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2022 Taos Fiestas Royal Pageant



Marrisa Griego
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Alexia Trujillo
Princesa 2019-2021



Shayenne Gorrez
Reina de Las Fiestas de Taos
2019-2021



The Taos Fiesta Council, Inc.
cordially invite everyone to attend the
2022 Fiestas de Taos

Events:

Friday, July 22 – 5:30 PM

Fiestas de Taos Mass & Coronation
Celebrant: The Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe
San Francisco de Asis Catholic Church
Ranchos de Taos

Friday, July 22 – 7:00 PM

Opening Ceremonies
Historic Taos Plaza

Saturday, July 23 – 10:00 AM

Children's Parade
Enos Garcia Elementary – Historic Taos Plaza

2022 Fiestas de Taos Royal Pageant

Master of Ceremonies
Chris Arrellano

Program Bienvenido
Hon. Don Francisco Trujillo II, President

Introduction of the 2019 - 2021 Royal Court

Introduction of the 2022
Taos Fiesta Council, Inc. and Dignitaries

Introduction of the 2022
Fiestas de Taos Royal Pageant Auditor & Judges
Auditor: Iris Gonzalez; Judges: Herman Lovato y Lobato;
Gloria Olivas; Margaret Trivino-Roybal; Deborah A. Sparks; Dina Vigil

Introduction, Biography and Fiesta Fashion Presentation:
Contestants

Bilingual Speeches: Contestants

Entertainment:
Michael Rael y Sus Compadres

Talent Presentation: Contestants

Presentation of Judges Plaques

Entertainment
Michael Rael y Sus Compadres

Announcement of the
2022 Reina de Las Fiestas de Taos & Princesas

Farewell



Welcome to the 2022 Fiestas de Taos Royal Pageant!

¡Bienvenidos Damas y Caballeros!



It has been an honor to represent my community of Taos and our culture for the past three years. This experience has given me forever lasting memories and friends. This experience has also taught me how special our community and culture are.

Covid-19 has hit our community hard. But let's not have that hold us back. Be safe and have fun as we start the 2022 Fiestas de Taos de Santiago y Santa Ana.

I thank you, my community, for the continuous support through the past three years. I also thank my beautiful Princesas, as well as my Caballeros, for always showing up and representing our community and culture in a graceful manner. A huge thanks to the Fiesta Council as this tradition would not be possible without all of your hard work and sacrifice. Lastly, I give my family thanks for all the sweat and tears it takes to be La Reina's parents. This tradition truly takes a village, and I am thankful for every single person in that village.

As we welcome the new court for the 2022 Fiestas de Taos, I want to give them some words of advice. First, remember to always smile because even if you do not know it, you will have a camera on you. Second, cherish this journey because it is truly special. Third, always represent your community and culture in the best manner and with pride. Lastly, have fun.

Cariñosamente,

Sheyenne Carleen Cecelia Torrez

La Reina de Las Fiestas De Taos 2019-2021

¡¡¡¡Que Vivan las Fiestas!!!!

2022 Taos Fiesta Council, Inc. Membership



Back Row (L to R): Emilio Garcia; Mike Medina; Liz Medina; Thelma Montez, *Vice President*; Joshua Herrera; Annabelle Garcia-Noga; Charles Lane; Ruby Ann Alaniz; Hon. Don Francisco Trujillo II, *President*. **Front Row (L to R):** Elma Vigil; Kathleen Branchal-Garcia, *Treasurer*; Gwendolyn Gonzales-Romero, *Secretary*; Bernadette Trujillo; Renee Medina Lavadie; Isabel Chacon; Sonya Torres Vigil; Liz Peralta. **Not Pictured:** Donna Jo Martinez; Tina Jo Martinez; Manuel Medina; Melecia Ortega; Philip Ortega; Marlene Rael; Theresa Trujillo; Stephanie Cordova-Levy; Auxiliary Members: James Valerio; Derek Silva; Tiana Martinez.

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Royal Pageant Committee

Liz Medina, Chair
Michael Medina, Co-Chair
Elma Vigil
Ruby Ann Alaniz
Bernadette Trujillo
Sonya Torres Vigil
Annabelle Garcia-Noga

Royal Court Committee

Elma Vigil, Chair
Ruby Ann Alaniz, Co-Chair
Liz Medina

Royal Pageant Auditor & Judges

Iris Gonzalez – Auditor

Iris Gonzalez is a New Mexico native born and raised in Albuquerque. Born to her mother Catherine, a New Mexico native, and Francisco, a native from El Salvador, she is the second eldest of four children. Iris graduated from Rio Rancho High School in 2018 and graduated from the University of New Mexico in 2020 with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in accounting. She currently is the Senior Accountant at B&D Industries, Inc., in Albuquerque, whom she has been employed with for over three years. Iris currently oversees accounts payable, accounts receivable, multiple interns and works directly with the President, CFO, and CEO. She wishes the best to all contestants.

