



Your Co-ordinating council has been working hard to find interesting speakers for branch Zoom meetings. We do not yet have firm commitments; at this time there is no scheduled October branch meeting.

In the interest of safety, the council has decided to remain with Zoom meetings through the calendar year. In place of our traditional Holiday luncheon at Rancho de Chimayo, we are considering a Valentine lunch. We are also planning a joint meeting in April with the Santa Fe branch featuring Pameyla Herndon as speaker. With the expectation of booster shots by the end of the year, we expect to host in person meetings in 2022. I apologize that the October newsletter is late.

Branch News

Kara Webster has been awarded our UNM-LA scholarship. An official award ceremony is upcoming; after that we will have information to share about her career plans. Thank you to all who contributed to the scholarship fund.

The council decided to continue our tradition of providing fresh fruit for LA Cares December food distribution.

At our September meeting, Annie White who attended both the 2020 'Tech Trek in a Box' camp and the 2021 virtual camp shared her experiences with the membership. She enjoyed and benefited from both camps. She remarked that the 'Box' was extremely well planned, that all the hands-on activities were both fun and rewarding. However, she did find that the virtual camp was the better experience in that she interacted with other students. Her core class was 'Wearable Tech' which fit well with her plans of studying a branch of engineering.

Book Group

Denise George will be hosting the October 4th, 7pm Zoom meeting, and Rozelle Wright will host the October 5th, 1pm Zoom meeting. The book is Sold on a Monday by Kristina McMorris. Linda McLellan will lead the discussions. Watch your e-mail for the zoom link.

The year's schedule is under the **study group** tab of our website at: [2021-2022 Book Group Schedule](#).

If you wish to be added to the book group membership list contact Karin Roberts (672-9625, karinroberts875@icloud.com).

Nonfiction Book Group

The next Zoom meeting is November 15th, 7pm. The book is Writing Wild by Katheryn Aalto. Sue Watts will lead the discussion. Watch your e-mail for the Zoom link.

For the Chipmunk in My Yard by ROBERT GIBB

I think he knows I'm alive, having come down
 The three steps of the back porch
 And given me a good once over. All afternoon
 He's been moving back and forth,
 Gathering odd bits of walnut shells and twigs,
 While all about him the great fields tumble
 To the blades of the thresher. He's lucky
 To be where he is, wild with all that happens.
 He's lucky he's not one of the shadows
 Living in the blond heart of the wheat.
 This autumn when trees bolt, dark with the fires
 Of starlight, he'll curl among their roots,
 Wanting nothing but the slow burn of matter
 On which he fastens like a small, brown flame.

Calendar

Oct 4,5	Book Group
Nov 15	Nonfiction Book Group

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