Guided Walking Tour of Jemez Springs Sites on May 28 Offers Unique Glimpse into History

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM—On Monday, May 28, visitors to Jemez Springs will be able to immerse themselves into the Village’s history through a guided walking tour, presented by the Friends of the Jemez Springs Public Library. A limited 40 tickets will be sold for the walking tour, with proceeds benefiting the Friends group.

“Jemez Springs is rich in its history, culture and multi layered stories,” said Suzanne Swetnam, president of the Friends of Jemez Springs Public Library. “The historic buildings that still stand in Jemez Springs have many stories to tell. We want to share those stories and history with anyone who has ever wondered how Jemez Springs came about.”

Beginning at 9 a.m. on May 28, visitors will meet at the Jemez Springs Plaza where they will start the tour at the Jemez Springs Bath House - one of the first structures built in Jemez Springs during the 1870’s, which is a State Historical Site.

Other stops include, but are not limited to: Jemez Springs Presbyterian Church, Bodhi Mandala Zen Center, Our Lady of Assumption Church, Jemez Mountain Inn, Laughing Lizard Inn, Highway 4 Cafe, Jemez Springs Catholic Cemetery, Los Ojos Restaurant and Saloon, Stage Stop Restaurant, and more.

Tickets are $25 for adults which includes guided walking tour, water, snacks and printed guide of the Village’s historic buildings created by Judith Isaacs. Children 12 and under are free with paid adult. Only 40 tickets will be sold. Two groups of 20 will be divided and led by individual tour guides, including Issacs, during the tour. Reservations are highly recommended, as tickets will sell out.

The guided walk tour is approximately an hour and a half and 1.5 miles each way. The Village is located at an altitude of 6,200 feet so good walking shoes, sunscreen, and hat are highly recommended. Jemez Springs Plaza is located at 080 Jemez Springs Plaza.

To reserve a spot, contact the Jemez Springs Public Library at 575-829-9155 or librarian@jemezsprings-nm.gov.

For more information about the history of Jemez Springs, visit http://www.jemezsprings.org/about/history/

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