

Create a Seamless Novel Together!

COLLABORATIVE FICTION WORKSHOP MAY 23

SUE BOGGIO AND MARE PEARL will present an in-depth NMBA Workshop on collaborative writing fiction on Tuesday, May 23. Come at 6 pm to the Santa Fe Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship Room. Sue and Mare will show you how two or more writers can contribute to one book and make it *seamless*.

“Ideas come together to form an exciting and warm story with characters that leap from the page and into your heart.” That’s how they’ve made collaborative writing succeed.

Sue Boggio and Mare Pearl grew up together as best friends. Sue went on to attend nursing school in Pediatrics and Child Psychiatry. Mare studied musical theater in New York. Both Sue and Mare credit their work at the UNM Children and Adolescent Center as invaluable in their approach to characterization in fiction writing. They formed a creative collaboration in the mid-1990s for their first novel, *Sunlight and Shadow*, published by Penguin in 2004. Their second novel, *A Growing Season*, was published by UNM Press along with a new edition which went on to win the Tony Hillerman Award for best fiction. Their third novel in the series, *Long Night Moon*, was released by UNM Press this year.

Sue and Mare have presented collaborative fiction writing workshops for Southwest Writers, the UNM and Tony Hillerman Writers Conferences, and Women Writing the West.

Cost for their May 23 workshop is \$25 for NMBA members (\$30 for non-members). To reserve your spot, email admin@nmbook.org. We are looking for *ten* sign-ups by Friday May 19. Please include your phone number when you reserve your spot. You can pay by cash or check at the door. The U-U Fellowship Room is at 107 W. Barcelona Street at Galisteo in Santa Fe.

June 14 NMBA Gala and Annual Meeting:

SWBDA DESIGN WINNERS AND MUCH MORE!

IT’S OUR MAIN EVENT JUST AROUND THE CORNER. NMBA’s Gala and Annual Membership gathering comes to **Barbara Murphy**’s gracious Santa Fe home on Wednesday, June 14 from 5 to 8 pm. We will help choose new board members, reveal the winners of our Southwest Book Design and Production Awards competition, discover our new Book-in-Hand Award recipients, enjoy a fine keynote talk—and sup on delicious New Mexican edibles from Josie’s Casa de Comida (enchiladas, tamales, veggies), plus your choice of beer and wine.

Please bring \$20 to help with expenses. Our membership will elect board members, including a few much needed new people.

Here’s how to get there: From Bishops Lodge Road turn west onto Camino Encantado. When you arrive on Circle Drive, spot the four mailboxes where you’ll turn down the winding dirt lane to 486 Circle Drive. Barbara’s house number is well marked. You can park near the turnaround at the end of the lane and walk a few easy steps up to the house. You will find a handy a map to Barbara’s place on page 2 in this *Libro* issue.

Nancy Bartlit will share her experiences at the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA) University and Conference in Portland at our Networking Luncheon on May 12. Nancy received a scholarship through recommendation from the NMBA board. Nancy is an accomplished author and a Los Alamos Living Treasure.





POINTS & PICAS

USEFUL NEWS FOR NEW MEXICO'S BOOK COMMUNITY

By Richard Polese, NMBA Archivist

Reviews in *enchantment* Read by Thousands

IMAGINE A REVIEW OF YOUR BOOK being seen by at least 100,000 New Mexicans. This happens every month when readers in 80 percent of the state receive *enchantment*, the exceptional monthly newsmagazine of the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperatives Association. "Book Chat" is always found inside, an attractive full page with four book reviews, including full color cover picture of each book.

Phaedra Greenwood, a prize-winning journalist and author from the Taos country, has written every "Book Chat" review for the past four years. She succeeded **Cindy Bellinger**, who served on the NMBA Board and was a *Libro Book News* editor before her passing in 2013. Readers of *enchantment* naturally like seeing new books about New Mexico and Southwestern topics: fiction, culture, history, nature, youth, and childrens books. These are people who often have time to read!

