

# THE BROADSHEET

The newsletter of New Mexico Press Women



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## A Message from the President

BY SHERRI BURR

On behalf of the New Mexico Press Women Board, we hope that all of our members are staying healthy and safe during this challenging time. We lost a friend of NMPW, Rudolfo Anaya, in June. May he rest in peace, knowing that we are all grateful for his many contributions to humanity.

At the NMPW board meeting at the end of June, we decided to continue the Zoom Conversations for members because the first two were well received by those who attended them. Our Social Media Chair, Ludella Awad, produced data analytics pointing out that NMPW received well over a thousand Twitter impressions/engagements with its George Floyd statement that was released right before the Conversation on George Floyd-related protests. Many thanks to NMPW Board Member, Karen Wentworth, for drafting the statement and for the input of other board members.

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## President's letter

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Our Zoom Conversations will continue to focus on topics of current interests. On July 13, we discussed controversies surrounding the La Jornada sculpture outside of the Albuquerque Museum. Sherri Brueggemann, who runs the Albuquerque Arts Board, Pamela Weese Powell, chair of the Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees, and Nora Naranjo Morse, the artist responsible for one-half of La Jornada participated in a lively discussion, and shared fascinating stories that had not been reported in the news.

Various Board Members are planning conversations to take place during the next three months. After that we will turn our attention to planning the next stages of contests and the next conference. Depending on the public health orders in effect in the late winter/early spring of 2021, some or all of the conference may be online.

The Board voted unanimously to submit Bylaw changes, which will permit future Annual Meetings to be held online, to the Membership when we can next have an in-person Annual Meeting to make the changes. After some discussion, we decided not to set a date for an in-person Annual Meeting until after the Governor lifts the public health order prohibiting these types of meetings. We will then set the Annual Meeting with at least 30 days' notice to our members.

Best wishes for staying safe,

Sherri Burr

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*"I used to write at night. I was teaching school, and I was married, and had to do all the things that one does when one is working and has a family. But I used to write at night."*

*– Rudolfo Anaya*

# Rudolfo Anaya

1937 - 2020

## *Adios, Rudolfo, y Gracias*

By DIANNE R. LAYDEN



*Photo: National Endowment for the Humanities*

The first time I interviewed Rudolfo Anaya, I was nervous. So I told him, "I'm going to just be myself." And he said, "Who else can you be?" From that moment, I perceived him as a mentor, who was always at his best as himself.

For 10 years, I've been giving presentations about the Rudolfo Anaya – Bless Me, Ultima Landscape Park in Santa Rosa, a remarkably beautiful public monument dedicated in 2008.

Published in 1972, the award-winning coming-of-age novel *Bless Me, Ultima* is also a play, film, and opera. In 2012, its fortieth anniversary, UNM held an all-day reading by students, faculty, staff, and administrators. I contributed a photo of the Landscape Park in Santa Rosa for display.

The last time I saw Rudolfo was in March 2018, at the renaming of the North Valley Library for him – happily, as in the case of the Landscape Park, before Rudolfo passed away. I was thrilled.



*Photo: Susan Walsh / Associated Press*

# Roslyn Pulitzer

## Donation

BY JESSICA SAVAGE

New Mexico Press Women has received a generous donation to the Doris Gregory Memorial Scholarship from the Northern Chapter for the second year in a row. The \$250 contribution for the 2020 – 2021 academic year was made in honor of Roslyn K. “Roz” Pulitzer.

“The executive committee of the Northern Chapter voted unanimously to authorize this contribution in honor of Roz Pulitzer,” said Anne Hillerman, chapter president. “Roz inspired us with her bright mind, her fierce curiosity and her generous spirit. She lived her life fully and is deeply missed.”

Pulitzer was a photographer and social worker who was known for her activism in the women’s movement. She worked alongside icons Gloria Steinem and U.S. Rep. Bella Abzug in the 1960s and 1970s. Pulitzer and her partner Kay Lockridge, an officer for the Northern Chapter, lived in Santa Fe for the last 20 years.

At the age of 90, Pulitzer passed away on April 30, due to complications of contracting COVID-19, according to Lockridge. Pulitzer was a distant relative of Joseph Pulitzer, for whom the Pulitzer Prize for achievement in journalism, literature and other media is named.

