

A CONVERSATION ON ARTIST'S MODEL BEN LUJAN

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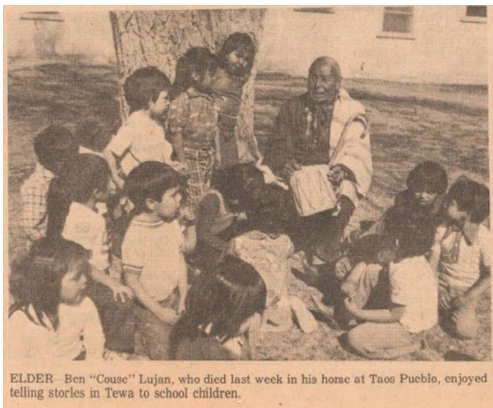
Taos Public Library Community Room,
402 Camino de la Placita, Taos, NM 87571



Ben Lujan and his son Eliseo, 1919.



Ben Lujan featured in a Beacon Blanket window display, c.1920s.



ELDER Ben "Couse" Lujan, who died last week in his home at Taos Pueblo, enjoyed telling stories in Tewa to school children.

Photograph from Ben Lujan's obituary, 1975.

Join the Discussion on a Taos Legend

As we recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day in the month of October, it's an opportune moment to reflect on the rich histories and contributions of Native communities.

The Couse-Sharp Historic Site, in collaboration with representatives from Taos Pueblo, invites the public to a thoughtful panel discussion about the enduring impact of artist's model Ben Lujan. This event will take place in the community room at the Taos Public Library on Saturday, October 26th, from 2 to 4 PM.

Ben Lujan, while not widely known today, was a significant figure within the artistic and cultural spheres of Taos, New Mexico, during his lifetime. His extensive portrayal in early 20th-century art, railroad calendars, and advertisements contributed uniquely to America's artistic heritage.

More than just a model, he was a man deeply engaged with his community and culture, experiencing firsthand the radical societal shifts occurring in Taos during his lifetime.

Topics will include the historical significance of Ben Lujan's life, his contributions to the arts, and his impact on current artistic endeavors in Taos. The conversation will also touch upon the 21st-century perspectives on working within the artistic industry in Taos, reflecting on both past influences and future possibilities.

Admission is free and open to the public. Join us for an engaging afternoon of dialogue that promises to enrich our understanding of a pivotal figure in New Mexico's cultural landscape.

For more information, please contact the Couse-Sharp Historic Site at (575) 751-0369 or admin@couse-sharp.org