



# 'BITS OF ENCHANTMENT

Extension Association of New Mexico

*Education in a Social Setting*

*Life, Love, Literacy and Laughter*

<http://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/eandm/index.html>



Fall, 2019



## *President's Report:*

Soon will mark a year since I was installed as President of this great organization. The year has been a whirlwind! I made a trip to Albuquerque early to sit with the Audit Committee to review the finances of the organization. They did a great job of going over the books and making recommendations to our Treasurer for improving our record keeping. She had implemented their suggestions by the time she reported at the Mid Year Board meeting. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated Treasurer. The Mid Year Board meeting attendance was light, but we had a very good business meeting and some great socialization. Thank you, again, Donna Hannon for taking care of those arrangements. Accompanied by members of my own club, I attended all four of the Spring District Meetings. We heard great speakers and viewed beautiful works in their Cultural Arts exhibits as well enjoyed some spectacular meals. The theme this year across the state seemed to be BBQ, and I got a recipe to make what is now my favorite side for BBQ...Fire & Ice pickles. Thank you Gena Moon.

This week, I met with a great committee to review and make recommendations for updates to our Policies and Procedures. We were so blessed to have Brenda Bishop meet with us and offer her support and suggestions. Soon a draft will be emailed to members for your review before the State Meeting. This is your homework assignment. Please take it seriously so we can limit discussion time.

By now you should have received the registration forms for the State Meeting, scheduled for October 14-16, in Portales. The workshops offered are so appealing, and I hope that you are planning to attend. I am looking forward to returning to Portales and hearing county reports on how you have incorporated my theme into your programming this year. I hope also to hear how you plan to carry the theme forward into the next year.

Please be reminded that we need to elect a President-Elect and Secretary at the State Meeting. I am unaware of any nominations. As I think about my own journey, it is very important that members be willing to serve the organization and hold office so that officers won't feel "stuck" once elected and members are unwilling to hold an office they feel will be unending. Consider someone in your county who might be a good candidate for one of these offices.

See you soon, Patricia Smith



*Reduce, Re-purpose,  
Refill, Not Landfill*



## From our Advisors:



Brenda Bishop, EANM Co-Advisor:

I love the theme for this year's state meeting, "For Everything There is a Season" Discover, Innovate and Connect. As we transition into my favorite season, "Fall." I am reminded of all the changes summer has brought my way.

I began the summer with knee replacement which is taking me a lot longer to get over than I planned. This messed up my plans for getting my office cleaned up. I then retired from the Extension Service after 32 years and have spent many hours reminiscing as I have cleaned out files on my computer and tried to decide what I might need or the next person would want. I had files dating back to 1999. I have also been trying to complete all those projects I put on the back burner as we were so busy dealing with the next event or activity. My wonderful Extension Family threw me a great party between our two biggest summer events. I have been sort of a celebrity as the community recognizes my retirement. I have been blessed with great staff that I will miss seeing daily. But I still see them as I try to finish those projects and clean out drawers.

We (meaning my family) have been remodeling a home my daughter has purchased and hopes to be in by October. An empty nest is in our very near future as my son moved out in August. I am sure this will lead to another transition into a new season of our lives.

I am transitioning into a consulting business and have been offered by first gig as part-time coordinator for our local Health Council. Many new things to learn here and a need to step out of my comfort zone as I become more of an advocate. Thank you for the great leadership training last year that gave me the confidence to take on this new role.

I am realizing as I transition from my Extension Agent life, that most of my social interactions and friendships were associated with my job. I am in need of new friendships and new social outlets. How many other people leave an active work life only to discover that they don't have anything to occupy their time. They go to looking for a volunteer opportunity or a social club. Is your club filling this gap in your community? If not, what can you do to help find these people in need of something to do?

Teresa Lewis said, "Every new season of your life will be an opportunity for you to learn and grow. Don't celebrate the good without celebrating the bad because they both work together to prepare you for the next season of your life." This is the beginning of a new season for our Association. We are preparing for a great new season.

I would like to encourage you to attend the State Meeting in Portales and see how they have transitioned their local association with new clubs and members and into a new season. They are thriving without a Home Economist (FCS Agent).

I would also ask you to take time to review the major changes we are proposing for the Policy and Procedure manual. This is an attempt to streamline and make our organization less intimidating for a new officer. <https://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/eanm/> Go to the State Meeting page. We will also be voting on the by-law changes printed in this newsletter. Come help us transition into a new season.

