

# SPOTLIGHT

October 2011



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## Lunch and Learn

Wednesdays :: 12 Noon - 1:00  
(see each listing for location)  
Free and Public Invited

**Wednesday, October 5**

**"The Harvey Girls"**

*Presenter: Liz Mikols*

*Location: Global Resource Center, ABC Room*

The Harvey Girls helped the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad tame the west. Although the rails came, transporting passengers and goods more efficiently, there were few support services, including decent places for passengers and trainmen to eat. Fred Harvey created his Harvey



Houses to address that need, feeding a train load of people within 30 minutes. The Harvey Girls were the highly trained wait staff that made his eateries run like clockwork. Liz

Mikols will talk about how Fred Harvey got started and the system he created. But more importantly, she will explain who the Harvey Girls were, the challenges they faced and how they made a difference to the development of the areas served by the "Santa Fe."

Presenter Liz Mikols is an amateur historian who has been a member of the Historical Society of New Mexico for seventeen years and is President of the Silver City Museum Society, the non-profit support organization for the Silver City Museum. Liz received a BA from the University of California (biology) and an MFS from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

**Wednesday, October 12**

**"First Born Program, Santa Avelina, Guatemala"**

*Presenters: Vicki Johnson and Don Johnson*

*Location: Global Resource Center, ABC Room*

Vicki and Don will discuss and show slides of the First Born Home Visitation Program they have started in Santa Avelina, Guatemala, an



Photo: Don & Vicki Johnson

isolated Mayan village high in the mountains of the Ixil Triangle. Vicki Johnson founded and directs the statewide First Born Program in New Mexico. Don Johnson is a pediatrician with Hidalgo Medical Services in Silver City.

**Wednesday, October 19**

**"Creatures of the Maya"**

*Presenter: Julian Lee*

*Location: Global Resource Center, ABC Room*

Julian Lee will discuss his decades of research into the amphibians and reptiles that figured prominently in the mythology, religion, and daily life of the ancient Maya. His sources range from early Spanish chroniclers to oral testimonies from contemporary rural Maya, as well as recent work by archaeologists. Lee is a professor of biology, emeritus at the University of Miami. Much of his scholarly activity has dealt with the biology of amphibians and reptiles of the Yucatan Peninsula. He moved to Silver City in 2006.

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**Wednesday, October 26**

**"The Green Chamber of Commerce and Eco-Tourism in the Gila"**

*Presenter: Cissy McAndrew*

*Location Change:*

*WNMU Student Memorial Building, 3rd Floor*



Learn how the Southwest NM Green Chamber of Commerce developed and plans to build community and sustainable economies through Local Foods, Green Jobs, Buy Local/ Ecotourism and Local Capital Investment initiatives.

Cissy is the Executive Director of the local chapter of the New Mexico Green Chamber. Her efforts created a network between our local chapter of the New Mexico Solar Energy Association and more recently the Visitor's Center management in coordination with the Arts and Culture District organization. This "network" brings together resources to better promote Silver City and Grant County as a unique and "green" living environment.

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### **Fall courses still open**

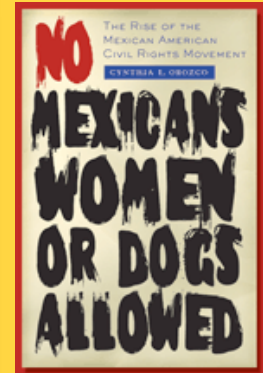
There are still WILL Fall Courses open for enrollment, 14 courses beginning in October and 5 more that start in November. Call our WILL office and talk to Barbara at 538-6835 to see what courses remain open.

### **Check out the new website feature**

We have a new series on our website, [www.will-learning.com](http://www.will-learning.com) -- "Get to Know Your Course Facilitators." Click on the *Courses* tab and then click *Course Facilitators*.

Each month another WILL Facilitator will be highlighted, so visit the website and meet our wonderful, talented facilitators.

### **\* COMING SOON \* to Silver City and WILL**



Dr Cynthia E. Orozco from Eastern New Mexico University will discuss her craft of writing and her latest book, *No Mexicans, Women, or Dogs Allowed: The Rise of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement*.

Dr. Orozco is also a historian, film and museum consultant, civic leader, and motivational speaker as well as a member of the New Mexico Humanities Council. She has been interviewed on National, Public Radio and on NBC News. She has written numerous articles for the Albuquerque Journal as well as other New Mexico and Texas newspapers. She was a co-editor of the book "Mexican Americans in Texas History."

*\* (As of Spotlight mailing, date and time are not yet confirmed. Details will be posted on the website when they are finalized.)*

### **Institute for Foreign Language Study (IFLS)**

WILL's first semester of Foreign Language Study is a success. Both the beginning and intermediate Spanish courses are full and participants are enjoying learning Conversation in Espanol. Look for more languages being offered in the Spring with WILL's IFLS classes.

**Remember to pick up your free WNMU parking permit at the WNMU campus police office west of Light Hall**