



Craft and Cookíe Party Monday, November 14, 2:00-3:30 pm Bethlehem Lutheran Gathering Space 2390 North Road

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Come for an in-person fun get-together with your AAUW friends. We will be crafting easy-to-make decorations to adorn the bags that will contain our annual December fruit distribution to Los Alamos county residents in conjunction with LA Cares.

Many of us have favorite seasonal cookie recipes; Council members will bring cookies to share. Members are welcome (but definitely not required) to bring their favorites.



Our **service project** will again benefit LA Cares, by helping members of our community. A committee will purchase fresh fruit, such as apples, pears, bananas and oranges, and will prepare festive bags to be distributed by LA Cares during its monthly food distribution in early December. LA Cares typically prepares individualized boxes of non-perishables, which include very little fresh fruit or vegetables. For the past four years, we have made a second donation of fruit to brighten up the dreary month of February.

To donate, write a check to Denise George and mail it to her at: 411 Cheryl Ave, White Rock, NM, 87547.

#### **Branch News**

**Our branch scholarship** has been awarded to Sara Louise Lujan, a 5<sup>th</sup> semester student at UNM-LA studying business management. Ms. Lujan is a mature, single parent of a high school student. The committee describes her as a person who exactly fits the scholarship profile. We will invite her to a future branch meeting so we can all meet her and encourage her to continue her education.

Karen Henderson will again chair our Science Fair judges. The Fair is scheduled for January 20-21, and the judging will be in-person on the morning of the  $21^{st}$ . If you would like to judge, please contact Karen (KOH7X@yahoo.com, (505) 695-0247).

The <u>Fire Book</u> committee reports that the bookplates have been designed and are ready for printing. Terry Foxx will sign all <u>The Forest and the Fire</u> books. In conjunction with the librarians of the schools most affected by the fire, Newberry and Caldecott award books will be selected after the first of the year, when the winners are announced.

#### **Nonfiction Book Group**

<u>Braiding Sweetgrass</u> by Robin Wall Kimmerer (Rozelle Wright reviewer) is the November 21<sup>st</sup> book. The meeting will be by Zoom and Rozelle will send the Zoom link.

<u>The Last Queen by Clive Irving (Angela Coop</u> reviewer) will be scheduled in 2023.

## **Great Decisions**

Denise George contacted past members via e-mail; those members may ignore the rest of this message. We encourage other members to try us out. The current plan is to hold in-person meetings every other Thursday at 1:30 beginning in February at the White Rock library. The WiFi is good there, and members who do not wish to attend in person will be able to attend via Zoom.

Denise will be ordering books for 2023; to receive a discount we must order before Oct. 30. Let Denise know if you wish to order a book (<u>denisegeorge@icloud.com</u>, (505) 690-3534).

#### **Great Decisions Topics 2023**

- War Crimes. ...
- Energy Geopolitics
- China and the U.S. ...
- Economic Warfare. ...
- Politics in Latin America. ...
- Global Famine. ...
- Iran at a Crossroads. ...
- Climate Migration.

## **Book Group**

The November book is <u>Band of Sisters</u> by Lauren Willig. The Monday, Nov.7<sup>th</sup> 7 pm meeting will be at Nina Thayer's home, 1707 Solana, LA. Let Nina know if you will attend (<u>gnthayer@cybermesa.com</u>, (505) 231-6312).

The Tuesday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting will be hosted by Rozelle Wright. Sue Watts will lead the discussion at both meetings.

This year's schedule is found under the **study group** tab of our website at: <u>2022-2023 Book</u> <u>Group Schedule.</u>

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

## **Out'n About**

Nina Thayer is organizing an outing to see the new Georgia O'Keefe immersive experience in Albuquerque, "**Music for the Eyes**", for Friday, Nov. 4 at the Electric Playhouse. Timed tickets are \$30/adult; however, there is a four-ticket package for \$80. There is a lovely cafe onsite. This is the tentative schedule:

10:00 am depart Los Alamos

10:10 am depart the White Rock "Y"

12:00 pm attend the show

1:30 pm leisurely lunch at the cafe on-site

2:30-3:00 pm depart (before rush hour)

~5pm back in LA & WR

The spaces are large and timed tickets allow for less crowding. Nina has purchased only 4 tickets for the noon show, so it will be "First Come, First Goes to the Show". Right now there are plenty of tickets for 12 noon on Nov. 4, and Nina will purchase them as soon as we have another group of four committed. Please contact Nina Thayer if you want to join this adventure, 505-231-6312 (leave a message) or gnthayer@cybermesa.com.

# Calendar

Nov 2	Out'n About		
Nov 7,8	Book Group		
Nov 14	Branch Meeting		
Nov 21	Nonfiction Book Group		

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