



FRIENDS OF BANDELIER ANNUAL REPORT for FY2016

President's Message, January 2017

The Friends of Bandelier are pleased to have been a part of the 2016 centennial celebrations for both Bandelier National Monument and the National Park Service!

The festivities began with cupcakes when the Friends board joined Bandelier staff at a birthday celebration at Smith's MarketPlace in Los Alamos on February 11, the 100th anniversary of the creation of the monument. About 10 dozen cupcakes—decorate your own—were distributed, along with information about the continuing events through 2016.

In May, the Friends supported the National Park Service BioBlitz at Bandelier. What is a BioBlitz? It is a 24-hour event in which teams of volunteer scientists, families, students, teachers, and other community members work together to find and identify as many species of plants, animals, microbes, fungi, and other organisms as possible. Observations are recorded via the app iNaturalist. On May 21, National Geographic sponsored a day in which a BioBlitz took place in all the National Parks. While observers spread out through Bandelier that day, I led a team to survey the plants in Frijoles Canyon where we observed about 80 species during the day. Overall, observers found 369 species within the Monument! You can see the results online at: www.inaturalist.org/projects/2016-national-parks-bioblitz-bandelier.

The biggest event of the year was the Bandelier Reunion on July 23. The Friends worked with staff to bring together past and present staff members to celebrate the monument's centennial. The event featured a social hour, a dinner, and presentations under a huge tent in Frijoles Canyon. About 200 people attended. There were hugs, smiles, maybe a few tears. Many great stories were told as the canyon and old friends stirred memories of days in the park. Jason Lott had proposed this event years ago, side-tracked by the Las Conchas fire, but it is a tribute to Jason that it was well worth the wait.

On August 25, the day of the Park Service's centennial, the Friends sponsored a hike to the summit of Cerro Grande where participants enjoyed a view that encompassed all of Bandelier, plus the better part of New Mexico's newest National Park Service unit, the Valles Caldera National Preserve. It was a time for reflection on the personal meanings of National Parks as all the hikers felt a deep connection to parks and the landscapes they protect.

As we move into Bandelier's second century, I'm thankful for the long-serving board members who propel the Friends forward. Laura Bohn has been taking care of the financial side of the organization since the early days. Her dedication and thoroughness is amazing! Sarah Gustafson and Brian Scott were here when I first showed up at a meeting and continue to step up to take on special tasks for the board. Terry Foxx is also an important member of the board and is always there to help.

Early in 2016, the board picked up a valuable new member in Jonathan Creel. Currently the Director of Interpretation for the Pajarito Environmental Education Center, Jonathan has a history with the Park Service as an interpreter at Yellowstone and Grand Canyon national parks. He brings knowledge, caring, and enthusiasm to the board.

Serving as a leader of a Friends organization, it's easy to lose track of the bottom line. Early in the year, as I searched for a quote from Friends founder Dorothy Hoard, I read many of her descriptions of Bandelier and realized I had lost touch with that landscape. I made it a point to hike in the park once a month and reacquaint myself with what Dorothy wrote about. I visited the summit of Cerro Grande, trail-less destinations along the rim of Frijoles Canyon, the Burro Trail, Upper Falls, Burnt Mesa, and more. You know what? Bandelier is a special landscape where human and natural history combine to speak of the value of our public lands. Get out there and explore this 100-year-old treasure!
—Craig Martin

Dorothy Hoard Wilderness Ranger Position: 2016

Proclamation, February 27, 2014

In honor of our founder and dear friend, Dorothy Hoard, the Friends of Bandelier and Bandelier National Monument have established the Dorothy Hoard Wilderness Ranger Position, an ongoing seasonal post dedicated to engaging visitors in Bandelier's backcountry. This much-needed position will continue Dorothy's influence in the far reaches of the park. With the establishment of the Dorothy Hoard Wilderness Ranger Position, the Friends and the Monument honor Dorothy Hoard and sustain the legacy she has created.

