



# Naturalist Series



Discover the rich natural and cultural history of the Middle Rio Grande from local experts in this series of workshops. Bernalillo County Open Space presents the Naturalist Series featured at Bachechi Open Space located at 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW. Parking is available at the Alameda parking area. The workshops are **FREE**; however, space is limited and participants must register at [www.bernco.gov/openspace](http://www.bernco.gov/openspace).

## Excavation of the Old Plaza de Alameda

**August 16 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

Dr. Richard C. Chapman, Ph.D. will present on the Old Plaza de Alameda Settlements in Albuquerque. A portion of this settlement, near Bachechi Open Space, was recently excavated in 2003 and revealed secrets of the past from early Hispanic settlers, including the challenges they faced living along the Rio Grande.

## Archaeology 101 and Native Communities along the Rio Grande

**September 7 from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Whispers from people long ago still drift in the winds today. Discover the practice of archeology in our arid state that is littered with clues to the ancient past. Archeologists from the New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies will talk about discovering, excavating and caring for artifacts that are casually found in the landscape and the stories locked into these fragments of time.

## Traditional New Mexico Arts Demonstration

**October 3 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Celebrate the great historical tradition of art in New Mexico with this evening event. A number of art forms will be demonstrated and sold such as weaving, punched tin and retablos. Participants can also experience micaceous pottery-making around an open fire while sipping hot chocolate and listening to a native flautist.

## Traditional Plant Uses

**October 26 from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Learn about the historical and current uses of plants for medicine, food, dyes and other daily needs. Many of the native plants in your backyard or weeds along a road may actually provide numerous benefits. This workshop will include a walk around Bachechi identifying plants and discussing their traditional uses.

To register for these events, go to [www.bernco.gov/openspace](http://www.bernco.gov/openspace) or call (505) 314-0398.



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