

Equal Pay Day Table  
Thursday, April 10  
Farmer's Market in Fuller Lodge  
8am – 12:30 pm

Our branch has chosen to celebrate Equal Pay Day this year with a table at the April Farmer's Market inside Fuller Lodge. Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day in 2014 that women must work all of 2013 plus this far into 2014 in order to equal the pay men received in 2013. We will have lots of current literature and research about pay equity including the newest 2014 edition of, "The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap". There will be a free copy for every member who stops by the table. The Council decided rather than make a presentation to our own members, we would instead try a table at a public event where we could reach a wider audience. Stop by our table for your copy of "The Simple Truth" and help make our table the most popular at the market.

**Volunteers are needed** to assure a successful Equal Pay Day event. Help is needed to woman the table from 7:45 am – 12:30 pm. Please call Nina Thayer (662-6835) or email ([gnthayer@cybermesa.com](mailto:gnthayer@cybermesa.com)) if you can help early with setup from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m. OR middle from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. OR late with pack away from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out the facts and learn what AAUW is doing to narrow the persistent gender pay gap.

## Jean Nereson Books Memorial Update

As of March 26 the Jean Nereson Books Memorial has raised \$18,274 for books for the libraries of the five Los Alamos elementary schools. The first \$5,000 was awarded in December. Below is the thank you note the branch received a few weeks ago signed by all five LAPS elementary librarians.

"Dear AAUW Los Alamos,  
Thank you so much for the Jean Nereson Books Memorial grant. It is so much appreciated! We are excited to add to our elementary libraries. We so appreciate your hard work to benefit our students! This was just a wonderful surprise and gift for our kids and district.

Julie Goen, Pinon  
Marilyn Branton, Mountain  
Beverly Nelson, Chamisa  
Jeff Lloyd, Aspen  
Alice Newman, Barranca

An act of kindness is a breath of fresh air."

## Great Decisions

Carroll Thomas is the organizer of the morning group for 2013-14 Great Decisions. Her contact information is [ctgb@earthlink.net](mailto:ctgb@earthlink.net), 672-1937. The group meets at 10:00 a.m. at the Mesa Public Library upstairs meeting room: The schedule follows; note the dates are not the originally posted dates.

Apr 14 #3 Turkey's challenges: Angela Coop/Karin Roberts

Apr 28 #7 China's foreign policy: Mona Wecksung  
May 12 #4 Islamic awakening: Carroll Thomas

Helena Whyte, [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com), 672-9153, is the evening group organizer.

All discussions begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

Apr 10 #2 Israel and the U.S: Marilyn Minshall,  
536 Brighton, 672-3499.

Apr 24 #5 Energy Independence: Beverly Cooper,  
521 Ridgecrest, 672-9696.

May 22 #7 China: Judy Prono, 670 Totavi, 662-2691.

## Non-fiction Book Group

On May 24, 2014, the group will discuss Catching Fire by Richard Wrangham. The hostess is Chris Sierk, 4640 Ridgeway. The reviewer is Angela Coop.

## Book Group

The April book is The Art Forger by Barbara Shapiro.

The Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. meeting is at Nina Thayer's home, 1707 Solano (Quemazon, LA).

The Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. meeting is at Gaye Talley's home at 606 Rim Road (LA). The Monday reviewer is Denise George. The Tuesday reviewer is Christine Cloyd. Please phone or e-mail the hostess if you plan on attending:

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## Title IX, Supporting Girls' Sports

The last outing of the year is Wed., April 30: Hilltopper Softball at 4 p.m. at Overlook Park. Helena Whyte, [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com), 672-9153, organizes this group.

## Future Programs

The **Spring Tea** is scheduled for May 16 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church's Gathering Space.

**Books, Friends and Desserts**, a fund-raising for JNBM with guest speaker Stacia Lewandowski will be held June 14.

## Branch, State and Regional News

**State Convention** in Las Vegas, NM, April 25-27. Details are available on the state website at <http://aauw-nm.aauw.net>. Word of warning: when I click on 'Registration Form' or 'More Information', the chosen document does not appear; instead it downloads to my computer.

Rocky Mountain **Regional AAUW conference** in Reno, June 6-8.

## Science Fair

Thank you notes are still arriving; from Tommy Oldham: "Thank you for giving me an award for the science fair. It really motivated me to try again next year. I enjoyed working on my project this year."

## Biography of the Month

The April book concerns the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum heist. Here is a little more about Isabella.

