

# THE BROADSHEET

*The newsletter of New Mexico Press Women*



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## A Message from the President

**BY SHERRI BURR**

Many thanks to our members and friends who attended our first online Conference, with bestselling authors Doug Preston, Anne Hillerman, Jane Lindskold, and Susan Holloway Scott. The organization's inbox was flooded with mail from members expressing how much they appreciated the opportunity to learn from this year's conference lineup.

One of the hallmarks of our Conference is the announcement of awards. Congratulations to the winners in our Communications, Zia Awards, and Scholarship Contests. You have worked hard for the honors you received.

Please welcome returning board members (Anne, Carolyn, Damien, Elaine, Karen, Loretta, Ludella, Margaret, Marilyn, and Sharon) and new board members (Adam, Colleen, and Léonie). It takes a village of volunteers to run a not-for-profit organization with no paid staff. Vice-President Damien Willis not only continues to publish an outstanding Broadsheet, but this year he obtained a donation from the Society of Professional Journalists to support our conference. I am grateful to all our board members for their service to New Mexico Press Women.

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# President

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Please save the second weekend of March 2022 for the next Annual Meeting and Conference. The Members voted unanimously to travel to Farmington for two or three days, where we will experience the unique Native American heritage and culture of our state. Our long-term board member Margaret Cheasebro lives in Farmington and will provide guidance as we formulate plans for our annual meeting.

Finally, I am honored to have been announced as New Mexico Press Women's 2021 Communicator of Achievement after having served as the organization's president since 2018. Our journey together has been on a road marked by twists and U-turns because of the COVID-19 pandemic. My hope is that by the second week of March 2022 the country will have conquered this coronavirus so that we can re-unite in the beautiful Four Corners Region.

## NMPW Names Burr its 2021 Communicator of Achievement

BY LÉONIE ROSENSTIEL

New Mexico Press Women is pleased to announce that Sherri Burr has been awarded New Mexico Press Women's highest honor as the recipient of the 2021 Communicator of Achievement award. The Communicator of Achievement Award is bestowed upon those members who have distinguished themselves within and beyond their profession.

The recipient, chosen from nominations by NMPW members, is recognized for exceptional achievement in the communications field, and for service to New Mexico Press Women, National Federation of Press Women, and to the community. All nominees must be living members, in good standing for at least two years in NMPW and NFPW.

### Sherri Burr

Sherri Burr will represent New Mexico in the NFPW competition. The national COA and the runner-up will be announced at the Communicator of Achievement Award Banquet at NFPW's annual conference in June. Sherri survived a turbulent childhood to attend Mount Holyoke College, Princeton University and Yale Law School.

Elected President of New Mexico Press Women in 2018, she has led the organization through the pandemic, and was unanimously re-elected last year. After celebrating NMPW's 70th Anniversary in 2019, Burr had to cancel the 2020 conference and spearhead changes to the bylaws to permit online meetings and voting.



2021 NMPW Communicator of Achievement and President Sherri Burr  
[Courtesy Photo]

Burr is a communicator of extraordinary depth, having been a law professor for over 30 years, a columnist for The Albuquerque Tribune, and the author of over two dozen award-winning books and hundreds of articles. She also produced a television show and spearheaded the launch of a not-for-profit art gallery. In 2015, she received a Monticello Fellowship to work on *Complicated Lives: Free Blacks in Virginia, 1619-1865*, which, after being published in 2019, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in History. Sherri currently serves on the Authors Guild Foundation Board, which educates and advocates for the rights of all authors.

*“Journalism can never be silent: That is its greatest virtue and its greatest fault. It must speak, and speak immediately, while the echoes of wonder, the claims of triumph and the signs of horror are still in the air.”*

— Henry Anatole Grunwald





# Communications

## Award Winners

Because of the ongoing public health emergency caused by COVID-19, New Mexico Press Women celebrated its 2021 state conference entirely online this year. Under ordinary circumstances, our annual conference provides us an opportunity to gather and recognize the winners of our annual Communications Contest.

