

The BROADSHEET

New Mexico Press Women May 2009

Annual Conference Wrap-Up

An April snowstorm greeted conference attendees who began arriving at the annual conference in Santa Fe late in the afternoon of Friday, April 18. By Saturday morning the weather was bright and the conference was underway! Following are some highlights from NMPW members.

• **NMPW President Carol Clark** had this to say: “I felt pride engulf me as a Zia Award winner described how impressed she was by the ‘caliber’ and ‘welcoming kindness’ of NMPW members she met at the conference. It just doesn’t get much better than that.”

• **Sandy Schauer:** “Being able to network with so many people in one day always makes me feel like I am not alone in what I do. I think about the people I’ve spoken with often after it is over and get on with what I need to accomplish.”

• **Cheryl Fallstead:** “As usual, the NMPW conference provided great opportunities to network with peers who can provide career input and guidance. The workshops on using social networking Web sites and blogs to support our other forms of media have inspired me to create sites for Explore New Mexico!”

• **R. Thomas Berner** learned something new at the April conference. He writes: “As a fairly new blogger, I was pleased to learn that there is a free program called Google Analytics that one can add to his blog and count visitors. It’s not that hard to install. How to find it? Well, just Google ‘Google Analytics’. Tell ’em Tom sent you.”

• **Denise Tessier** wraps it up with: “We’ve had a couple of confer-

ences where suddenly an unintentional harmonic convergence occurred, where an unanticipated theme just showed up, the kind that gives you goose bumps when it unfolds. It happened in Ruidoso years ago (remind me and I’ll write about that sometime). And it happened again this year.

“After we’d just heard Diana Washington Valdez talk about the hundreds of women who’ve been abducted, horribly abused, murdered and buried in the “killing fields” of Juarez and other parts of Mexico, author Paula Moore acquainted us over lunch with the subject of her book that won our

Zia Award. “Cricket in the Web” focused on the life and death of a teenaged girl who was brutalized and treated like a plaything by men, abducted, murdered and buried in the desert. Except this was in Las Cruces. In 1949.

“And just as has occurred with the Mexican murders, many men emerged as suspects, but none was held accountable for her death. It gave me the chills to hear Moore take us into the life of young Cricket Coogler and the simple events that occurred on the day she disappeared. These two author/investigators – Valdez and Moore – have honored these women by keeping them in our memory. And in a way, our conference ended up honoring them, too.”

Zia Award Luncheon Honors Six Standouts

A New Mexico publisher and five New Mexican women were honored at the annual Zia Award luncheon last month for their outstanding contributions in the 2009 contest, which focused on nonfiction.

The Zia Book Award went to **Paula Moore** for “Cricket in the Web.” Three years of intense research and interviews went into her book, subtitled “The 1949 Unsolved Murder that Unraveled Politics in New Mexico.” Other award-winning books, author Moore says, “I believe the book covers the most notorious unsolved New Mexico murder in the 20th century – the most notorious of the 19th century being the murders of Col. Albert Fountain and his young son Henry in 1896, another case that still triggers heated debate in Dona Ana County as well.”



Top Zia Award winner Paula Moore

Other Zia Book Award honorees were:

- **Marsha Scarbrough**, First Runner-Up, for “Medicine Dance”
- **Ruth Rudner**, Second Runner-Up, for “Ask Now the Beasts”

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Biggest Ever Scholarships Awarded

The mood was festive at the banquet on Saturday night, as the biggest ever scholarships were awarded to a deserving few.

The Cary Herz Photojournalism Scholarship, in the amount of \$2500, was awarded to **Vanessa Sanchez**, whose soft, stark photography speaks volumes – just as great photojournalism should.

“Photojournalism gives me the opportunity to give back to my community and to capture moments in time to share with others,” Sanchez says.