Isabella Stewart, daughter of David Stewart and Adelia Smith, was born in New York City on April 14, 1840. Isabella married John Lowell "Jack" Gardner, in 1860, in New York City and thereafter moved to Boston. Jack and Isabella had one son, John Lowell 3rd, who died as an infant. After the death, the couple was extremely distraught and started to travel and collect. In 1874, Isabella and Jack Gardner went abroad, visiting the Middle East, Central Europe and Paris. However, Jack's brother, died in 1875, leaving three young sons. Jack and Isabella 'adopted' and raised the boys. Beginning in the late 1880s, they traveled frequently across America, Europe and Asia to discover foreign cultures and expand their knowledge of art around the world.

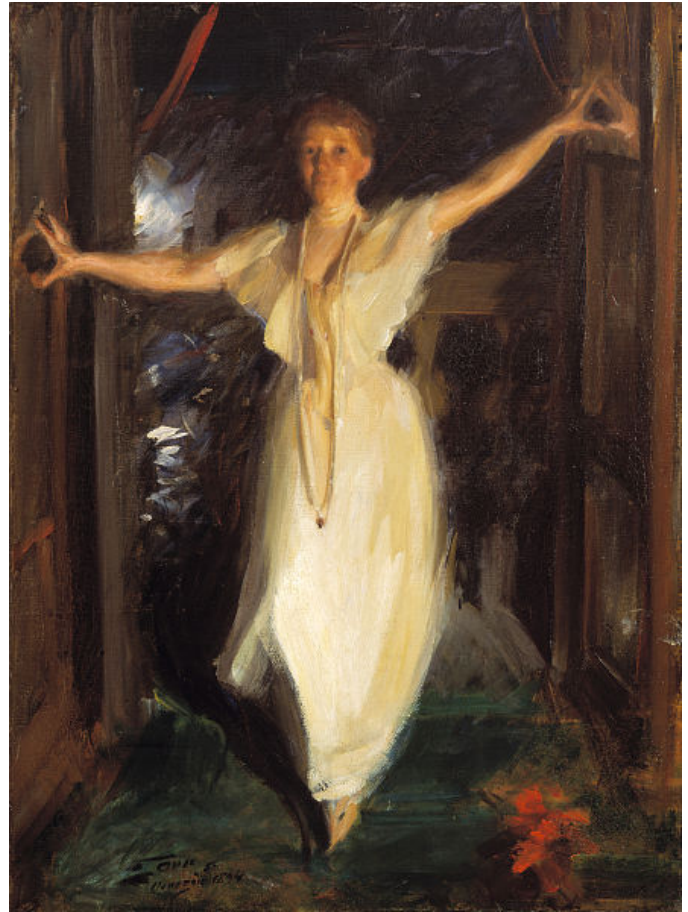
The earliest works in the Gardners' collection were accumulated from their trips to Europe especially,

but also from such places as Egypt, Turkey and the Far East. The Gardners began to collect in earnest in the late 1890s, rapidly building a world-class collection of paintings and statues primarily, and also tapestries, photographs, silver, ceramics and manuscripts, and architectural elements such as doors, stained glass, and mantelpieces. Nearly 70 works of art in her collection were acquired with the help of dealer Bernard Berenson. The Gardner collection includes work by some of Europe's most important artists, such as Botticelli's *Madonna and Child with an Angel*, Titian's *Europa*, and Raphael's *The Colonna Altarpiece*, and Diego Velázquez.

Isabella Stewart Gardner's favorite foreign destination was Venice, Italy. While in Venice, Gardner bought art and antiques, attended the opera and dined with expatriate artists and writers. By 1896, Isabella and Jack Gardner recognized that their house on Beacon Street in Boston, although enlarged once, was not large enough to house their growing collection of art.

After John L. Gardner's sudden death in 1898, Isabella Gardner realized their shared dream of building a museum for their treasures. She purchased land for the museum in the marshy Fenway area of Boston, and hired architect Willard T. Sears to build a museum modeled on the Renaissance palaces of Venice. Gardner was deeply involved in every aspect of the design, though, leading Sears to quip that he was merely the structural engineer making Gardner's design possible. Gardner lived on the fourth floor when in residence at the museum.

In 1990, thirteen of the museum's works were stolen; the high-profile crime remains unsolved and the artwork's location is still unknown. (*Text extracted from Wikipedia*)



*Isabella Stewart Gardner in Venice* (1894), by Anders Zorn (Gardner Museum)



Gardner Museum Courtyard

## Branch Calendar

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