



AAUW Hilltopics September 2012

Fall Luncheon **Margaret Wood** Author of **Remembering Miss O’Keeffe:** **Stories from Abiquiu**

Saturday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m.
Dixie Girl Restaurant, 1789 Central Avenue
(formerly Central Avenue Grill)

In 1977 a 24-year old Margaret Wood took the job as caretaker for an elderly artist in rural New Mexico. The artist was Georgia O’Keeffe and this was the beginning of an adventure into food and lifelong friendship. We all know Miss O’Keeffe’s art, and many of us have visited her home in Abiquiu, but do we know the person behind the persona? Come hear Ms. Wood’s stories of her five years cooking and caring for Miss O’Keeffe. “I didn’t expect the level of simplicity yet perfection that she liked in her food and her surroundings”, recalls Ms. Wood, who provides a unique perspective on the life of this extraordinary woman who chose to live in Abiquiu, New Mexico.

We will meet in the newly redecorated back room and order from the menu. Separate checks will be provided. Please bring a friend, neighbor or co-worker and learn about all of our study groups and activities planned for this year.

Out’n About

August 29, 8:30 p.m. **Bandelier Night Walk**, if the weather cooperates: designated leader, Marilyn Thayer. Let Marilyn know (662-9785) by tomorrow 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 September book is The Housekeeper and the Professor by Yoko Ogawa. Linda McLellan, 422 Connie will host on Tuesday, September 11 at 1:30 p.m. Let her know if you plan on attending (672-9602, lindamclellan@msn.com). Karin Roberts, 415 Cheryl will host on September 10 at 7:30 p.m. Let her know if you plan on attending (672-9625, rjkarin@qwest.net).

Non-fiction Book Group:

The September 24th meeting will be held at Lynn Jones's home, 520 Navajo at 7:30 p.m. The book is Darwin's Armada by Iain McCalman; discussion leader is Denise George. Please let Lynn know if you plan to attend (662-9443, jonesmm1@comcast.net).

The November 19th book is Atlantic by Simon Winchester. Nina Thayer will host and Angela Coop will review.

The January 14th book is The Greater Journey by David McCullough. Rosmarie Frederickson will host and Margo Batha will review.

Great Decisions

Carroll Thomas is organizing the morning Great Decisions group. Carroll's contact information is 672-1937, 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.

Branch News

Welcome a **New Member** and add her information to your membership roster:

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For those of you who remember joint branch member **Marilyn Trieman**, here is a note from her: "I want to tell you how much I enjoy your newsletter – there are such interesting articles like the current one on Kathe Kollwitz. I've seen some of her work

and now know something more about her. And there are always books I've never heard of. But mainly, it's nice to know who is still around and active. Thanks for everything."

For all the Olympics junkies out there here is a bit of interesting trivia: **Elizabeth ("Betty") Robinson** (August 23, 1911 – May 18, 1999), later **Elizabeth R. Schwartz** was an American athlete and winner of the first Olympic 100 m for women.

Born in Riverdale, Illinois, Robinson ran her first 100 meter race on March 30, aged 16. She finished second only to the American record holder. At her next race, she equaled the world record, though her time was not recognized.

At the Amsterdam Olympics in 1928, her fourth 100 m competition, Robinson reached the final and won, equaling 12 seconds, the world record. She was the inaugural Olympic champion in the event, since athletics for women had not been on the program before, and its inclusion was in fact still heavily disputed among officials. With the American 4 x 100 meters relay team, Robinson added a silver medal to her record.



In 1931, Robinson was involved in a plane crash, and was severely injured. A man who discovered her in a coma in the wreckage wrongly thought she was dead, put her in his trunk and drove her to an undertaker, where his mistake was discovered. She awoke from the coma seven months later, although it was another six months before she could get out of a wheelchair, and two years before she could walk normally again. Meanwhile, she missed the 1932 Olympics in her home country.

Still unable to kneel for a normal 100 m start, Robinson was a part of the US relay team at the

1936 Summer Olympics. The US team was running behind the heavily favored Germans, but the Germans dropped the baton, allowing Robinson (who handed off the baton to Helen Stephens) to win her second Olympic title.

Retiring after the Berlin Olympics, Betty Robinson remained involved in athletics as an official. Betty R. Schwartz died aged 87, suffering from cancer and Alzheimer's disease in Denver, Colorado.
(from Wikipedia)

MANA del Norte Silent Auction

Once again MANA del Norte is soliciting donations for the silent auction that precedes its annual scholarship banquet in October. This is MANA's principal fundraising event for their scholarship fund and has brought in thousands of dollars in past years.

As an organization that has supported the MANA scholarship fund for many years, it is hoped that our AAUW branch members will consider donating to MANA saleable items for their silent auction. Jewelry has been the biggest seller in recent years. Isn't there something in your jewelry box you no longer desire? Other good selling items have been gift cards, bottles of wine, and art objects. MANA has also sold high-end clothing, a set of chair cushions, and an old stereo system. Does this give you any ideas?

You can bring items to our general meeting, or if you want an item(s) picked up, please call Mona Wecksung at 662-7084 or send her an email at wecksung2005@msn.com to arrange a pickup time.

MANA del Norte is an organization dedicated to helping northern New Mexico Hispanic girls and women pursue their educational and professional goals. MANA del Norte \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to women who have been accepted into an accredited college or university, and are based on financial need, GPA, community service, references, and a personal essay on their Spanish Heritage (1/4 Spanish descent required), family, personal interests, and professional goals.

Branch Calendar

August	20	Book selection meeting, Denise George, 411 Cheryl, 7 p.m.
August	29	Out 'n About
Sept	10,11	Book group
Sept	24	Non-fiction book group

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