

LA Cares Project

A committee will prepare festive bags to be placed in each box distributed by LA Cares during its monthly food distribution in December. LA Cares' needs and sources are changing, and recently their organization has been able to supply some fruit with their monthly distribution; we will hear next week from LA Cares about the needs and wishes of their clients so that our bags will be filled with needed provisions. I will communicate the results via e-mail. We will need volunteers to help stuff the bags, and, as usual, we are asking for contributions 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 out the check to Denise). It is best to have the contributions in hand so that we will be able to place the order. Karin Roberts will be asking for help to pack the gift bags.

Science Fair

The Los Alamos School Science Fair is in person and will be held on Saturday Jan 25 at Barranca Mesa Elementary school. Karen Henderson has registered AAUW-LA with the science fair. She will lead our group of judges, but needs volunteers for the committee; a background in science is not required.

Contact Karen at (505-695-0247, KOH7X@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

We judge only elementary age entries, and we are lenient with the implementation of the scientific method.

To remind those of us who are years past formal schooling here are the **Steps of the scientific method:**

- Make an observation or ask a question. ...
- Gather background information. ...
- Create a hypothesis. ...
- Create a prediction and perform a test. ...
- Analyze the results and draw a conclusion. ...
- Share the conclusion or decide what question to ask next: Document the results of your experiment.

Come join the group and be amazed by the creativity of our young students.

Out'n About



At a time still to be determined, we will visit a new show at the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology at UNM. "Nothing Left for Me: Federal Policy and the Photography of Milton Snow in Diné Bikéyah" looks at the brutal impact of the Navajo Livestock Reduction imposed upon Diné communities and homelands by U.S. Indian Commissioner John Collier starting in the 1930s. We will have a curator lead tour.

In October, our tiny group of 3 had a lovely day at Los Luceros. The small museum had information about the Pueblo culture that preceded the homestead era. Although the ranch house is closed for restoration, we visited the small chapel, a small residence, the orchard, fields and extensive acequia system bordered by century old cottonwoods. Sheep and donkeys grazed on the far fields. For centuries cultures have prospered



on the property due to its proximity to water. We will schedule another visit in the spring, after the ranch house reopens, to share this important ecological and cultural jewel with our members.

Nonfiction Book Group

The next book is The Wide Wide Sea by Hampton Sides. Angela Coop will review on October 28, 7pm. Nina Thayer, at 1707 Solana, LA will host the meeting. Please let Nina know if you will attend (505-231-6312, gnthayer@cybermesa.com).

Great Decisions

This study group will resume in January 2025.

Books have been ordered and the meeting schedule will be arranged as soon as the books arrive.

This year's topics are:

- American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads*
- U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy*
- U.S.- China Relations*
- International Cooperation on Climate Change*
- The Future of NATO and European Security*
- AI and American National Security*
- India: Between China, the West, and the Global South*

Book Group

November book is The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict. Denise George will review at both meetings.

The November 4th, 7pm meeting will be hosted by Mary Ann Lindahl at 928 Circle Dr, LA. Please let Mary Ann know if you will attend (505-660-2259, moonbeamx@comcast.net).

The November 5th, 1pm meeting will be held at Sherril Hall of the Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church. Let Rozelle Wright know if you are coming (bandrwright@yahoo.com, 505-662-5490).

Calendar

October 28	Nonfiction Book Group
November 5	vote
November 4,5	Book Group

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