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New Location for Monthly LIBROS Meetings!

As many of you know, LIBROS membership is growing and there's been an ongoing hunt for a bigger meeting place. Board members have concluded their search and come up with an excellent new venue: the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center located in SE Albuquerque located off Eubank and Southern, just south of Central. It is a beautiful facility, with very nice staff, and there is no charge for the meeting space. We will use their #3 classroom, which is a good size for us with tables and a sink.

Please note that as of August 2010 the location and time of our monthly meetings will change from the North Valley Senior Center on the 1st Sunday of the month, to Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center on the **1st Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon**. (The room is not available for our November meeting, so stay tuned for more details.)

The Center is located at: 501 Elizabeth SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

Tel: 505-275-87123. <http://manzanomesacenter.com>

Exhibits 2011

Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos

2011 Dates to be announced

Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos has once again invited us to exhibit our work in their dedicated gallery space on the second floor of this Antoine Predock designed building. More information will be forthcoming, so check your email messages from the LIBROS Yahoo group or check our website at www.librosnm.org.

Annual Members Exhibit

Our annual LIBROS members' exhibit for next spring, April 2011, at the Main Library in downtown Albuquerque is in the planning stages - stay tuned for more information.

LIBROS Yahoo Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/librosnmbag/>

Membership chair Charlotte Kylin is also the Moderator of the LIBROS Yahoo Group. To sign up so you can post messages, first open a Yahoo Groups account, then send Charlotte an email (her email is on the Yahoo Groups home page near the logo).

Please renew your LIBROS membership, \$25.00 due in September but pay anytime; send checks payable to LIBROS to Treasurer Margy O'Brien, 3020 San Patricia Pl. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107. Contact Margy at 344-8514.

CALENDAR

LIBROS Monthly Meeting Schedule 2010–2011

Saturday, August 7 (9am–12noon)

Mita Saldana, BOOKMAKING BASICS

Mita, one of the founders of LIBROS, is owner/operator of Against the Grain – Center for Bookbinding Arts. Mita will join us to review information for exhibiting in the 2010 New Mexico State Fair. She will then speak to us on the basics of bookmaking. She will explain the various adhesives used, determining grain, folding, cutting, bookcloth and mitering corners. There will be an overview of the classes and services offered at Against the Grain and a Q&A session, so bring all your bookbinding questions!

Saturday, September 4 (9am–12noon)

“Unsquare Books” with Esther Feske and Charlotte Kylin

Esther and Charlotte will be teaching two of the popular book forms displayed at the LIBROS’ April Exhibition at the Albuquerque Main Library. These books received many ooohs and aaahs from everyone.

Triangle Fold: Starting with squares of paper, this format is a fun starting place for a movable sculpture, a content-less book, or an experiment in color. It’s really easier than it looks.

Spiral Book: Charlotte’s entry in this recent show is simply an nonsquare accordion fold! Esther has worked out instructions for other more challenging nonsquare books to try.

Saturday, October 2 (9am–12noon)

Lettering for Book Artists, Esther Feske

Esther is an accomplished calligrapher and a member of *Escribiente*. She is excited to share some of her much requested techniques with us. Starting with your existing printing and handwriting skills, several variations are possible that will give you artistic writing styles for your books. Lots of ideas will be provided, and you can choose which ones you like best. Of course, as you practice and use any writing style, you get more at ease and it becomes your personalized expression. We will use ordinary pointed markers and end up with an exemplar book of styles to take home.

New Meeting Time & Location!

LIBROS meetings are the first Saturday of each month unless otherwise noted, 9am – 12 noon at the #3 Classroom at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123, 505-275-87123. <http://manzanomesacenter.com>. The Center has plenty of convenient parking.

The LIBROS Bookbinding Study Group was board-approved in 2005 to encourage those who wanted the challenge of learning new bookbinding techniques and structures beyond the time limitations of the regular meeting. Please check the LIBROS website for details.

Saturday, November 6 (9am–12noon)

For this month only: Meeting is at OFFCenter Community Arts, 800 Park Avenue SW in downtown Albuquerque (just off Central & 8th Avenue, across from Robinson Park, near Java Joe’s). There is a large parking lot next to their building.

Ribbon Bound Journal, with Toni Lyons

Toni will share this easy no-sewing-necessary technique for making a personal journal from an old book. This is a quick and easy way to make a journal. A variety of papers can be used within the same signature. So, collect all those wonderful papers you’ve been wanting to use.

Saturday, December 4 (9am–12noon)

Annual Blank Book Project for Barrett House

Each December the members of LIBROS take time from their busy holiday schedules to make decorated blank books for Barrett House, a shelter for abused women and their children. The books are used as journals or as gifts that the children can give their moms. Bring your basic bookmaking kits and supplies (ribbon, yarn, beads, papers, images, etc). You may also wish to bring supplies for the children: stickers, colored pencils, glue sticks – anything fun and festive that they can use to decorate their books. We will also have an idea exchange on embellishments and closures.

This is also the time for our annual holiday party. Bring a treat to share and a White Elephant gift to exchange (valued under \$6). This is a fun way to learn or refresh some basics and to share our love of books and bookmaking with others.

Saturday, January 8 (9am–12noon)

Book Arts and Paper Arts of Mexico, with Kent Swanson

Kent will discuss *papel picado* (intricate cutwork paper), *papel amate* (which many of us know as bark paper), and the Aztec and Maya codices. He will also demonstrate how amate paper is made and have the group do some basic papermaking.

