

# High Desert Dispatch: January 2020

**Bulletin of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City**  
**Join us at 3845 N. Swan Street, 10:00 a.m. Sundays**

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City is a diverse group of religious independents seeking knowledge, spiritual sustenance, fellowship and opportunities for service to others. Our programs encompass humanism, liberal Christianity, earth-based spirituality, Buddhism and many other traditions. The members themselves plan and present the Sunday programs. **Please join us.**

## Sunday Programs

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup> "New Years Thoughts" Open Sunday** - This will be a loosely structured gathering that allows individual UU members to provide insight and inspiration on topics of their choice. The format can include brief talks, essays, poems and even music. Please note: UU audio-visual equipment will not be available except for the podium microphone. Please keep your presentation to four minutes or less. **Susan Golightly, Moderator**  
**Childcare available**

**Jan 12<sup>th</sup> "I Couldn't Care Less" Rev Dan Lillie** As I reflect on my quest for a deeper emotional and spiritual life, I realize that I have a complicated relationship with apathy. At different points in my life, apathy has been a goal, it's been an obstacle, and, most recently, it's been a useful resource. For something that literally means "a lack of care or concern," I seem to have a lot of feelings about it. So, who cares about apathy? I do! And I'll tell you why on Jan 12. **Nancy Stephens, Moderator – Children's Program.**

**Jan. 19 -- Jennifer Johnston "A Little Co-op with a Big Impact"**  
Jennifer Johnston has served on the Silver City Food Co-op board for more than five years. She has fulfilled many roles, including president, vice president, secretary, and chairperson of various committees. The Food Co-op has been in Grant County for more than 40 years and its vision is "to promote the inherently healthy relationship between food, community and nature." Jennifer and another board member will cover some of the history of the Co-op, its impact on the community, and future goals, including current progress toward opening a larger store. She will also review why the food cooperative committed to a shared governance structure including the benefits and pitfalls of consensus-style, member-owned businesses.

**Ron Gabioud, Moderator - Childcare Available.**

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup> "Memory and Desire" João Galera** is a Brazilian artist who has drawn since childhood. He is currently the artist-in-residence at Western New Mexico University. During doctoral research in anthropology in Mexico, his artistic pursuits intensified. He has participated in collective and individual exhibits in Brazil, the US, and Mexico. He is currently employing the theme of personal and collective memories for his creations. Galera will speak of "memory and desire" . . . how do our community's memories, both spoken and unspoken, shape our desires for our future? After the service, all participants will be encouraged to create a small clay object symbolizing important memories, to compose a large piece for a community art installation. **Marty Eberhardt, Moderator – Children's Program.**

## Board Members

Carol Morrison, Board Chair  
Zoey Cronin, VC  
DeAnna Mooney, Treas.  
Susan Price, Sec.  
Paul Michaud  
Susan Golightly  
Kris Neri

## Membership

Heidi Ogas, Nancy Cliff  
**Caring**  
~Open~

## Facilities

Paul Michaud  
**Hospitality**  
Sandra Michaud

## Newsletter

John Mooney  
**Programming**  
Nancy Stephens

## Social Justice Committee

Andy Payne  
**Office Coordinator**  
Sandra Michaud  
**Adult RE**  
Karen Benediktson

## Family Programs

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**Our mailing address is**  
**P.O. Box 4034**  
**Silver City, NM 88062**

## Calendar of Building Events

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the office coordinator [uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com](mailto:uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com) for scheduling.

**PFLAG – 1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm**

**Silver City Camera Club – 1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm**

**News from the Board** The Board met on Dec 1, facilitated by our incoming new President, Carol Morrison, with new members, Susan Price, Secretary and Kris Neri, At-Large. After completion of two business items, the meeting was an end-of-the-year retreat. Continuing members shared their review of challenges in their roles & accomplishments in 2019. Of featured importance, *the position of Involvement Coordinator is open & in need of a volunteer to fill the role.* UUFSC members & friends are urged to look at the Involvement wall & choose to volunteer with one of the activities. Any one may shadow a person already on the committee before making a commitment. The final part of the retreat was sharing visioning ideas for 2020. Next Board meeting is **Sunday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** following the service. Susan Price, Secretary.

**Kris Neri** will present a writing workshop, "**Make 'em Laugh: Injecting Humor into Your Writing**", Monday, Jan 13, at 3:30pm at the Silver City Library. The workshop is free to the public & sponsored by the SW Festival of the Written Word. The workshop is for writers of all forms of fiction & nonfiction & for readers who want to know more about the writing process.

**"Getting to know UU"** will be a series of three one-hour sessions led by Barbara Gabioud at 11:30 on Sundays January 19, Jan 26 and Feb 3 in the Community room of UUFSC (3845 N Swan St). We will explore what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist, the history of the denomination & how to participate in our fellowship. The 1st session will be a loose discussion of people's backgrounds & what everyone is most interested in finding out. All are welcome — whether you're just curious about who we are & have never set foot in our building; if you have attended for a while & are considering becoming a member, or just have questions now that you have joined. The last 2 sessions will be more focused with videos & short readings & will be limited to folks who've attended the 1st session. Contact ( [bgabioud@gmail.com](mailto:bgabioud@gmail.com)) 575-574-8131.

**January 2020!** What a perfect time to introduce a new segment of UU curriculum in our **Children's Program**. We begin the new year with "Windows and Mirrors: Mirrors in which we can see ourselves, windows in which we can see the world." On Jan 12, we will imagine what we want our new year to look like & talk about goals. Our topic Jan 26 will be "Looking in/Looking out" & will involve getting to know ourselves better. We look forward to learning & growing together with 2020 vision and hope you will join us!

**Sat Jan 11 - Big Ditch Community Concert/ Dance** - Annual 12th Night Breaking Up Christmas Dance @ Murray Hotel Ballroom 6 - 9 PM. Benefit for KURU Radio. Suggested donation \$10.00. Kids under 12 free. Family Friendly dances taught - Waltzes, Shottisches, Polkas, Circle Dances & many Traditional NM dances. The Big Ditch Crickets are a Community Dance Band & have been playing together for 6 years (recently played at the Hillsboro Community Ctr & at Pickamania in Kingston last Sep). Come for an evening full of great music for listening or dancing! More info 575-535-2151 or 575 956-3301

**Barbara Gabioud** was named our second **UUFSC SUPER HERO** during the UU Christmas Dinner! DeAnna Mooney, Paul Michaud, Lillian Connelly and Andy Payne all testified to the vision & leadership that Barbara has provided to the Fellowship. They noted that she led the Fellowship through the Quonset Hut renovation; the development of our Family Program; and the recent support of the Soc Justice project for guests at the Deming refugee site. The community-wide effort organized by Barbara provided 2500 travel bags of food & supplies along with clothing, personal hygiene items, totes and backpacks and small toys to entertain the children. Congratulations and thanks to Barbara Gabioud, our 2019 UU SUPER HERO!

**THANKS FOR A LOVELY UU CHRISTMAS DINNER!** Our UU Coordinator, Hospitality hosts and decorators provided a festive setting and buffet tables; and UU members and friends brought delicious dishes to share at our Christmas dinner on December 22nd. Children provided special piano music for us, and then we all joined in singing holiday songs. There were lots of hugs and smiles, and plenty of volunteers to help with clean up. Thank you, everyone!