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Dear Booksellers and Other Friends,

It is my pleasure to announce to you our plans for the 2010 New Mexico History Conference to be held in Hobbs, April 30-May 1, 2010. The Conference is sponsored by the Historical Society of New Mexico in partnership with the Western Heritage Museum in Hobbs and the Lea County Museum in Lovington. Most Conference sessions will be held in the Lea County Event Center in Hobbs. Tables for exhibitors will be set up in a room off the West Lobby of the Event Center where registration will take place. This is also immediately outside the program session rooms. This Exhibitor Room can be locked on Friday night for security and the entire facility will be locked.

The opening session of the Conference, a keynote address by Dr. John Miller Morris, will be held in the Western Heritage Museum Theater, a short walk from the Event Center. This is scheduled for 8:30 to 9:45 AM on Friday, April 30, and most Conference attendees will not be in the Event Center until this talk is over. The Event Center will be open for you to set up by at least 8 AM that day, and we suggest that this would be a good time for you to set up (8:00 to 9:45 AM, we're advertising the "book room" to be open officially at 10 AM). It may be possible for you to access the Exhibitor Room on Thursday evening, but this will be an open question until we get nearer to the time for the Conference.

We are now ready to receive table reservations for booksellers and other exhibitors. The cost will be \$60 per 8' table. Make your check out to HSNM and mail it to HSNM Exhibitors, PO Box 1912, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1912. Up to two complimentary registrations for the Conference sessions will be provided to each exhibitor, but we ask that you register so that we can provide badges. Also, if you wish to attend the Saturday night banquet or other events you will need to pre-register and pay for that in addition to the table fee. The complete program, including a registration form, is available on-line at www.hsnm.org. We will send all who request one a printed program when they become available, which should be in about three weeks.

Our conferences normally draw 200 or more attendees, most of whom are book lovers. We have had an enthusiastic response to the conference so far and have a full slate of presentations, so we look for a strong attendance at Hobbs. The exhibit room will only accommodate 10 8' tables, so we ask that you reserve as soon as possible. Tables will be reserved in the order of checks received. Official hours for the exhibitors room will begin at 10 AM on Friday and 8 AM on Saturday, closing at 5 PM on Friday and 12 PM on Saturday.

Questions can be addressed to me at this address or by e-mail to mgsalp@mac.com. You can also contact Henrietta Christmas, who is the registrar for the conference, at hmc@trementina.com. Please provide us with contact information, preferably including an e-mail address, so that we can keep you up to date on the logistics. We look forward to seeing you in Hobbs!

Sincerely yours,

Michael Stevenson,
President, HSNM