With great excitement and relief, the Los Alamos Historical Society is pleased to announce the Museum Archives and Collections have moved into a new, purpose-built facility that is part of the Municipal Building at 1000 Central Avenue.

Our members and the public are invited to an open house and special tours of the space on Friday, June 28, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Many of you have been with us and followed the saga and quest for a new archives facility since 1988. We are grateful for your continued support. We are also thankful to Los Alamos County for providing the space and mobile shelving that should last for twenty years of growth.

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Upcoming Lectures and Events

Special Lecture
Tuesday, July 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Fuller Lodge. Don Farrell, Tinian historian, “Fat Man: The Peacemaker” (see more Page 5)

7:30 p.m. in Fuller Lodge

Sept. 10, Erica Monahan, “Post-Soviet Imperial Frontiers”


Nov. 12, Loretta Hall, “Frontiers in Space: New Mexico Connections to Exploration”


Feb. 11, Alan Carr, “Cold War Frontiers”

March 11, Samuel Truett, “Globetrotters, Border Crossers, and the Tangled Tales of U.S.-Mexico Borderlands History”

April 15 (note date change due to LA Public Schools spring break), Patricia McCraw, “Tiffany Blue: Turquoise in Frontier New Mexico”

May 13, 6 p.m. Annual meeting and Experience Auction. Lois Rudnick, “Frontiers in Art: Georgia O’Keefe’s Influence on Cady Wells Post-Atomic Apocalyptic Art”

Atomic Film Festival: 7:00 in Fuller Lodge
Tuesday, June 25, “Gojira”
Wednesday, July 24, “Godzilla”

Museum Exhibits:
Expressions by Local Teen Culture, through July
Summer Adventures in History Showcase, August
Traveling Homestead Exhibit from the National Homestead Monument in Beatrice, Neb., Sept.-Oct.

Brown Bags with the Collection:
Tuesday, Aug. 7, Visit the new Los Alamos Historical Society Archives
Tuesday, Nov. 5, TBA

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Los Alamos Historical Society is respected worldwide as the source and repository for the compelling history of Los Alamos and its people from prehistory to contemporary times.
New Items in the Historical Museum Shop

Along with new summer hours, a variety of new items are available in the Los Alamos Historical Museum Shop, from acclaimed new books to intriguing gadgets and inexpensive souvenirs.

The new hours of the Los Alamos Historical Museum are 9:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday and 11:00-4:00 Saturday and Sunday. Summer hours will last through October 15.

New books related to the world-changing history of Los Alamos continue to be written and published by a wide array of authors. Of particular interest to our members will be Robert Oppenheimer: A Life Inside the Center by British philosopher Ray Monk. This biography focuses more on Oppenheimer’s life as a scientist than do previous biographies. The book has received positive reviews on both sides of the Atlantic and promises to revive debates about Oppenheimer’s personality, his role in the Manhattan Project, and his subsequent disgrace at the hands of the U.S. government when he was stripped of his security clearance.

Also of interest is the multiple award-winning book, Bomb: the Race to Build—and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin. A Newbery Honor Book, Bomb is a non-fiction thriller aimed at readers ages 10 and up.

Always on the lookout for science-related items and toys, Museum Shop Manager Kathy Ankeny has discovered a new outlet here in New Mexico, the “Unique Bootique.” The Museum Shop is now carrying miniature robots, jewelry, and other items, such as this dragon fly pin (above) made of leftover electronics and other “junk.”

New souvenirs are also available in the Museum Shop this summer. These include magnets, postcards, notecards, and jewelry. They make great gifts or items for your visitors to take home.

As always, the Museum Shop is the best place to pick up Historical Society publications such as Los Alamos Place Names, 2nd Edition, At Home on the Slopes of Mountains: The Story of Peggy Pond Church, and the classic tale of wartime Los Alamos, Inside Box 1663. Purchases in the Museum Shop are tax-free and contribute to the programs and operation budget of the Los Alamos Historical Society.
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Items in the Museum Collections were scattered among the third floor attic of Fuller Lodge, the second floor of the west wing of the Lodge, the Community Building on 20th Street, and a private storage unit. Bringing everything into one place will be much more convenient for researchers and much simpler for staff members who are assisting them.

More importantly, the new facility has proper climate controls, which will ensure the preservation of the collection.