Nevertheless, we'd like to extend our hearty congratulations to the following winners:

### Chris Allen

1st Place, Kale is a Four-Letter Word  
Honorable Mention, Kale is a Four-Letter Word  
Honorable Mention, Keep Kale Cool  
Honorable Mention, Dear Arthur

### Marisela Angulo

1st Place, Tumbleweeds Newspaper for Santa Fe Families

### Ty Bannerman

2nd Place, Let's Talk Monuments and Reckoning with Colonial Histories

### Barb Belknap

1st Place, Sandoval Signpost

### Ernest "Joe" Brown

2nd Place, Hey Coach  
3rd Place, At Least I Could Do Something About It

### Sherri Burr

1st Place, Complicated Lives – Part I: From African Arrivals in 1619 to the Conclusion of the Revolutionary War in 1783  
1st Place, "Flip the Script When Writing About Race" (12/2020) and "Storytelling Lessons From Gunsmoke" (11/2020)  
Honorable Mention, "The Writing Life: Remembering Rudolfo Anaya" and "The Writing Life: Max Evans"

### Joe Cappello

Honorable Mention, Biddle and the One-Eyed Monster  
Honorable Mention, Beginning at the End  
Honorable Mention, Office Beast

### Carolyn Carlson

2nd Place, Leading Her Homeland  
2nd Place, Who Killed Molly Sparks  
3rd Place, Adios Is Not Good-Bye

### Brenda Cole

Honorable Mention, Light Illuminating  
Honorable Mention, Seeing the World in 20/20

### Hannah Colton

1st Place, Protester Shot After Militiamen Raise Tensions at Oñate Monument  
1st Place, No More Normal: The Streets Are Hot

### Mary Lou Cooper

1st Place, AARP Combats Loneliness with Friendly Phone Calls, part of an ongoing series of reports related to COVID impacts  
2nd Place, Internet Love is Here to Stay  
Honorable Mention, Mapping the Canine Mind

### Karen Cunningham

2nd Place, no birdsong

### Merilee Dannemann

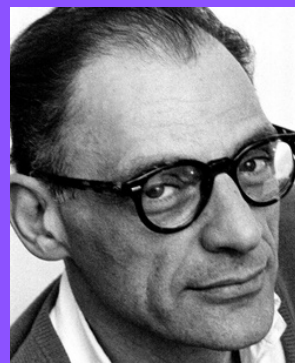
3rd Place, Reasonable Regulations Draw Reasonable People; Most Like the Police

### Erin De Rosa

1st Place, Solutions at our Fingertips

### Marisa Demarco

1st Place, No More Normal: The Streets Are Hot  
2nd Place, The Real Crime  
Honorable Mention, Guns, Threats And Insults At Roundhouse Rally To Support Trump  
Honorable Mention, Black N.M. Movement Objects To News Coverage And Police Response At Filling Philly's



“A good newspaper, I suppose, is a nation talking to itself.”

— Arthur Miller

# Awards

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## Debra Denker

Honorable Mention, Seeking Solace on Horseback:  
Riding Keeps Me Sane During Pandemic

## Sonja Dewing

2nd Place, The Glass Mountain

## Rena Distasio

1st Place, Sculptor Creates Large-Scale Commentaries  
On Nature And The Environment

## Bob Diven

1st Place, Living in Las Cruces

## Bryce Dix

1st Place, Growing Forward: A podcast about cannabis  
in New Mexico

## Patricia Dobson

3rd Place, Church isn't the the building – church is us

## Mary Dorsey

2nd Place, Once Upon a Time When We Could  
Honorable Mention, September  
Honorable Mention, Once Upon A Time When We  
Could

## Jennifer Edelson

1st Place, Wild Open Faces (Book 2 in the Wild and Ruin  
Trilogy)