In the summer of 2016, the Friends of Bandelier again sponsored the Wilderness Ranger at Bandelier. Ranger Elliott Schultz performed a variety of duties including
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Financial FY2016

**FRIENDS OF BANDELIER ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT
January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

GRANTS to BANDELIER 1988-2016

Archaeological

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| Surveys, excavations, equipment | \$56,497.09 |
| Studies, publications, documentation | 31,720.52 |

Interpretation

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| Capital items | \$16,976.00 |
| Peopling of Bandelier book | 5,000.00 |
| Printing newspapers, etc. | 29,045.95 |
| supplies | 3,021.65 |
| training & awards | 2,942.63 |
| services | 10,644.68 |
| 90th anniversary items | 4,152.03 |
| Centennial Matching Grants | 51,116.00 |
| Exhibits | 225.00 |
| Wilderness Ranger | 23,200.00 |

Resource Management

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| GPS units and supplies | \$ 18,157.00 |
| Maintenance & supplies | 10,100.00 |
| Video & Microscope | 2,750.00 |
| Trail Work | 40,000.00 |

Ecological

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| Greenhouse facility supplies | \$5,000.00 |
| Pinyon-juniper Restoration Study | 4,800.00 |
| Ecological studies assistants | 6,800.00 |
| Butterflies, arthropods | 5,500.00 |
| Fire Management SCA | 3,215.00 |

Cultural Awareness - Pueblo Crafts

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| Pueblo Cultural Demonstrations | \$18,521.60 |
| Crafts purchases | 1,155.00 |
| Archive/Museum purchases | 6,291.00 |
| Pueblo Youth Preservation Program | 5,000.00 |

Handicapped

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| Campsite Upgrades | \$3,600.08 |
| Handicapped Ramp | 1,625.74 |
| Wheelchair | 640.00 |
| Drinking fountains | 3,500.00 |
| Telephone Device for the Deaf | 443.30 |
| Braille Labels for Touch Table | 106.50 |

Social Events

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| Coffee-with-a-Ranger | \$2,052.65 |
| VIP Parties, receptions | 1,564.16 |
| 90th Anniversary Celebration | 1,667.70 |
| Centennial Reunion | 12,055.46 |
| Event Support | 3,292.92 |

Protection

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| EMS Trauma Kit | \$414.95 |
| SCA Backcountry Patrol | 2,500.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$348,939.35 |

Current Assets - Balance Forward as of January 1, 2016:

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| Cash in General Fund | \$45,518.63 |
| Cash in Major Purchase Fund | 12,764.99 |
| NET ASSETS TOTAL BALANCE FORWARD | 58,283.62 |

Revenue and Other Support:

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| Contributions | 36,685.02 |
| Memorial Contributions: Dorothy Hoard (for Wilderness Ranger) | 1,500.00 |
| Wallace Genetic Foundation Grant | 30,000.00 |
| Bandelier Reunion | 6,099.37 |
| Interest - General Fund | 6.17 |
| TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT | 74,290.56 |

Disbursements:

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| Anniversary Celebration Refreshments | 195.87 |
| Centennial Stamp Event Refreshments/Supplies | 195.73 |
| Dorothy Hoard Wilderness Ranger | 3,200.00 |
| Fall Fiesta Refreshments/Supplies | 124.52 |
| Tribal Meeting Refreshments | 213.99 |
| Volunteer Appreciation Refreshments | 641.98 |
| Volunteer Banquet | 1,305.65 |
| Bandelier Conservation Corps | 30,000.00 |
| Frey Plates Proof | 300.00 |
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| Reunion Dinner/Supplies | 4,288.29 |
| Reunion Tent, Table and Chair Rental | 4,880.77 |
| Less: Reimbursement from Bandelier (2,500.00) | 2,380.77 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | 48,033.20 |

Expenses - Friends of Bandelier:

