

EL CAMINO REAL INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE CENTER

PRESENTS

CARRETA BUILDING DEMONSTRATIONS

Enjoy on-going demonstrations on building a carreta, or wagon, by Gary Williams. The carreta was the two-wheel, wooden wagon used in local transport of items in communities along El Camino Real, the 1,500-mile trail that connected Mexico and New Mexico. *Carros* or *carrotones* were the four-wheeled wagons that were used on the long haul journeys of the trail. Wagons played a critical role in the transportation of goods and people on El Camino Real for hundreds of years. Transportation on these wagons was a long and treacherous journey that took as long as eight months, one way from Mexico City to Santa Fe. With the introduction of the railroad into New Mexico during the late 1880s, the use of the carreta on the trail faded away, but still thrived as a form of transportation within the communities along El Camino Real until it was finally replaced by the automobile. Today carretas are seen as pivotal to the settlement and economic growth of New Mexico during its early development.

Demos will take place Wednesday through Friday with the exception of closed State furlough dates. The wagon will become a permanent fixture at the Center, and there will be a formal dedication in May during Historic Preservation Month. Demonstrations will be 9AM–4PM on:

Wednesday, February 10 – Friday, February 12

Wednesday, February 24 – Friday, February 26

Wednesday, February 17 – Friday, February 19

Wednesday, March 3 – Thursday, March 4

Event free with paid Monument admission.
Free admission for ages 16 & under and for
MNM and ECRHC Foundation members.
Single adult visit, \$5

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