



## Month: May 2023

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Albuquerque hosted 6 ambassadors from Medicine Hat, Canada, April 24-30. FFNM Journey Coordinator did a great job and all agreed we had a very successful visit.

Outbound journeys to Charlotte, NC and North Central NC Friendship Force clubs are scheduled from June 7-20. Seven members of FFNM are participating.

Check out the FFNM website: <http://www.FriendshipForceNM.org> for news and pictures of current events. Info about future events is also posted. FFNM Webmaster has updated and improved the website.

### 2024 JOURNEYS – Heads-Up

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INBOUND: National Capital Area

OUTBOUND: Medicine Hat, Canada

We need Journey Coordinators for both journeys. No dates have been determined as yet.

## May Newsletter has a summary of upcoming events – check it out!

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Future Meetings:

**June 24:** *Movie* – Singing Revolution. A Single Nation, A Million Voices, The Fall of an Empire. The story of how Estonians kept their identity and resisted the USSR through a rich tradition of song.

Time: 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Place: International District Library 7601 Central Avenue NE

Restaurant: TBD

**July 8:** *Interesting Talk* – One of our club members will speak about his participation in a Rotarian mission to India to vaccinate children against polio.

Time: 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Place: International District Library 7601 Central Ave. NE

Restaurant: TBD

**August 12:** *Wine and Cheese* – Time: 4:00pm-6:00pm. For information and directions to the host home, please contact the General Information Contact or the Event Coordinator Contact. Thanks!

**September 9:** *Tentative program* – One of our club members will discuss his latest mystery novel.

Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Place: International District Library 7601 Central Ave. NE

Restaurant: TBD

**Thank you to our Event Coordinator for having arranged and organized all of FFNM's events.**



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### FFNM Guided Tour of Los Poblanos

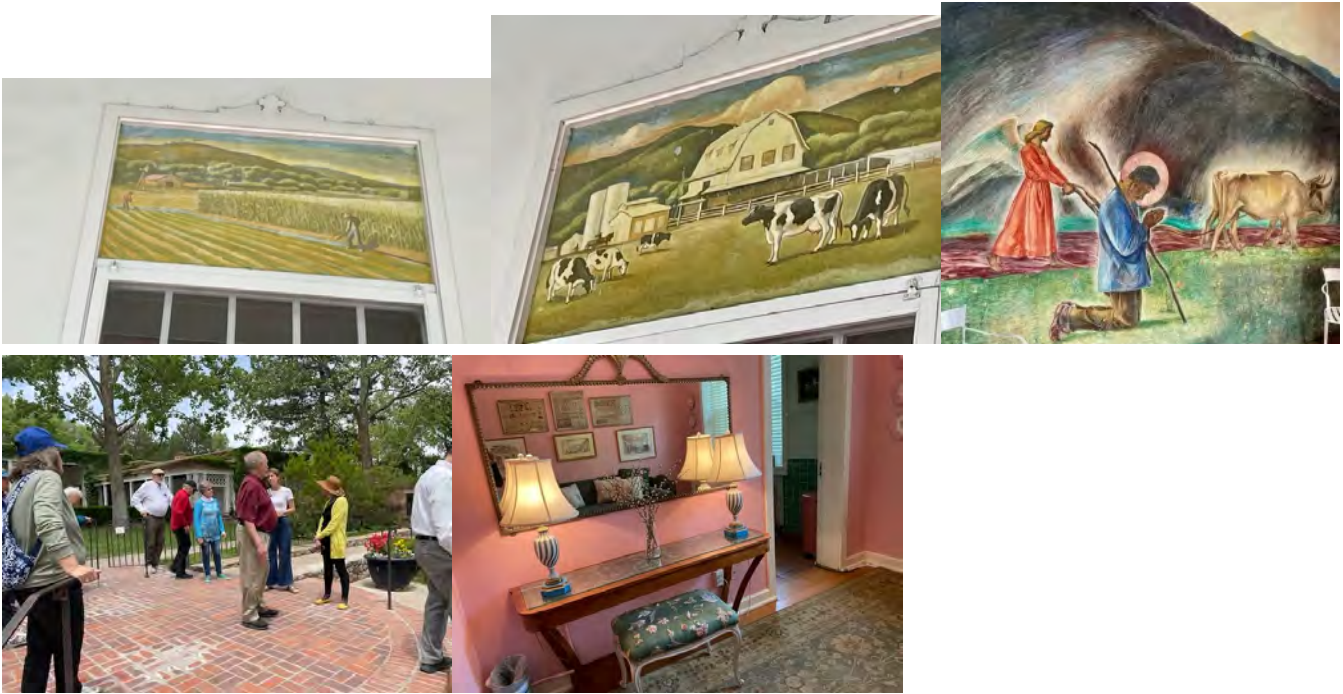
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Approximately 25 club members enjoyed lunch at Dave's Valley Cafe in Los Ranchos prior to meeting a tour guide at the historic Los Poblanos. We were treated to a delightful walking tour of the original buildings and our guide, Kate Garner, culture and community event director led our group. We had a leisurely walk through the grounds, looking at the landscape and buildings, making various stops to listen to a detailed narrative of the site history. We couldn't have asked for better weather. It was quite a treat to be able to see so much that is not normally opened to the general public.

Thanks to our Event Coordinator! Thanks also to the excellent and knowledgeable Los Poblanos Tour Guide!







## Global Engagement Conference: June 17, 2023

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FFNM has been provided information and an invitation to attend the upcoming June 17 Global Engagement Conference.

There will be a box lunch included in the registration price, which for Friendship Force members will only be \$15 instead of \$20. The agenda is listed at the website below:

<https://www.engagedworldabq.org/>

Registering from this website:

just have your members register using the Global Engagement Partners button and select Friendship Force in the pull down under organization.

There also will be tables setup outside the Brazos meeting room where Friendship Force can be showcased. Contact Global Ties for further information and to reserve one. [info@globaltiesabq.org](mailto:info@globaltiesabq.org)

(See further details below from Global Ties)

All the best,

*Richard Buckler*

Albuquerque Sister Cities Treasurer/

Sister Cities International New Mexico State Representative

Sister Cities International Country Representative for Zambia

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Attached is the flyer for the event. And here is the direct link to the event/registration page: <https://www.engagedworldabq.org>. Note that the registration fee is only \$15 for members and staff of our partner organizations. Students are free and that general admission is only \$20.

Please take a look at the event page for more information on the program, event details and the list of our partner organizations.

The objectives for the conference are:

- **Highlight how Albuquerque benefits from global engagement**
- **Reconnect the Albuquerque and New Mexico global engagement organizations post-pandemic**
- **Identify new collaboration opportunities to broaden impact**

We hope to see you on June !7.

Best

The Global Ties ABQ Membership Committee



## Presentation on July 8, 2023: Helping Save India's Children from Polio in 2019

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Our speaker today is a charter member of Friendship Force in which he currently serves as Vice-President.

He has been a Rotarian for over 40 years, serving as a leader at local, regional and national levels. In that regard, he was invited in 2019 to gather with a group of 75 Rotarians from all over the world to travel to India for a week offering polio inoculations to infants. That journey is the subject of his presentation today.