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Lea County Cowgirls



Nina Otero-Warren



Georgia O'Keeffe

Alfred Stieglitz. Georgia O'Keeffe, 1920-1922. Gelatin silver print, 4 1/2 x 3 9/16 inches. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. Gift of The Georgia O'Keeffe Foundation. [2003.1.6]

New Mexico's history is a fascinating, multicultural tale of trailblazers, notorious characters, and courageous changemakers—many of whom were women.

The New Mexico Historic Women Marker Program was established in 2007 to recognize the remarkable role of women in our state's history and celebrate the unique and immeasurable contributions women have made as early settlers and in the ongoing evolution of our arts, education, business, government, science, military, and healthcare.

Through the New Mexico Historic Women Marker Program, nearly 100 roadside markers have been added across New Mexico show-casing notable women nominated by our pueblos, tribes, the Navajo Nation, and every county in New Mexico. We invite you to join us in celebrating and spreading the word about the fascinating history of women in our state, from world-renowned artist Georgia O'Keeffe to unsung heroes of everyday life in New Mexico. **Learn more on our website: nmhistoricwomen.org.**

The New Mexico Historic Women Marker Program is made possible through generous support from the International Women's Forum – New Mexico, the New Mexico State Legislature, and private donations. Our sponsors enable us to inspire the next generation of young people through awareness, curriculum, and opportunities to continue the legacy of women artists, activists, entrepreneurs, healers, judges, lawyers, physicians, pioneers, politicians, scientists, and community leaders who have helped make New Mexico the Land of Enchantment.

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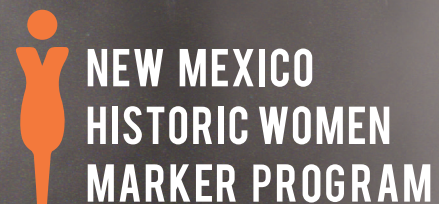
Ladies Auxiliary

Not all mavericks hold megaphones



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Emma Estrada



Not all revolutionaries make headlines

Women have been changing the course of New Mexico history for centuries—some quietly, some more loudly. Through roadside markers across the state, the New Mexico Historic Women Marker Program celebrates some of these women and their remarkable stories.

Women like Emma Estrada, the first licensed partera (midwife) in New Mexico, whose commitment to medical training for parteras helped inspire a formal program for earning a midwife license at the University of New Mexico's School of Nursing. Women like Soledad Chávez Chacón, New Mexico's first female Secretary of State and the first Hispanic woman elected to statewide office in the United States. And countless other women who contributed to the communities, culture, and character of our state.

An idea that flourished into an initiative with state funding in 2006, the New Mexico Historic Women Marker Program received additional state funding in 2022 to continue a unique collaboration between the International Women's Forum of New Mexico, New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, New Mexico Department of Tourism, and New Mexico Department of Transportation to showcase more than 100 notable women in history from every county in New Mexico. Through curriculum development, public outreach, and traveling exhibitions, the focus of the program has now turned to inspiring future generations to be changemakers and trailblazers, each in their own unique way. Learn more: nmhistoricwomen.org.

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Soledad Chávez Chacón