The UNM junior with a 3.8 grade point average plans to complete her bachelor’s degree in intercultural communication so she can become an advocate for change in New Mexico. A renowned photographer who followed a similar path has the highest praise for her work. “Vanessa has taken several courses with me, in both photojournalism and intercultural ethnography,” writes professor and photographer Miguel Gandert. “She has an excellent background in scholarly fieldwork as well as journalism. Granting this scholarship to Vanessa will do wonders to help this gifted young woman.”

The Photojournalism Scholarship is given in honor of famed photographer Cary Herz, the 2008 National Federation of Press Women Communicator of Achievement and a pioneer in the field of ethnographic photography.

Two \$750 Doris Gregory Memorial Scholarships went to:

Zia Awards Continued.....

• **Mary Beath**, Chair Award, for “Hiking Alone”

• **Gwyneth Cravens**, Honorable Mention, for “Power to Save the World”

Moore gave the keynote address at the luncheon, which was sponsored by the New Mexico Beef Council. Scarbrough, Rudner and Beath also

• **Jennifer Vieth**, a senior at UNM with majors in both Advertising and Spanish – who also holds down a full-time job. In her essay for this scholarship, Jennifer writes that she would love to work for a bilingual advertising agency in order to use her Spanish degree. She is also interested in sustainability studies and would like to incorporate that into her career. “I have had the Lottery Scholarship to help for the previous four years, but it will soon run out. The financial help would be really good for me,” she writes. “I have always been independent, but taking some stress away would be really nice for my last couple of semesters.”

• **Sarah Campos**, who earned a paid news reporting internship with the Roswell Daily Record last summer. Upon completing the internship – in her hometown – she returned to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces as a junior where she competed for, and earned, a second paid professional writing job, this time with the NMSU College of Engineering. Sarah says for as long as she can remember she has wanted to be successful and to make a name for herself.

All three scholarship winners attended at least part of the conference in Santa Fe, and they were all accompanied by proud family members at the banquet.

Congratulations again to these three outstanding young women – and thank you to everyone who has helped to make these amazing, generous scholarships available.

attended. Having five honorees for the Zia Award is unprecedented.

Zia Award Chair Jessica Savage honored **University of New Mexico Press** with a certificate for submitting the top honoree all three years of her term as chair. A three-year term covers the three rotating genres of fiction, children’s literature and nonfiction.

NMPW High School Contest Results

The NMPW High School Contest had a total of 175 entries this year, up from last year’s 134. This included 73 entries from Sandia Prep, 44 from Sandia High School, 24 from Highland High School, 10 from Hobbs High School and 10 from Los Lunas High School. Albuquerque Academy and La Cueva High School, big winners last year, did not enter this year.

As would be expected with the large number of Sandia Prep entries, that school had the most first place winners. Sandia Prep came in first in these categories: Columns, Feature Photo, Sports Photo, Layout Single Page, News, Feature Story and Review. Sandia High School had first place winners in Double Truck Layout, Editorial and Cartoon. Los Lunas High School had a first place in Graphics. Contest Chair Chris Burroughs mailed all first place winners to the national competition, along with a check for \$130 so they could participate in the national youth competition.

Other awards included:

• Sandia High School: nine second places, five third places and 10 honorable mentions.

• Sandia Prep: 18 second places, seven third places and 19 honorable mentions.

• Los Lunas High School: one second place; one third place and three honorable mentions.

• Highland High School: four second places, four third places and nine honorable mentions.

• Taos High School: three second places, one third place and nine honorable mentions.

• Hobbs High School: one second place, one third place and six honorable mentions.

