



S. Omar and Elsa Barker



S. Omar Barker was born in Beulah, New Mexico in 1894, attended high and college in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and was in his youth a teacher, a high school principal, a forest ranger, a state legislator, a trombone player, a WWI veteran, and a newspaper correspondent. In 1925 he turned to writing full-time and became one of the country's best known and loved authors of Western fiction and non-fiction.

Among his honors were two Spur Awards from the Western Writers of America and an Honorary Doctorate from Highlands University which also named him a Distinguished Alumnus.

The Las Vegas Citizens Committee for Historic Preservation (CCHP), 116 Bridge Street, invites you to view a new exhibit featuring the life and work of the Barker's. The exhibit will be open through the month of September, 9AM to 3 PM Mon-Sat

Join us on Saturday, September 2nd, as CCHP, Highlands University, and the Friends of Fort Union National Monument, reintroduce the Barker's with an evening of music and poetry on the Highlands Campus. The program will be held in the Leveo Sanchez Room (G35) at 7pm. Come and learn why Omar was called the Sage of Sapello, the Woodhouse of the West, and the Poet Lariat of New Mexico.