## Khalil Ekulona

1st Place, No More Normal: The Streets Are Hot  
2nd Place, The Real Crime

## Ruth Friesen

3rd Place, Historical Painting: Taking your Best Shot  
3rd Place, Wagon Tracks  
Honorable Mention, Lifelines: The Bowen Love Letters

## Cornelia Gamlem

Honorable Mention, They Did What? Unbelievable  
Tales from the Workplace

## Maria Gomez

2nd Place, Gramita's Tortillas

## Isabel Gonzalez

2nd Place, Bayron Matos: Always hungry

## J.L. Greger

3rd Place, A Pound of Flesh, Sorta  
Honorable Mention, Dirty Holy Water

## Loretta Hall

1st Place, From New Mexico to the Universe  
2nd Place, Higher, Faster, Longer: My Life in  
Aviation and My Quest for Spaceflight  
3rd Place, Book Review: "Urban Legends from  
Space: The Biggest Myths of Space Demystified"

## Kathryn Hammel

1st Place, Meg Goes to America  
1st Place, Walk Right

## Kathleen Hessler

Honorable Mention, Health Care Law (Chapter  
in Concepts for Nursing Practice text book)

## Lynne Hinton

1st Place, The Beekeeper's Wife

## Sandi Hoover

1st Place, Panama's Gold  
3rd Place, Give It An Inch

## Jennifer Hull

1st Place, Shook: An Earthquake, a Legendary  
Mountain Guide, and Everest's Deadliest Day  
Carrie Ishee  
1st Place, "Seduced into Darkness: Transcending  
my Psychiatrist's Sexual Abuse"  
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my Psychiatrist's Sexual Abuse"

## Megan Kamerick

1st Place, Growing Forward: A podcast about  
cannabis in New Mexico  
1st Place, New Mexico and the Vote  
1st Place, Sculptor Creates Large-Scale  
Commentaries On Nature And The Environment  
1st Place, No More Normal: The Streets Are Hot

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# Awards

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## Colleen Keane

1st Place, An old friend comes through  
1st Place, If you remember them, you will never go wrong  
2nd Place, It's a different world  
2nd Place, A good step forward – Indian Market reinvisioned  
3rd Place, To'hajiilee Fresh Water Blocked – County Steps in  
3rd Place, Police wanted

## Stuart Kelter

3rd Place, DELVING IN: Dwight Pitcaithley on Whether the Lead-up to the Civil War was about States' Rights  
Honorable Mention, DELVING IN: David Pengelley on the Joy of Math

## Iris Keltz

1st Place, At a Crossroads  
2nd Place, Hamsa Menorah  
Honorable Mention, An Ode to voting – there's still time come Tuesday

## Rose Marie Kern

Honorable Mention, Seeing the World in 20/20

## Rachel Kutcher

1st Place, Real-Life Learning

## Melanie LaBorwit

2nd Place, Christmas at the Palace, Re-Imagined

## Dianne Layden

1st Place, Three Reflections: New Mexico Remembers 9/11

## Tara Lumpkin

1st Place, Voices for Biodiversity

## Andy Lyman

1st Place, Accounts from inmates on COVID-19 response differs from officials'  
2nd Place, NM Supreme Court denies request to expand inmate release  
1st Place, Growing Forward: A podcast about cannabis in New Mexico

## Fred Martino

2nd Place, KRWG News This Week – Election 2020: Take 2, America?  
Honorable Mention, New Mexico's Unusual And Very Tight Rematch In The 2nd Congressional District

## Barbara Matchell

Honorable Mention, They Did What?  
Unbelievable Tales from the Workplace

## Kathleen McCleery

1st Place, Voting in 2020: A Conversation with Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
1st Place, Women Writing the West: A Panel Discussion for the Corrales Arts Center

## Cassie McClure

Honorable Mention, Column: "My So-Called Millennial Life"; Sample 1, Published 9/27/2020 "Calls to Action"; Sample 2, 10/4/2020 "Self-Care in the Time of COVID"

