

# High Desert Dispatch: October 2022

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.**

**UUFSC Safety Protocol: Masks must be worn in the building at ALL times. We will not be consuming food or drinks in the building until further notice. We will continue to enjoy refreshments on the patio, weather permitting.**

**Oct 2: Blessing of the Animals – Heidi Ogas** We honor our animal companions in this program. Please restrain/contain your pets if you bring them. A picture or toy will also serve as a stand in for them.

### **Oct 9: Creativity and the Supernatural: A Discussion**

--**Kris Neri.** Author Kris Neri will open a dialogue about the roots of the ideas that come to all of us. Using her writing process as a basis, and the remarks of other authors, she will address her own spiritual exploration.

**Moderator Carlos Price**

*This is a Family/Childrens' Program Sunday – children 4 yrs and older have their own special activities.*

### **Oct 16: – Laughter Yoga -- Mary Finn and Rebecca Summers**

Rebecca Summer and Mary Ann Finn will present on the many health benefits of laughter and will lead a short laughter yoga session.

**Moderator Heidi Ogas**

**Oct 23: – Artworks – Zoe Wolfe.** Join local artist Zoe Wolfe on a journey of her work, which she says celebrates our essential being. She will tell stories and share images of her art.

**Moderator Art Thorn**

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### **Oct 30: – Seed Saving -- Chris Jepson & Janna Mintz**

These long term and accomplished gardeners are committed to native plants, seed saving and water conservation. They will share stories about seed-saving and other resilience practices.

**Moderator Jane Riger**

### **Board Members**

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Joanne DeMichele, Co-Treas.

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Nancy Cliff, Heidi Ogas

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Join us by Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/3800124194?pwd=QkxTNjV3UFJlOXNlbHpsSDZ5bUhhvZz09>

Meeting ID: 380 012 4194 Passcode (if needed): UUFSC

**Notes from your Board Chair Carol Morrison** - Thanks to our four presenters at our September 18th congregational mtg after service. Carlos Price & Mike Sheffer gave a review and update on the 8th Principle to be voted on at our UUFSC Annual Meeting in Nov. Nancy Cliff and Joanne deMichele introduced the significant changes (language and content) to the By-Laws, also up for a vote in Nov. If you missed this event and wish a copy of either document, please contact me at carolmorr@gmail.com or 575 223-8972.

**Our Fellowship is co-sponsoring with The Lotus Center a November workshop on Non Violent Communication, A Language of Life.** The workshop will be on November 11-13th, over the Veterans Day Weekend. There will be a Friday 6:00 p.m. meet and greet and Saturday training 9-4 here at the Fellowship. The Sunday 1:00 p.m. practice session scheduled at The Lotus Center. After weekend of the workshop, the certified instructor will be returning for 9 additional practice sessions on each of the book chapters. A sliding registration fee of \$30-\$70 includes the book. Such a wonderful deal! Watch for more information to come! For early bird registration to reserve a spot, just let Carol Morrison know. Karen Starz of Truth or Consequences is the certified instructor, one of only three certified instructors in New Mexico.

**News from the Board – by Susan Price, Board Secretary** - Upon recommendation from the Audit Committee, the Board passed a resolution to establish a Finance Advisory Team. It will be comprised of 2-3 people working independently from the Board or any other team. They will help with annual state and federal tax filings, record-keeping procedures, monitoring compliance, establishing the loan interest rate, and other finance tasks. The Board agreed on more details with the Lotus Center about our co-sponsorship of the Non-violent Communication Workshop Nov 11-13.

**Vote Early! First day of early voting is Oct 11, 2022** at the Grant County Clerk Office. Visit the Secretary of State Voter Portal for more info - <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal/>

**A Bit of History for LGBTQ+ Month** -- Sylvia Rivera (1951-2002) was a Latina-American gay liberation and transgender rights activist. Born in New York City, Sylvia was assigned male at birth. Her father was absent; her mother died by suicide when Rivera was only three; so her grandmother raised her. Beaten for experimenting with clothing and makeup, often attacked on the school playground, Sylvia ran away from home when she was eleven. On 6-28-1969, when Sylvia was 18, she was part of the Stonewall Inn uprising, an event that led to gay Pride and advocacy for gay rights. Even though transgender people were not included early on in the movement, Sylvia continued to work tirelessly for justice and civil rights. Sylvia was part of developing the Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR) that offered a safe house for those who needed it. Sylvia Rivera was fifty when she died in 2002, with her partner, Julia Murray, at her side. The National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. hung a portrait of Sylvia Rivera in 2015, making her the first transgender activist to be included in the gallery. The Sylvia Rivera Law Project is a nonprofit that continues her legacy. See: <https://srp.org/about/who-was-sylvia-rivera/>

**Mare Wakefield & Nomad in Concert Oct 15** -- Acclaimed multi-instrumentalist folk duo, Mare Wakefield & Nomad present a special concert on Saturday, Oct 15 at 7 pm, at the UU Fellowship Hall. This will be their first concert here in three years due to COVID-19. Admission \$15 at the door. A portion of the proceeds goes to the UUFSC Social Justice Committee

**At the Annual Meeting**, November 20, we will have a New Member ceremony. If you are interested in joining us, please let Nancy Cliff know. Phone # (575) 313-3750 or ncliff49@gmail.com. Thank you.

**Oct 31** – Samhain (a Celtic pagan holiday) and Halloween (a sort of Christianized version).

**A shout out to our Oct Birthday babies!**

Paul Michaud Oct 4 -- Debbie Bonney Oct 20 -- Susan Price Oct 26

Want to see your name here next year? Send an email to Denise Smith [denisesmith09@gmail.com](mailto:denisesmith09@gmail.com)

## 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.