals, including Gila topminnow and Chiricahua leopard frogs. Upland areas on this working cattle ranch are a mixture of Chihuahuan desert grassland dominated by tobosa grass. The property hosts several federally-threatened and endangered species, including northern aplomado falcon, Mexican long-nosed bat, Bell's vireo, Bendire's thrasher, burrowing owl, Grace's warbler, sage thrasher, and Sonoran yellow warbler.

In addition to these three desert riparian projects, NMLC is working to conserve another property along the north slope of the Zuni Mountains in west-central New Mexico. We had previously completed an easement over 2,200 acres of this property at the end of 2015. Now, working with funding from the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), and in partnership with the landowners,

we will preserve an additional 5,268 acres of beautiful native grasslands which constitute the remaining portions of this cattle ranch.

Finally, in southeast Arizona, The Trust for Public Land (TPL) and NMLC are partnering to permanently protecting a 16,800-acre working ranch along the west slopes of the Chiricahua and Dos Cabezas Mountain Ranges. "TPL worked to secure ACEP funding through NRCS, matched by some private funders, and then entered into an agreement to have NMLC complete and hold the conservation easement," said Beth Mills, NMLC conservation director.

These easements will allow working ranches to continue their livestock production but ensure that they remain undeveloped and continue to contribute to this vast, unfragmented grassland ecosystem that contains some of the greatest biodiversity in the nation. The easements also will help preserve a key wildlife corridor between the Sierra Madre in Mexico and the basins and ranges of southwest New Mexico and eastern Arizona. We are very excited that this collaborative effort will result in further protection of this unique and important grassland landscape. We especially appreciate working with ranchers who are concerned with land health while preserving their ranching heritage!

Left: The West Fork of the Gila River runs through the Barmore Ranch. Right: Ron Troy explains the unique character of sacaton grasslands in Southern New Mexico.

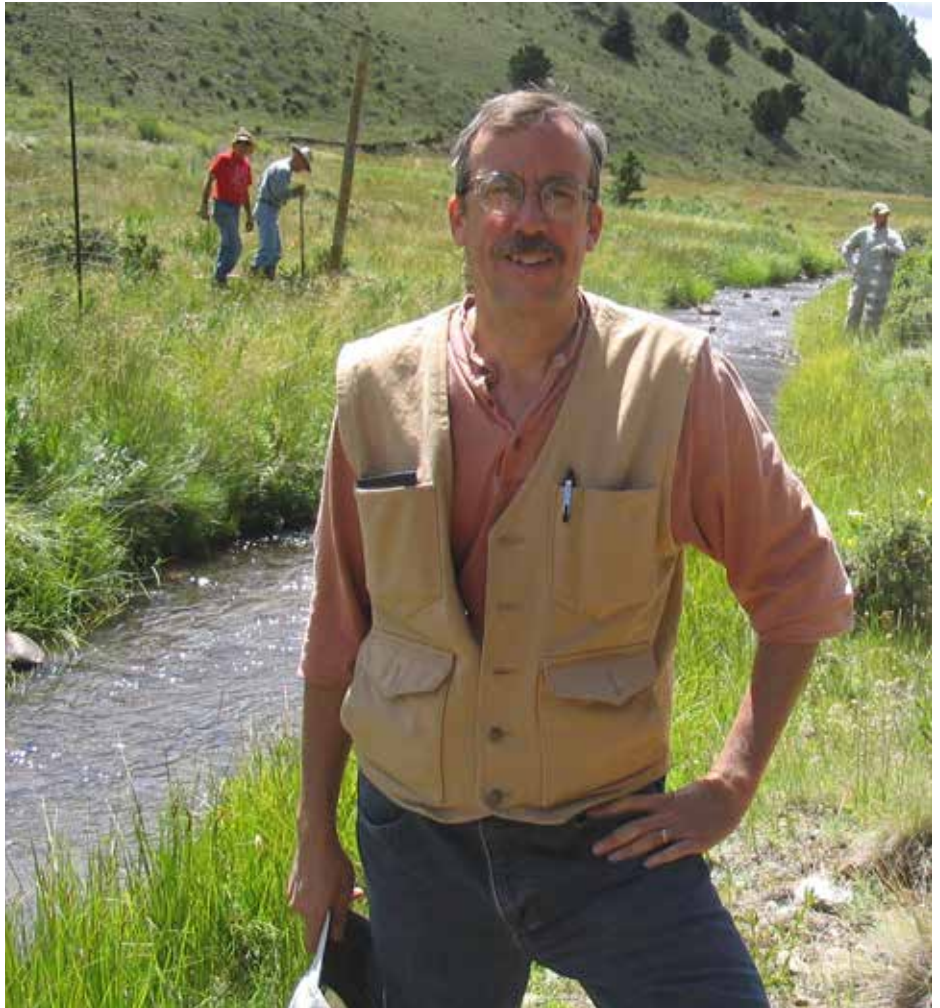


COURTNEY WHITE RECEIVES 2017 PETCHESKY AWARD

The New Mexico Land Conservancy will present the 2016 Petchesky Award to a self-declared professional daydreamer – Courtney White’s dreams about other worlds have taken him from an awe-struck teenager among the ruins of Chichen Itza to rangeland revolutionary in New Mexico. Along the way, his dreams led him to explore archeology, photography, writing and activism.

