

Los Pinos Ranch News 2022

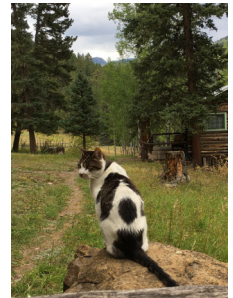
It is late April when we begin to anticipate a change in seasons. Snow still lingers on the surrounding peaks of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains; the spring thaw has begun. The Pecos River is full to its banks. As we begin spring cleaning, we are greeted with the sound of rushing streams, the songs of returning birds, and the subtle appearance of early wildflowers.

As always, the log structure of our ranch buildings requires constant attention. Bill has spent this past winter renovating the south wall of the 1912 lodge, where years of water damage had eaten away at the aspen logs. Next time you visit, notice the new fireplace mantle, made from one of our old Engelmann Spruce trees. Bill continues renovation on the Brewster Wagon, but that is a story for another time.

During the summer of 2021 there were festive dinner parties and family gatherings. There were guests from nearby and those who had traveled from other countries, including Israel and Mexico. Fly fishing with Jerry was enjoyed by both the novice and experienced angler. Our Victorian musical box was an evening hit with many. Others joined Dave for a morning of birding. The Dipper bird and Golden Eagle were exciting examples of sightings. A few intrepid hikers crossed over the mountains to Santa Fe on foot.

A frequent visitor to Los Pinos described 2021 as “a summer of freedom.” Freedom from electronics and the demands of daily life, countered by the freedom to enjoy being in a natural, tranquil setting. “The day is yours to use as you see fit.” 2021 was a special final summer for our cat Rory, who took great pleasure in his time in the sun and in the company of his many friends. He will be missed.

A highlight of 2021 was Chelsea’s return to New Mexico with her husband Brad and their two delightful children. Some of our readers will remember her from her six summers working with Alice at Los Pinos. What a treat to have them back home again!



We wish you all the best and look forward to the pleasure of your company “where the road ends and the trails begin.”

With kind regards,
The McSweeney Family.

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