

AAUW Hill Topics

October 2011



Valles Caldera National Preserve The Fire, the Future and Recreation Presented by Marla Rogers, fire prevention specialist Kimberly DeVall, recreational specialist

Monday, October 24, 2011

7:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2390 North Road**

Kimberly DeVall will talk about “Recreational Opportunities on the Valles Caldera National Preserve”. In her words, “the Valles Caldera National Preserve offers a variety of recreational opportunities for the public. Summertime opportunities include hiking, fishing, mountain biking, equestrian trails, van tours, marathon, and lots of other special events. Wintertime opportunities include cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on over 30 miles of groomed trails and horse-drawn wagon or sleigh rides.” Kimberly DeVall serves as the recreation specialist for the Valles Caldera Trust. Since she began in July 2008, she has explored ways to increase recreational experiences on the Preserve, implemented the hiking shuttle program, and re-vamped the interpretative programs offered to the public. Prior to working for the Trust, she was the education coordinator for the Respect the Rio program on the Santa Fe National Forest.

Marla Rogers will present An Overview of the Las Conchas Fire and Its effects on the Valles Caldera National Preserve. She has worked as the Fire Management Officer for the Valles Caldera National Preserve since March, 2011. Previously, Marla worked for the National Park Service for over 20 years in locations from California to Florida. Most recently she served as the Assistant Fire Management Officer for Bandelier National Monument from 2002 until taking on the new opportunity at the Valles Caldera earlier this year.

Branch News:

Did you notice? Our **newsletter has a new name**, "AAUW Hill Topics". The name was proposed by Judy Prono and modified by Jill Forman: they will share the prize of one year branch dues. There was an exciting run-off election between our winner and "Cottonwood Chronicles".

We have a **new council member; Maryjane Giesler** has agreed to serve on the council as the College and University Representative.

Start Smart at UNM-LA

Our branch will partner with AAUW-NM, UNM-Los Alamos and Phi Theta Kappa to bring a salary negotiation workshop, called Start Smart, to the local campus of UNM Friday morning, November 4. The branch and state officers are excited to make this announcement as this will be the first Start Smart Workshop in New Mexico.

Several years ago AAUW research called "Behind the Wage Gap" showed that one year out of college the wage gap between men and women working full time with the same college degree, was already 20%. Ten years after graduation male college graduates were making on average 30% more than their female classmates. Why? One of the reasons pointed out by the study was that women only rarely negotiate for a higher starting salary while it is common with men. This workshop open to men and women shows students how to research and then ask for what they are worth.

The three-hour Start Smart Workshop was designed by the Wage Project and will be provided at no cost to the students. Our own AAUW-NM Co-President Shelley Rossback will be the trainer. The community college honorary fraternity, Phi Theta Kappa, has agreed to be the campus sponsor. Their faculty liaison is our branch member Maryjane Giesler. More details will follow in the November AAUW Hill Topics.

Study Group Dates:

Non-fiction Book group:

November 14 , 7:30 p.m. meeting will discuss The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson at

Angela Coop's, 332 Aragon. Please let her know if you will attend, 672-1073, acwalkercoop@yahoo.com.
The reviewer is Margo Batha.

Book group:

The October book is People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks.

On October 3 at 7:30 p.m., the hostess is Harriet Dodder, 149 El Gancho . Please let her know if you will attend, 662-7473, hardod@earthlink.net.
The reviewer is Margo Batha.

On October 4, 1:00 p.m., the hostess and reviewer is Nina Thayer, 1707 Solana. Please let her know if you will attend, 662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com.

Out 'n About

Nina Thayer has organized a new AAUW interest group called **Out 'n About**, which visits some of the multitude of interesting and educational places in our northern New Mexico neighborhood.

Wednesday, October 12, van tour of Georgia O'Keeffe's Abiquiu Home. This trip is full.

Our **November** outing will take place on a Saturday morning and likely will be to the International Folk Art Museum in Santa Fe. Let Nina know of your interest.

Below are the nine hardy adventurers who saw hundreds of elk, the historic ranch buildings and the remote Jaramillo Valle on the Valles Caldera National Preserve Elk Tour September 24.



Branch Calendar

October	3,4	Book Group
October	12	Out'n About Georgia O'Keefe Museum outing
October	24	General Meeting

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