In 1997, the former archaeologist and Sierra Club activist dropped out of the “conflict industry” to co-found the nonprofit Quivira Coalition. It was dedicated to building a radical center among ranchers, conservationists, public land managers, scientists and others around practices that improve land health. White has an extensive bibliography that includes numerous books and articles, including “Revolution on the Range: the Rise of a New Ranch in the American West.” The Petchesky Award will be presented at the NMLC 15th anniversary celebration on June 10, 2017 at the Tamaya Resort on the Santa Ana Pueblo near Bernalillo.

The Petchesky Conservation Award is an annual recognition by NMLC of an individual, community group, organization or public agency for outstanding contribution to private or public land conservation in New Mexico. The award is given in honor of Jane Wing Petchesky (1921-2011), a long-time resident of Santa Fe who was deeply committed to open space preservation, community service and philanthropy.



Each year NMLC gives out the Jane Wing Petchesky Conservation Award in honor of Jane Petchesky who left her home and 282-acre ranch to the New Mexico Land Conservancy. However, Jane Petchesky’s legacy to New Mexico is more than just land and buildings. She stands out as an example of a true community citizen who had both the foresight to see impending changes in the community long before they happened, and the commitment to stand up for the conservation of precious resources. In recognition of her legacy, Jane was named a Santa Fe Living Treasure in 2010. In 2012, NMLC inaugurated the award, which is given annually to an outstanding conservation leader in New Mexico.

MEET NMLC BOARD MEMBER JUDITH SUITER

Forty years ago, a young Tennessee woman just out of college ventured on a cross-country trip out West. As she arrived in New Mexico and wound through Tijeras Canyon, she instantly fell in love with the unique and picturesque landscape, vowing never to leave. That young woman was Judith Suiter, now an established and respected community leader from Albuquerque who supports wise use of environmental resources, innovative education and the arts in New Mexico.

NMLC is fortunate to welcome Judith as one of its newest board members. As a business owner, environmental consultant and planner, she is a strong addition to the board. She currently serves on several non-profit boards, including the Outpost Performance Space and on the Board of Trustees for the Albuquerque Museum. She formerly served as a board and executive committee member for the Albuquerque Museum Foundation and was a founder and Trustee of the East Mountain High School Foundation. Her board and philanthropic experience already is proving to be a great asset for NMLC.

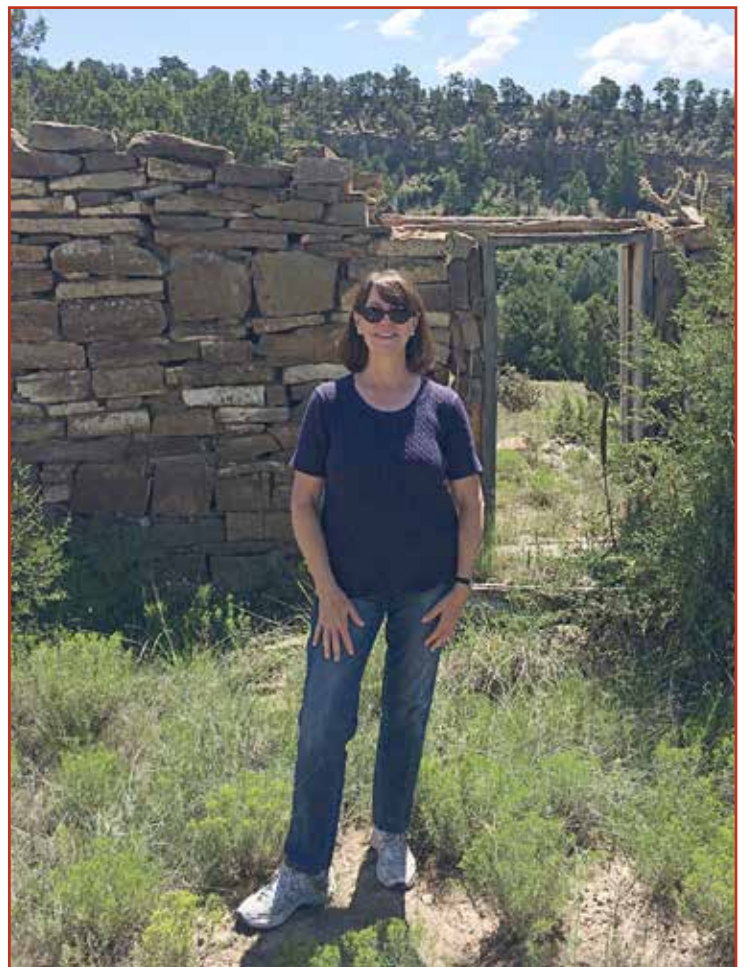
Just as important as her non-profit experience, is Judith's passion for the natural world and New Mexico's stunning scenery and iconic landscapes. Through her landscape analysis work, she became keenly aware of potential impacts on our scenic and natural resources. While her 30+ year career has mainly focused on public lands, her association with NMLC has impressed upon her the importance of private lands conservation. She recognizes the value of protecting both public and private lands.