2009 Communications Contest Winners

News reporting, Non-daily newspaper

First Place: Marisa Demarco, The Weekly Alibi for “An Ailing System”

News reporting, Daily newspaper

Third Place: Dan Mayfield, Albuquerque Journal for “Shattered Dreams”

News reporting, Publication/magazine/supplement for general or specialized circulation, including internal publications

Second Place: Christine Burroughs, Sandia Lab News for “Sandia SES SetNew World Record for Solar Grid Efficiency”

Continuing coverage or unfolding news

First Place: Kate Nash, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Hostage Issues and Gov. Richardson”

Second Place: Marisa Demarco, The Weekly Alibi for Golden West Saloon

Third Place: Rosalie Rayburn, Rio Rancho Journal for Tax Stories

Enterprise reporting

First Place: Julie Ann Grimm, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Graffiti in Santa Fe”

Special series

First Place: Matlack Grimm Constable, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Going Green”

Second Place: Yvonne Lanelli, Vamanos for “Following McCarthur”

Feature story, Non-daily newspaper

First Place: Maren Tarro, The Weekly Alibi for “A Road Less Traveled”

Second Place: Megan Kamerick, New Mexico Business Weekly for “Huge Donation a Mixed Blessing for Non Profit”

Third Place: Bud Russo, Southwest Senior for “Allan Houser Sculptures Capture Artist’s Spirit”

Feature story, Daily newspaper

First Place: Ann Constable, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Soccer with an Attitude”

Second Place: Phaedra Haywood, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Facing the Deamons”

Third Place: Julie Ann Grimm, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Rebels in the Rink”

Honorable Mention: Rosalie Rayburn, Sunday Rio Rancho Journal for “Cashing In”

Feature story, Publication/magazine/supplement for general or specialized circulation, including internal publications

First Place: Cheryl Fallstead, Humanie Society of the United States for “A Little Help for a Lot of Territory”

Second Place: Marsha Scarbrough, Written By for “Hit and Run”

Third Place: Arin McKenna, New Mexico Magazine for “Freaky Folk Monsters”

Honorable Mention: Yvonne Lanelli, Alert Diver for “War and Peace in the Deep”

Personality profile, 500 words or fewer

Honorable Mention: Carolyn Gonzales, UNM Today for “Brown Receives Scholarship for Navajo Language Study”

Personality profile, More than 500 words

First Place: Constance M. Gotsch, Four Corners Free Press for “Playing with Passion”

Second Place: Inez Russell, Santa Fe New Mexican for “So Many Blessings”

Third Place: Constance M. Gotsch, Southwest Colorado Arts Perspective for “Laboratory Ink Linda Mary

Reeves Botanical Drawings”

Third Place: Craig A. Smith, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Tony Hillerman the Storyteller”

Special articles, Business

First Place: Christine Burroughs, Sandia Lab News for “Petroleum Studies and Sandia’s Impact on Albuquerque’s Economy”

Second Place: Simon McCormick, The Weekly Alibi for “After the Fire The Other Shoe Drops”

Third Place: Megan Kamerick, New Mexico Business Weekly for “Unusual Deals Keep Deming Food Jobs Going” and “New Group Defends Film Incentives”

Honorable Mention: Megan Kamerick, New Mexico Business Weekly for “Different but Dedicated” and “Seeing Work as a Place to Grow”

Special articles, Agriculture, Agribusiness, Aquaculture

First Place: Denise Tessier, New Mexico Independent for “Honey Bees at Risk” and “Home Hiving”

Second Place: Christie Chisholm, The Weekly Alibi for “Diary of a Locavor” and “Pour Me a River”

Special articles, Arts and entertainment

First Place: Dan Mayfield, Albuquerque Journal for “Truth Be Told” and “Modern Bluegrass”

Second Place: Megan Kamerick, New Mexico Business Weekly for “Designing their own path” and “Fake Indian Art Flourishes”

Third Place: Arin McKenna, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Comic Relief Up and Coming”

Honorable Mention: Constance M. Gotsch, Four Corners Free Press for “Then and Now” and “Venue for

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Communications Contest Continued

Regional Voices”

Special articles, Physical health, fitness, mental health, self-help

First Place: Yvonne Lanelli, Wilderness Medicine for “Just a Little Scrape Surely You J.E.S.T”

Special articles, Education

First Place: Iris Aboytes, Sandia Lab News for “The Teachings of Don Wati Still Inspire Thunderbird Award Winners”

