

FIFTH HARRIS AWARD TO BE GIVEN AT OUR WINTER FIESTA JANUARY 19

The New Mexico Book Association proudly presents its fifth Richard Harris Award at the Thursday, January 19 NMBA Winter Fiesta. The award will be presented to the book, *Enchantment and Exploitation: The Life and Hard Times of a New Mexico Mountain Range*. Accepting our award will be its esteemed author William deBuys and Director John W. Byram of UNM Press, publisher.

Our Richard Harris Award is funded by a grant from the Harris family. Richard Harris left us a strong legacy, including being a founding member and past president of the New Mexico Book Association, the author of many books, a consummate book man, and a mentor to publishers. The Harris Award is presented each year to a book whose outstanding excellence in every measure—in authorship, editorial preparation, design, and enduring influence—is deemed worthy of this high honor and recognition.

NMBA is pleased to grant a substantial number of these books for educational purposes. Copies of *Enchantment and Exploitation* were donated in part by The University of New Mexico Press.

Here are the extraordinary books of our region that have received the Richard Harris Award:

1. *The Garlic Testament*
2. *Kiva, Cross, and Crown*
3. *The Hi Lo Country*
4. *Bless Me, Ultima*
5. *Enchantment and Exploitation*

NEW MEXICO BOOK ASSOCIATION

Winter  Fiesta

January 19th, Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m.
The Bourbon Grill 104 Old Las Vegas Highway
Menu: Spinach Cheese Balls, Seared Ahi Tuna, Smoked Brisket Nachos, Tempura Shrimp, Flat Breads, Veggie Spring Rolls, Dessert, Tea and Coffee, plus Cash Bar. *Vegetarian and Gluten free options included*
Program: Special recognition awards
Cost: \$20.00 per person NMBA members, \$25.00 non-members
 Come meet and greet other authors/publishers/professionals
Membership renewable at the door!
RSVP by January 12th to admin@nmbook.org



Road outside Tesuque School is site of a Little Free Library. You're free to drop off or pick up at no cost!

HEADS UP ALERT!

Southwest Book Design and Production Awards

WE ARE ANNOUNCING the call for SWBDA entries now! Our call is going out to Designers, Producers, Publishers, Authors, and Printers throughout the Southwest. This will be our 8th Annual SWBDA Awards since 2009. These Awards, judged by a panel of experts, recognize creativity and quality in book design and book craft production. You will find 11 categories on the Awards Brochure and Entry Form coming to you soon. It's just \$45 for your first entry, and only \$35 when you enter the book in an additional category.

Our Early Bird deadline on March 31 saves you another \$10. All titles must have a 2015 or 2016 copyright. Send two copies of each book to: NMBA, P.O. Box 1285, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

SWBDA Awards have helped raise standards of excellence in book design and production throughout the Southwest, bringing prestige to all involved in the design and publishing of these honored books, plus a boost in your sales.

Your entry is invited!

~Jim Mafchir



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Librobooknews@gmail.com

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15





POINTS & PICAS

USEFUL NEWS FOR NEW MEXICO'S BOOK COMMUNITY

By Richard Polese, NMBA Archivist



Little Library on Santa Fe's East Alameda. Place a book, take a book.

Free Libraries Blooming in New Mexico!

I NOTICED MY FIRST Little Free Library two years ago driving along Santa Fe's East Alameda Street. Great place for walkers to reach in and pick up a book or leave a book. No fees and no rules at all. It recalls to me how our New Mexico Book Association created the Lamy Free Library in the Amtrak station there some years previous. It quickly became very popular with locals and train travelers alike. Here was something fresh to read while heading to Chicago or L.A.

For us it was a great way to empty our garages of unsold titles. At one point I even got a call from an Amtrak administrator who thought such free libraries might be great for passengers in stations across the country. Perhaps it was an idea in waiting...

Now I've learned that "Little Free Libraries" (small kiosks on a post) are proliferating across the country and beyond! Going online I discovered four more in Santa Fe, at least a dozen in Albuquerque, and also in Farmington, Socorro, Roswell, and other towns large and small in the Land of Enchantment. Volunteers in Hudson, Wisconsin formed a nonprofit in 2012. They will provide guidelines to anyone who'd like to set one up on their street. You can even buy one already prepared for you to set up, in several designs with prices ranging from \$285 to \$360. Most hold 20 to 25 books, weather protected and visible through its never-locked little door. The rest is in your hands — and the hands of book readers and gatherers.

The mission of that nonprofit is simply "to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide." Visit online: littlefreelibrary.org.