Herman Lovato y Lobato - Judge

Herman L. Lovato y Lobato is a volunteer of Santa Fe Fiesta, Inc. for more than 20 years. He is the technical support division deputy director at the New Mexico Department of Public Safety where he has direct oversight of the internationally accredited Forensic Laboratory Bureau, and the 25 units of the Law Enforcement Records Bureau. Mr. Lovato holds degrees in psychology, biology, and communications. Mr. Lovato has long been a Santa Fe based arts advocate having served multiple times on the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) / Opera and Music Panel, The Santa Fe Opera Board of Directors, The Santa Fe Arts Commission, and Santa Fe 400th Anniversary, Inc., Board of Directors, and various roles in Santa Fe Fiesta, Inc., including president and vice president. Mr. Lovato chairs the Concierto de Mariachi Committee, which includes the Mariachi Extravaganza and Mariachi Matinee shows. Mr. Lovato initiated and has fostered the working relationship with The Santa Fe Opera which allows Fiesta de Santa Fe to utilize the world renown theater for the Mariachi Extravaganza for the past 20 years.

Gloria Olivas - Judge

Gloria Olivas is a lifelong resident of Santa Fe, married 46 years to Pete Olivas. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. She is currently enjoying full retirement after 30 years working in various departments for Nambe LLC. Mrs. Olivas enjoys many hobbies such as making jewelry, crocheting, diamond art, bowling, puzzles, and sewing. She is always ready to try anything new. Most of all she loves traveling to Albuquerque to enjoy all the various activities that her grandchildren are participating in throughout the year. Gloria is a hands-on grandma who will work on any project and participate in most anything her grandchildren are willing to do. They work on tie dyes, play board games, go fishing, walk to the plaza, watch movies together and love eating out or at home. Her family was brought up with a very strong faith and she does all that she can to continue her love of God and see that it will be passed on to future generations of her family. The mantra she tries to live by is: Live, Laugh, Love ... No Regrets! Adios!

Royal Pageant Auditor & Judges

Margaret Trivino-Roybal - Judge

Margaret Trivino-Roybal is a member of Cochiti Pueblo and was raised in Espanola. She is married to Martin Roybal Jr. from Santa Fe. She joined the Army after high school and served 10 years active duty as an Army Medic and was stationed in Fort Bragg, NC, Fort Benning, GA, Fort Lewis, WA, and Fort Riley, KS. Mrs. Trivino-Roybal was deployed to Iraq and Haiti. She returned home after serving in the Army to care for her ailing parents. She attended the University of New Mexico and received her master's degree in nursing as a Psychiatric nurse practitioner. She enjoys sewing which she will occasionally sew outfits for the Santa Fe Fiesta royalty. Mrs. Trivino-Roybal is honored to be a judge for this year's Fiesta de Taos Royal Pageant.

Deborah A. Sparks - Judge

Deborah A. Sparks is a former Vice President of Human Services at State Employees Credit Union and a dynamic, exciting, and inspiring leader with a keen ability for team building and project development. Recently retired from her role, she invested 30 years of incorporating overarching personnel management objectives to focus on projects that resulted in positive outcomes which resulted in SECU growing from a \$48 million to \$866 million in assets. Well versed in setting a direction, building an inspiring vision, and creating something new, Ms. Sparks has applied her skills as a past president, secretary, treasurer, and board member of Santa Fe Fiesta, Inc. She served on the City of Santa Fe's Mayor's Ball, Santa Fe Crime Stoppers, New Mexico Governor's Career Development Conference, and recently joined the Santa Fe Wine and Chile festival board.

Dina Vigil - Judge

Dina Vigil is a New Mexico Native born and raised in Santa Fe. She has one daughter and enjoys spending time with her and her son in-law. Dina retired in 2019 after 29 years of dedicated service. She has many wonderful memories of the traditions celebrated with her family during the Fiestas de Santa Fe, including wearing beautiful fiesta dresses handmade for her and her mother by her aunt. She looks forward to the annual Fiesta activities, including the Mariachi concerts. Dina is honored to be a judge for the Fiestas de Taos Royal Pageant.