Special articles, Science

First Place: Christine Burroughs, Sandia Lab News for “Sandia Researchers Abuse Batteries Sandia Technology Save Horses”

Special articles, Food

First Place: Tania Casselle, Local Flavor for “El Meze From Seed to Plate”

Second Place: Yvonne Lanelli, Vamanos for “A Romantic Valentine Lunch” and “Take Mom to Tea -- In Japan”

Special articles, Government or politics

First Place: Denise Tessier, New Mexico Independent for “Officials Vow Crack Down” and “Political Economist”

Special articles, History

First Place: Margaret Cheesebro, Four Corners Business Journal for “Living Through Hell for Us All” and “Historic Downtown Aztec Property Changes”

Honorable Mention: Kathryn Cordova, La Herencia for “The University of New Mexico’s Early Days” and “New Deal 75th Anniversary”

Special articles, Home

First Place: Emily Drabanski, New Mexico Magazine for “Altered States” and “An Ideal Assemblage”

Special articles, Religion

First Place: Julie Ann Grimm, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Faith Leaders Condemn Anti-Muslim Sentiments”

and “Together in Faith”

Second Place: Denise Tessier, New Mexico Independent for “Raising an Army in God’s House” and “Raising an Army for the Holy War”

Special articles, Reviews

First Place: Craig A. Smith, Santa Fe New Mexican for SFO’s Billy Budd” and “Complex Radimisto”

Second Place: Emily Drabanski, New Mexico Magazine for “Bone Orchard a Romance of Ghosts” and “Jenna Soy del Norte”

Special articles, Travel

Second Place: Arin McKenna, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Room at the Inns” and “A Study in Contrast”

Honorable Mention: Yvonne Lanelli, Platinum for “Two Days in Nairobi” and “Living Inside a Nature Documentary”

Special articles, Rotating Subject: Planet Earth

First Place: Denise Tessier, New Mexico Independent for “Blue Print for a Green Future” and “Shadow over Solar”

Columns, General

First Place: Jim Gordon, Santa Fe New Mexican for “A Diamond Sparkles with Grace” and “An Ancient Love of Blood”

Second Place: Phaedra Haywood, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Alicia Keys Keeps it Real” and “Swansong for Designer Valentino”

Columns, Informational

First Place: Sherri Burr, SouthWest Sage for “From Receiving to Giving” and “Minding Finances in Times of Difficulty”

Second Place: Kathryn Cordova, Silver City Daily Press for “Conversations in the Kitchen”

Second Place: Yvonne Lanelli, Vamanos for “Bevy of Balloon Photo Tips” and “Hot Tips for Cool Beach and Water Fun Pix”

Second Place: Dan Mayfield, Albuquerque Journal for “Writer’s Words Made Silent” and “Say Goodbye to Tammelwood”

Third Place: Pat Graff, La Cueva High School for “News Letter”

Columns, Specialized

First Place: Inez Russell, Santa Fe New Mexican, “Call Me a Hypocrite” and “Block Blots Out Drunkenness”

Second Place: Anne Hillerman, Albuquerque Journal for “Geronimo: A Jum Into the Exquisite” and “Eat Like a King, Spend Like a Pauper”

Third Place: Jessica Cassyle Carr, The Weekly Alibi for “Greenwashing” and “Farewell Rabbit Ears”

Third Place: Sherry Robinson, New Mexico News Services for “Race, Gender Still Painful Topics” and “Powerful Ideas Need a Willing Public”

Honorable Mention: Kathryn Cordova, Silver City Daily Press for “The Best Way to Celebrate Thanksgiving” and “Happy Holidays”

Single page or pages regularly edited by entrant – Lifestyle or Entertainment, Non-daily newspaper

First Place: Laura Marrich, The Weekly Alibi

Single page or pages regularly edited by entrant – other than Lifestyle or Entertainment, Publication/magazine/supplement for general or specialized circulation, including internal publications

