

## **Presenters schedule at the 2009 HBNM Festival at Lake Roberts**

**Saturday 25, 2009**

- 10:00-10:45 - HBNM photo presentation by William Talbot**  
**10:35-11:10 - Professional hummingbird photographer Jack Milchanowski**  
**11:30 –12:15 - Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park Ranger - Photographic presentation by Ken Abalos Bats and their importance to our eco system**  
**1:00-1:45 - Local Author, Marilyn Markel speaks on The Ancients Birds of the Mimbres People**

**Sunday 26, 2009**

- 10:00- 10:45 - HBNM Photo Presentation by William Talbot**  
**10:35-11:10 - Professional hummingbird/wildlife photographer Jack Milchanowski**  
**11:30-12:15 - Local Historian/Researcher and Author Randy Cowan will talk about historical Cooks Peak and many other areas south of Mimbres**  
**1:00-1:45 - Raymond VanBuskirk is presenting a pictorial adventure he experienced south of our boarder by a few countries. Exotic hummingbirds we see in books, most of us will never have the chance to see as he has. A special treat we have saved for our last program of this year's festival.**

### **2009 Hummingbirds of New Mexico Presenters**

**Bill Talbot;** Bill has had a life-long interest in natural history. Much of that interest has been directed toward birds. He has participated in bird banding projects in NM and bird surveys in South America. Since his retirement from the medical field, Bill is now pursuing a graduate degree in biology at UNM with an emphasis on animal adaptations to global environmental changes.

**Jack Milchanowski;** Jack loves being able to capture fleeting moments of nature to share with others. In our fast paced world most people never take the time to stop and see what is around them. If a person just sat quietly in a park, the woods, or even their own backyard for thirty minutes they would see things they have never seen before. Jack has been intrigued learning the habits of different animals and birds, watching them and capturing their activities with the camera. He works using high speed flash to capture hummingbirds and bats in flight. His collection of venomous reptile images contains over fifty different species. Mountain lions, wolves, bobcats, lynx, and other northern woods animals and their young are his favorites. He supplies six different stock agencies around the world with his images. They in turn market the images into books, magazines, calendars and paper products worldwide.

**Ken Abalos;** Ken is currently working as the Park Manager of the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, on the edge of Las Cruces. He is married to Nancy with a “brand new” baby boy 5 months old now. Ken hails from Byers Colorado originally, and furthered his educational skills in CA at the California Polytechnic State University, in San Obispo. His major was in Natural Resource Management. Hobbies when time allows are target shooting, archery and just getting his feet wet with beginner fly fisherman. Ken is a wealth of knowledge on the subject of bats and his presentation will leave you very much informed and in awe of the bat and their importance within our eco system.

**Randy Cowan;** “Cooks Canyon” talk will take us back in time to when the area just south of here was less settled. Randy lives in Deming and is a historian, researcher and author. He has hiked the southern mountains, and up into the Black Range every week for the past 7 years. These hikes have opened his world to sacred places that will be kept safe as he speaks about them. Other sites he will describe are open to the public. Randy’s book is historical fiction in the era of the Apaches when this area was unsafe for many.