



## AAUW Hilltopics May 2012

Spring Tea  
with  
Sharon Snyder, author of  
At Home on the Slopes of Mountains

Friday, May 18, 2012, 4-6 p.m.  
Unitarian Church-Hearth Room  
1738 N. Sage Street

Sharon Snyder is the author of a new book, At Home on the Slopes of Mountains, about the life of Peggy Pond Church. We will celebrate Peggy Church's era by dressing in the 40's, 50's style in hat, gloves, pearls if you desire.

Tea, punch and delicacies will be provided by the coordinating council.

Election of officers for 2012-2014 will be held at this meeting.

A vote will be taken to approve a by-laws change, and dues will be accepted.

Come and bring a friend.

Our usual hostess, Jane Sherwood will not be at the Spring Tea. Pat Harlow, hostess emeritus, will be filling in for Jane. We would very much appreciate it if members who are able to help Pat set up the room and prepare the snacks, could arrive at 3:30P.M.

### **Dues paid now are good until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Please help our treasurer and avoid annoying reminders by paying dues soon.

**For most of us, dues are \$71** [national \$49 + state \$12 + branch \$10]

(\$46 of the national dues is TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

If you are an AAUW member at large, a life member, or a member from a non-New Mexico branch, your dues are \$22 [state \$12 + branch \$10]

Honorary life members pay no dues.

If you are a member from another NM AAUW branch and wish to be a dual member, your dues are \$10.

There are several ways to pay:

1. Pay by check made out to "AAUW Los Alamos Branch"  
Mail check to, AAUW PO BOX 272, Los Alamos
2. Bring your check to the spring tea or to either AAUW book group meeting.
3. Save time and postage by paying by credit card – this is easier than it sounds:  
Log onto your computer, start up your browser and goto [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org)

Select Member Center (look at the top of the page)

If you do not know your member id, click on Member ID Lookup, fill out the requested information and your id number will appear – right below your number click on “Enter Member Center” – now click submit.

If you do know your number, login to the member center using this id.

Once logged in, Click on Member Services Database (look at the options on the left side of the page) then register and choose a password if you haven't done so already

login to the Member Services Database

and choose Renew my membership from the left hand tabs .

It will ask for credit card information and take your payment.

Our current branch membership chair, Rozelle Wright, asks all members to invite a friend to the Spring Tea and then encourage her to join our organization. Joining at the tea provides an extra 6 weeks of membership benefits for the cost of a single year membership.

## Branch News

### Notice of Bylaws Vote at Annual Meeting

Current wording:

Article VI. Financial Administration. Section 6. The annual budget shall be adopted by the Coordinating Council for presentation at the annual meeting.

Council recommendation:

Article VI. Financial Administration. Section 6. The Council shall recommend the budget for approval by the membership at the first Branch meeting of each year.

Rationale:

Currently there is a conflict between Article VI. Section 6 and Article XI. Section 2 about when the annual budget is voted by the membership. Our practice for many years has been for the new Council to recommend the annual budget at the first Branch meeting in the fall. By making the above change we resolve the conflict and both Article VI Section 6 and Article XI. Section 2 will read identically. This conflict was discovered by the Bylaws Committee when making the changes mandated by the Association following last year's national convention.

**Summer Leadership meeting** will be hosted by Los Alamos Branch on July 21 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. A volunteer is needed to coordinate Bed and Breakfast stays to benefit AAUW Funds. Contact Natalie if you will coordinate or be a hostess to AAUW visitors from around the state.

## Slate of Candidates for AAUW-Los Alamos Coordinating Council 2012-2014

Mona Wecksung (new)

Natalie Markin (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)

Nina Thayer (2<sup>nd</sup> Term, but perhaps just until December 2012)

*Nominations gratefully accepted from the floor at the Spring Tea, with consent of nominee*

### Returning Council Members Completing the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their existing term

Judy Prono

Maryjane Giesler

Dorothy Shaner

### Retiring Council Members

Beverly Cooper

Mary Ann Lindahl

Rozelle Wright

### Non Council Members continuing in their current positions

Denise George - Hill Topics Editor

Helena Whyte – Nominating Committee chair (2<sup>nd</sup> year of term)

Jane Sherwood – Hospitality

Marilyn Minshall -- Historian

We need people to serve on the council next year. Please phone Helean or Natalie to volunteer.

The joint coordinating council meeting of the old council and the new council will be on May 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Shaner, 155 Piedra Loop. It will be a pot-luck. Current council members will provide the food.

## MANA del Norte Scholarship Fund

To date we have collected \$740 from AAUW members toward our AUUW sponsored MANA scholarship. This means that we still need \$260 to reach our scholarship goal of \$1,000. If you have not yet contributed to this fund, please consider a donation today, so that this year we may assist a deserving New Mexico woman attain her educational dreams. Make your check out to MANA del Norte, note that it is for the scholarship fund, and mail it to Mona Wecksung, 161 El Corto, Los Alamos.

This summer Gloria Cordova, who is lifetime MANA member, will serve on the MANA del Norte scholarship committee and will select our scholarship recipient. Hopefully our recipient will be able to attend our fall luncheon and everyone will get a chance to meet her.

