

# Maestas Family Reunion Newsletter

November, 2010

## INFORMATION FOR 2011 Reunion

Thursday to Sunday, July 7, 8, 9, & 10. This is the second weekend of the month.

Have you started planning to come to the reunion next year in July? If you start now you will have the time and money!

We will be making a family quilt this year, so you need to plan your square and bring it to the reunion (or send it to Adelita if you can't get to the reunion). The completed quilt will then be raffled off. We will use the same colors from the last quilt.

Extracted from the February, 1997 newsletter (available on the family web site at [http://www.maestas-family.info/news/newsletter\\_1997-02.htm](http://www.maestas-family.info/news/newsletter_1997-02.htm) :

We will be making a reunion quilt this year. Here is the information you need to get your square ready:

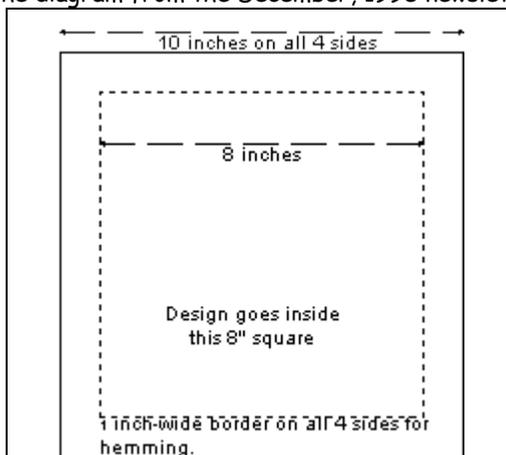
Eight inch (8") squares are to be used. Leave a one inch (1") border around the square for the purpose of attaching squares together. Use a cotton blend such as 60% cotton and 40% polyester. Families are to be defined as independent groups, not individual children. Therefore, if your child still lives at home and has no children then he/she is part of your original family and not eligible for a separate square.

Family colors are as follows:

Abencio	Light yellow
Demetria	Light green
Ignacio	Light blue
Jose	Lavender
Martha and all other family members	Mustard yellow
Matias	Pink
Moises	Beige
Seraida	peach

The quilt is to be raffled off at a reasonable price so that we can then get backing and quilting materials.

Here is the diagram from the December, 1998 newsletter:

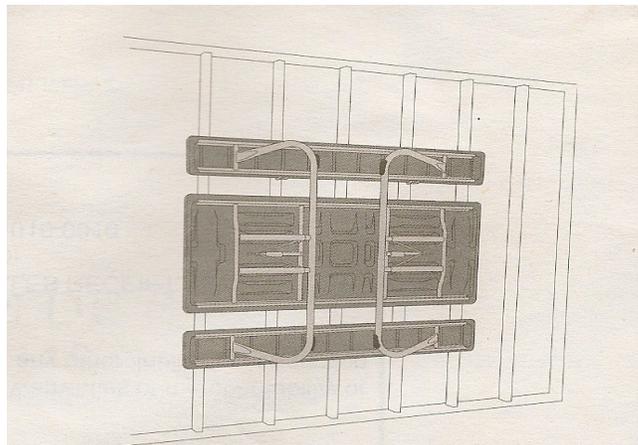
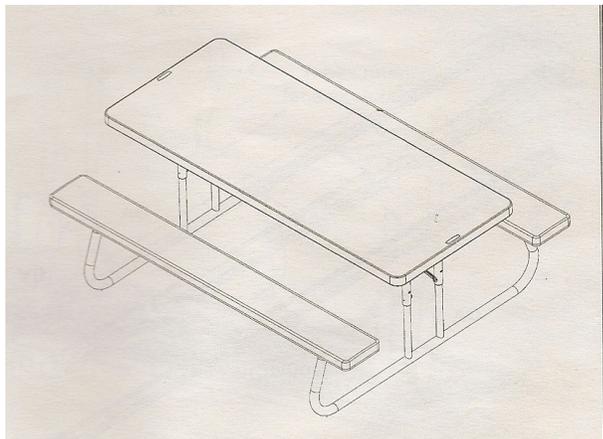


The first quilt:



We have purchased two sturdy, folding, permanent picnic tables (w/ benches) for the reunion. This is a (plastic/resin/whatever) table-top with benches of the same material, on a steel frame that lets the frame unfold, then the table-top is raised up some more by extending the legs underneath the table-top and locking the whole thing in place. Thanks to Jessie and Jack Humphrey for making these purchases possible.

As promised, I found some diagrams of the tables (these are actually diagrams from the assembly instructions), as they look set up and folded down. When folded, the tables can be stored hanging on a wall, as the diagram suggests.



## Costs

The new rates for this reunion will be as follows:

Family of 6 or more	\$75
Family of 5 or less	\$60
Couple w/ 1 child over 6 yr	\$60
Couple w/ 1 child less than 6 yrs	\$42
Couple w/o children	\$35
Single (no spouse/friend)	\$25
Single parent with 1 child will be considered as a couple w/o children	\$35

The higher cost of food has made us raise the rates.