## Kevin McDonald

1st Place, Growing Forward: A podcast about cannabis in New Mexico  
1st Place, New Mexico and the Vote

## Mary Kate Mendoza

1st Place, My Generation Is Dying  
3rd Place, My Generation is Dying

## RJ Mirabal

2nd Place, Dragon Train

## Mary Candace Mize

2nd Place, The Flypaper Witch Murders  
3rd Place, Zsofi



*I still believe that if your aim is to change the world, journalism is a more immediate short-term weapon.*

*– Tom Stoppard*

# Awards

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## Mary Morris

1st Place, Dear October

## Sharon Niederman

1st Place, Backroads & Byways of New Mexico: Drives, Day Trips & Weekend Excursions

2nd Place, On the Road with Sharon Niederman

Honorable Mention, Buffalo Soldier Gender Bender:

Cathay Williams aka William Cathey

## Ian Palmer

3rd Place, The Shale Controversy: Will it lead the world to prosperity...or calamity?

## Tracy Patrick

1st Place, Fall is a great time to take up birdwatching

## Judith Pentz

Honorable Mention, Cleanse Your Body, Reveal Your Soul: Sustainable Well-Being through the Ancient Power of Ayurveda Panchakarma Therapy

## Marilyn Pettes Hill

2nd Place, PERSPECTIVES: A Tribute to Colin

2nd Place, Heart Strings – Prose & Poetry

3rd Place, A Mother's Heart

## Sylvia Ramos Cruz

1st Place, In a Time of Corona: Dispatches from the Field

2nd Place, May 29, 2020: In the Year of Our Peril

3rd Place, Seven New Mexico Suffragists

Honorable Mention, Biographical Sketch of Maude

## Elizabeth McFie Bloom

Honorable Mention, Where To?

## Judy Reinhartz

2nd Place, Counting on Literature

## Sherry Robinson

1st Place, RMCH cuts contract nurses as COVID-19 surge expected

1st Place, Black Lives Matter inspires Native American communities

1st Place, New Mexico election results depart from national patterns

2nd Place, Virus will hit rural hospitals and clinics much harder

## Kristen Cox Roby

1st Place, Tumbleweeds Newspaper for Santa Fe Families

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## Elizabeth Rose

2nd Place, no birdsong 2nd Place

## Léonie Rosenstiel

2nd Place, Sidelights on the WACs during World War II

Honorable Mention, The Carpet Wore a Floral Pattern

Honorable Mention, Dear Arthur

## Tracy Roy

2nd Place, Dance, Dance, Evolution

## Jessica Schlarbaum

Honorable Mention, Migrating, Stocking Up, Rutting and Molting

## Diane Schmidt

1st Place, Colorado's Holocaust and Genocide

Education Bill, and its Implications for New Mexico

1st Place, Jojo Rabbit: An Anti-Hate Satire for Our Time

1st Place, Tisha b'Av, John Lewis, and the Obligation to Vote

1st Place, Combatting Hatred and Anti-Semitism: A

Conversation with Sue Parker Gerson of the Anti-Defamation League

2nd Place, Adult Analysis of Frozen II: A Heroine Fights Historical Denial

2nd Place, Book Review: Garden of Eden, Plants of the Hebrew Bible

Honorable Mention, Book review: Jews and the Arab World, Intertwined Legacies

Honorable Mention, Windshield Cracks, How the Light Gets In

1st Place, A Red-tailed Hawk

# Awards

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## **Kathy Louise Schuit**

2nd Place, SouthWest Sage Newsletter

## **Kelsey Sinclair**

Honorable Mention, Oh My Stars!

