

The Los Pinos Ranch News: April 2017

Greetings from the McSweeney's of Los Pinos Ranch

It's April, that time of year when our northern New Mexico climate can't seem to decide whether to begin spring or return to winter. It is, however, time for us to begin planning for the approaching summer season and the anticipation of return visits from our many guests whose company we have enjoyed over the years.

The 2016 season at Los Pinos was one of great variety in guest activities. There were the usual daytime pursuits of birding, fishing, hiking, and riding, with families and friends enjoying nature and a chance to be out of doors or just taking time to relax. In the evenings there were visits from local summer residents and many birthday and anniversary celebrations with special dinners to mark the occasions. [See photos below.] Once again Los Pinos had the opportunity to host a Gourmet Supper as a fundraising event for the Upper Pecos Watershed Association. We are happy to support UPWA and enjoyed the festive evening and the company and enthusiasm of those involved in the event.



Jay & Diana's 50 wedding anniversary.



Dave Berggren's 75th birthday party.

Last year we were pleased to introduce a chance for guests to experience the expertise of birding guide, Dave Hawksworth. "If you would like a chance to see lots of fascinating birds surrounded by great scenery, try birding the Upper Pecos Valley! Surrounded by tall mountains, the valley provides several different habitats with a variety of interesting bird species. A great spot to begin your birding is the Los Pinos Guest Ranch, where many species can be found practically at your cabin door. In summer and early fall, blizzards of beautiful hummingbirds swarm around feeders at the ranch. This area is also one of the best places in New Mexico to find the delightful American Dipper as it forages in and along the rushing Pecos River." Let us know if you would like us to arrange a day or weekend of birding with Dave as guide at Los Pinos.

See photos on page 2.



Robin and Sapsucker
photos by
Earl Redman.



Dave, our guide.



Bill and friends.

We wish you all the best and look forward to the pleasure of your company during this coming summer season.

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