### 2020 State Program

In going with our President's Theme we are going to examine how we can reduce our carbon footprint by reducing food waste. During this program we will examine ways to reduce what we purchase, we will discuss creative ideas for storing perishables and we will share tips for cooking for one or two. There will be something for everyone. As you plan for 2020, be sure to include this program in your line up and maybe even share it to a group in your community.

Brenda



# 2019 State Meeting

Our 2019 State Meeting will be held October 14, 15 & 16<sup>th</sup> in Portales, New Mexico. Roosevelt County always plans a wonderful meeting filled with fun crafts, exciting tours, great food, interesting educational programs and fabulous fellowship. Below, I have retyped a summary of the State Meeting. As Roosevelt County was unable to send me the registration form and information in a format which I could copy and paste, please go to our website, <https://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/eanm/> for the complete information and registration form. They also mailed a copy of all of this information out to all our board members and County Advisors and Extension Offices. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** 12:00 – 4:00 **Registration, Cultural Arts & Sales Room Entries**

1:00 – 1:50 **Paper Flower and Succulents Craft Workshop:**  
Create your own paper flowers and succulents to 'plant' into the provided pot.  
\$5.00, limited to 8 people

2:00 – 2:50 **Bullet Journal Workshop:** Design and decorate your own Bullet Journal. All materials provided. New or an old pro, you will learn exciting new ways to make your own Bullet Journal. \$10.00, limited to 15 people.

3:00 – 3:50 **Seasons Chalk Décor Workshop:** Chalk Couture is the latest in trend in DIY home décor. Each participant will create and decorate a sign to hang in their homes. Cost \$5.00 with upgrades available at workshop. Limited to 20 people.

**Special Evening Event: Past Officers and Others Dinner, 6:0, The Cattle Baron**  
All Invited, not just past and current officers. Dutch Treat.

**Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** Meetings will be held in the morning, followed by **Area Tours:**

**Matthews Dairy West Tour:** Carpool 15 miles to this working dairy farm. We will tour the milking barn, feed bunks, maternity pen, calf hutches and more. Closed shoes are required. Please plan for some light walking.

**Hampton Farms Tour:** Get a taste of NM with a tour of Hampton Farms from the history of how Hampton Farms came to be and an in-depth tour of processing, roasting and shipping of peanuts and peanut products.

**Welcome Event at Enchantment Vineyards:** 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a private tour of this gem in Portales. Includes history, viewing and tour of their vineyards and ending in their private upstairs room for a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres and go home with an Enchantment Vineyards stemless wineglass. \$20.00

**Meals:** Tuesday Lunch; Fajita Plate, Churros & Drink \$11.00

Wednesday Awards Luncheon, Cranberry Dijon Chicken with Sweet Potatoes \$20.00

**Registration** for EANM Members, \$20.00 & Guests \$25.00

**Mail Checks** to RCEA to Rosalie Patrick, 1501 S. Main, Portales, NM 88130

Special Meal Requests, call Lou Sikes, 575-760-8569

If Childcare needed, contact Meredith Eaton, 978-846-0193

**Hotel,** newly renovated Best Western Plus, 223 @. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 575-226-3996 \$98.00 per night, mention Extension Association of NM to get this rate. Complimentary hot breakfast included.

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*Happy Fall, everyone!!!*

# *Proposed By-Law Changes*

Proposed: Bylaw Amendments from the Policy and Procedures Revision Committee

The following Proposed By-Law Changes will be voted on at the State Meeting. Please read and discuss with your clubs so that your delegates are prepared to vote.

1. Add the Mission Statement Revised in March 2018 to the By-laws as Article III  
Justification: IRS 501c3 designation require by-laws which state mission and in order to maintain 501c3 designation all transactions must relate to the mission.

## Mission Statement

The Extension Association of New Mexico (EANM) was formed in 1941, as Extension Homemakers, in cooperation with the Extension Service at New Mexico State University. EANM is a statewide organization that extends adult education throughout New Mexico.

The mission of the Extension Association of New Mexico is to strengthen individuals, families and communities through:

- Education
- Leadership
- Service
- Action
- Fellowship

EANM is affiliated and works closely with the Cooperative Extension Service of New Mexico at New Mexico State University.

2. Article IV Section 1 Membership  
Add: Regarding Cooperative Extension Service Faculty participation at EANM meetings
  - A. Faculty of the Cooperative Extension Service who are paid EANM members are entitled to all privileges of membership.
  - B. Faculty of the Cooperative Extension Service who are not paid members of EANM may serve in an ex-officio capacity as advisors without the privilege to vote.Justification: This information was in the policy and procedures but not the by-laws all other information regarding membership is in the by-laws but not the Policy and Procedures, so the committee decided that all information about membership should be moved to the by-laws

## Article IV

### Section 1

Add following "...mailbox members." **Club members who are not EANM members cannot hold offices at the District or State levels.**

Or, it could be:

## Article V

### Section 2 E.

Add following "EANM."