## **Wendel Sloan**

2nd Place, Kill a Moose for Jesus

## **Ivy St. Clair**

Honorable Mention, Milestones Missed, Plans Rerouted

## **Elaine Stachera Simon**

2nd Place, Birding Festivals 101: Use These 13 Tips to Make Your Next Birding Festival Fantastic

2nd Place, Lovely Lepidoptera: Butterflies in the Backyard and Beyond

## **Liana Star**

2nd Place, Kindness Rocks, and So Do CASA

## **Madison Staten**

1st Place, Las Cruces Agriculture Industry Hit by Loss of Labor And Other COVID Impacts

3rd Place, Truth or Consequences Teacher Shares Challenges of Online Learning And Some Surprising Positives

## **Claudette Sutton**

1st Place, Tumbleweeds Newspaper for Santa Fe Families

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1st Place, Real-Life Learning

1st Place, Solutions at our Fingertips

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2nd Place, Counting on Literature

2nd Place, Christmas at the Palace, Re-Imagined

2nd Place, Kindness Rocks, and So Do CASA

3rd Place, Earth Day at the Railyard

Honorable Mention, Milestones Missed, Plans Rerouted

Honorable Mention, Migrating, Stocking Up, Rutting and Molting

Honorable Mention, Oh My Stars!

## **Loretta Terry**

2nd Place, no birdsong

## **Denise Tessier**

1st Place, East Mountain Historical Society Newsletter

## **Jette Tritten**

1st Place, On the Nile with a Dancing Dane

1st Place, Four bobcat kittens

3rd Place, On the Nile with a Dancing Dane

## **Jim Tritten**

1st Place, 3-minute No Barriers video

1st Place, Touched by Rapture

1st Place, Panama's Gold

Honorable Mention, Service Reflections of a Navy Veteran Aug 2020

## **Tierna Unruh-Enos**

2nd Place, The Mesa

Judith Vaughan

3rd Place, Strawberry Roan Growing Up in the Shadow of Hermit's Peak

## **Kathy Wagoner**

2nd Place, SouthWest Writers Website

## **Patricia Walkow**

2nd Place, New Mexico Remembers 9/11

1st Place, Kale is a Four-Letter Word

Honorable Mention, Kale is a Four-Letter Word

## **Rosemary McNerney Winkler**

Honorable Mention, Winkler Albuquerque Genealogical Society Quarterly

## **Patricia Wood**

Honorable Mention, I remember Friday, November 22, 1963 . . . And visiting Oswald's neglected grave

## **Kathryn York**

3rd Place, Earth Day at the Railyard

## **Leora Zeitlin**

1st Place, Weave Me a Wreath of White Roses: 30 Years of Publishing Anna Akhmatova in English

1st Place, Two events honoring Anna Akhmatova this weekend — please join us!



## NMPW Announces 2021 Scholarship Winners

New Mexico Press Women announces recipients of this year's Doris Gregory Scholarships. Gregory was an award-winning member of NMPW and the National Federation of Press Women in the 1950s and '60s. A correspondent for the El Paso Times for 12 years, Gregory was also a public relations professional, a magazine editor, and an association executive. The Doris Gregory Memorial Scholarship, established after her death from cancer in 1969, is awarded every year to New Mexico college or university students studying communications and journalism. NMPW thanks the following donors to the fund: the Northern Chapter of NMPW for making contributions in the name of Roslyn K. "Roz" Pulitzer, a friend and supporter of the Northern New Mexico Press Women, and Don Strel, a photographer member who passed away last year, the Albuquerque Chapter of NMPW, and the generous press women members and friends who contributed on Giving Tuesday 2020.

This year's recipients are both New Mexico State University Freshmen. First-place winner Xavier Dominguez, studying Journalism and Mass Communications, will receive \$1,000. Runner-up Sarah Roderick, studying Agricultural Communications, will receive \$500.



*Sarah Roderick [Courtesy Photo]*



*Xavier Dominguez [Courtesy Photo]*

As a student at Las Cruces High School, **Xavier Dominguez** was twice named a PBS NewsHour Student Journalist of the Year. He was also the KRWG Public Media Scholar in 2020, a highly competitive paid internship. Xavier spent his high school summers in Washington D.C., having earned fellowships from PBS and another organization. Dominguez' specialty is video reporting and producing and using graphics to supplement his stories.