Pictures you see in this issue are the Little Free Library on Alameda Street and another on the road in front of Tesuque Elementary School.

Help NMBA Get Better Planted

Do you have or know of a location that NMBA might call home? Our small office at the Everyday Center has served us well, yet changing circumstances there prompt us to search for a new space by early Spring. If you have a room (business or residential), please tell any board member or Executive Secretary **Susan Waterman**. We need space for our book show items, records and SWBDA contest entries.

Moments of Gratitude

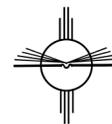
It's wonderful how NMBA members and friends come through with fresh energy in times of change and challenge. I want to express special gratitude to a few people who have come through for all of us in recent months.

Administrator **Susie Waterman** takes professional care of our office, direct contact with members, online presence, and prompt reminders for our Board. **Janet Brennan** and **Paula Lozar** stepped up to the leadership plate beautifully following the departure of former President **Karen Villanueva**. Even after announcing her leave-taking for Toronto, Karen continued helping with several leadership tasks.

Credit **Sandi Wright** for supporting and encouraging NMBA members to renew and attracting new members. (Her discount card initiative helps us save when we shop!) **Val Stasik's** skills provided you with a solid year of very informative *Libro Book News* issues.

Late in the year we presented NMBA members' books at two notable shows. **Jim Mafchir** produced a spectacular cover for the 2016-2017 *Authors and Publishers Showcase Catalog*. **Barbara Murphy**, **David Froebel**, board members, and NMBA authors served at our show tables.

Finally, **SunFlower Elliott** came through for us at the last moment to produce the *Libro* you're looking at right now. SunFlower did *Libro's* graphics and production from 2006 through 2010. When our deadline arrived and a fresh and enthused new editor/designer suddenly took ill, we called SunFlower "on a hope and a prayer." Without hesitation Sunny responded with cheer and stepped up to the plate. (NMBA has good friends indeed!) She has given us all a fine start for 2017!



A Note from the Editor

NMBA and *Libro Book News* are appreciated far and wide for our services to everyone in the worlds of literature, writing, graphic design, and publishing here in the Land of Enchantment. Our next *Libro* editor will have my enthusiastic support. She or he will find the bi-monthly task a happy and creative one with lots of professional satisfaction! ~Richard

LIBRO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ATTENTION! All Calendar of Events items are best submitted to: librobooknews@gmail.com. We need to receive your entries by the 15th of the month preceding publication. *Libro Book News* comes to you six times a year, plus frequent Flash-News updates for all NMBA members.

JANUARY 2017 BOOK EVENTS

Thursday, January 19, 2017: NMBA Winter Fiesta at the elegant Bourbon Grille (in the old Steaks Smith El Rancho location just south of Santa Fe on Old Las Vegas Highway), at 6-8 pm. A wonderful venue, good food, very reasonable at just \$20 for NMBA members, \$25 for our non-member friends. Highlights: Richard Harris Award to an outstanding regional book, NMBA Special Recognition honors, and much more! Contact **Susie Waterman**, admin@nmbook.org (505) 660-6357, or **Sandi Wright**, sandi@sandi-wright.com to RSVP by January 12.

January 27-30: American Booksellers Association (ABA) Winter Institute. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Indianapolis, IN. Learn more from PubWest's Kent Watson: executive_director@pubwest.org.

FEBRUARY 2017 BOOK EVENTS

February 9-11: PubWest 2017 Conference. "Better Together: 40 Years of Publishing Experience!" Benson Hotel in Portland, Oregon. NMBA and the Publishers Association of the West (PubWest) have been affiliates for over 20 years! Visit Kent Watson www.pubwest.org by January 5 to receive your 15% associates discount!

Friday, Feb. 10: NMBA Networking Luncheon. Gather on time with your NMBA friends at Tiny's Restaurant in the Crossroads Center, Santa Fe, 11:30 am. This is our first Networking Luncheon of the 2017 year! Select from Tiny's menu as you come in. No cover charge, speedy service. (Beware: our "Hungry Kitty" may want a nibble of change when you depart.) Info.: Susie Waterman (505) 660-6357.

Friday, February 10: NMBA Board meets at 1:30 pm in our office location: 1519 Fifth Street, Santa Fe.

February 15: LIBRO Deadline for March-April 2017 issue. Send your news and announcements (including any pictures) to: librobooknews@gmail.com. Cover pictures of your newest books are always welcome! Flyers and announcements may also be mailed to: NMBA, P.O. Box 1285, Santa Fe 87504.

