

The Corrales Historical Society is sponsoring for the eleventh year in a row, a Las Posadas event at the Old Church on Monday, December 21st at 7 pm. Las Posadas is a re-enactment of Joseph and Mary entering Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. It is normally held nine evenings in a row before Christmas, the ninth being at church services at midnight on Christmas Eve. The Corrales Las Posadas performs only one day in an attempt to keep this old special tradition alive.

Las Posadas in New Mexico dates back to the arrival of the Spanish in the 17th century. It was held in many churches throughout New Mexico and continues to be celebrated and particularly so in Northern New Mexico. Although many times the two participants arrive on a donkey or horse, this is not included in Corrales' rendition. Two Corrales children portray Joseph and Mary while music is provided by Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Choir in the North Valley. Special music is sung, one chorus by the Mary and Joseph entourage, and the next chorus answered by the people in the old church until the travelers are welcomed in.

Year after year this event draws many people from the area for a cultural Christmas experience. The public is welcome at this free event. Refreshments follow.