**Sarah Roderick** is earning her degree in Agricultural and Extension Education in the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Science. She aspires to improve the world by filling the communication gap between agriculture industry producers and consumers. "Many people assume that milk is made in the back of Walmart," Roderick said, "And I know for a fact, that is not true."

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# Scholarships

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Recipients were evaluated based on a career goals' essay, work samples, academic progress and faculty or employer support. Serving as evaluators were Tracy Patrick, assistant director and editorial advisor of Student Media and Publications at the University of Texas at El Paso; Bill Diven, 1 news editor at the Sandoval Signpost in Placitas; and Kacey Schurr Riedel, county executive director for the USDA Farm Service Agency in Southwest Colorado.

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*I became a journalist to come as close as possible to the heart of the world.*

— Henry Luce

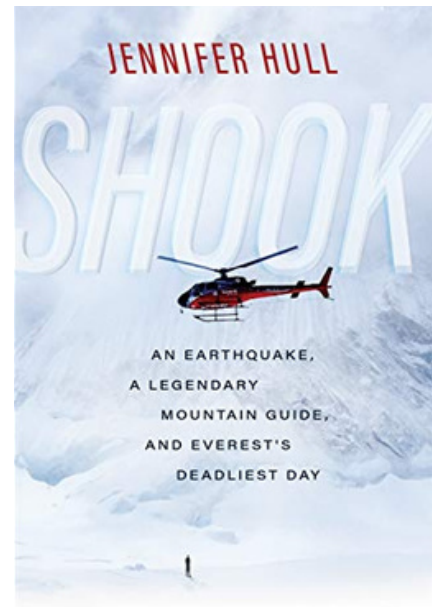
## 2020 Zia Award Winners Announced

NM Press Women Announces Zia Award Winners New Mexico Press Women is pleased to announce that **Jennifer Hull's** *Shook: An Earthquake, A Legendary Mountain Guide, and Everest's Deadliest Day* (UNM Press, 2020) has won the 2021 Zia Book Award.

The Zia Book Award started in 1953 to honor an outstanding woman in New Mexico media. Each year the award rotates to between three categories: non-fiction, fiction, and children's literature. The 2021 contest considered nonfiction books published in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Jennifer Hull is a writer and a teacher. She grew up in New York, graduated cum laude from Cornell University with a bachelor's degree in history, and has a master's degree in education. She has taught K-12 students as well as college freshmen at the Taos campus of the University of New Mexico. She lives in New Mexico, with her husband, twin sons and cocker spaniel.

*Shook* tells a story of resilience, nerve, and survival on the deadliest day on Everest. Dave Hahn, a local of Taos, New Mexico, is a legendary figure in mountaineering. Elite members of the climbing community have likened him to the Michael Jordan, Cal Ripkin or Michael Phelps of the climbing world. Yet, none of his experience could have prepared him, his crew and clients for the earthquake that shook Everest and all of their lives on the morning of April 25, 2015.



*Jennifer Hull's Shook: An Earthquake, A Legendary Mountain Guide, and Everest's Deadliest Day has won the 2021 Zia Book Award. [Courtesy Photo]*

This year's Zia Awards committee (chaired by **Patricia Conoway**, and including **Judith Schiess Avila**, **Lynn Hopkins** and **Judy Kowalski**) selected the following three books as finalists (in alphabetical order):

- **Norma Libman** for *The Story of the Story: What I Wrote and Why*
- **Sharon Niederman** for *Backroads & Byways of New Mexico*
- **Menese Wall** for *We Demand the Right to Vote*

# New Board Members

NM Press Women Welcomes New Board Members New Mexico Press Women announces that Adam Biederwolf, Colleen Keane, and Léonie Rosenstiel have joined its board of directors.

**Adam Biederwolf** is a Spring 2020 B.B.A. graduate from the University of New Mexico. He currently works at Cision PR Newswire as an account executive. This spring, he began working on his M.B.A. curriculum at UNM, and will serve NMPW as Chair of the Communicator of Achievement process.

