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New Mexico State Fair 2009

A New Mexico institution, the 2009 State Fair runs from September 11 – 27 at the Expo Fair Grounds in Albuquerque. Near and dear to our hearts is the Bookbinding Crafts category and there are lots of choices for entries: Blank books, handcrafted with no interior images; Original Handmade Journals with handwork on cover and content; Artists/Sculptural Books – traditional or non-traditional; Artists/Sculptural Books w/Container; Altered Books; Boxmaking; Miniature Books; Fine Binding; Blank or Rebound Books; and last but not least, The New Mexico Challenge (Viewers' Choice) – A book structure highlighting the “Alien Encounters” in New Mexico. Intake days for bringing work to the Fair are:

Thursday, September 3, 8am–6pm

Friday, September 4, 8am–6pm

Saturday, September 5, 8am–5pm

Entry forms may be completed on line at www.exponm.com. Click through Competitions/Entries > Premium Book > Creative Arts, then you'll find Bookbinding under the Crafts section. Here you can find information on the different rules, sections and classes.

LIBROS member Mita Saldano is curator for the Bookbinding display and LIBROS members Esther Feske, Pam Neas, and Breeze Wise have volunteered to help with set-up and with book arts demos during the Fair. It is both an exciting opportunity to show off our work and good old-fashioned fun to attend!

Welcome New LIBROS Board

Congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected Board and all the committee people.

Judy Lochrie is the new Membership/Yahoo Moderator so address any of your questions on the subjects to her. Her email address is on the home page near the Logo as well as on the roster.

A reminder that you can post directly to the yahoo group by sending an email to: librosnmbag@yahoogroups.com



From left, standing: Trish Meyer – Newsletter (Layout), Rachel Ballentyne – program committee, Dale Harris – President, S.J. Sanchez – Treasurer, Toni Lyons – Library, Seated: Judy Lochrie – Membership/Yahoo Moderator, Breeze Wise – Vice-President/Programs, Esther Feske – Secretary. (Apologies to those missed: Geri Michelli has volunteered to do Exhibits and Marilyn Stablein will do Archives assisted by Tyler Love.)

Member News

Carol Erickson is participating in the Sandia Heights Artist Tour on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27. Details of the tour, the list of participating artists, the map and pictures of the artist's work are available at sandiaheightsart.com

Marilyn Stablein is giving a free presentation *Living and Recording the Creative Life: Journals and Artist Books* on Saturday, September 26, at 12:55pm. This talk is at the Creative Arts Pavilion at the New Mexico Women's Author Book Festival on Museum Hill, Santa Fe.

Geri Michelli will be showing her work this fall at the Rio Rancho Public Library – Esther Bone Branch, 950 Pinetree Road. From November 3 – December 12, she will exhibit a retrospective of work including scrolls, flagbooks, lotus folds, one-sheet books, and various other structures. In conjunction with the exhibit, Geri will present a hands-on program for the public on Tuesday, December 1, at 6:30pm.

LIBROS artists displayed their work at the East Mountain Library in Tijeras from May 15 – June 13, 2009 and sponsored two workshops facilitated by **Esther Feske** and **Dale Harris**: *One Page Books* on June 1; and *Lost Pages, Found Poems* on June 13, 2009, teaming up with Escribiente members who calligraphed bookmarks.

BOOK ARTS CLASSES

by LIBROS Members

Carol Erickson will be teaching two courses at Papers!, 114 Amherst SE in Nob Hill, Albuquerque. Tel: 254-1434.

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 7–10pm.

Hard Cover Pamphlet Book

Sunday, November 8, 2009, 5:30–8:30pm.

Wire Bound Book

For upcoming bookbinding tutorials and private classes, check with **Mita Saldano** at her East Mountain bookbinding studio, Against the Grain. Tel: 286-8592.

Judith Golden is offering a 4-week session on *Day Dreams, Night Thoughts: Everyday Journaling* in her Albuquerque studio for \$100 for four 3-hour sessions. Times and dates, in October, to be decided by the participants. Please contact Judith at 344-4329 if delving into your deeper knowledge of the self, knowing who you are and want to be, and your willingness to plunge into the depths, attracts you. Judith's website is judithgolden.com.

Judith has been keeping journals for many years: "Since 1974 I have made my own journals, soft cover books sewn on tapes, and I will teach this process on our first session. Making my own journals to contain my intimate thoughts deepens the process for me. Writing, visuals, quotes that inspire, everything goes into this 'diary of life.'"

Welcome New Members!

A warm, arty welcome to new LIBROS members **Geraldine Brussel**, **Donna Dowell**, and **Elaine Schwartz**!

Geraldine Brussel is a painter and printmaker. Her One Crow Studio and home is in Bernalillo. She exhibits her work at The Range Restaurant and her picture and bio appear in their new cookbook.

Donna Dowell lives in Placitas, enjoys travel and recently returned from Peru. She does a variety of arts including jewelry making.

Elaine Schwartz is an Albuquerque poet who collaborated with Judith Golden in her book "Pilgrimage" for the April 2009 show at the Main Library and she was a featured reader at the LIBROS-sponsored poetry reading. She lists "nature" as a strong interest and influence.

Report on Mesa Public Library Show

This past spring LIBROS was invited to exhibit our handmade books at the Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos. Thirteen members participated, submitting a variety of bindings, styles, and techniques, along with wall hanging works. The Mesa Public Library has a wonderful, dedicated gallery space in the upstairs of their building designed by renowned architect, Antoine Predock. All totaled, over fifty works were on exhibit for the month of April 2009.