## Member News

**Sherri Burr’s** book, *Complicated Lives: Free Blacks in Virginia, 1619-1865* (Carolina Academic Press, 2019), was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in History. Although her book was not a finalist, Sherri said, “I am honored that someone thought enough of my first work in history to nominate it for this important prize.”

In June, Burr was voted onto the Authors Guild Foundation Board, where she joins Doug Preston, Lee Child and others advocating for the rights of all authors. Burr is the author of several articles and books on intellectual property and entertainment law.

On August 1, Burr began a four-year term on the Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees. Burr was nominated by Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller and approved by the City Council in June for this position that gives advice to the Albuquerque Museum staff. She began her University of New Mexico Law School professor career teaching art law in the 1988-1989 academic year, and has penned several articles and books related to art law, and created several art exhibitions.

**Margaret Cheesebro** recently had a children’s book, *If I Were a Tree, What Would I Be?* published by Balboa Press. She is now entering the marketing phase of the book, with the help of a marketing firm. “Lots to learn, but I can apply it all to other projects in the future,” Cheesebro said.

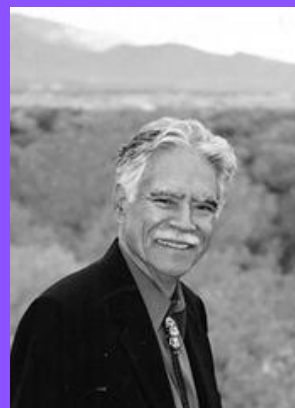
This spring, **RJ Mirabal’s** children’s/animals/pets book, *Trixie Finds Her People*, was a finalist in the 2020 NMPW Communications Contest. Then, about a month later, he received word from the largest international indies contest, The Next Generation Indies Book Awards, that the book was also one of six finalists in their Animals/Pets category.

**Sharon Niederman** is working in journalism as local as it gets, as Colfax County Correspondent for The World Journal, a weekly newspaper that covers southern Colorado and northeastern New Mexico. You can find her most mornings in her office next to the El Raton Theater. She is enjoying her Raton beat, zooming board of education meetings, investigating dog attacks and any story leads she can verify with her hairdresser. Her latest book, *New Mexico’s Back Roads and Byways*, is available at Costco and Collected Works in Santa Fe. She is returning to her monthly column, “Road Trip,” with the resumption of the August 2020 print edition.

*Victory from the Shadows*, by **Gary Ted Montague and Elaine Carson Montague**, was favorably reviewed in the Albuquerque Journal on Father’s Day, June 21, 2020, under the heading “A triple play – Your summer reading list just got longer with these diverse selections.”

Reviewer David Steinberg wrote: “The sensitively written memoir follows Gary’s years learning to adjust as a resident of the Alamogordo-based school and into the challenges of adulthood. He later retired from Sandia National Labs. Perseverance is a major lesson his life conveys. Elaine and her husband believe their book ‘will help erase some of the misconceptions that exist about the capabilities of those persons with vision loss and help to improve their opportunities for education and employment.’ They hope their book will be used in teacher-training programs.”

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“*I have traveled to many places but have no desire to leave New Mexico.*”

– Rudolfo Anaya



## Member News

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**Anthony Albidrez** recently got accepted into the Master of Arts in Journalism program in the Department of Journalism in the College of Media, Communication and Information at the University of Colorado Boulder. He will be pursuing an environmental emphasis, which entails completing the Graduate Certificate Program in Environment, Policy and Society. He was also awarded a teaching assistantship. Though he was supposed to start in the Fall 2020 semester, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he has chosen to defer his admission until August 2021 in hopes of a “normal” campus experience for his graduate studies.

**Claudette Sutton** reports that Tumbleweeds, Santa Fe’s quarterly parenting newspaper, celebrated its 25th anniversary — and numerous NMPW and NFPW Communications Contest wins— this spring “in a very COVID-19 way: by going virtual.” The all-digital Summer 2020 Tumbleweeds launched June 1 on a fully-redesigned website that strives to capture the look and feel of the print issue, with a full slate of articles for parents of babies to teens.

