



Western Institute
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THE WILL
SPOTLIGHT
September 2010

WILL Sign Up Social
Thursday, September 9 * 5:30 pm

Join us for the WILL Sign Up Social Thursday, September 9, 5:30 pm at the Global Resources Center on the WNMU campus! We are excited about a large and diverse offering of classes for the Fall semester. Even if you have already signed up for the classes, come celebrate a new WILL semester, meet old friends, make new friends and hear about other courses from the facilitators.

Please bring ideas for courses and programs that you think WILL should offer to its members. If you have complaints, this will be a good opportunity to bring them to our attention. WILL has one employee and every thing else is accomplished by its member volunteers. Several WILL committees are searching for volunteers. If you have some spare time and would like to work with a congenial group of volunteers (and one or two old grouches), let us know.

Hot and cold beverages will be served and we encourage all attending to bring an hors d'oeuvre or appetizer to share. Those who do will be entered in a raffle for one of three \$75 prizes. The food contributions at the last social were varied and delicious and we have no doubt you'll outdo yourselves again this Fall.

6th Annual
GILA RIVER FESTIVAL

WILL is once again participating in the 6th Annual Gila River Festival, September 16-19. The offerings include a keynote address by author-activist Mary Sojourner, a wide variety of lectures at the Silco Theater, outdoor field trips and workshops throughout the four days, an art installation at Blue Dome Gallery and a selection of films from the nation's largest environmental film festival. Detailed festival brochures are available throughout town, and will also be handed out at the Social Sign-Up. All this celebrates the role of the Gila River in supporting the rich biological diversity of our region. Don't miss the fun and learning of this premier nature festival right here in Silver City!

LUNCH and LEARN Schedule

The Lunch & Learn flyer is available at the Social Sign-Up. Note: the new location for Lunch & Learn is WNMU Global Resource Center, ABC Room (First Floor), Wednesdays 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Free and Open to the public

September schedule:

September 15: *"Grant County and Silver City – Where Giants Met."* Liz Mikols

September 22: *"Sex, Food, and Magic: The art of our earliest ancestors."* Paula Geisler

September 29: *"Desert Exposure – The Inside Story."* David Fryxell

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Outdoor Experience hikers break for lunch on the top of Eighty Mountain. Left to right are Wally Quist, Kathie Gilbert, Ted Presler, Jeff Boyd, Allison Boyd. Photograph by John Mooney.

WILL OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

If you would like to have lunch on top of “80”, or if you would like to go bird-watching along the Gila river or strolling through some of the picturesque streets of Silver City, join the WILL Outdoor Experience. You sign up as you would for any WILL class, then attend a monthly meeting where the various events for the following month are described. All the events are graded for degree of exertion so you can match your capability to a suitable event. The September meeting will take place on September 28 at the Global Resource Center to plan for the October events. Call the WILL office for any questions, 575-538-6835.

Fall Artist Lecture Series begins

The Fall Artist Lecture series, co-sponsored by MRAC and WNMU, will begin with Zoe Wolfe on Thursday, September 23, 6:30pm in the WNMU Parotti Recital Hall. This is an outstanding opportunity to learn how artists create their work and to acquire appreciation for the effort and struggle involved. The series flyer will be available at the Social Sign-Up.

SOLAR SYSTEM RENDEZVOUS

Solar System Rendezvous with Gary Emerson is a repeat of the successful outdoor visual and audio tour of the planets we did last May. 75 tickets are available at the Social Sign-Up for \$5.00 each.

Details: Friday, October 1, 2010 (doors close at 7:50 pm); Seedboat Center for the Arts Outdoor Courtyard, 214 W. Yankie Street, Silver City. Bring your own chair and arrive before 7:50 pm. Dress warm as this is an outdoor program!

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