

Compadres News

March, 2025

“March is a tomboy with tousled hair, a mischievous smile, mud on her shoes, and a laugh in her voice.”

— Hal Borland

March, the third month of the Gregorian calendar, holds a unique position in the realm of time. Its name, derived from the Latin “Martius,” pays homage to Mars, the Roman god of war and agriculture. This association with Mars reflects the significance of the month as a period of transition from the dormancy of winter to the resurgence of spring, and a time when warriors would prepare for military campaigns.

In the earliest Roman calendar, it was the first month of the year, coinciding with the beginning of spring. However, with the introduction of the Julian calendar in 45 BC, January became the first month, and March was repositioned as the third.

Today, March is home to International Women’s Day, a celebration of women’s achievements and contributions, and Saint Patrick’s Day, a vibrant commemoration of Irish culture and heritage. Additionally, the vernal equinox, marking the official start of spring, falls within March, symbolizing the renewal of life and the promise of warmer days ahead.

March update

Brand new! Check this out!

Arts and Crafts classes

Arts & Crafts Class: Meets Thursday, March 6, from 10 a.m.-noon at Sues Winstead's home, 112 Thanet Way. The class: "Quilting" (With or Without Sewing) will take you through the process step-by step. The quilt can be a crib quilt or any size for a bed or wall hanging. Your quilt can be a traditional design or a free form design using whatever fabrics you choose. Due to the personal nature of the project and cost for fabrics, each student will purchase their own materials to create their quilt. Design ideas, scissors, stitch witch fusible, pins and other small items needed to create the quilt will be provided by the instructor. Due to the length of time it requires to create a quilt, classes continue once a month until the quilts are finished.

Class will be limited to four students. Cost is \$5 per session.

Please email Sues to sign up: swinstead15@gmail.com

or call (505) 357-7365.

Arts & Crafts Class: Meets Tuesday, March 11, from 10 a.m.-noon at Sues Winstead's home; 112 Thanet Way. In this class "The Garden Apron," a ready-made apron will be embellished by glueing fabric flowers and greenery using Modge Podge fabric glue. No sewing involved. All supplies will be provided by Sues. Class size is limited to five. Cost is \$10 per student. Contact Sues to enroll at swinstead15@gmail.com

Book group: This month's book is "Shutter" by Ramona Emerson. We'll meet at the Corrales Library at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28. Vicki Smith will lead the discussion. Refer questions to Kay Yoest (kayoest@centurylink.net)

Southwest Book group: Meets Wednesday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m. March's book is "Fullerton's Rangers: A History of the New Mexico Territorial Mounted Police" by Chuck Hornung. Contact Bill Smith for full details. (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com)

Happy Hour:

Instead of our conventional happy hour we're holding a wine tasting this month. It's scheduled for Thursday, March 20, from 4-6 p.m. at Total Wine, 10420 Coors Bypass. Attendance will be limited to twenty and there is a \$20

charge for each attendee. We'll be touring Italy "from tip to toe." We tried this last year, when we learned about California wines, and the member response was quite favorable. You can reserve a slot starting March 1 with Eric Neuwirth, neuwy55@gmail.com

Snacks will be provided. If you are willing to contribute a snack tray, contact Eric Neuwirth.

Cooking Class: Cooking Classes at Vicki Smith's house, 965 Camino De Lucia, Corrales, 87048.

Sign up early at chef965@yahoo.com Space is limited, so first come first serve. \$5.00 supply fee.

Class 7: Chicken gnocchi soup and pineapple cake

Weds., March 19, or Thursday, March 20, at 1 p.m.

Here's the plan for future months

Class 8: Black eyed peas salad and tequila orange salad

Weds., April 16, or Thursday, April 17, at 1 p.m.

Class 9: Fantastic pasta with goat cheese and sautéed vegetables

Weds., May 14, or Thursday, May 15, at 1 p.m.

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Your 2025 staff

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Happy Hours -- Eric Neuwirth will welcome suggestions for places to visit and more volunteers exploring venues. neuwy55@gmail.com

Book Group – Kay Yoest, kayoest@centurylink.net

SW book group – Bill Smith, Golfer965.bs@gmail.com

Arts and Crafts – Sues Winstead, swinstead15@gmail.com

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Mayor's Comments

The regular meeting of the **Corrales Village Council** was canceled last Tuesday, 2/25/2025, because of a one car accident that began at the corner of LaEntrada and Corrales Road and ended behind the Village Courthouse. The truck took out the internet connection and the power to the Council Chambers, so the meeting was **rescheduled for 3/4/2025** at 6:30 p.m.

Ron Curry, Corrales village administrator, and I visited our legislators on Monday in Santa Fe to talk about capital outlay and stress the needs of the village for project funding. Between the two (**Kathleen Cates and Cindy Nava**) who represent this area (Bernalillo, Corrales, Rio Rancho) they have about \$6 million to spread around for capital projects. Our priorities for requests this year were for fire suppression, road drainage and repair projects, and emergency response equipment and vehicles.