“The shift, driven by the exceptional circumstances of these times, nevertheless has brought exciting perks, notably an ability to provide parents with up-to-date information as events are scheduled and restrictions change, and enhanced interactivity with readers,” Sutton said. “Will the publication return to print or go to a hybrid model when the COVID crisis ends? Perhaps, but for the time being plans are for quarterly online releases, on September, December, March and June 1, with new articles posted in between.”

See the new design at [www.sftumbleweeds.com](http://www.sftumbleweeds.com), and find them [@sftumbleweeds](https://www.facebook.com/sftumbleweeds).

**Sylvia Ramos Cruz’s** essay, *May 29, 2020, In the Year of Our Peril*, was named “Best” in the Taos SOMOS writing contest. She read it at the Taos Writers Conference on July 25.

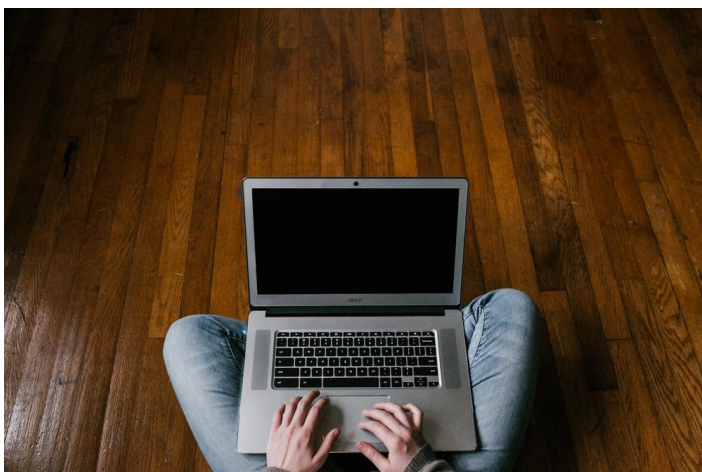


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## Opportunities

Longtime public relations professional **Kim Schiffbauer** is looking for someone who can provide ghostwriting help penning a planned memoir — which she describes as “my ‘Eat, Pray, Love.’” She has led an exciting career in marketing, public relations, strategic planning and event management. As president of Redgate Publishing, she was hired to tour the nation with Gloria Steinem and Marlo Thomas, speaking on “Women in the ‘80s.” In the mid-2000s, she supervised the national re-branding and international launch of Leonardo DiCaprio’s film on global warming, “The 11th Hour.” Working directly with Warner Brothers, she managed DiCaprio’s press appearances for the film.

Those interested can contact Schiffbauer at [kimschiffbauer@gmail.com](mailto:kimschiffbauer@gmail.com).

### New Mexico First seeks nominations for Redistricting Task Force

The statewide nonprofit organization New Mexico First is inviting nominations and self-nominations for a Redistricting Task Force. The goal of the task force is to develop recommendations to present to the N.M. Legislature on redistricting rules and processes.

New Mexico First is committed to cross-partisan dialogue, consensus-building and aligned action on policy issues that impact the state. Therefore, the Redistricting Task Force will include voters, researchers, lawmakers, tribal members and advocates who are knowledgeable about redistricting or voter rights. The task force will include people from different political parties as well as those who decline to state their party. The task force will also be racially, ethnically and geographically diverse, including members from the sovereign Pueblos and Tribes across New Mexico.

A task force can increase cross-partisan trust in the redistricting process, reduce the contentiousness that has historically resulted in timely and costly lawsuits, and increase public confidence in the electoral process and civic institutions. The public must have faith that democracy works and that voters are choosing their elected officials rather than the perception that elected officials are choosing their voters.

The Redistricting Task Force will meet remotely every two weeks beginning September 21, 2020, from 3-5 pm, and aims to complete discussion, deliberation, and drafting of recommendations by late November.

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# Opportunities

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The tentative schedule, which is subject to change, includes the following online meetings:

- 9/21/20, 3-5 pm
- 10/5/20, 3-5 pm
- 10/19/20, 3-5 pm
- 11/2/20, 3-5 pm
- 11/16/20, 3-5 pm
- 11/30/20, 3-5 pm

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/nm-redistricting> by Sept. 5, 2020, to self-nominate or nominate someone you know.



“I write entirely to find out what I’m thinking, what I’m looking at, what I see and what it means. What I want and what I fear.”

*Joan Didion*

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