

NEW MEXICO

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

OVERVIEW AND LOS LUCEROS HISTORIC SITE UPDATE

Rural Economic Opportunities Task Force

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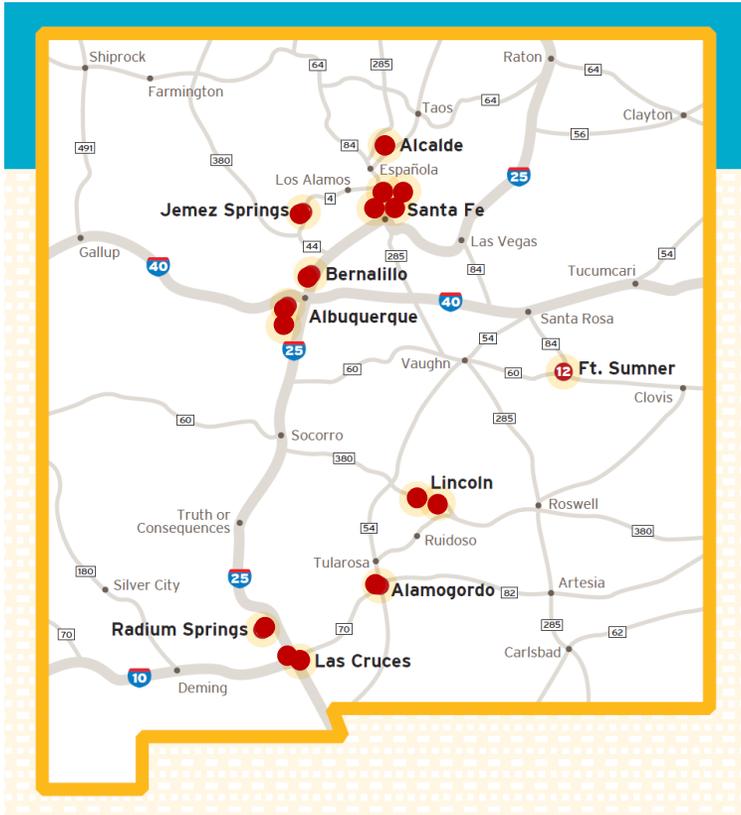


## DCA'S MISSION

- Build a more vibrant, resilient New Mexico by improving the quality of life, supporting culturally rich education, strengthening the creative economy, fostering a diversity of expressions, and preserving our cultural resources.

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# DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS



# DCA DIVISIONS



Programs

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Exhibits, Education, Lectures, Events



Stewardship

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Preservation, Collections, Conservation



Scholarship

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Libraries, Archives, Research, Fellowships



# MORE THAN JUST BUILDINGS

- Museums and historic sites benefit communities by providing:
  - Collaboration with Tribal Preservation Offices
  - Economic Development Opportunities
  - Education
  - Public Engagement
  - International Collaboration
  - Multi-Cultural Conversations
  - New Interpretive Visions
  - Preservation of the Past
  - Public Participation
  - Seasonal Celebrations
  - Virtual Engagement



# LIBRARY SERVICES

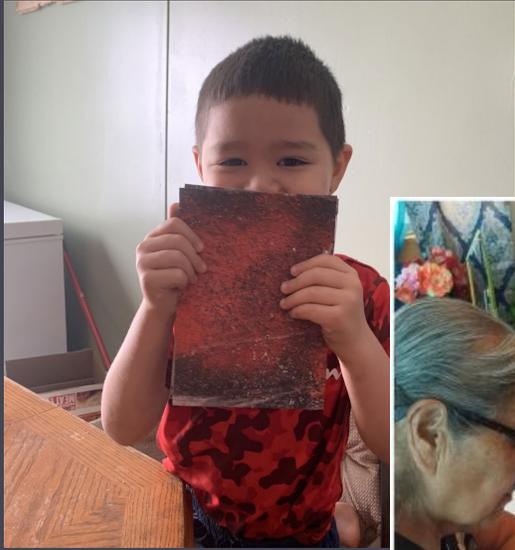
- NM State Library Division
  - Bookmobiles
  - Rural Libraires Development Fund
  - Library Broadband Infrastructure Fund
  - Tribal Library and Library Bonds
  - Engagement and Outreach