Please RSVP to **Adelita Craig** either by email [craigcadelita@bacavalley.com](mailto:craigcadelita@bacavalley.com) or snail mail:

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## MENU 2011

Thursday evening		Valley residents
Friday and Saturday	BREAKFAST	eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, tortilla, cereal, fruit, OJ, milk
Friday and Saturday	LUNCH	cold cuts, potato salad, fruit salad,
Friday	SUPPER	hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chip
Saturday	SUPPER	fajitas, beans, Spanish rice, fruit salad
Sunday	BREAKFAST	rolls, muffins, yogurt, bagels cream cheese

The idea of having a family sign up for cooking and cleaning for one meal has worked well in the past. We will continue that practice, with one exception: should the teen-agers in the family volunteer to do the cleanup for any meal, I'm sure no-one will object.

## Trivia questions and answers

See the version of this newsletter on the Family website for the family trivia quiz answers for 2009. We will also have hard copies of this at the reunion. We will also have the collected family stories available for all to read.

We plan to have similar activities that help in learning about our family and help people to interact with family members they might not mingle with otherwise. **Please send ideas on interactive family activities that help us all learn more about our family.**

## FAMILY NEWS

We have had a few deaths since July 2009.

- **Jack Humphrey**, husband of **Jessie (Valdez)**, passed away in November 2009. Jessie is the daughter of Seraida (Maestas) granddaughter of Cirilio and Cresencia (Medina) Maestas.
- **Cirilio Maestas** son of Jose and Clodovea (Hurtado) Maestas, grandson of Cirilio and Cresencia (Medina) Maestas passed away July 19, 2010.
- **Terry McDonald** son of Adelina (Valdez) Foster passed away June 2010. Adelina was the daughter of Seraida (Maestas), granddaughter of Cirilio and Cresencia (Medina) Maestas. Terry had battled cancer for a number of years.
- Our sympathy also goes to **Amorette, Lauren Pablo**, and **Domingo Maestas** for the death of their mother, **Dolly (Gallegos) Youngblood**. Dolly passed away in September as a result of a motorcycle accident in which her husband Tom was injured.

## OTHER FAMILY NEWS

We had a mini family reunion in May at the wedding of **Larry and Linda (Hoppens) Maestas**. Family members from New Mexico and Colorado traveled to Barstow for the wedding. The wedding date would have been Larry's mother Lucille's 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Larry's siblings gave their mother's rings to Linda, who used the rings for the ceremony (and hasn't taken them off since, according to Larry). Larry felt "it was a small but incredibly wonderful celebration".

**Steven Jaramillo**, son of Paul and Melanie Jaramillo, grandson of Cresencia (Maestas) and Dan Jaramillo, great-grandson of Moises and Florinda (Trujillo) Maestas is getting married. He has not announced to us WHO he is marrying, just that he is doing so.

**Lauren "Pablito" Maestas** is at the University of Tennessee to do field research on Lyme Disease. He moved there in November. Pablito is the son of Herbert Maestas, grandson of Cirilio Maestas, great grandson of Jose and Clodovea (Hurtado) Maestas.

**Marissa Maestas** broke her ankle water skiing. I thought New Mexico was a semi-arid state. Marissa is the daughter of Annette Maestas, granddaughter of Cirilio Maestas and Vangie (Roybal) Maestas, great granddaughter of Jose and Clodovea (Hurtado) Maestas.

**Kristin Maestas** is training to become a foster parent. Kristin is the daughter of David and Lynnae (Strong) Maestas, granddaughter of David and Sally (Lucero) Maestas, great-granddaughter of Matias and Rosarito (Atencio) Maestas.

**Darren Craig** and children **Derian** and **Rashaan Craig** went to New York and Boston on vacation. Darren is the son of Carlos and Adelita (Maestas) Craig, grandson of Ignacio and Adela (Branch) Maestas. They visited all the major sports arenas in the area!!

**Ernest** and **Rachael Maestas** will be having their second child in 2011. Ernest is the son of Yolanda Maestas, grandson of Lionor and Predicanda (Trujillo) Maestas, great grandson of Matias and Rosario (Atencio) Maestas.

**Jordan Craig**, son of Daniel Craig, grandson of Carlos and Adelita (Maestas) Craig, great grandson of Ignacio and Adela (Branch) Maestas spent a month in San Francisco as a student of LINES Ballet. Jordan currently is a Junior at the New Mexico School of the Arts.

**Jason Maestas** is stationed in Hawaii. He is the son of Andy & Marilyn Maestas, grandson of Carlos and Lucille (Olivas) Maestas and great grandson of Matias and Rosarito (Atencio) Maestas.

**Candace Rose** is going to Barstow Community College. She is the daughter of Barbara (Maestas) Rose, granddaughter of Lionor and Predicanda (Trujillo) Maestas, great granddaughter of Matias and Rosarito (Atencio) Maestas.