First Place: Larry W. Greenly, Albuquerque Arts

Section edited by entrant – frequent or regular sections, Non-daily newspaper

First Place: Laura Marrich, The Weekly Alibi

Sections/supplements edited by entrant – infrequent, Daily

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newspaper

First Place: Inez Russel, Santa Fe New Mexican for Indian Market

Sections/supplements edited by entrant – infrequent, Publication/magazine/supplement for general or specialized circulation, including internal publications

First Place: Carol Kreis, Newsweek Education Program for India on the Rise

Publications regularly edited by entrant, Non-daily newspaper

First Place: Christie Chisholm, The Weekly Alibi

Publications regularly edited by entrant, Publication/magazine/supplement for general or specialized circulation, including internal publications

First Place: Alena Hart, Santa Fe Sun Monthly

Second Place: D. D. Wolohan, ASRT Scanner

Third Place: Stephanie Hainsfurther, Albuquerque Arts

Publications regularly edited by entrant, Newsletters (not internal or public relations)

Second Place: Peggy Herrington, Southwest Writers, Southwest Sage

Second Place: Denise Tessier, East Mountain Historical Society

Original graphics

Second Place: Theresa M. Basaldua, Las Cruces Bulletin, NMSU Sports

Photography in daily newspaper, News photo

Second Place: Jane Phillips, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Crash Shocks Court”

Honorable Mention: Mary Alice Murphy, Silver City Daily Press for “Groundbreaking Blast”

Photography in daily newspaper,

Sports photo

First Place: Jane Phillips, Santa Fe New Mexican for “59th Rodeo in Santa Fe”

Third Place: Jane Phillips, Santa Fe New Mexican for “Class AAA Volley Ball”

Photographer-writer

Second Place: Mary Alice Murphy, Silver City Daily Press for “Huey Finds a Home in Park”

Third Place: Carolyn Gonzales, UNM Today for “Cross Border Group Travels to Chiapas”

Prepared report, Radio

First Place: Carolyn Gonzales, KUNM for “Perspectives on Mexican Immigration”

Second Place: Constance M. Gotsch, KSJE-FM for “Santa Fe Southern RR”

Third Place: Constance M. Gotsch, KSJE-FM for “Verdelle Primeau”

Interview, Radio

First Place: Tania Casselle, KRZA for an interview with Levi Romero

Second Place: Tania Casselle, KRZA for an interview with Francis Washburn

Second Place: Megan Kamerick, KUNM for an interview with A.K. Sandoval-Strausz on his book, “Hotel”

Honorable Mention: Tania Casselle, KRZA for an interview with John Nichols

Honorable Mention: Emily Drabanski, KSFR for “Hello New Mexico”

Honorable Mention: Constance M. Gotsch, KSJE-FM for an interview with Joseph Kalichstein

Honorable Mention: Megan Kamerick, KUNM for an interview with Courtney Martin on her book, “Perfect Girls”

Talk Show, Radio

First Place: Anya Sebastian, KBAC Radio Free Santa Fe for “Close Up

Radio”

Writing for the Web and online newsletters, News article written specifically for the Web

Second Place: Denise Tessier, New Mexico Independent for “Food Bank Director Says N.M. Facing Perfect Storm”

Writing for the Web and online newsletters, Feature article written specifically for the Web

First Place: Denise Tessier, New Mexico Independent for “Cradles of Hope with Love to Africa”

Writing for the Web and online newsletters, Commentary written specifically for the Web

First Place: Constance M. Gotsch, Reading New Mexico.com for reviews of “Annie’s Song” and “The Demise of Bobby Mac”

Second Place: Laura Marrich, Weekly Alibi Blog for “Primary Color” and “The Town That Time Forgot”

Second Place: Denise Tessier, New Mexico Independent for “Mexico Reminiscent of the 50s?” and “Behind the Albuquerque Journal Endorsements”

