



ALBUQUERQUE WILDLIFE FEDERATION

# AWF Newsletter

## DECEMBER 2008

Founded by Aldo Leopold in 1914 to protect and perpetuate our wildlife and natural resources

## AWF ANNUAL MEETING AND END-OF-THE-YEAR CELEBRATION THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 — 6:30 PM MANZANO MESA CENTER, 501 ELIZABETH SE

*You are invited to AWF's Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner*

**IT'S TIME FOR A LITTLE BUSINESS, GOOD FOOD, AND FUN!** Join us at AWF's Annual Meeting for the election of Board of Directors and Officers for 2009, as well as our traditional potluck dinner in celebration of another good year. Please bring along something to share with members and friends: appetizer, main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert. There will likely be some interesting game dishes courtesy of the many sportsmen in the group...but vegetarian options will also be on the table. AWF will provide plates, flatware, cups, coffee, tea, and cold drinks.

**DINNER:** PLAN ON ARRIVING AROUND 6:30 PM, to add your dish to the table. DINNER IS SCHEDULED FOR 7:00. Elections will be held after dinner, followed by a chance to mingle with old and new friends.

RSVP is not essential, but it is helpful. If you'd like to let us know you will attend, please contact Glenda Muirhead (281-2925 or [g.muirhead@usfamily.net](mailto:g.muirhead@usfamily.net)).

**ELECTION:** Candidates for election are listed at right. Nominations from the floor are welcomed and encouraged...and you can nominate yourself. Consider joining the Board and playing an active role in your club.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Payable at the meeting; due by February 11, 2009 (*application form on Page 4*).

*Hope to see you there!*

**Jim Hubert's  
NOTABLE QUOTE  
of the month**

**"A peculiar charm in the chase...comes  
from the wild beauty of the country."**

—Theodore Roosevelt's *PRINCIPLES OF THE HUNT*  
(about 1910)

### ELECTION SLATE

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Glenda Muirhead
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Barbara Coulter
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Patricia Hester
<b>TREASURER</b>	Dennis Muirhead

**DIRECTORS**  
Stephen Bohannon  
Larry Dwyer  
Greg McReynolds  
Kurt Nolte  
Linda Patterson  
Michael Scialdone  
Luke Shelby  
Bill Zeedyk

Nominations are accepted from the floor,  
and you can nominate yourself.  
**Only AWF members may vote.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Concluding my fourth and final year as President of the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation, I am more convinced than ever that public service is important for people to develop their sense of ownership and responsibility. In our case, service is to protect and enhance wildlife and its habitat, not for just hunting but for all who are dependent on the components of habitat—vegetation, soil, air and water. These habitat components are obviously important to sustaining human life and its quality. But the web of life is complicated, so we must look at other species as more than indicators like the canary in the coal mine. As we are inextricably connected to that web, we must foster stewardship and land ethic which insure a healthy environment for all species.

When I first started as President, our organization was struggling, but now we have moved forward and are in a better situation to continue. To allow for success, we have had to appeal to a wider audience than our traditional sportsmen. We honor the hunting and fishing traditions of the organization, but to accomplish our mission we need the support of all people who enjoy the outdoors. The outdoors provides us a classroom where we can learn, work and grow together—not in spite of our differing views but because of them.

Our membership has increased from 53 to 73, while our contact list includes over 300. Our financial situation has improved significantly (*see Treasurer's Report below*). We have increased the number of projects from four in 2005 to nine in 2008. The number of people participating in the projects has steadily grown. We have not done a good job of tracking numbers of participants, but we had 36 at the Valles Caldera in August, and 20 despite the 25° weather this October at the Cebolla Canyon project.

We have increased our service to project participants by providing Saturday evening barbecue/potluck at all weekend projects—previously we cooked out only at the Valle

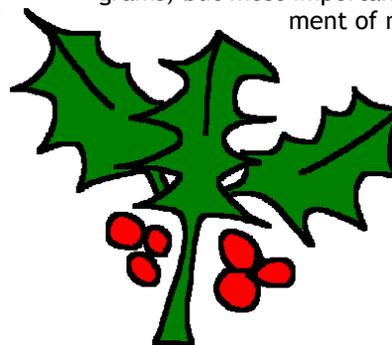
Vidal—and we are hoping to add Saturday morning breakfast to all projects. (Last year breakfast was provided by New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, but they are scaling back and will support two projects in '09.) We are excited about the 2009 project schedule which will have as its highlight a September event at Stewart Meadows in the Tres Piedras Ranger District. This project is part of the **Aldo Leopold Centennial Celebration** (*see Page 3*).

Attendance at our monthly programs is steady at 15 to 20; thanks very much to the group of regulars. Increasing attendance at the programs is a goal that will require additional work, but we plan to continue each month. If you have any suggestions on improving attendance or programs, speak to any of the Board members.

Speaking of the Board, the success we have made during the last four years is in great part because of the Board. I cannot thank our Board Members enough for their contributions. They know well how difficult it is to work, have family and contribute to AWF. The slate of Officers and Board members is provided on Page 1. I am pleased that Glenda Muirhead is willing to serve as AWF President. During my tenure as President, Glenda has become increasingly involved, taking more and more responsibility. I feel very comfortable that she will provide leadership that will allow our organization to continue to grow and flourish.

Please come to the annual meeting, cast your vote of support for the new Board and Officers, enjoy the meal and camaraderie, and reaffirm your support to AWF for 2009. Finally, I sincerely thank each of you for being part of AWF. As next year will provide many challenges, we will need your support again for projects and programs, but most importantly in helping in the recruitment of new members.