**Krystal Maestas** is in Prescott Arizona going to college. She is the daughter of Jeff and Diane (Silva) Maestas, granddaughter of David and Sally (Lucero) Maestas, great granddaughter of Matias and Rosarito (Atencio) Maestas.

**Cassandra Maestas** got her nursing degree. She is the daughter of Andy Maestas, granddaughter of Matt and Joan (Markham) Maestas, great granddaughter of Jose and Clodovea (Hurtado) Maestas.

**David** and **Rose Bordett** attended a summer program at the University of Connecticut this summer. They are the children of Harvey and Elizabeth (Valdez) Bordett, grandchildren of Fidel and Lulu (Maestas) Valdez, great grandchildren of Ignacio and Adela (Branch) Maestas

**Sidney Craig** and children **Cody** and **Casey Craig** visited friends in New York in October 2010. Sidney is the wife of Robert Craig. Robert is the son of Carlos and Adelita (Maestas) Craig, grandson of Ignacio and Adela (Branch) Maestas, great grandson of Cirilio and Cresencia (Medina) Maestas.

**Lorraine (Baca) Duran** spent part of her summer in the Denver Metro area visiting her sister Betty (Baca) Pluchek and brother-in-law Wayne Pluchek. Lorraine is the daughter of Eloy and Sophie (Zamora) Baca, granddaughter of Ramon and Juanita (Medina) Zamora.

**Donnie Romero** had been sick with a recurrence of West Nile Virus. Donnie is the son of Jerry and Rosalie Valdez, grandson of Cleo (Maestas) Valdez, great grandson of Matias and Sesarita (Cruz) Maestas. He and his sons were deer hunting in October so we are glad he is feeling better.

**Frank Maestas** will be married in December to Janice Bowers; Frank is the son of Lionor and Preddy Maestas, grandson of Matias and Rosarito Maestas.

**Marissa Maestas**, (daughter of Kenneth Maestas, granddaughter of Carlos and Lucille, great granddaughter of Matias and Rosarito), is expecting a baby boy due November 24. The baby's name will be Raul III. Raul Jr (known as "Junior") and Marissa are living in Apple Valley, CA.

**Annabelle (Batol) Gonzalez**, (daughter of Ray and Angela (Maestas) Batol, grand daughter of Fermin and Mabel (Hernandez) Maestas, great granddaughter of Matias and Rosarito Maestas), and her husband Cesar welcomed a son, Jesse Cesar Gonzalez on September 28.

Congratulations to **Tim Maestas**, (son of Demetrio Maestas, grandson of Matias and Rosarito) who recently received an Emmy Award for one of his news stories covered on the CBS affiliate in Albuquerque, KRQE. Tim has been the anchor for the week-end evening news program.

**Bronxon Zamora** was born to Amanda (Jaramillo) Zamora, daughter of Barbara (Maestas) Rose and granddaughter of Lionore and Predicanda (Trujillo) Maestas, great granddaughter of Matias and Rosarito (Atencio) Maestas. And Amanda is expecting another baby in July 2011. If she times it right, this baby will be the youngest at the reunion!

**Marvin Maestas**, son of Moises and Susie Maestas, is helping his dad build a deck over-looking the orchard in Holman. Good work guys.

**Vangie Maestas** (mother of Herbert, Paul, Rick, Annette and Jamie) spent a week in Albuquerque with Jamie. She went to the Kenny Rogers concert and Menaul homecoming.

**Opal** and **Joe Maestas** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last August. Their daughters (Betsy Cornwell, Mac Daly, and Judy Heher) and their families gathered in San Jose, CA, and partied for an entire week.

In mid-October, **Eric** (Pam's son, grandson of Carlos and Lucille, great-grandson of Matias and Rosarito), 15 years old, took a first (forms) and second (sparring) place in his first-ever karate tournament. He's been training for a short time and is a yellow belt.

**Isaac** (RJ's adopted son and grandson to Dornella, great-grandson of Carlos and Lucille, great-great-grandson of Matias and Rosarito), 6 years old, also competed in his first tournament and placed a second in forms.

**Larry's** stepdaughter **April** had her second child, Alex, on May 27, 2010. Larry said, "We cut our honeymoon a little short to be with her and her eldest son, Joseph, 2 years old on their special day."

According to Larry, **Antonio Esposito** visited the folks in California late this summer. Barstow will never be the same! LOL

Larry would like to ask for family to contribute any company swag or other items that could be used for prizes or raffles . But don't tell Larry about it—tell [Darryl Brillhart](#), he's the one who needs to know so he can plan accordingly.

**Barbara Rose** lost her run for re-election to her seat on the Barstow Board of Education. She commented, "I just want to thank everyone for their support. I want to congratulate both Ray Perea and Ben Rosenberg for pulling the top two seats. I will now have more time to spend with my children and grandchildren. What a blessing! Love to all, Barb".