Sonya MariaElena Francis Gallegos



Sonya MariaElena Francis Gallegos was born on March 20, 2004 in Taos. She is a 2022 graduate and plans to attend UNM in Albuquerque to pursue a degree in biology and then to CSU to further her education with her ultimate goal to become a livestock veterinarian. She is the daughter of Celedon Gallegos and Jenice Gallegos. Grandparents are Johnny L. Gonzales, MaryAnn Martinez and the late Maria Rivera Gallegos, and Alex Gallegos. She was blessed to know her great Grandparents which were the late Manuel (Tony) Martinez and the late John Gonzales and Vangie Robinson, and she loves spending time with her great granny Olivia Martinez. She enjoys spending time with her large extended family and friends. She has 3 siblings, Mariana, the 2017 Reina de Taos

and a recent UNM graduate, Celedon, a junior at THS, and Alejandro, a 4th grader at Taos International School. Sonya has been involved in 4-H since the 4th grade. She enjoys attending the 4-H leadership retreat and has always participated in showing poultry. Sonya is also involved at St. Francisco de Asis Church where she was an altar server and looks forward to the annual enjarre. Sonya enjoyed being an athlete at THS where she played basketball and softball. Sonya also participates in many traditional events like; making chicos, tamales, and empanaditas. Her favorite is the yearly Matanza and the New Year Comanches who would come to dance for her Gramps. Her ancestry is very diverse and includes Spaniards and Native Americans. She hopes to continue learning about her culture and participate in events and traditions to keep them alive.

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Kyra Vanessa Trujillo



Kyra Vanessa Trujillo is 16 years old, born and raised in Taos. She recently attended NMMI (New Mexico Military Institute) in Roswell, New Mexico and is currently a junior at Vista Grande High School. On her free time, she likes listening to music and spending time with her family. Kyra spends most of her Sundays attending mass at San Francisco de Asis Catholic Church where her father plays in the men's choir. She is currently attending confirmation classes to complete her catholic sacraments. Her future goals are to graduate high school and become EMT certified to become a Fire Fighter. Kyra is the daughter of Victor (Vito) Trujillo II and Eve Trujillo. Her paternal grandparents are Victor (Vito) Trujillo Sr. and the late Linda Trujillo. Her maternal grandparents are Frank Rivera and Dolores (Dolly) Martinez.

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Mariah Savannah Teresa Cebada



Mariah's accomplishments include being very active in her community and serving as a representee for drug awareness. She was able to take part in making a video called Mariah's Mission, that showcases awareness of a medicine called Naloxone. Because of this opportunity, she was asked to be on stage and meet the Governor to bring awareness to the communities of Santa Fe, Española, and Los Alamos. Mariah participated in visiting the elderly center to contribute to the older generation, as well as perform on stage several times to sing A Night of a Thousand Stars and the National Anthem, as well as sing with the church choir. She has also contributed to fund raising events for her church. Mariah is 16 years old and

will be a graduate in 2024. Her next two years of High School in Taos will be concentrated on education and community. She enjoys painting, playing her ukulele, singing, spending time with family and those she loves, and anything involved with the care of animals. Her goal is to prosper through a college education and become a veterinarian, ultimately here in New Mexico. She is especially drawn to this career path after the tragic forest fires recently dealt with, because it will take years for the environment and ecosystem to regain full health. Mariah wants to help the animals in need that cannot survive on their own. She also intends to travel the world. Her Favorite quote is: "It's not a Country of Light on Things, it is a Country of Things in Light." - Georgia O'Keeffe. This quote is her favorite because Georgia was known for being the beauty of New Mexico and sharing it with the world through her art, and Mariah aspires to paint like her for Taos and its people. Fiestas take her one step closer, and she looks forward to being a part of it, along with the other contestants.

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Mariaelena Feliz Agatha Lucero



Mariaelena is a graduate of the class of 2022. Her plans are to obtain an EMT certificate and then attend Adams State University to earn a degree in AAS, Associates of Applied Science. She loves being able to help others in her community and possibly make a difference in the world. Mariaelena enjoys being outdoors, including camping, hiking, fishing, hanging out at the lake, or just going out for a cruise around Northern New Mexico. Mariaelena participated in the Pilgrimage for Vocations 100 mile walk in 2018 and 2019. She walked from Bernal, NM to Chimayo and from Estancia to Chimayo. She was a member of the Saint Michaels youth group for 2 years. Mariaelena was an active "Mujer Veronica" with the Hermanos from the Morada de Nuestro

Jesus Nazareno in Arroyo Seco from the age of 5 to 14 and was an active member of Empire Dance team, winning overall regional champions. Mariaelena is the daughter of Brenda Martinez, granddaughter of the late Helen and Alfonso Martinez of Arroyo Seco and great granddaughter of Cristobal and Manuelita (Mela) Duran, also of Arroyo Seco. She is sister to Edward Hammer and Elizandra Martinez. She is niece to Tio's Vicente, Elmer (Debbie), Lawrence, Jimmy (deceased), Tonio, Art (Nadine), and aunts Shirley and Laurie, and has many cousins and extended family.

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