Send or deliver your new books to *enchantment* Editor **Susan Espinoza** in the Rural Electric Cooperative's convenient office: 614 Don Gaspar Ave., Santa Fe 87505. You can call Susan at (505) 982-4671. Include in your package the book's price, publisher and ordering information for Phaedra's "Book Chat" page.

Success at Moriarty's "Authors for Literacy"

THE SINGLE DAY Authors for Literacy event at Moriarty Civic Center Library on Saturday, April 22 turned out to be a wonderful venue for New Mexico's book people. **Maxine Davenport** and **Sandi Wright** traveled the 55 miles south to Moriarty (a legendary Route 66 community) and sold a good number of their titles. NMBA members **Margaret Tessler** and **Jon Miller** were also seen selling there. The cost was only \$10 for each participating author. I urge you to call **Kevin Pohl** at the Moriarty Library and encourage them to present "Authors for Literacy" again next year! Reach Kevin at (505) 832-2513.

Homegrown Authors Venture to Gallup

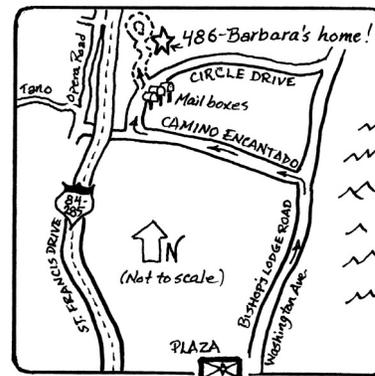
OUR NMBA HOMEGROWN AUTHORS made their first out-of-town appearance on April 8 at the Gallup Authors Festival. **Pat Goehle**, **Charles Blanchard** and **Maxine Davenport** were delighted with the experience. **Betty Martin** and her assistants at the Gallup Library prepared beautiful tables for the booksellers, plus making delicious breakfast and lunch food available. "We learned that Gallup has no bookstore now, which made us happier for having brought our books to people. While we didn't have time to attend the numerous readings on Friday and Saturday, we did meet other NMBA members from Santa Fe who participated. We look forward to returning next year." ~*Maxine Davenport*

The season for showing and selling your books at Santa Fe's Farmers Market begins on Tuesday, May 2, and runs every Tuesday

through November 21. To become a bookselling Homegrown Author contact Maxine now: maxine@kewa.com.

"First We Marched—Now We Huddle"

DEFINED AS "a small group of people holding an informal conversation," Huddles around the world have been formed by people who first supported the Women's March on Washington. Among them is the Santa Fe PeriSTANCE Huddle which meets at LaFarge Library. We're told that NMBA people have been there. Organizers emphasize that these meetings are to encourage citizens "to stay involved in national and state life in a polite environment." Contact NMBA members **Maxine Davenport** or **Valerie Stasik** (vstasik@gmail.com) to learn more about the Huddles.



This map will bring you to Barbara Beasley Murphy's home for the June 14 NMBA Gala and Member Meeting.

WE LIKE TO FEATURE the career of an NMBA member in every *Libro* issue. Our board members and staff people came first, but now we want to share more about the rest of us. You are invited to submit a few lines about who you are and what you do. (Write in first person.) Please include one photo. Send your text and photo to: librobooknews@gmail.com.

Note from the Interim Editor

Libro Book News is appreciated widely for serving everyone in the worlds of writing, authoring, graphic design, publishing, printing and bookselling in New Mexico. I compiled our first *Libro* newsletter in 1995. New eyes and fingers are wanted now. You will find this bi-monthly newsletter a happy and creative endeavor, with great professional satisfaction and exposure of your talents!

~Richard

LIBRO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MAY 2017 BOOK EVENTS

Friday, May 12: NMBA Networking Luncheon! Tiny's Restaurant at the Crossroads Center in Santa Fe, 11:30am sharp! **Nancy Bartlit** will tell us what she learned at the IBPA Publishing University in Oregon! Come Share your talents and interests with NMBA members and friends. Good meal selections. No charge, except for what you may choose to eat and drink. Come on time and bring a friend!

