

Los Alamos Branch AAUW January 2009

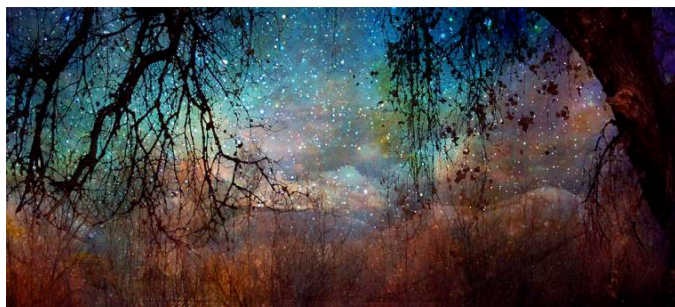
Legislative Preview Wednesday January 14, at 6:30pm Fuller Lodge

AAUW will join with League of Women Voters to sponsor the legislative preview. New Mexico is facing a budget crunch. Our legislators will let us know how they foresee dealing with this and other issues. Refreshments are at 6:30; the preview is scheduled from 7-9pm.

Branch News:

News flash:

Our branch is co-sponsoring a forum on the upcoming school bond election on January 8 at 7pm at UNM-LA. More information will be provided in a follow up e-mail.



The branch congratulates our member, Michelle Stump, whose spectacular 2009 holiday card of Pojoaque, “Skyward Dreaming” was among the six winners of the annual AAUW Note Card Design Contest. The winning cards will be sent to over 100,000 AAUW members, whose donations are expected to result in significant funding for the association. A Las Cruces member, Katherine Barit, submitted a second winning entry. See all the winners at <http://www.aauw.org/contests/index.cfm>. To have used her talents as a digital artist to contribute to the AAUW has given Stump’s holiday season special meaning. She joined AAUW in 2006 and commented, “As a college graduate who entered the workforce in the 60’s, I have lived and worked through an incredible time for women in the

history of the United States. Being able to make a contribution to AAUW allows me to give back to an organization that has helped me over the course of many years.”

In this contest, thousands of AAUW members from across the country voted on over 200 entries. “I think it must be the mystery and beautiful colors in “Skyward Dreaming” that captured our members’ votes,” said Nina Thayer. “AAUW is indebted to Michelle for donating her stunning photographic artwork to our annual note card sale.”

“Nina Thayer, Denise George, and Helena Whyte of the Los Alamos branch encouraged me to enter,” said Stump. “I was delighted that “Skyward Dreaming” was one of the six winning designs and am very glad that I am part of the Los Alamos branch of the AAUW.”

In the past five years Stump has been recognized by the State of New Mexico for her contributions to the economic well being of the state and as an outstanding contributor to the Adobe User Group program. She has won awards from the UNM-LA Small Business Development Center, Imaging Professionals of the Southwest, and *New Mexico Magazine*. Her publishing company, The Harp of the Spirit, is a member of The Greeting Card Association. Everyone is welcome to visit The Harp of the Spirit’s studio to see the newest designs. To schedule a visit, call 661-8760. The Harp of the Spirit’s note card and poster line is available in Los Alamos at the Village Arts, Bennetts, Otowi Station, Brownell’s Hallmark, and Uli’s Cottontails. Or visit the website at: <http://harpofthespirit.com>.

Study Group Schedules are posted at:
http://aauw-nm.org/los_alamos_study_groups.html

Book Group

There is no January meeting.

The February book is *Ines of the Soul*, by Isabel Allende. The February 2nd evening meeting will be held at the home of Carroll Thomas, 115 La Senda at 7:30pm. The February 3rd day-time meeting will be held at 2pm at the home of Rozelle Wright, 213 Barranca Road.

Non-Fiction Book Group: The next meeting will be Monday, January 19, 2009. The book is *Blood and Thunder* by Hampton Sides. The reviewer is Denise George. Pat Mendius, 124 Rover, will host the meeting.

The World Cultures through Foods: All dinners are at 6pm. Contact Marilyn Minshall (672-3499) for more information. The January 24th Dinner From Thailand will be hosted by Marilyn Minshall.

Great Decisions: Carroll Thomas (672-1937) is the coordinator of the day-time group. The evening group is coordinated by Helena Whyte (672-9153). The organizational meeting for the evening great decisions will be held on January 29, 7:30pm at Helena Whyte's, 100 El Morro.

Bridge: Contact Jane Sherwood if you would like to play this year.

Study group chairs are asked to send schedules and any changes to Denise at georgeje@acm.org

Future Branch Events:

January 21, Let's Read Math training for teachers. Contact Natalie Markin to volunteer or for more information.

January 22, Choice Rally, Santa Fe

January 24, Los Alamos County Science Fair, Judges needed, contact Rosmarie Frederickson to help (frederrh@yahoo.com)

February 3 at 7 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Our general meeting will feature Dr Lee speaking on Women in China.

February 8, Winter Leadership Team Meeting, Santa Fe hosting.

February 9, AAUW Legislative day

February 18, 4-7pm at LAHS DECA Cafeteria
Let's Read Math at Discover E. Engineering and scientific professionals from local technical societies and businesses, along with advanced students and Girl Scouts, volunteer to provide interactive demonstrations for northern New Mexico's kindergarten through high school students. AAUW Los Alamos has planned an activity involving making arts with fractions of circles. This will be much fun, but we need volunteers. Contact Helena Whyte to participate.

April 24-26. Los Alamos hosts the AAUW New Mexico State Convention.

May 15 from 4:30 to 6:30PM. Mark your calendars for the Spring Membership Tea. The NM Co-Presidents Nina Thayer(our own) and Mary Sanford will be presenting. Be sure to come to meet Mary.

State News: Leadership Opportunities Aplenty for Finance Chair, Program/Issues Coordinator and Public Policy Coordinator. We can't divine your interest and availability, so if you are seeking leadership opportunities, please contact Carol Ann Council, Nominating Chair, (KK-CA_Council@msn.com) for job descriptions.

Branch Calendar

Jan	5	Convention planning meeting, 7pm, Mesa Public Library (floor3)
Jan	8	School bond election forum, 7pm, UNM-LA.
Jan	14	Legislative Preview, Fuller Lodge, 6:30pm
Jan	21	Let's Read Math in-service training, LAPS, 3:45-5:15
Jan	22	Choice Rally, Santa Fe
Jan	22	Council Meeting, 7:15pm, Pat Mendius, 124 Rover
Jan	24	County Science Fair
Jan	24	World Culture through Foods, Dinner from Thailand

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