

Santa Fe Botanical Garden to Break Ground at New Museum Hill Site

***Friday November 4 Event announces Peter Brill and A.S. Horner as
key players in build and Kearny Gap Bridge relocation***



For Immediate Release (Santa Fe, NM)—October 31, 2011: The Santa Fe Botanical Garden will kick off the ground breaking of their new Museum Hill site as well as announcement of their Owner's Representative, Peter Brill and contractor A.S. Horner at a 10 am event on November 4, 2011.

Peter Brill, President of PBI Construction Consulting, responsible for numerous successful projects in downtown Santa Fe as well as ongoing projects at St. John's College, will be on site to briefly discuss the dynamics of the historic Kearny Gap Bridge, which will be a focal point of the garden, spanning the Arroyo de los Pinos and connecting the Orchard Gardens and Naturalistic Gardens.



Contractor A.S. Horner, Inc. of Albuquerque, NM will be speaking to the delicate and important process of relocating the Kearny Gap Bridge from Las Vegas, NM to the Museum Hill site, which will take place in late November 2011 and was made possible by the generosity of Joel and Suzanne Sugg of Santa Fe.

Built in 1913 for San Miguel County by the Missouri

Valley Bridge and Iron Company, the bridge is 62 feet long and 16 feet wide. The bridge

was abandoned by the state and located on land owned by Cowboy Hall of Famer, musician and rancher David Thomas "Dee" Bibb and his family.

"We are excited to break ground on what will be one of Santa Fe's crown jewels—a place of learning about the literal roots of our community's history, culture and landscape," stated Board President Cathy Kalenian. "This botanical garden will be a delight for locals and visitors alike."

The garden, designed by American Horticultural Society award-winning landscape architect Gary Smith, will usher in a new era of education for children and adults on the benefits of stewardship, conservation, ecology and local history and culture.

Earthmovers will be on site for the photo opportunity. The informal event precedes a formal ribbon-cutting event to be held at a date to be determined in December 2011.

WHO: The Santa Fe Botanical Garden with PBI's Peter Brill and contractor A.S. Horner

WHAT: Ground breaking event and photo opportunity

WHERE: Museum Hill Site in the overflow parking lot, just northwest of the main lot

WHEN: 10 am, November 4, 2011

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About the Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill: Covering more than twelve acres, the Museum Hill garden will contain four separate but integrated garden experiences: The Orchard Gardens, Naturalistic Gardens, The Courtyard Gardens and a trail system called the Arroyo Trails. The Botanical Garden at Museum Hill will integrate the natural and the man-made, a location of natural beauty and environmental interest transformed by excellent garden design, horticultural practice and architecture.

For more information about visiting or donating to the Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill site or its other locations, the Ortiz Mountain Education Preserve and the Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve, please visit www.santafebotanicalgarden.org or call 505 471 9103.

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