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**Art talk at Bishop's Lodge**

Celebrating a history of hospitality and Santa Fe's art history

Santa Fe – As part of a celebration of 90 years as a resort in Santa Fe, The Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa will offer a free talk by art historian Ellen Zieselman on the art history of Santa Fe on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. in Las Fuentes Restaurant immediately following Sunday brunch service.

Her talk will start at the beginning of modern Santa Fe in 1917 with the dedication of the New Mexico Museum Art Gallery and the creation of Spanish Pueblo Revival Architecture.

Zieselman explains that during the summers of 1916 and 1917, influential New York artist and teacher Robert Henri painted in New Mexico at the invitation of Edgar Lee Hewett, the director of the Museum of New Mexico.

"Hewett based the exhibition policy of the new art museum on Henri's concept of the 'Open Door,' his belief that any artist should be able to exhibit in the museum without restrictions," says Zieselman. "As word spread of the new museum's receptivity to challenging aesthetic ideas, Santa Fe attracted modernist artists, intellectuals, poets and writers to its growing arts community."

Ellen Zieselman has been a museum educator with the Museum of New Mexico since 1989, and (since 1992) as the Curator of Education at the New Mexico Museum of Art. She has a bachelor of arts in art history from Brown University, and a master of arts in art history from Williams College. She is the author of *The Hand-Carved Marionettes of Gustave Baumann Share Their World* (1999), co-editor of *Red Earth: Poems of New Mexico* (2003); she has reviewed children's books for the Museum magazine, *El Palacio*, and written articles about sharing art with children for *Tumbleweeds*.

The Bishop's Lodge began as a resort in 1918, when Denver industrialist James R. Thorpe and his family purchased the property. Prior to the acquisition, it was briefly owned by the Pulitzer family of St. Louis, and before that it was the private retreat of New Mexico's first bishop, Jean-Baptiste Lamy who came to Santa Fe in 1851. Lamy's accomplishments included building St. Francis Cathedral, and starting Santa Fe's first hospital, orphanage and school.

The 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration began in January with a hospitality industry reception, the publication of a 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Bishop's Lodge history booklet, "From Retreat to

Resort,” and a special display of historic photos, guest photos and memorabilia. The art talk will be the final special event of the year-long celebration.

Ranked by **Travel & Leisure magazine** as one of America's premier retreats, the Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa offers resort-style family vacations, weddings, and conference facilities.

Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa is managed by Prism Hotels & Resorts whose clients also include Marriott, Hilton, Radisson, Doubletree, and Holiday Inn. To make a resort or spa reservation, call 800-732-2240 or visit [bishopsloodge.com](http://bishopsloodge.com).

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