After the June 28 Open House, the archives will be reopened to donations and research appointments. As in the past, appointments should be made in advance by calling 505-695-5252 or e-mailing archives@losalamoshistory.org.
Tinian Island Historian to Present Special Lecture

Don Farrell, Tinian Island historian, will present “Fat Man: The Peacemaker” on Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at Fuller Lodge, 7:30 p.m. His special lecture, part of the series of events commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Los Alamos National Laboratory and co-sponsored by the Los Alamos Historical Society, will deal specifically with the trials and tribulations faced by the Los Alamos team, under the code name Project Alberta, on the island of Tinian during the end of World War II.

In the middle of the rainy season on an isolated tropical island, the men attempted to complete scientific tests on the atomic bombs to get them ready for use. On July 16, 1945, other Los Alamos scientists were testing a weapon at the Trinity Test Site near White Sands, NM, while the ill-fated USS Indianapolis dropped off parts of the atomic bombs on Tinian island.

Don Farrell moved to Tinian in 1987 and published the first History of the Northern Mariana Islands in 1991 after having taught for ten years in Guam. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965-1971, then earned degrees in Biology and Secondary Education in California. He is author of a dozen books about the Marianas. His book, Tinian: A Brief History, has been reissued with material from the Los Alamos Historical Society and LANL archives and is being sold at the Historical Museum Shop.

HISTORY HAPPY HOUR
Classical Guitar • Tapas • Wine Bar
Friday, June 28 4-6 p.m.
Los Alamos Historical Museum

Join us for a Friday evening out in downtown Los Alamos with music, tapas, and wine in the Museum. Celebrate the release of a new CD by Patrick Burns, editor of In the Shadows of Los Alamos: Selected Writings of Edith Warner.
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ATOMIC FILM FESTIVAL

MONSTER SUMMER 2013

Tuesday, June 25, 7pm

GOJIRA

(a.k.a Godzilla) is the roaring granddaddy of all monster movies. It's also a remarkably humane and melancholy drama, made in Japan at a time when the country was reeling from nuclear attack and H-bomb testing in the Pacific. Its rampaging radioactive beast, the poignant embodiment of an entire population’s fears, became a beloved international icon of destruction, spawning almost thirty sequels. Original, 1954 Japanese version Directed by Ishiro Honda. In Japanese, English subtitles, 96 mins.

Wednesday, July 24, 7pm

GODZILLA

King of the Monsters

Godzilla, King of the Monsters, is the 1956 American reworking or the original directed by Terry Morse, starring Raymond Burr. In English, 79 mins.

The Atomic Film Festival is FREE and open in Fuller Lodge with sponsorship support from Dr. Art Montoya, DDS, and Re/Max Los Alamos.
Annual Meeting Report

The Los Alamos Historical Society held its annual business meeting on Tuesday, May 14. Six members of the board of directors were elected, officers of the board were chosen, and the president reported on the activities of the last year.

Re-elected to the board of directors for two-year terms were Wendy Hoffman, Shay Burns Kendricks, Carole Steward, Todd Urbatsch, and Mike Wheeler. Elected for his first term was Michael Redondo.

Elected as officers of the board were: Ron Wilkins, president, (3rd term); Mike Wheeler, vice president (2nd term); Wendy Hoffman, secretary (2nd term); and Carole Steward, treasurer, (3rd term).

Incumbent directors are Dennis Erickson, J. Arthur Freed, John Ruminer, Sharon Snyder, and Ron Wilkins.

In other business, the treasurer reported that the Society ended the 2012 fiscal year with a slight deficit but that the board continues to pursue stable funding sources.

President Ron Wilkins reported that the Society is moving forward under the guidance of the new strategic plan with construction of the new archives facility, plans for uses of the Oppenheimer House, work on the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, fully staffing the Society's activities and programs, and continuing excellence in publications.

History of Science Class at UNM-LA

One of our terrific museum docents, Aimee Slaughter, is offering a community education class at UNM-LA this summer. “Science and the Popular Imagination in the Early 20th Century” explores the public perception of science in early twentieth-century America. Topics include radiation, relativity, and quantum mechanics, along with the reflection of those ideas in the politics, literature, and medicine of the period. The course also considers the rise of the celebrity scientist and the changing role of women in science during this period.

The course is $79 and will be offered Tuesdays, June 11 through July 2 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in room 606. Visit https://sites.google.com/site/unmlal472/ for more information.

Historic District Walking Tours

The Historical Museum is sponsoring docent-guided tours of the Los Alamos Historic District this summer on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 11 a.m. Tickets are available in the Historical Museum at $10 for adults, $5 for teens, and free for children 12 and under with a paying adult. For more information, call the museum at 505-662-4493.
Los Alamos Historical Society and Museum

Open free of charge every day except New Year’s Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

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