— Gene Tatum



*Welcome!*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### START OF FISCAL YEAR 2005

Cash on Hand	\$647.25
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#### FISCAL YEAR 2008 (as of December 2, 2008)

Cash on Hand	\$1,897.60
Richard W. Becker Memorial Fund CD	2,669.46
AWF General Funds CD	<u>2,155.46</u>
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$6,722.52

### NEW MEMBERS

**Howard & Misako Bradley**  
**Marilynn Szydowski**

## THE ALDO LEOPOLD CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 2009



[www.leopoldcelebration.org](http://www.leopoldcelebration.org)

### HONORS LEOPOLD'S LEGACY IN NEW MEXICO

by promoting Leopold's vision that an ethical relationship with the land is essential to a vibrant and healthy community. The theme of this yearlong celebration is the relevance of *Leopold's Land Ethic* to how we address today's pressing environmental issues and make policy decisions about our future. *Our goal is to engage the citizens of our community in the meaningful commitment to promise our children the inheritance of a beautiful and healthy physical environment.*

#### Opening Event: February 13-14, 2009

##### Aldo Leopold, the Southwest, and the Evolution of a Land Ethic for the Future: A Cultural Conversation

*"Nothing so important as an ethic is ever 'written'...it evolves in the minds of a thinking community." —Aldo Leopold*

National Hispanic Cultural Center  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

This colloquium, conceived as the opening event in the 2009 centennial celebration of Aldo Leopold's arrival in the Southwest, is intended to foster creative discussion in a multicultural context about the history and prospects for vibrant and healthy communities in the Southwest and globally, grounded in environmental sustainability and a land ethic. It will include discussion of the Southwestern roots of Aldo Leopold's land ethic, the roots of an environmental ethic in Hispanic and Native American traditions in the Southwest, and the connections among them historically and prospectively, locally and globally. The colloquium is open to the public, with invited scholars, community leaders, and participants from a wide range of cultural backgrounds.

More information: The Aldo Leopold Foundation at [www.aldoleopold.org](http://www.aldoleopold.org)

Aldo Leopold founded AWF, so this recognition of his contributions to our city, our state, and our way of looking at the world is especially meaningful for us. We are part of the committee for the Celebration and hope you will support this year-long effort.

### ADDITIONAL NEW MEXICO EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2009...more to come

#### April 10-11, 2009

UNM School of Architecture and Planning  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Making Conservation Profitable  
Aldo Leopold: ABQ's First Environmental Planner

#### September 17-20, 2009

Aldo Leopold's Wilderness  
Silver City, New Mexico  
Fifth Annual Gila River Festival: A source of inspiration

#### September 18-20, 2009

Albuquerque Wildlife Federation  
Tres Piedras Ranger District, Carson National Forest  
Aldo Leopold Habitat Restoration Project

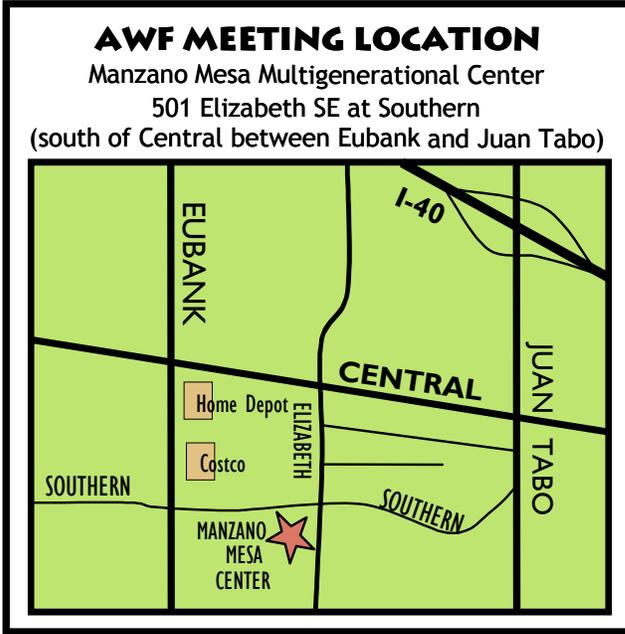
#### November 4-6, 2009

Albuquerque, New Mexico  
"Living Leopold: the land ethic and new agrarianism"  
The Quivira Coalition's 8th Annual Conference

#### Throughout the Centennial Celebration

Selected Points in Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Contemporary Art Society of New Mexico (CAS) and the Land Art Committee (LARC) will sponsor guided and narrated tours to environmental art sites within and adjacent to Rio Grande Valley State Park



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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

ALBUQUERQUE WILDLIFE FEDERATION, PO BOX 1234, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87103

An affiliate of New Mexico Wildlife Federation

Please choose between **AWF MEMBERSHIP ONLY** or **AWF + NMWF MEMBERSHIP**. **AWF MEMBERSHIP ONLY** does **not** include membership in NMWF. **AWF + NMWF MEMBERSHIP** includes **one** voting membership in NMWF. For Family Membership, if a second person\* desires NMWF voting rights, an additional \$10 payment is required.

➔ **PLEASE ✓ ONE :**  **AWF MEMBERSHIP ONLY**     **AWF + NMWF MEMBERSHIP** ↴

Designate NMWF member(s\*) \_\_\_\_\_

name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

city, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Gift membership from: \_\_\_\_\_

✓ **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

- Student [under 18].....\$10 ← [AWF Membership Only]
- Individual.....\$25
- Family .....\$35
- Sustaining..... \$50-\$99
- Patron.....\$100
- Lifetime.....\$500 ← [One-time Payment]

Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Second NMWF Member \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_