Your ticket to 15 Exceptional Museums and Historic Sites

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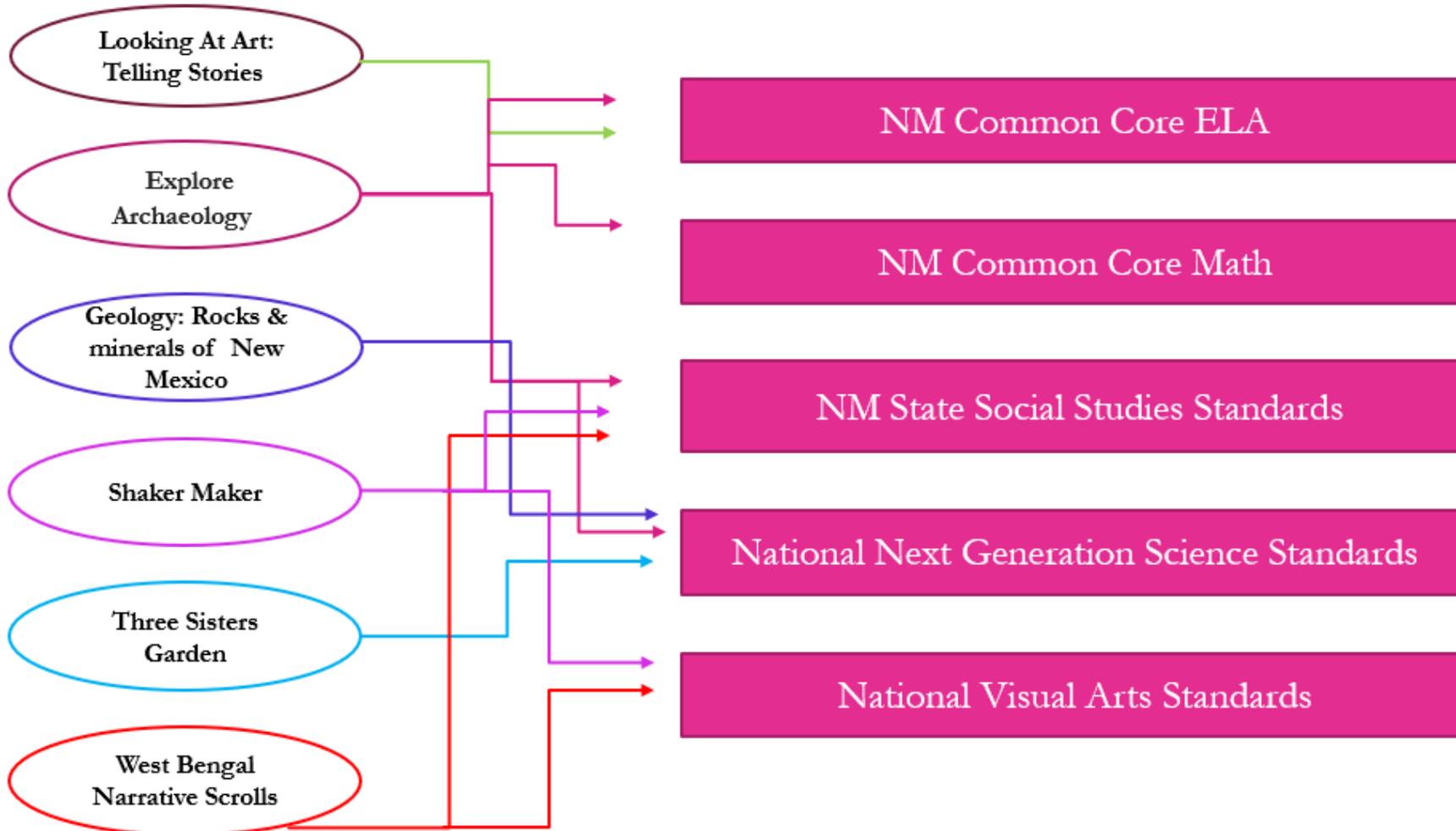


# EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT



- Activity Book
- Learning Kits
- Invite an Educator
- Site Visits

# SUPPORTING EDUCATION





Graffiti removal at La Cieneguilla Petroglyphs Site (2019)



# PRESERVATION

- Historic Preservation Division
  - State Historic Preservation Officer
  - State Archaeologist
  - Tribal Liaison
  - Cultural Properties Review Committee
  - Archaeological Records Management Section
  
- Office of Archaeological Studies
  - Educational Programming
  - Enterprise Activities

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because . . .

Faith AND REASON  
ARE JOINED  
There

#NewMexicoArts



## ARTS

- New Mexico Arts Division
  - State Arts Agency
  - Arts Grants
  - Art in Public Places
  - Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts
  - Arts in the Military



Lowrider de la Muerte, Oscar Lozoya  
Tijeras Senior Center 2019

# LOS LUCEROS HISTORIC SITE



## THE HIDDEN GEM OF THE NORTH

- 2019 - Representative Jim Trujillo introduced, and Governor Lujan Grisham signs, legislation designating Los Luceros Historic Site.



## EARLY DAYS OF LOS LUCEROS

- 1200s – The Tewa Village of Phiogeh.
- 1680 – Pueblo Revolt pushed Europeans out of New Mexico for 12 years. Popé, from nearby Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, organizes the rebellion.
- 1703 – Sebastián Martín receives a 51,000 acre Spanish Land Grant which includes today's Site.
- 1757 – Lucero name becomes connected with the property when Santiago Lucero marries Barbara Padilla, Sebastián Martín's granddaughter

# 1775 - OLDEST DATE FOR THE HACIENDA





- 1902 - Abel Lucero purchases a small parcel of land and builds the Victorian Cottage.
- 1923 – 1958 - Mary Wheelwright begins purchasing Los Luceros, and by 1931 she owns all of what Los Luceros encompasses today.



## THE ROAD TO BECOMING A HISTORIC SITE

- 1983 - Los Luceros is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 2008 - State of New Mexico purchases Los Luceros.
- 2019 - Los Luceros is designated as a State Historic Site by the New Mexico Legislature.



## “SAVE AMERICA’S TREASURES” GRANT AWARDED IN 2020

- Awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through a partnership with the National Park Service, National Endowment for the Humanities, and National Endowment for the Arts.
- This \$1.1 million project will allow DCA to better preserve and stabilize the hacienda and storehouse at Los Luceros.





## THE ROAD SO FAR (2019-TODAY)

- Approximately 10 acres planted with blue corn, squash, and carrots
- School field trips
- Ranger guided tours
- 200 take home kits distributed
- Two seasons of “Mesa Talks” a joint lecture series with Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project
- New Mexico Outdoor Pass Program developed by Los Luceros Historic Site and Pajarito Environmental Education Center
- 1.1k members on newly created Facebook Group
- Fall Harvest Festival - September 25, 2022