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| Advertising | 563.39 |
| Check Re-order | 23.20 |
| Copying | 165.00 |
| Corporate Report Filing Fee | 10.00 |
| Postage | 113.04 |
| PO Box Renewal | 70.00 |
| Printing | 82.00 |
| Website and Domain Hosting | 135.50 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 1,162.13 |

Net Assets, End of Period:

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| General Fund | 100,613.86 |
| Major Purchase Fund | 12,764.99 |

TOTAL NET ASSETS (Balance as of December 31, 2016)
\$83,378.85

FRIENDS OF BANDELIER *2016 Projects*

backcountry trail patrols and trail condition reports, programs to get visitors into the backcountry of the park, particularly visitors who might not otherwise venture outside of Frijoles Canyon, and guided hikes to backcountry locations at the park. Overall, Elliott contacted well over 100 people on the trails at Bandelier, providing them with essential information on water availability, expected weather conditions, and trail status. Elliott also provided interpretive information on natural and cultural resources. We hope Elliott will return to Bandelier in 2017!

Dorothy Hoard Stewardship Award, 2016

The Dorothy Hoard Stewardship Award was established in March 2014 by the Friends as a memorial to the group's founder and long-time president. The award recognizes contributions to the stewardship of natural and cultural resources in Bandelier or in the Los Alamos area. Nominees are individuals who have taken a lead role in a conservation effort that has had a significant positive impact to the community, the Monument, the Valles Caldera National Preserve, or the Santa Fe National Forest in the Los Alamos area.

The Board of Friends of Bandelier selected John Bartlit of Los Alamos to receive the 2016 Dorothy Hoard Stewardship Award. John was selected for his advocacy of providing clean air and water in New Mexico. Because of his advocacy the public, elected officials, and the State Legislature have come to understand the importance of the air we breathe and the water we drink. And, for our National Parks and Monuments, clean long range vistas add to the public's enjoyment of the landscape.

John and his wife Nancy became concerned about the haze ruining the mountain views in the early 1960s. John decided to find out what the industry was saying at the legislature—and the rest is history. John and Nancy Bartlit, Michael Williams and others co-founded the New Mexico Citizens for Clean Air and Water, Inc, in 1969. Founding an organization is more than just a gathering of minds. There was work to recruit and organize chapters around the state; to advocate for appropriate laws and regulations; to put pressure on polluting utilities and mines to clean up specific pollutants, and ultimately to enforce the law as citizens. These efforts occupied John's non-work time—evenings and weekends. His engineering orientation to innovate a technical solution and awareness of legal process combined with rare expertise and the dedication of a wondrous, rare team made it all possible. As a result of this effort, scrubbers were put on the Four Corner's Power Plants reducing the haze that first challenged him to act.

In 1971, John started writing columns for the Los Alamos Monitor as a way to raise issues, to advocate, to inform,

and to clarify. He sought to put the enormously complicated arguments about proposed laws, regulations, and technology into plain English for regular folks.

John has also been a Community activist helping found Vision 2020, a small group of concerned environmentalists in Los Alamos who sponsored speakers and discussion. John has worked hard to address problems not covered by existing laws. One way is to convince the corporate world to go beyond what is required by regulation whenever feasible. He convinced the utility to continue running scrubbers at their design efficiency and to reduce their annual emission at little extra cost. In doing this, he stressed the

John's website is:
www.johnbartlitengineeringdiscourse.com

The Dorothy Hoard Stewardship Award is a yearly award given in the name of Dorothy Hoard who founded Friends of Bandelier in the 1988. Each year the award is given to someone who has contributed to the health and wellbeing of our landscape and environment. Dorothy died in 2014 and the award is her legacy to her advocacy for the landscape she loved.

The award includes a picture of Bandelier painted by Dorothy. The recipient can choose a \$1000 project for Bandelier in accordance to their passion for the environment. John's award will allow Bandelier to design and place an interpretive sign about food patterns of the Ancestral Pueblo residents of Frijoles Canyon.—Terry Foxx

FRIENDS OF BANDELIER *State of the Park*

Dear Friends,

A new century is upon us for Bandelier National Monument. On February 11, Bandelier will be in its 101st year. Looking back, the Monument has had a fascinating history, complete with great accomplishments, but challenges as well. Looking forward, we can anticipate another hundred years where the park will continue to serve as a treasured place preserving pueblo history and a beloved landscape in the Jemez Mountains. I'm sure we'll also see some new challenges.

