

Lola Rodríguez de Tió

Author of *La Borinqueña Revolucionaria*. She is the first Puerto Rican born poetess to establish herself a reputation as a great poet throughout all of Latin America. A believer in women's rights, she was also committed to the abolition of slavery and in the independence of Puerto Rico



La Borinqueña Revolucionaria (revised)

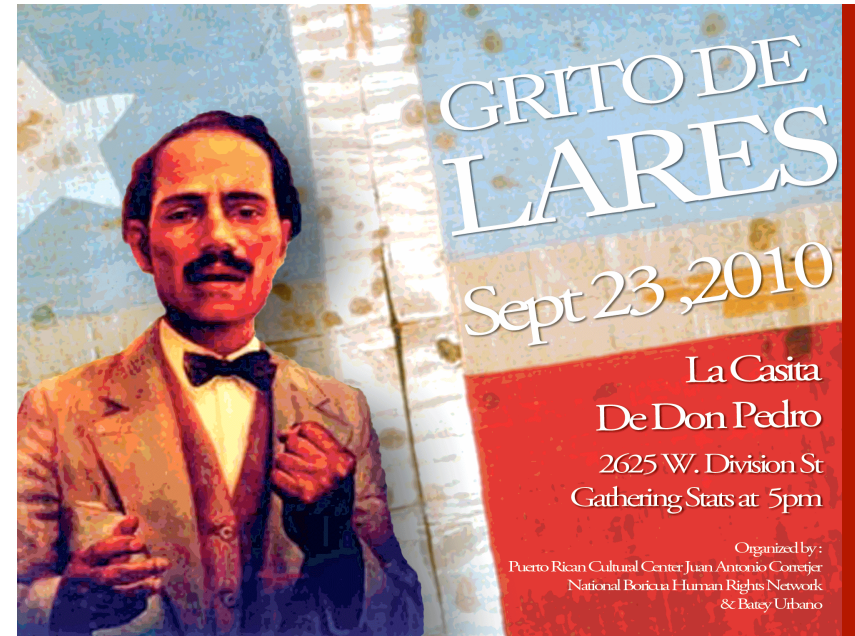
¡Despierta, borinqueño que han dado la señal!	Nosotros queremos la libertad,
¡Despierta de ese sueño que es hora de luchar!	y nuestros machetes nos la darán...
A ese llamar patriótico ¿no arde tu corazón?	Vámonos, borinqueños, vámonos ya,
¡Ven! Nos será simpático el ruido del cañón.	que nos espera ansiosa, ansiosa la libertad.
y nuestro machete nos la dará...	¡La libertad, la libertad!

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Batey Urbano



Celebrating El Grito De Lares 1868

Commemorating the life of Filiberto Ojeda
Ríos, assassinated on September 23, 2005

Why Celebrate?

In different time periods, both under Spanish and United States rule, the celebration of Grito De Lares was outlawed. People were imprisoned for organizing events to commemorate this historic event. When Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos became president of the Nationalist Party, his efforts to commemorate the date were most well known. It is through the efforts Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos and those of the Puerto Rican people that have ensured that we still remember this historic date today in the 21st century.

Why Commemorate?

We must never forget what took place on September 23rd, 2005. We must never forget that the Federal Government along with local Puerto Rican officials surrounded the home of Filiberto Ojeda Ríos and attacked.

Special Note

Tamarindo Tree in La Plaza de Lares



Key to the rituals associated with the Grito is the gift, given by Chilean writer Gabriela Mistral to Albizu's family, of a tamarind tree obtained from Simón Bolívar's estate in Venezuela. The tree was planted at the Plaza de la Revolución (Plaza de Lares) with soil taken from the eighteen other Spanish-speaking Latin American countries. Albizu meant to give the Plaza a living symbol of solidarity with the struggle for freedom and independence initiated by Simón Bolívar (who, while visiting Vieques, promised to assist the Puerto Rico independence movement, but whose promise never materialized due to the power struggles surrounding him), as well as a symbol of the bittersweet (as the trees' fruit) hardships needed to reach Puerto Rico's independence.

Program

- 5:00 Gather at La Casita for introduction to activity
- 5:30 Procession to commemorate Filiberto Ojeda Ríos – with plena from grupo Nuestro Tambor
- 6:00 Program at Batey Urbano
- Welcome – Brenda Torres-Figueroa
- Historical Lessons from Grito de Lares – José López
- Musical performance – Adolfo Colón
- Poetic performance
- Update on Assassination Investigation – Alejandro Molina
- Poetic performance
- Connection of Oscar López-Rivera to historical struggle of Puerto Rican people and update on the campaign for his freedom – Michelle Morales
- Poetic performance
- 7:15 La Borinqueña Revolucionaria – Casandra Figueroa

Why 20 candles?

We carry twenty candles to signify the twenty hours that Filiberto Ojeda Ríos was left bleeding in his home. Even after determining that Filiberto was bleeding to death, federal agents refused to allow any medical technicians to enter.