"Landscapes don't end with public designation and wildlife doesn't recognize political boundaries," she said. "Landscape-scale continuity is critical for the preservation of animal and bird populations, critical water resources and our state's scenic treasures."

Judith was drawn to NMLC because of its effectiveness in bringing private lands into the conservation picture to complement that of public lands.

"NMLC has an impressive track record. They have conserved more than 160,000 acres through permanent, voluntary conservation easements. I find that quite an accomplishment!" she said. "In addition, they have a hardworking and gifted staff, a dedicated board and are a nationally accredited land trust. It's a wonderful group doing great things for conservation in the state of New Mexico."

Judith also noted that New Mexico has been good to her and given her a wonderful career. It is important to her to give back to the community and to the state she loves so much. As a mother, she wants to leave a legacy for future generations. We at NMLC recognize that Judith too is, hardworking, gifted and dedicated and we feel immensely lucky to have her as part of the NMLC family.



LANDOWNER PROFILE: WERNER AND HELEN MULLER

“The view out our window is like Tanzania, East Africa, without Mt. Kilmanjaro,” said rancher Werner Muller. “To the east is the short grass prairie, just like the savannah, and to the west are the mountains at about 7 - 8,000 feet.” Hence the name of their ranch – Sierras y Llanos – Mountains and Plains.

Werner Muller and his wife Helen lounged in their rustic, passive-solar ranch home southeast of Las Vegas, N.M. and reminisced about their life together. The couple met in Tanzania in 1961 while on a two-year assignment with the American Friends Service Committee. They landed in Las Vegas in 1970 while Werner was



enroute to San Diego for a job interview, but was offered a position as assistant science education professor at New Mexico Highlands University and decided to accept.

“We liked New Mexico because it’s multilingual and multicultural and that’s how we wanted to raise our children,” Werner said. Five years later they bought 100 acres that had suffered years of overgrazing and a two-year drought that left it a spread of blowing dust.

“It was the nucleus of the land we own today and the basis of our small farming/ranching operation where we raised our family,” he said. They nurtured the land back to health using conservation practices and their allotted irrigation water, which travels 17 miles by acequias from Storrie Lake. Farming and ranching was their dream together. During the past 40 years, they raised about 20 mother cows and calves, many chickens and 8,000 eggs annually, as well as lambs, pigs and horses for their children’s 4-H projects. As they learned about sustainable ranching, they began to lease grassland for grass-fed cattle. In the 1970s, Helen taught Swahili, the lingua franca of Tanzania, as part of the ethnic studies program at Highlands. She was the editor for the Las Vegas Optic and a stringer for the Santa Fe New Mexican, as well as a wife and mother of three children.





Helen's mother, Frances Tyson, moved from New Jersey in 1975 and was something of a pioneering firebrand in the world of **alternative energy**, building a passive solar house into the hill overlooking the Muller's house. She took the Rural Electric Association to task when they neglected to compensate her for the energy she produced. She advocated in parades and county fairs, protested the WIPP nuclear waste storage facility, and financed one of the first electric and hydrogen fuel-celled cars. In 1993 the State of New Mexico named Mrs. Tyson a New Mexico Living Treasure for her activism in alternative energy. In 1998, she placed the 57 acres she had purchased across the highway from the Mullers' property into a conservation easement with the Taos Land Trust. This easement was transferred to NMLC in 2004 and eventually combined with another 225 acres that the Mullers placed into easement on their ranch with NMLC in 2009. The land is open, irrigated farmland that provides relatively natural habitat for mule deer, coyotes, raptors, fox, badgers, and migratory birds. The property is one mile north of the Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge.

The Mullers built a 2,800-square-foot facility overlooking the ranch to use for educational retreats and workshops. Werner has developed a research project on the land, the Center for Regenerative Agriculture and Alternative Energy, that he hopes could be used by universities, farming co-ops and government agencies. The LLC offers 198 acres of irrigated farm land, 100 acres of dry native grassland and five acres of riparian environment that includes 12 one-acre irrigated terraces. There also is farm equipment and irrigation water intended to harvest and sequester water and carbon in the soil.

The Mullers believe that by donating their conservation easement, they are investing in sustainable agriculture, wildlife habitat protection, and can provide an educational resource to the community. "We want this to be our family's legacy and gift to San Miguel County, our home for 46 years," Werner said. In doing so, he and Helen continue the activism and vision of Frances Tyson.

Left: the acequia brings water 17 miles from Storrie Lake. Left top: Werner and Helen Muller share their stories at their ranch house. Above: the 2,800-square foot retreat center on the Muller property.

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