This last year was a busy one for the staff of Bandelier, as well as for the Friends of Bandelier. We celebrated the Bandelier Centennial with special events for each month, including a range of special projects and programs. The Monument and Friends re-invested and enhanced many of our signature programs such as the Bandelier Conservation Corps, Bandelier Preservation Corps, Opera on the Rocks, Citizenship Ceremony, Bandelier Bird-Banding Program, Night Sky Fiesta, and Fall Fiesta. We also accepted new challenges which included the Bandelier Forever Stamp, and a statue commemorating the achievements of the Civilian Conservation Corps. We completed the Frijoles Bridge and Cottonwood Picnic Area projects. Some projects are taking a bit longer, but you should see them completed in upcoming months. These projects include installation of flagstones for the Visitor Center Courtyard (half-way completed), installation of new kiosks at each of our trailheads (this Spring), opening of the Upper Alcove House Trail (this Spring), construction of a new cooking horn (waiting to finish the electrical upgrade project), and opening of two new trail-heads (hopefully this summer). The Dorothy Hoard Wilderness Ranger Program is also going into its third year.

Bandelier staff are currently finalizing our plans for 2017. This year you'll see a new roof for the Visitor Center, rehabilitation of the Juniper Campground Restrooms, reopening of the Alcove House Kiva (new roof), a native bee survey, renovation of the old Bandelier Lodge Restaurant which is being improved for concession use, as well as bringing the Hubbell Trading Post Navajo Rug Show to the park (probably in August). We're also working with the YMCA for a new summer youth program, which will be similar to the Bandelier Conservation Corps and will be completing plans for a new parking lot at Tsankawi. And we couldn't do any of this without our Friends! Each of these projects and programs are supported by either contributions, advocacy, or volunteering from the Friends of Bandelier.

A special thanks to you for the Mrs. Frey Commemorative Lodge Plates, which were a fund-raiser for the Bandelier Reunion. These were very popular (I've got an entire set for my home)! I look forward to seeing you on the trails,
Jason Lott, Park Superintendent

Mrs. Frey Commemorative Lodge Plates

About 60 commemorative lodge plates are still available through the Friends of Bandelier website. You can pay with PayPal and we'll get the plates to you soon!



Friends of Bandelier Centennial Campaign

Late in 2015 the Friends of Bandelier set an ambitious goal of raising \$100,000 to support Bandelier in its 100th year. The Friends' Centennial campaign raised close to \$75,000! While we didn't quite make it to our \$100k goal, we came close and supported a number of different projects in Bandelier's centennial year.

The FOB gave \$30,000 in support of the Bandelier Conservation Corps, a youth program that supports the park's trail maintenance team. The BCC worked on the Apache Mesa trail from the trailhead to the bottom of the switchbacks at the creek. They cleared all the down trees off the mesa top and switch backs—between one and two hundred trees—and cut back all the overgrown oak and locust from the sides of the trail to clear the corridor. They also reworked the tread, fixed the drainage on the trail, and built rock retaining walls where there were deep cuts across the trail. Quite a feat!

The Bandelier Reunion Dinner was also an incredible success! Around 200 people attended the dinner at the bottom of Frijoles Canyon. People reconnected after years of being away, locals came down to show their support, and people were delighted by the experience of sharing good times and memories in this special place. People also loved the reproductions of Mrs. Frey's "turkey plates." The Friends sold around 350 plates! We still have some available, so inquire about ordering yours today!

Finally, the Friends funded a backcountry ranger position in the park (see page 1).

Thanks to all the generous donors who contributed to the success of the Centennial Campaign! —Jonathan Creel



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