Since Section 2 E states "All candidates must be members in good standing of EANM," it may be redundant to place it there. Maybe better under Membership for clarification. Whatever you think.

## *NOTE FROM THE STATE CULTURAL ARTS CHAIRMAN:*

District Cultural Arts Chairmen, due to unforeseen circumstances all e-mails sent to me during May are lost in space never to be found. Please send again to francesg@cnsf.net. Also please have a phone number where I may call you or text that I have received your report. Thanks so much.

Frances Garcia

## *NEWS FROM OUR COUNTIES:*



### *Quay County News & Pictures:*

Cultural Arts Day was held at the Conchas Baptist Church in April. Items for the district meeting were completed during the judging of the crafts.

On April 30th, Quay Extension clubs hosted the District 2 meeting at the fair barn in Tucumcari. The theme was "All aboard the EANM express" with the program being on the underground railroad quilts. Those attending enjoyed the history behind the quilts. The information given to attendees that day was in a hobo bag.

The Conchas Extension Club held their annual July 4th picnic for the community. Lots of folk attended and even one lady from Michigan I was told. We had brisket and all the trimmings with our local band playing for all while we ate. Club member Janice Guidry, her husband Mitch and friends provided the music. We all had a great time singing along and enjoying fellowship with folks from near and far.

On August 2nd, a retirement reception was held for our long time extension agent, Brenda Bishop. She served as our agent for 32 years providing our communities with much needed information and guidance to be able to manage family, home and daily affairs. She stated that we watched her fall in love, get married and raise two children. A lot has changed under her leadership and she will be missed.

We again held our county fair with many club members in charge of booths from canning to produce to heading up the Home Arts Sweepstakes Award competition. Terry White of Conchas Club has been in charge of this event for several years now and also has won it several times. Her assistant this year was Carol Berryhill of Conchas Club, who won the award last year. To compete, you have to have at least 12 items entered in the fair for judging in at least 3 departments. The winner is responsible to procure the donated prizes awarded to the following years winner. Our local businesses support our fair in this way as well as in many other ways.

Wishing all a safe and happy Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. And lately the temps have been over or around 100 degrees here.

Carol Berryhill, reporter

## San Miguel County News & Pictures:



This year our club is all about recycling and we've organized a Recycle Arts & Crafts Fair for August. With that, we are creating crafts to sell at our fair. A couple of our meetings we made refrigerator magnet clips out of children's hangers and made earrings out of buttons from clothes being thrown away. Many of us are creating things on our own time using t-shirts, jeans and men's shirts.

Our Recycled Arts & Crafts fair was a success! We had many people come through and were amazed at what was created by everyone there. It was such an eye-opener for many of them on how to use things differently instead of putting in our landfill. Many people thanked us for doing the fair and spreading the word about reducing & repurposing! We had more than 250 people come through and many were excited about next year's fair.

With the EANM State Presidents' theme and challenge, we had our City Waste Management Manager in to share the statistics of how much we actually throw in the landfill each year, its cost to our city to handle it all, operate the landfill and what the plan is when that landfill will be full. Astounding facts and information!

We also opened up our May Bee's meeting to the public, it was about learning self-protection techniques from a "woman" who's a black belt in Karate. She showed each one of us, even if you have limited movement how to protect yourself. *She brought to us a woman's perspective which is different than what we've seen before from men.*

We participated in our hospitals health fair with a table to demonstrate the balance program to anyone attending.

## Bernalillo County News & Pictures:



Bernalillo County enjoys judging the 4H Contests and seeing the children as they improve each year. This year we judged in all contests including sewing, speech and presentations and cooking.



We enjoy serving lunch to workers at the Habitat for Humanity each year. They are trying to get us to feed them lunch every week..... Other civic projects include food for the homeless and sewing sheets for CLN, who serve the children of homeless as they try to get their lives back on track.



Annual Couple's party with husbands or guests – Bingo, White Elephant & Pot Luck lunch!



Annual Stamp Camp – creating paper projects and having fun!

IF YOUR COUNTY IS NOT REPRESENTED HERE, REMEMBER TO SUBMIT ARTICLES AND PICTURES FOR OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER! WE WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU ARE DOING!