We received very good press on the exhibit in an article in the *Los Alamos Monitor* newspaper (with several pictures). Also, KRSN radio did an interview with Geri Michelli (and provided us with a CD copy for our archives) that aired during their morning lineup. The exhibit was well received with many favorable comments from the community of Los Alamos, and the library staff were great to work with.

This was a new opportunity for LIBROS to exhibit and outreach to another part of the state. We made a great impression, and could look for future opportunities in Los Alamos.

Santa Fe Book Arts Group

Our sister organization, Santa Fe Book Arts Group, held its 2009 Book Arts Exhibition at the Capitol Rotunda Gallery in Santa Fe, from April 24 through August 21. It was a memorable collection of work. The following LIBROS members had books that were juried into the exhibit: Beverly Wilson, Marilyn Stablein, Judith Golden, Carol Erickson, Geri Michelli, Judith Roderick, Linney Wix, and Loraine Klinger. See pictures of their entries and more on the Santa Fe Book Arts website:

<http://santafebag.org/2009rotundasubmissions.html>

CALENDAR

LIBROS Meeting Programs & Projects 2009–2010

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

Paper Making – Stephanie Lerma

Introduction to the techniques of Western papermaking, held at Stephanie's Albuquerque North Valley studio. We'll be forming sheets using cotton and a variety of cooked fibers: onion, leek, eggplant, turmeric. Papermaking is a very wet process so please wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Limited to 20 LIBROS members because of space. To reserve a place and get directions, contact Breeze Wise.

OCTOBER 4, 2009

Ofrendas Made from Books – Toni Lyons

An essential part of Day of the Dead celebrations is the Ofrenda. Ofrenda means offering in Spanish and is a shrine constructed to honor a loved one who has passed. Using a book with pages cut away or a shallow box, we'll be making our own personal ofrendas. Traditional objects to place in this shrine include candles, flowers, letters, a picture of the loved one, a glass of water, and candy. To distinguish the ofrenda, also bring small objects relating to hobbies and passions such as a book, paint brush, team emblem, etc.

NOVEMBER 1, 2009

Gratitude Box, a Box of Books – Pam Neas

Four small books are nestled inside a collapsible box, their own container. Inside the blank books is space to list all the wonderful people, pets, places, things that express gratefulness, a record to keep, share, and read again and again.

Also at November meeting, Judith Roderick will share plans for the annual LIBROS Collaborative Book Project (*s.a. Feb. 2010*).

DECEMBER 6, 2009

Blank Books for Barrett House

White Elephant Holiday Swap

GET WELL WISHES!

Jo Bryant, Carrol Moxham and Charlotte Kylin have been absent from meetings temporarily due to health concerns. We wish them each a speedy get well and look forward to their return!

JANUARY 3, 2010

Thinking outside the (book) box – vashti b

Riffs on traditional book forms, using some non-traditional materials and tools to create several beautiful sewn and folded book structures. Books will include a hand sewn two signature book with a closure, variations on Japanese stab binding, and variations on a diamond fold and accordion book.

FEBRUARY 7, 2010

LIBROS Collaborative Book Project – Judith Roderick

Annual members' bookbinding project, we'll assemble the collective book at this meeting. Theme is *Biophilia & Biophobia, the Love and Fear of Nature*. Flag book structure, 2-sided pages display. Detailed project directions will be given at the November meeting and also posted to the LIBROS Yahoo group. Contact Judith with questions and to say you'd like to participate, Tel: 867-0067.

MARCH 7, 2010

Travelogues & Portfolios – Marilyn Stablein

Marilyn will share artist books from her Travelogues series and create a small installation of recent work, followed by a discussion and demonstration on portfolios. Portfolios are handy receptacles for print collections, photos, letters, mail art, artist trading cards, travel ephemera and other special treasures. She'll teach several examples including one by Hedi Kyle.

Annual LIBROS Members Book Arts Exhibit at the downtown branch of the Albuquerque Public Library takes place during the month of April. Entry information sent out before this. Contact Geri Michelli for information, Tel: 891-3019.

APRIL 4, 2010 (Easter Sunday)

To be announced. (Date may change to April 11.)

MAY 2, 2010

Annual business meeting and election of new officers.

Share books we've made throughout the year.

JUNE 6, 2010

Exposed Stitch Binding – Loraine Klinger

Creation of a multi-signature book with exposed decorative stitching on the spine. The wide spine stitched with contrasting thread may also be embellished with beads. This format is perfect for thick signatures or pages with collaged items. Once you understand the basic structure, you'll be able to explore many variations in stitching patterns.

JULY 2010

No meeting.

Please renew your LIBROS membership, due in September. Send check for \$25 made payable to "LIBROS" and mail it to: LIBROS Treasurer S.J. Sanchez, 1718 Escalante SW, Albuquerque, NM 87104. Contact S.J. with any questions, concerns at 244-0178.

34 Chaco Loop,
Sandia Park, NM 87047

NEW MEXICO BOOK ARTS GUILD



LIBROS MEMBERSHIP FORM

To join or renew, please fill out this form and mail it along with a check for \$25 made out to LIBROS to:
S.J. Sanchez, 1718 Escalante SW, Albuquerque, NM 87104. Membership year is September 1 – August 31.

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Please list any special interests _____

Does the current meeting time on Sundays from 1–4pm work for you?

YES _____ NO _____ If no, preferred time: _____

MEMBER BENEFITS: As a LIBROS member you can attend programs at member rates, receive the newsletter and join our Yahoo Group, where you will find reports from the officers and committees, a listing of library materials, electronic versions of the newsletter, photos and more. To join our Yahoo Group, send an email to: librosnmbag@yahoogroups.com