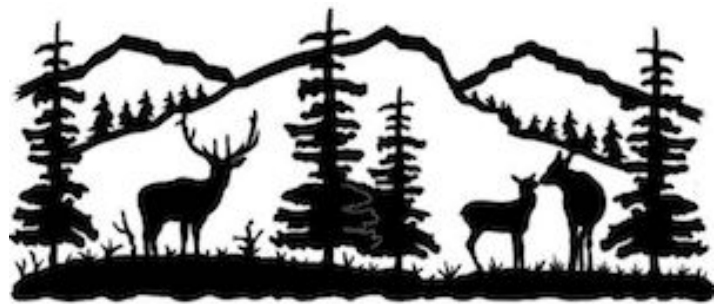


There is no formal November meeting.

Get comfy and enjoy this lovely poem by Peggy Pond Church:

*I have gathered for you, for us both, another November
afternoon, walking up the late hill
among the granite crags.
Under my feet like fragments of frozen auroras
the small stones beam their many-angled
light, rose not yet become roses,
green not yet shaped into a calyx.
Where the rain has washed softer soil,
a deer's strong footprints.
The matted needles under a pine are trampled
like stable bedding and here and there are clawed tracks,
a scraping under of rocks, scooped holes
where paws or beaks have hunted
beetles or nuts or whatever
the sparse earth yields here.
Wandering, I track my own way upward.
The sleeping years awake and sing within me,
the winter air one with the air of childhood;
a moon slips tilted up the blue sky*



December Program

We will continue our traditional holiday lunch and service project on December 1st at Rancho de Chimayo. Our service project will benefit LA Cares. A committee will purchase fresh fruit, such as apples, pears, and oranges, and will prepare festive bags to be placed in each box distributed by LA Cares during its monthly food distribution in early December.

We are asking for contributions to purchase fruit to provide this holiday treat. If possible, we encourage members to make their donations early by mailing a check to Denise George, 411 Cheryl Ave, White Rock, NM, 87547 (make the check out to Denise). It is best to have the contributions in hand so that Mary Ann Lindahl will know how much fruit to order. We will also accept donations at the luncheon.

Karin Roberts will be asking for help to pack the fruit gift bags. Check your closets for medium sized gift bags and pass them along to Karin or Denise.

Book Group

The November book is [The Fifth Avenue Artist Society](#) by Joy Callaway.

On Monday, November 5th, at 7:00 pm, we will meet at Karin Roberts, 415 Cheryl (672-9625, karinroberts875@icloud.com).

On Tuesday, November 6th, at 1:00 pm, the meeting is at Nina Thayer's, 1707 Solana (662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com).

Let the hostess know if you are coming. Guests are welcome to attend all book group meetings.

Out 'n About

Event: San Diego Feast Day at Jemez Pueblo
Date: Monday, Nov. 12,
Meet 9:30am at United Church parking lot

Jemez Pueblo celebrates its patron saint, San Diego, every November 12 with traditional dancing, food and crafts. Nina has been invited by a tribal member, who asked her to bring her friends. So let's meet at 9:30 am at the United Church parking lot for carpools. Expect to return about 4 pm. If it is windy or cold we will persevere, but if there is snow or rain we will cancel. Call or email Nina to make a reservation, 662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com.

Nonfiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on October 22 at 7:00 pm. The book is *Clementine*, by Sonia Purnell. Carol Neal will lead the discussion. Nina Thayer will host the meeting at her home, 1707 Solana. Please let Nina know if you will be attending the meeting (662-6835, gnthayer@cybermesa.com)

Great Decisions:

Great Decisions will begin to meet in January. The daytime group will meet from 1-3 pm on Thursdays. The evening group will meet at members' homes and that schedule will be set at the first organizational meeting.

Branch News

Don't forget our October Program: Kristy Nadler and Panel Discussion on **Violence against Women in the Community: Challenges and Solutions**, Thursday, October 25, 7 -9 pm, Jeanette Wallace Room, Bldg 5, UNM-LA. The purpose of this panel discussion is to bring attention to the current state of gender violence in the United States and our community. The panel members will discuss specific challenges in preventing and responding to sexual violence, as well as providing the latest research and some concrete skills about how this issue can be addressed most effectively.

Nina Thayer and Christine Cloyd set up a voter registration table at Aspen Ridge on Oct. 3rd. They handled address changes and helped with absentee ballot requests.

Member Patricia Harlow has moved to Aspen Ridge; her address is 1010 Sombrillo Ct, Los Alamos, NM 87544

The RBG fundraiser for LAF netted \$1346. If you are wondering where your money went here are three samples:

Zoe Spencer, Ph.D., a professor of sociology at Virginia State University is suing the university alleging wage discrimination and retaliation under the Equal Pay Act of 1963 (EPA) and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII).

Portz v. St. Cloud State University et al. is a case involving 10 female student athletes who filed a lawsuit against St. Cloud State University (SCSU) and Minnesota State College and University Systems. Five of the women are members of SCSU's women's tennis team and five are members of the women's Nordic ski team. The SCSU athletic department announced plans to cut six teams from its athletic program, including both the women's tennis and Nordic ski teams. The school also announced a "roster management plan," to create the appearance of Title IX compliance. For example, by double-counting women athletes who are on one team but may participate in different events — counting one woman on the track team who runs both indoor and cross-country track as two.

Nathalie Gosset, the plaintiff in *Gosset v. Lasch, Cooper, Alfred E. Mann Institute for Biomedical Engineering, University of Southern California*, alleges that she experienced sexual harassment by her employer and was terminated after she reported the behavior. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination that violates Title VII, and retaliation against employees who report harassment is alarmingly widespread.

Many more cases are documented on the AAUW National site at this link:
<https://www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/laf-cases/>

Branch Calendar

Oct 22	Nonfiction book group
Oct 25	Violence against Women Program
Nov 5,6	Book Group
Dec 1	Holiday Lunch

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