Online newsletters

Second Place: Emily Drabanski, New Mexico Magazine online

Second Place: Sherry Robinson, New Mexico Optics Industry

Web site edited by entrant

First Place: Jessica Cassyle, Alibi.com

Honorable Mention: Matt Carter and John Sumrow, University of New Mexico MySpace page

Web site development/creation, Not-for-profit or educational organization sites

First Place: Benson Hendrix and Karen Wentworth, University of New Mexico Political Experts Page

Second Place: Matt Carter and John
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Sumrow, University of New Mexico
Flickr Site

Web site development/creation, Corporate or for-profit organization sites

First Place: Weekly Alibi Blog

Second Place: Arin McKenna,
Discover Yosemite

Podcasts, News

First Place: Carolyn Gonzales, UNM
Live for “Abraham Lincoln and Robert
Burns”

Second Place: Benson Hendrix and
Sari Krosinsky, UNM Live for “Geek
Talk”

Newspaper, trade paper, magazine, newsletter or Web site – print or electronic ad campaign or series built around one subject, Institutional or image

First Place: Nick Teixeira, New Mexico
State University for Unleashing
Potential Ads

Communications programs and campaigns, Public service

First Place: Mike Cook, Sandia
Lab News for the Employee Caring
Campaign

PR Printed Materials, Reports,

External annual report

First Place: Mike Cook, Las Cruces
Public Schools

PR Printed Materials, Magapaper/ tabloid, Four-color

First Place: Sari Krosinsky, Jana
Fothergill and Carolyn Gonzales,
UNM Today

PR Printed Materials, Newsletter, One- to three-color

Honorable Mention: Thomas R.
Berner, Rancho Viejo Round-Up

PR Printed Materials, Catalog Educational institutions

First Place: Gerald Rel, New Mexico
State University, Undergraduate View
Book NMSU

PR Printed Materials, Direct mail marketing

Honorable Mention: Tricia Holser,
New Mexico State University, Our
Facts Tell the Story

PR Printed Materials, Manuals and handbooks

Honorable Mention: Sherry
Robinson, Hospitotally, Skills for
Service Success

News release – single release

First Place: Christine Burroughs,
Sandia Lab News Release, “Sandia

Stirling Energy Systems”

Feature release – single release

First Place: Christine Burroughs,
Sandia Lab News Release, “Sandia
Sensor Technology and Wild
Horses”

Speeches

Second Place: Sherri Burr, Southwest
Writers, “Live Your Life in Search of
Material”

Faculty adviser of student publications

First Place: Pat Graff, La Cueva High
School, The Edition

Nonfiction, book, Instructional

First Place: Sherri Burr, Thompson
West, “Entertainment Law”

Second Place: Lisa Lenard Cook,
Writers Digest Book, “The Mind of
Your Story”

Nonfiction, book, Ghostwriting

First Place: Sherry Robinson,
Sunstone Press, “Entrepreneur to
Investor the Hard Way”

Fiction, novel

First Place: Sean Murphy, Dell, “The
Time of New Weather”

Second Place: Linda Jacobs, Medallion
Press, “The Senator’s Daughter”

Honorable Mention: Thomas R.
Berner, Coal Cracker Press, “The Hunt
for Domingo Roybal”

Children’s books

Honorable Mention: Thomas R.
Berner, Coal Cracker Press, “The
Bump on Lucy’s Nose”

Young adult books

First Place: Bud Russo, Lulu.com,
“Running Free”

Short story

First Place: Tania Casselle, The
Saint Ann’s Review, “Cinderella in a
Wheelchair”

Honorable Mention: Sean Murphy,
S O M O S Retrospective Anthology,
“Chokecherries”

2009 Conference Acknowledgements

Huge thanks, and acknowledgement for a job well done, go out to Emily Drabanski and Carol Clark, who coordinated the 2009 conference. Gracias to Los Alamos National Bank for their generous sponsorship (also, again, to Carol Clark for securing that sponsorship). We thank the New Mexico Beef Council for sponsoring the Zia Award luncheon and Sharon Neiderman for securing that sponsorship. Also:

- Thanks and kudos to Sari Krosinsky and Karen Lehmann for putting together a fantastic conference program.