Saturday, February 5 (9am–12noon)

Annual LIBROS Collaborative Book Project, with Geri Michelli and Rachel Ballantyne.

All participating members will bring their finished pages. The meeting will then be devoted to assembling the books. Everyone is welcome to attend. Information on the collaborative book theme and format will be available sometime in November so please stand by.

Member News

Saturday, March 5 (9am–12noon)

Gallery Fold (presenter to be announced)

The Gallery Fold Book “displays” tiny works of art in a stand-up “art gallery” which then folds into a book. It is a variation of the accordion, so it is easier than it looks and the results are wonderful. The skills required are visualizing, measuring, cutting and folding, and you will look like a paper-folding genius! Bring 6 to 10 small artworks (perhaps inch-square scraps from other art or 35mm contact prints for your gallery). This book was a favorite at last year’s library show.

Saturday, April 2 (9am–12noon)

Nature Journaling, with Margy O’Brien

Celebrated artist Margy O’Brien will ignite your interest in nature and nature journaling. Her beautiful nature journals will inspire you to try one of your own. Margy will address drawing and documentation, as well as display many examples of tools and supplies. She will also address journal and paper selection and how to assemble a traveling journal kit to take on your nature outings.

Saturday, May 7 (9am–12noon)

Annual Business Meeting and Election

Officers and Committees report; election of new board members.

Show and Tell: Members will share the books they made throughout the year.

Pocket Book, with Toni Lyons: Toni will show how to make a quick and easy “pocket” book. The each page has a “pocket” to hold a photo, poem, or other treasure.

Saturday, June 4 (9am–12noon)

Guest Artist, TBA.

BOOK ARTS CLASSES

Plan Ahead! Memoir Workshop in January 2011

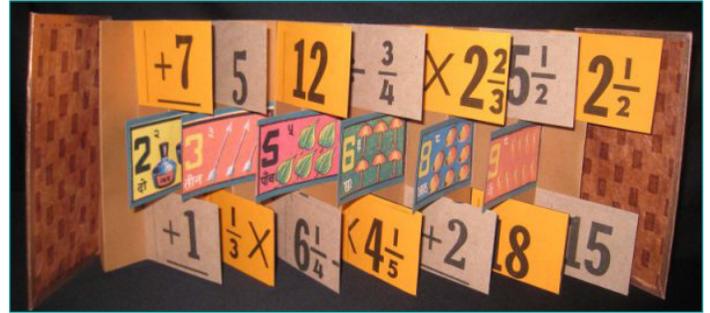
Marilyn Stablein will repeat her popular memoir workshop *Looking Back/Looking Within: Writing Your Life Stories* after the holidays beginning in January. This is a great way to develop material for a future book. Contact Marilyn at (505) 792-2985 to get email information in the fall.

LIBROS member **Mita Saldano** offers ongoing classes at her East Mountain bookbinding studio Against The Grain. For details call (505) 286-8592 or check out the Classes page on her website at www.atgbooks.com/classes.html

Classes in Bookmaking and Paper Arts at Papers!

Check out the schedule of classes at Papers! in their new location in the Nob Hill Shopping Center, 108 Amherst Drive SE, 3 doors north of their former location. Same hours and same phone 505-254-1436. They’re going green, no more newsletters, so call them to get on their email list for class offerings and special sales.

Marilyn Stablein exhibited at Book It!, a book arts show at the Branigan Cultural Center in Las Cruces in April. Her artist book *Numerals: Units and Equations* won Best of Show. She also has artist books at the debut show of Pages Gallery in El Dorado as well as a new book of poetry, *Splitting Hard Ground*, from La Alameda Press.



Drawing on Nature Exhibit

June 11–September 12, 2010

New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science
1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Venture into the woods and wilds with this new exhibition. With the writing and artwork of 30 female artists, Drawing on Nature showcases



a stunning collection of nature journals that are as unique and varied as the women themselves. The show features the artwork of LIBROS member Margy O’Brien.

Welcome New Members!

Please offer a warm welcome to new members

Anastasia Andersen

Susan Homer

Veronica Iglesias

Carmela Lanza

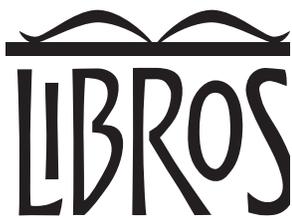
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Kent Swanson



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LIBROS STUDY GROUP

The LIBROS Bookbinding Study Group was board-approved in 2005 to encourage those who wanted the challenge of learning new bookbinding techniques and structures beyond the time limitations of the regular meeting.

In August, the Bookbinding Study Group will begin to calendar their schedule for 2011. The calendar is divided in two-month segments and members of the group choose the dates and the projects for the remainder of the group. It is expected that participants will have the basic bookbinding skills behind them and then can enjoy working with others on bookbinding and book arts activities. Study group members are asked to participate on a regular basis and to prepare and offer presentations, rotating through the schedule with all other participants in the group.

During the past year, the group studied Daniel Kelm's wire edge binding, Keith Smith's exposed spine bindings, making woodcuts and using the boards as covers as well as exchanging prints with others in the group, variations on Hedi Kyle's Secret Belgian Binding, the checkerboard binding, pop-ups, embellishing metal covers, and various methods of closures.

If you are not on the BBSG e-mail list to participate, and would like to join, contact Carol Erickson (check your roster).

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:
Treasurer Margy O'Brien, 3020 San Patricia Pl. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107. Membership year is
September 1 – August 31. (If joining mid-year, partial year's membership is \$12.50)

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Please list any special interests _____

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.