## Out'n About

**May 23, Allan Houser Sculpture Garden:** the sculpture gardens were first created in 1985 following the construction of the Visitor's Center, and have evolved into approximately 10 acres of trails which display 85 outdoor works.

This is a Wednesday and entry fee is \$18; we will meet at 9 a.m. at United Church parking lot and 9:15 at the Y. Please let Denise George know if you plan on attending (672-9688, [georgeje@acm.org](mailto:georgeje@acm.org)) The garden is south of Santa Fe, and if the group wishes we will stop in Santa Fe for lunch on the way back.

**August 29, 8:30 p.m. Bandelier Night Walk,** if the weather cooperates, designated leader, Marilyn Thayer. Let Marilyn know by August 15 if you wish to attend, as reservations are required. Nightwalks are special evening interpretive programs at which participants are required to be silent during the one hour that allows visitors to step back in time. There is a charge (\$6 per adult or \$3 with a senior parks pass).

**October 10, Jemez Springs and Jemez State Monument,** the leader is Jill Forman.

## Book group:

The May book is Property by Valerie Martin. On May 7th at 7:30 p.m., the evening group will meet at Denise George's, 411 Cheryl Ave; Denise will review. On May 8th at 1 p.m., the afternoon group will meet at Sue Watt's, 4861 Yucca. There is no reviewer. Please let Denise (672-9688, [georgej@acm.org](mailto:georgej@acm.org)) or Sue (709-0005, [swattsw64@yahoo.com](mailto:swattsw64@yahoo.com)) know if you plan on attending.

## Non-fiction Book Group:

The group will meet on June 4 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss is My Beautiful Genome by Lone Frank; the reviewer is Harriet Dodder. Rozelle Wright will host the meeting at 213 Barranca Road; please let her know if you plan on attending (662-5490, [rozelle@losalamos.com](mailto:rozelle@losalamos.com))

## Great Decisions

The topics for great decisions are:

- 1 Middle East Realignment
- 2 Promoting Democracy
- 3 Mexico
- 4 Cybersecurity
- 5 Exit from Iraq & Afghanistan
- 6 State of the Oceans
- 7 Indonesia
- 8 Energy geopolitics

The remaining morning meeting is a pot-luck:

Date	Topic	Presenter	Location
May 14	6	Thelma Hahn	Marilyn Doolen's 713 Meadow

Carroll Thomas is organizing the morning Great Decisions group. Carroll's contact information is 672-1937, [ctgb@earthlink.net](mailto:ctgb@earthlink.net). All meetings are at 10:00 a.m.

Helena Whyte is organizing the evening great decisions group. Helena's contact information is 672-9153, [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com).  
May 10, Topic 8, Helena Whyte, 100 El Morrow, 7:30 p.m.  
May 24, Topic 5, Mona Wecksung, 161 El Corto, 6:30 p.m.

## AAUW Rocky Mountain Conference

June 8, 9, 10, 2012

Radisson Hotel, Phoenix Airport

427 North 44th St.

Phoenix, AZ

1-602-220-4400 FAX: 1-602-244-2325

[www.radisson.com/phoenix\\_airportnorth](http://www.radisson.com/phoenix_airportnorth)

The group rate is \$69.00 (plus tax) for single or double occupancy. Deadline for "AAUW" rate is May 18.

Registration fee is \$50 (postmarked by May 23)

plus meals. AAUW NM will give two \$150 scholarships to attend this AAUW Rocky Mountain Conference (preference to those attending for first time). E-mail [natalie@lanb.com](mailto:natalie@lanb.com) for scholarship application; deadline is May 15, 2012.

Helena Whyte will present a workshop on Starting an Online Branch Friday afternoon June 8. AAUW Rocky Mountain Region awarded her a \$200 travel grant for presenting. Nina Thayer will present a workshop on gender pay equity titled "The Simple Truth".

## Branch Calendar

May	7,8	Book Group
May	10	Great Decisions evening
May	14	Great Decisions morning group
May	18	General Meeting
May	24	Great Decisions evening
May	23	Out 'n About
May	30	Joint council meeting
June	4	Non-fiction book group
June	8-10	Rocky Mountain conference
August	29	Out 'n About

## Coordinating Council for 2011-2012

Rozelle Wright	Treasurer/Membership	662-5490	<a href="mailto:rozelle@losalamos.com">rozelle@losalamos.com</a>
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Denise George	Newsletter	672-9688	<a href="mailto:mozden08@aol.com">mozden08@aol.com</a>
Marilyn Minshall	Historian	672-3499	<a href="mailto:fsminc@losalamos-nm.com">fsminc@losalamos-nm.com</a>
Helena Whyte	Nominating Chair	672-9153	<a href="mailto:mozden08@aol.com">mozden08@aol.com</a>

## Attention Book Lovers:

National AAUW is accepting Adelante! book recommendations. If you have a great book to suggest for the 2012-2013 Adelante! Book of the Month Club, share your recommendation by May 15, 2012. If your book is selected, you and the Los Alamos Branch will receive special recognition. Contact Helena (672-9153 or [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com)) for criteria and recommendations.