- Thanks to Chris Burroughs for making the contact with our keynote speaker, Diana Washington Valdez. Also, another thanks to Jessica Savage, who recommended her a few years ago.

- Thanks to the Santa Fe Convention & Visitors Bureau, as well as Los Alamos National Bank (and Katy Korkos), for the goodie bags.

- A huge thank you goes to Sandy Schauer for coordinating registration, as well as to Arin McKenna for assisting with the registration process.

Member News

To share your news, e-mail it to karen@phrasesincorporated.com by the 15th of the month.

Connie Gotsch publishes her latest book!



“Belle’s Star,” a youth novel by Farmington, N.M. author Connie Gotsch, will be officially released Aug. 11 in Albuquerque by Artemesia Publishers. Book signings are in the planning stages for mid-July.

Written from a dog’s point of view and illustrated by Farmington artist, John Cogan, “Belle’s Star” empowers children ages 8-12 to build new lives after escaping bullying and abuse or other difficult situations.

Darcy, a spunky soccer playing girl, and her Aunt Ellen rescue Belle from abusive owners and offer her love. Belle has never met a kind human. Living with Darcy terrifies her. Other people and animals, including a cat, teach her about trust. Her adventures with these colorful characters help kids face painful issues.

Award winning journalist and retired Farmington elementary school

counselor Margaret Cheasebro has designed an activities booklet for Belle’s Star. The booklet will be available in downloadable form upon purchase of the novel.

The guide can assist in small group counseling and classroom sessions designed to help elementary school students understand abuse and deal with it. Home schooling parents, who like to read and discuss stories with kids, can use the guide. Families and community groups can work on projects that foster strong community ties. Veterinarians, pet store owners and animal shelter workers can use the guide to promote pet care.

John Cogan has created black-and-white illustrations for each of the 14 chapters in “Belle’s Star” and a color image for the book’s cover. Known for his landscape acrylic still lifes, portraits and wildlife images, he shows work at El Prado Galleries in Sedona, Ariz., Galleries West in Jackson, Wyo., and Southwest Galleries in Dallas, Texas.

To invite the author to sign or speak to a group or to pre-order contact Artemesia Publishing at info@artemesiapublishing.com or (505) 286-0892 or visit abooks.net.

Connie is also the author of “A Mouth Full of Shell” and “Snap Me a Future.” She’s featured in “The Complete Writer’s Journal” (redenginepress.com). You can find out more at conniegotsch.com.

Sadly, and at least in part due to the prolonged illness and subsequent passing of her father-in-law, Gail Rubin has resigned as PR chair. She says:

“I must drop some of the volunteer

positions I have taken on. New Mexico Press Women is a wonderful organization that I am honored to be associated with. However, at this point, I am resigning as PR chair to focus on close-to-home issues that are demanding my attention. You have my utmost respect, and I wish you the best going forward.”

As the members of the NMPW Board have expressed, Gail has all our sympathy during this difficult time. She’s done a super job for NMPW, and she is valued greatly as a member and a dear friend. We wish her all the best.

Chapter News: North Chapter

The next meeting of the North Chapter will be held June 6, noon, at the Cafe Paris. Frances Levine will speak.

“After receiving advanced degrees in anthropology, Levine moved from Santa Rosa, where she learned area history from local elders, to Santa Fe, where she taught New Mexico history and Pueblo and Hispanic ethno-history at Santa Fe Community College before becoming assistant dean of Academic Affairs for Arts and Science. In 2002, Levine became the director of the state’s oldest architectural treasure – the nearly 400-year-old Palace of the Governors, which in 1909 became the birthplace of the New Mexico state museum system.”



Palace of the Governors, ca. 1885