May 12: NMBA Board Meeting scheduled at Jim Mafchir's home office, 126 Candelario Street, just off West San Francisco Street, Santa Fe, 1:30pm.

Thursday May 18: Nancy Bartlit speaks about *Manhattan Project: From Los Alamos to the Pacific*, at Quail Run, 3101 Old Pecos Trail, from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Free admission, but you need to contact Nancy at 672-9792 or Elizabeth Koch at Quail Run, 795-7226, to have the gates opened.

Tuesday, May 23: "Collaborative Fiction Writing" with **Sue Boggio** and **Mare Pearl**. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, West Barcelona Road, Santa Fe, 6 to 8 pm. Only \$25 for NMBA Members (non-members: \$30). Reserve: admin@nmbook.org.

Friday, May 26: NM Book Co-op Meeting. "Authors Talking about Publishers" is your discussion topic. Golden Corral Restaurant, 5207 San Mateo Blvd. S.E. (near Cliff's), Albuquerque, 11am. (505) 344-9382.

May 30 to June 2: BookExpo America. Jacob Javits Center, New York. Contact IBPA's Terry Nathan for a bargain deal to have your book at both BookExpo and the ALA in June! (310) 546-1818. terry@ibpa.org.

JUNE 2017 BOOK EVENTS

Wednesday, June 14: NMBA Gala and Annual Membership Meeting, at the gracious home of Barbara Beasley Murphy, 486 Circle Drive, Santa Fe, from 5 to 8pm. Bring \$20 for some delicious eats, with wine and beer at the table. Southwest Book Design and Production Awards, the Book-in-Hand Honor, and your votes for new NMBA board members. Follow sign for parking as you come in from Camino Encantado to Barbara's dirt stretch just off Circle Drive. Please call or email Susie Waterman to let her know you'll be there: admin@nmbook.org, (505) 699-9917.

Saturday, June 17: LIBRO BOOK NEWS Deadline for your July-August 2017 issue! Send your member news and announcements (including pictures) to: librobooknews@gmail.com. A cover picture of your latest book is most welcome! Flyers and announcements may also be mailed to: NMBA, PO Box 1285, Santa Fe 87504.

June 9-11, 2017: INATS Trade Show for Conscious Living. Excellent retail book

venue. Crowne Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center. Contact Team INATS: at (707) 293-9189, www.inats.com.

June 22-27: American Library Association (ALA) Annual Exhibition in Chicago. Visit www.ala.org and see the May 30 BookExpo item above.

Friday, June 23: NM Book Co-op Meeting. 11 am at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 5207 San Mateo Blvd. S.E., Albuquerque. (505) 344-9382.

ON THE HORIZON

July 1: New Mexico / Arizona Book Awards entry deadline, including over 50 categories! \$60 per category (eBooks: \$30 per entry.) View www.nmbookcoop.com/BookAwards, or call Paul Rhettts at (505) 344-9382.

Friday, July 14: NMBA Networking Luncheon. We are back at Tiny's Restaurant and Lounge, in the Crossroads Center, Santa Fe. Please arrive at 11:30am sharp and make your lunch selections. Do you need more info? Call Susie Waterman: (505) 660-6357.

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

MEMBER NEWS

• **Joanne Bodin** launches her new novel, *Orchid of the Night*, on Saturday, May 20 at Bookworks in Albuquerque. *Orchid* is a dark psychological thriller about a man running from his troubled past who finds solace in the gay sanctuary of Ixtlan. Inspired by actual events, her book delves into the shadows, secrets and lies of the two protagonists. Short readings and historical background, plus refreshments. www.joannebodin.com

• **Russell Thornton** found his artwork gracing the cover of *Sherlock Holmes Mystery Magazine*, which he calls "a pretty classy book-style journal with no ads." See it at wildsidepress.com.