**Colleen Keane** is an award-winning New Mexico freelance reporter. She regularly reports for the *Navajo Times*. Prior to working for the *Times*, she brought attention to the largest release of radioactive waste in the country, which swept through Navajo Nation lands, in her documentary, *The River That Harms*. She serves as the NMPW Scholarship Chair.

**Léonie Rosenstiel** has won awards for her fiction (New Mexico Press Women) and her non-fiction (SouthWest Writers). Her latest books, *Pretense of Perfection: A Daughter's Journey Through Family Myth* and *Pretense of Protection: My Mother's Nightmare Journey through Legal Guardianship*, are scheduled for publication during 2021. She serves as the NMPW Public Relations Chair.

## Member News

**Léonie Rosenstiel** was interviewed by author Jack Canfield (co-author of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book and its progeny). He has endorsed her work on adult guardianship.



Léonie Rosenstiel and Jack Canfield [Courtesy Photo]

**Mary Morris** just received the Wheelbarrow Book Prize, judged by Leila Chatti. Her forthcoming book, *Late Self-Portraits*, will be published by Michigan State University Press in January of 2022. It is her third book of poetry, and includes poems published in *Poetry Northwest*, *The Los Angeles Review*, and *Hong Kong Review*.

**Tom Johnson** recently gave an online lecture through RENESAN Institute for Lifelong Learning entitled "It's the People's Data." The two-hour presentation

examined several topics pertaining to government data and public records. Johnson also discussed how legislation, and technologies at various levels of government, can ease or restrict access to data.

**Mary-Charlotte Domandi's** latest project, *Diary of a Congresswoman*, is a series of short audio interviews with Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez — about four per week during the first 100 days of her term in office. She talks about history as it's happening — the insurrection, the inauguration, the pandemic, racial issues, etc. — and walks listeners through the daily work of crafting legislation and getting it passed. You can find it at [congressdiary.com](https://congressdiary.com).

**Anne Hillerman** is delighted to announce that the newest novel in her mystery series, *Stargazer*, was released nationwide April 13. The mystery revolves around an old friend of crime solver Bernadette Manuelito's who confesses to a crime Bernie is sure she didn't commit. Anne did a series of Zoom events in April to celebrate the occasion. For specific information on *Stargazer* and book launch discussions, please visit her website [www.annehillerman.com](https://www.annehillerman.com). She has just submitted the seventh novel to her editor and is looking forward to a mini vacation before jumping into the next book.

## Chapter News

On April 19, Las Cruces Press Women held an online conversation with acclaimed author and ecologist/botanist Susan Tweit. Susan spoke about writing and about her brand-new memoir, *Bless the Birds: Living with Love in a Time of Dying*. In the book, Susan tells the story of her journey after her husband, Richard Cabe, was diagnosed with a brain cancer that would kill him two years later. Her journey starts from pre-diagnosis through the end of his life, and she focuses on the importance of a mindful existence and connection to nature that help both of them through the profound adjustments in their lives and in their marriage.

If you missed it, Susan will be presenting to the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society at 7 p.m. May 19 on the topic of native plants to attract birds and wildlife and dealing with invasive non-native plants in the landscape. LCPW and NMPW members are welcome to join. There is no fee, but registration is required. [Register HERE](#).

At 1 p.m. May 22, Las Cruces Press Women will host a panel discussion entitled "Conversations with Columnists," featuring nationally-syndicated and New Mexico newspaper columnists. Panelists will include:

- Algernon D'Amassa, *Las Cruces Sun-News*
- Joline Gutierrez Krueger, *Albuquerque Journal*
- Bonnie Jean Feldkamp, syndicated columnist/Media Director of National Society of Newspaper Columnists.

The panel will be moderated by syndicated columnist Cassie McClure, who was recently named Executive Director of NSNC.

The event is free to attend and NMPW members are welcome, but registration is required. [Register HERE](#).



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