

Los Alamos Branch AAUW December 2005

There is no December Branch Program Future Branch Programs

On Thursday, January 12, AAUW will co-host the annual legislative review forum at Fuller Lodge. This event is held jointly with the League of Women Voters.

On Saturday, February 18, 2pm, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kurt Whyte (Helena's son) will present a self defense program. Kurt is the owner of T.A.S.K., Travel and Safety Knowledge, a martial arts and security business.

On Saturday, March 18, 2pm, at El Castillo Retirement Center, 250 E. Alameda, Santa Fe, we will be joining the Santa Fe and Las Vegas branches in Santa Fe for a special Educational Foundation fund raiser. Pat Jonietz will be presenting a dramatic reading, "Lessons I Learned Growing up in the 50s!" The reading will feature her favorite *teachers*: **Shirley Jackson, Jean Collins Kerr, Anne Morrow Lindberg, Phyllis McGinley and Annie Dillard**. The cost will be \$10, and Rosmarie Frederickson will be arranging carpools.

The council is planning an April meeting related to New Mexico history.

Our spring tea will be held on a Friday May 5 at the Unitarian Church.

Details on these programs will be appear in future Newsletters. Be sure to mark the dates on your calendars.

*****Our branch collected \$230.00 to help Louisiana's public libraries in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Louisiana Library Foundation is coordinating cash donations to purchase books for the many libraries that will have to be rebuilt or repaired.

Thank you, book group members and attendees at the November branch meeting for your generous contributions.*****

Branch News

AAUW Non-Fiction Book Group:

The next meeting will be at Pat Mendius's, 124 Rover on Monday, January 23 at 7:30 pm. The book is *A Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion. Gloria Cordova is the discussion leader.

The March meeting will be at Harriet Dodder's, 149 El Gancho on the 23rd.

The World Cultures through Foods:

The first meal will feature soul food and is scheduled for December 4, 6:00pm at Melissa Lamoreaux's, 5153 Quemazon. The contact is Marilyn Minshall. (672-3499).

Book Group:

The December 5 meeting has been moved to Denise George's, 411 Cheryl, and will start at 7:30 pm. The book is *Marrying Mozart* by Stephanie Cowell. Carroll Thomas is the discussion leader.

Helena Whyte is organizing an evening *Great Decisions Group* for AAUW members. Please contact her if you are interested in joining the group. (672-9153, helanaw@lanl.gov)

LAWIS, Los Alamos Women in Science, graciously invites us to attend their noon Lunch-Time Talks:

Wednesday, 7 December 2005, 12:00 noon,
Bradbury Science Museum Auditorium, Claudia Lewis, EES-9, LANL, *The Pajarito Fault Zone*.

Biography of the Month:

The Fine Art Museum in Santa Fe is showing a wonderful collection of American paintings. A featured female artist is **Lilly Martin Spencer**.

In 1830 the eight-year-old Angelique Marie Martin, called Lilly, was brought to the United States from her native England. Her mother and father, a politically progressive couple of French extraction, raised their daughter in the small town of Marietta, Ohio. When her artistic abilities and ambitions outstripped the cultural resources available there, her father took her to Cincinnati, where she studied with the portrait painter John Insko Williams. At 22, Lilly Martin married Benjamin Rush Spencer. They made their home in New Jersey and New York. The Spencers had 13 children, seven of whom survived to adulthood; Lilly was the family's principal breadwinner, while Benjamin managed their growing household. In the late 1840s and 1850s, the artist became popular in Europe and America for her still-life and portrait paintings, and especially for her humorous domestic genre scenes.

Spencer exhibited her paintings at the National Academy of Design and was represented at the Women's Pavilion of the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition in 1876. She also produced work for a number of prominent patrons. However, much of Spencer's fame resulted from the widespread sale of inexpensive engraved copies of her oil paintings.

Sources:

<http://www.nmwa.org>



Branch Calendar

Dec	4	World Culture through Food, soul food, Melissa Lamoureaux, 6pm, 5153 Quemazon
Dec	5	Book Group, Denise George, 411 Cheryl, <i>Marrying Mozart</i> , 7:30pm
Dec	7	LAWIS talk, Bradbury Museum, noon, Claudia Lewis, The Pajarito Fault Zone
Dec	8	Council Meeting, Pat Mendius's, 124 Rover, 7:15pm
Jan	12	Branch Meeting, Fuller Lodge, Legislative Preview

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