

Please join us in congratulating the Law Center's fearless founder and leader, Doug Meiklejohn, for being named a **Santa Fe Living Treasure!**

The award honors "elders" who have generously served and inspired the local community (and beyond) with "kind hearts and good deeds" and are recognized for being leaders and role models. Recipients include artists, farmers, journalists, musicians, nurses, pueblo governors, teachers, and volunteers.

"While it is hard to think of myself as an elder," Doug said upon learning of the award, "I am humbled to receive this acknowledgement for helping provide communities a voice in the legal arena when their environment is threatened. It is the clients whom I and other Law Center staff represent who deserve acknowledgement for their strenuous efforts to protect their families, their neighbors, and their communities from harm."

Doug was nominated for the award by Sally Rodgers, founder of Conservation Voters New Mexico and a previous Living Treasure recipient. Friends and colleagues who wrote in support of Doug's nomination commended him for founding the New Mexico Environmental Law Center in 1987 and for growing it over the last thirty-two years. Supporters also noted his integrity, his humility, and his role as a mentor to many young attorneys.

The Living Treasure awards for this season's winners will be presented at a **public ceremony on Sunday, October 20, at 2:00 pm** at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Fe at 107 W. Barcelona Road in Santa Fe.

Please join us to honor Doug's long career of service to New Mexico's communities in protecting their air, land, water and wellbeing. Attendees are welcome to share comments about the awardees at the ceremony.

Oral histories and photographs of each Living Treasure recipient are held at the Fray Angelico Chavez History Library in Santa Fe. For more info on the Living Treasure program, or to nominate someone to receive the award, please visit the organization's website at www.sflivingtreasures.org.