The Village is trying to form partnerships to deal with this **water shortage and drought**, so there may be a more consistent supply of water for agricultural use in the future. The water shortages will not improve given the changes occurring to the climate. More interest has been generated at more levels of government and individuals are coming together to produce proposals to mitigate the impacts on agriculture. The farmers in Corrales are **forming a coalition** to come up with plans to protect our food sources in the village. You don't have to be a farmer to be concerned or to join. You just have to care about our village and its future. A **membership meeting** will be held **Sunday, March 2, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.** at the Corrales Community Center. Having more voices and partners gives us strength to get things done.

It's time to renew your Corrales Historical Society Membership. There are various levels of membership available, from a \$25 annual individual

membership up to a \$500 one-time lifetime membership. You can pay by check or pay online. Visit their website for more information: <https://www.corraleshistory.org/membership.html>.

Corrales Arts Center (CAC) seeks to offer and nurture **all forms of art** and cultural opportunities to unite our diverse community through the creative experience. The CAC strives to enhance people's lives by making the Arts a common experience in everyday life and learning. They do this by providing classes, artistic presentations, workshops, tours, social events, and other activities, and by encouraging collaboration with other Corrales organizations. You can become a member of CAC by visiting their website at: <https://www.corralesartscenter.org/>. You can also see all the current classes and workshops being offered.

Corrales Growers' Market

Upcoming Winter Markets Sunday, **March 2** and Sunday, **April 6 ,11a.m.-1p.m.**

Our local growing season limits the types of crops you will see throughout the year, so look at the market as a chance to get to know the seasonality of central New Mexico produce and try out new, delicious foods. If you see something you don't recognize, ask the growers about it. They will be happy to answer any questions you have about the tastes and preparation of non-recognizable produce!

!Viva Corrales! 2025 will be a month-long celebration with activities occurring each weekend for 4 weeks. It will kick-off **Sunday, April 27**, with events held at 500 Jones Rd. Keep an eye on our upcoming events section of the weekly message for more information as we get closer to that date.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Having your **emergency plan and kit** can make all emergency situations easier. If you missed the community presentation on February 23 you can watch it on the **Village YouTube channel** by clicking on this link: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=EyhFpBp_WFo&feature=youtu.be.

What is a **community emergency**? A community emergency is an event that has the potential to impact more than one person or property in a dangerous or harmful way. Examples would be large fires, extreme flooding, and certain police activity. Items such as road closures, snowfall and short-term power or gas outages are **nuisances**, and while they do affect us, they are not going to lead to community-wide harm. Please remember that what is a nuisance to the community, such as a road closure from a traffic accident, is an emergency for the people involved in the accident and our first duty of emergency responders and staff is to help the individuals involved.

The way the Village would notify the **public** of a community emergency such as a large fire or police activity with a potential to impact others would be through **CodeRed** and possibly the **Emergency Alert System** for fire and floods and other dangerous events. CodeRed alerts may be sent village-wide or just to a designated affected or potentially affected area. If you need assistance signing up, call the fire department 505-898-7501 or stop by the main fire station on Corrales Road. **Sign up for Code**

Red here: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFB7CC4C6C0A>.

If something may be a long-term nuisance, we make notifications as possible that can impact a person's normal daily activities via the village social media, Facebook, Nextdoor, and less likely Instagram. There are times when roads are closed for short periods and notifications are not posted. There are power outages we do not always know about. Additionally, the village website may be bannered, having an information area popup when logging on to the website, for certain activities. Banners would be used for a **long-term emergency** event such as a large on-going fire or severe flood. For long-term community emergencies a **webpage** would be added to update people on where to find shelters, how to check in that you are safe but not at a shelter, what resources for assistance are available and other information about the emergency. We would also post on social media to direct you to the website. Please know during an emergency it will take time to set the pages up as stabilization of the community emergency is priority. Make sure you are using the information sent from the CodeRed system.

If you want to make sure you get social media updates, there are ways to make social media work better. On Facebook you can set the village page to favorites and this will help make sure the algorithm prioritizes the Village's posts. On Nextdoor, make sure your notifications settings under Public Agencies allows emails and push notifications. If you set it to allow emails, you will get an email from the public agency you follow when they post. If you do not follow the Village fire and police department on Nextdoor, add the accounts. Nextdoor has many settings under notifications to help you get the information you want and limit the information you do not want.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY – Lunch Bunch with Corrales MainStreet at Sandia Bar **12 p.m.**

SUNDAY – Winter Grower's Market **11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

SUNDAY – First Sunday Arts in the Village **10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** at various locations throughout the Village

TUESDAY – Council Meeting, originally scheduled for February 25^t, **6:30 p.m.** in the council chambers at 4324 Corrales Road and on Zoom.

WEDNESDAY – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, **5:30 p.m.** at Perea's Restaurant

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Daffodils are coming! You will be able to pick up daffodils at the Grower's Market and Sandia Bar on **March 28 from 1 – 5p.m...** All donations will go to the Robert Wertheim Hospice House.
- Deadline to submit prose and poetry to the SouthWest Writers anthology of reflections on military life is March 31st. For more information, visit: <https://www.southwestwriters.com/military-anthology/>.

If you are **looking for the latest information** on what's happening in the Village, please visit the **Village website** at www.corrales-nm.org and click on the **"News"** tab or the **"Calendar"** tab..

Jim Fahey

Mayor of Corrales