

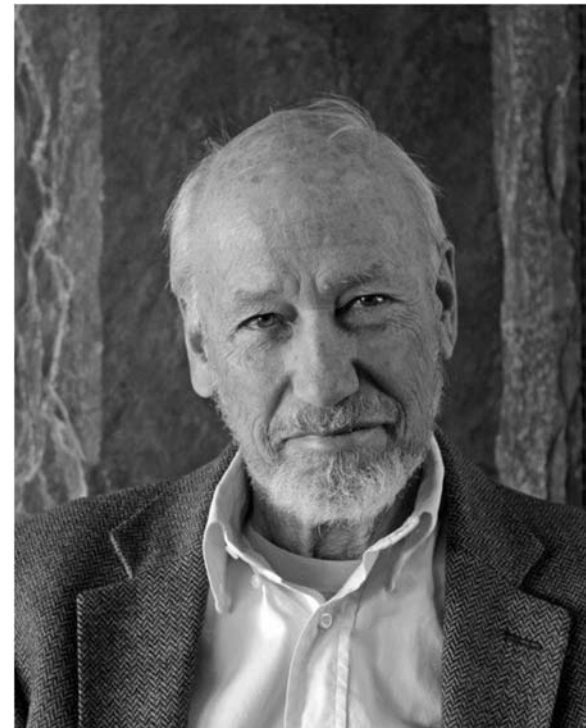
Charles “Chick” Keller

One of the great things about Los Alamos is the many people who have espoused something and kept at it,” said Charles “Chick” Keller. “That’s why this town is so great - people asking, ‘what can we do?’”

Since its inception Chick has committed his talents and energy to the Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC), serving as board member, building negotiator, shelf builder, community lobbyist and board president. As PEEC moved from Orange Street to a modern nature center located on Canyon Road, Chick co-chaired the capital campaign to raise \$1.2 million dollars for the exhibits.

Having arrived as a graduate student in 1967, Chick became a leading expert on plants of the Jemez Mountains. He wrote a “Flower of the Week” column for the Los Alamos Monitor. His booklet, “The Twelve Little Yellow Composites of Summer,” published by the Los Alamos Historical Society in 1999, is being updated.

In 1987 Chick wrote the proposal that led to the establishment of Kinnikinnick Nature Preserve. He is founder and curator of the Jemez Mountains Herbarium located at PEEC.



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Chick and his wife of 28 years, Yvonne, were participants in the Valle National Preserve’s Breeding Bird Atlas survey. Chick acknowledged, “A lot of interesting things have begun because Yvonne has said, ‘Why don’t we?’”

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