ON THE HORIZON

March 11-12, 2017: Tucson Festival of Books. University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. This is one of the largest literary events in the USA. Great for bookselling! <http://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org>.

April 7-8, 2017: IBPA Publishing University, at the Historic Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon. The Independent Book Publishers Association offers special tuition prices for each or both days of this very well-presented event. Visit www.ibpa-online.org or reach Terry Nathan or Angela Bole at (310) 546-1818.

June 9-11, 2017: INATS Trade Show for Conscious Living. Excellent retail book venue. Crowne Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center. Contact Team INATS: (707) 293-9189, www.inats.com.

Sept. 29-Oct.1: Southwest Festival of the Written Word, Silver City, NM. "Word Travels Fast" will be this year's inviting theme. Email: info@swwordfiesta.org or contact Southwest Festival, P.O. Box 1767, Silver City, NM 88062.



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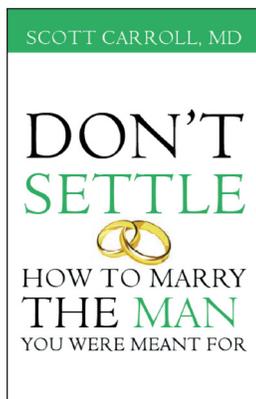
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MEMBER NEWS

HAVE YOU RECENTLY published a book, founded a firm, opened a library, or have other news to share? (Perhaps you'd like to start a critique group in your publishing or writing genre with other NMBA members.) Announce your news here!

Every NMBA member is encouraged to send brief items for your March/April *Libro* "Member News" column. Please compose your item as you would like it to appear. Include the "who, what, why, when, where" and any other details. Give your contact information and/or website. Email all Member News announcements to: Librobooknews@gmail.com or send to *Libro Book News*, NMBA, P.O. Box 1285, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Mark your calendars for our deadline: **FEBRUARY 15.**



Scott Carroll, MD, has come forth with a new book to help women navigate the challenging world of dating "so they can attract and marry the man that complements them best." His breakthrough book is titled *Don't Settle: How to Marry the Man You Were*

Meant For (published through Balboa Press).

Dr. Carroll is an experienced New Mexico child psychiatrist, formerly at UNM and now with Presbyterian. He is also a public speaker and media commentator (KASA2 and KUNM). He enjoys speaking on a variety of mental health and parenting topics to groups large and small. He spoke eloquently on child mental health at the Parenting University Conference in Los Alamos in November. You can contact Scott through his website (www.scott_carrollmd.com) to see his upcoming events and request him as a speaker.

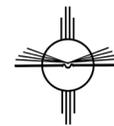
Rosemary Zibart discovered her book, *Kit Coyote: A Brave Pup*, enthusiastically reviewed by the National Association of Social Workers. Rosemary's book addresses the question, "How does a child feel when entering foster care?" Her words and clever art by **Sandi Wright** and **Riyon Harding** help children who are given the book cope with challenging transition into foster care. See socialworkersspeak.org. Reach Rosemary directly at Zproductions505@gmail.com.

Val Stasik is now providing her family romantic mystery novel *Incidental Daughter* in a large print edition. See her website to learn more: www.valeriestasik.com. Valerie edited and produced *Libro Book News* throughout 2016.

Maxine Davenport would like people who have read any or all of her four books to send your positive comments to her at Maxine@kewa.com. Her titles are: *Rebel on Horseback*, *Love Is a Legal Affair*, *Saturday Matinee*, and *Murder Times Two*. Your remarks will support Maxine's new marketing initiative to libraries!

Nancy King took first place in adult prose in *Pasatiempo Magazine's* 2016 Writing Contest with her story, "Alfilio." That's not all! **Elizabeth Raby's** "Bird Sense" placed first in the magazine's adult poetry competition. Both Nancy and Elizabeth regularly show and sell their books at our Home Grown Authors table at Santa Fe Farmers Market.

Richard Polese invites NMBA members to help him gather the most well-known prayers, chants, and mantras of the world's many religions and spiritual practices. Richard has been collecting them for a new book, *Prayers of the World*. Our state, with its great variety of faith communities, seems to him a fine place to learn directly from the people. Can you help? richard@oceantree.com.



WELCOME NEW NMBA MEMBERS!

Linda Mitrovich
Daniel Mitrovich
Lonna Enox
Ronald Tucker
Janet Lowe

New people, institutions and business may join NMBA at any time. You will then have an ongoing connection with the book producing and providing professionals throughout New Mexico and well beyond. New Mexico Book Association membership is only \$50 per year. Contact our NMBA Office Administrator Susan Waterman: admin@nmbook.org and (505) 660-6357.