• **Rae Marie Taylor** held a major poetry and music "Earth Day" show in April, with part of the evening devoted to her love of the earth in the New Mexico and Colorado region. A devoted part-time New Mexican, Rae will be moving her Quebec home base to Montreal in July.

• **Elaine Pinkerton Coleman** signs her new suspense novel, *All the Wrong Places* at Collected Works in Santa Fe on Monday, May 15 at 6pm. Peggy van Hulsteyn will join Elaine there, presenting *The Art of Murder*, her mystery in progress.

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INTRODUCING... SHIRLEY MELIS

IN A NUTSHELL, I am a longtime business writer, travel writer and newspaper columnist who traveled the world (not quite), interviewing everyone from busboys to heads of international organizations. I lived in Tunisia as a young girl and in Greece. Majoring in history at Vassar whetted my early urge to explore the world, before launching a public relations career in Washington, D.C.



Banged-Up Heart: Dancing with Love and Loss (Terra Nova) is my first book. It was released this Valentine's Day and launched at Collected Works, and has now received several starred reviews on Amazon. My book has been called "A clear-eyed account of finding love and losing it early, bearing eloquent witness to strength it

takes to fall deeply in love a second time, forced to relinquish that love too soon, yet choose to love again."

I first married in Washington, lived partly in Virginia and Santa Fe and then my husband died. I met Number Two, a man from Raleigh, NC, but he lived in Santa Fe. He died after two years of marriage. After his death I started work on the book. I met **Frank Hirsch** in Santa Fe and married a third time in 2011. We have lived in Galisteo six years. Writing *Banged Up Heart* took eight years to complete.

I'm going east on a book tour in May with stops expected in Reston, VA, Louisville, Washington, New York, and on July 8 at the Book Stall in Winnetka, Illinois. When I return, look for me at NMBA events, and you can reach me at Shirleymelis.com.

SWBDA Deadline Extended to May 12

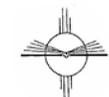
EVERY CATEGORY deadline in the *Southwest Book Design and Production Awards* competition has been extended to Friday, May 12. Send your entries now to SWBDA, New Mexico Book Assn., P.O. Box 1285, Santa Fe 87504. Simpler yet: Bring your entries (two copies of the title) and entry form to our Networking Luncheon at Tiny's Restaurant on May 12! Your entry fee for each title is still just \$35. Want to enter your book in second category? Just \$30 more and it could double your book's chances for SWBDA honors.

All books must have a 2015 or 2016 copyright date. Find the Entry Form on the www.nmbook.org website. **Jim Mafchir** has made it easy for you to complete the form. You can select from eleven SWBDA Award categories this year.

WELCOME NEW NMBA MEMBERS!

Joanne Bodin
Susan Haynes
Will Johnstone
Sharon King
Shirley Hirsch Melis
Douglas Merriam
Laura Merrill
Sarena Ulibarri

Authors, publishers, writers, designers, librarians, bookstore people, and related institutions may join NMBA at any time. You will have enduring connections with writing, producing, and book selling professionals throughout New Mexico and well beyond! Membership is just \$50 for a very full year. Contact NMBA Office Administrator Susie Waterman: admin@nmbook.org and (505) 660-6357.



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DEADLINE: JUNE 17

RENEW NOW AND YOU'RE GOOD UNTIL JULY 2018!

ARE YOU DUE TO RENEW SOON? We've made it simple for our members in these complicated times. When you receive a reminder (or if your NMBA Membership/Discount Card shows you're due any time before July 1, 2017), send \$50 to NMBA and you will be current all the way to July 1, 2018. In other words, you'll continue in good standing for more than a full year!

You can renew via the website <http://www.nmbook.org> and use PayPal with a credit card. Or you may send a check for \$50 with a note that you are renewing to: NMBA, P.O. Box 1285, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Not yet an NMBA member? Go to www.nmbook.org, tell us your interests and activities, and send just \$50 with the Membership Form.