

AWF Newsletter

December 2013



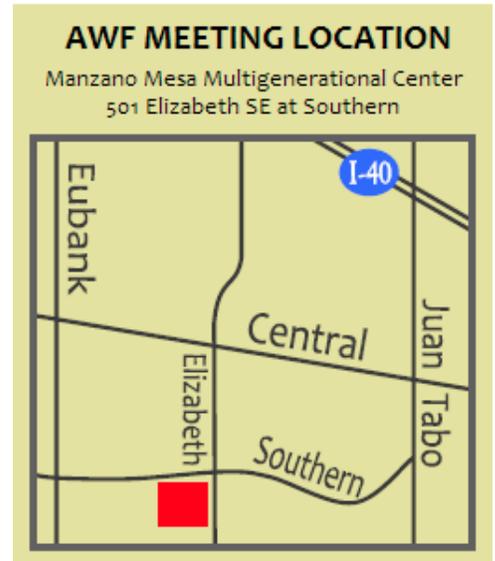
JOIN US FOR AWF'S END OF YEAR POTLUCK!

**Thursday, December 12, 2013
7:00 pm**

Manzano Mesa Center

Come celebrate the holidays and the end of another successful year at AWF!

Our end of year potluck always features exciting dishes from AWF's hunters, along with vegetarian fare and delicious desserts. Please bring a dish to share (at least enough for four servings) and come join the celebration!



INTERESTED IN SERVING ON AWF'S BOARD?

Along with the potluck, we'll be holding our annual all-member meeting and electing AWF's 2014 board. Nominations of board members at the meeting are always welcome, so consider nominating yourself!

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LOOKING FORWARD TO AWF'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

This coming year promises to be a momentous one for the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation, as it marks a full century since our organization was founded by Aldo Leopold.



AWF's board is beginning to plan some exciting events to honor this big anniversary, and we invite you to join us! If you have any old photographs, newsletters, or just stories about AWF in years past, please send them to Kristina at abqwildlifefederation@gmail.com or to Scial at rioscial@gmail.com. We also encourage you to contact Scial at if you are interested in helping plan or organize any events for the 100th anniversary.

AWF's Board

OFFICERS

President – Michael Scialdone
Vice President – Kristina Gray Fisher
Treasurer – Laurie Marnell
Secretary – Toby Rosenblatt

DIRECTORS

Stephen Bohannon
Larry Dwyer
Dennis Muirhead
Kurt Nolte
Luke Shelby
Bob Tilley
Bill Zeedyk

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS OF INTEREST

Place Names of New Mexico

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013, 2:00 p.m.
CERRILLOS HILLS STATE PARK, Cerrillos, NM

Co-sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council and the Department of Cultural Affairs, guest presenter Bob Julyan explores the multicultural and surprising origins of place names in our state. Made possible by the generous support of the Amigos de Cerrillos Hills State Park. Meet at the park Visitor Center, 37 Main St., Cerrillos. Donations accepted.

More information: <http://www.cerrilloshills.org/events/place-names-of-new-mexico>

Christmas Bird Count

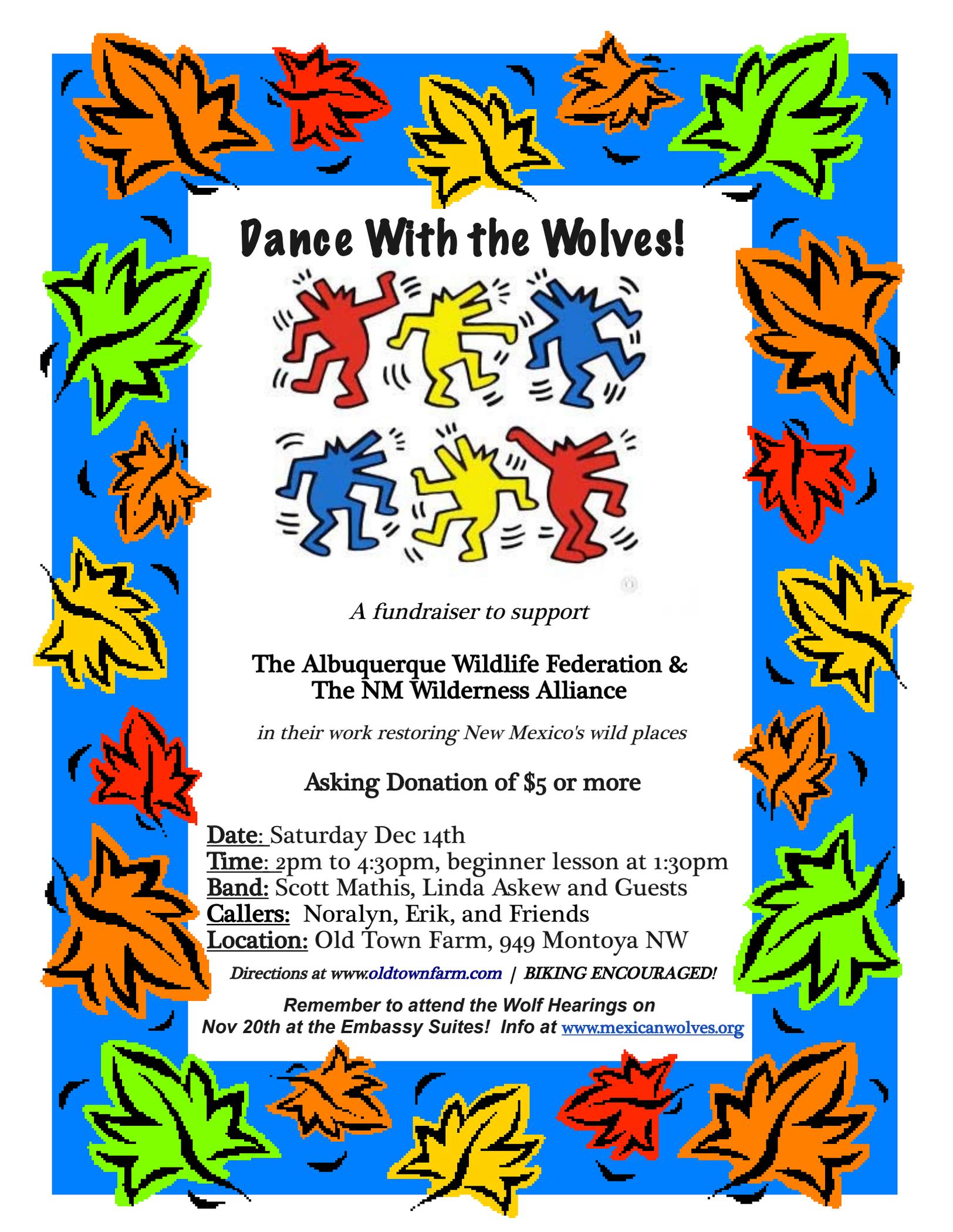
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013-SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014
Across New Mexico

This winter, at more than 30 locations in New Mexico, groups of bird-watchers will be counting every bird they see or hear as part of the Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Participants will be a part of more than 63,000 counters at over 2,000 locations stretching from the Arctic Circle to the tip of South America. Since 1900, the Christmas Bird Count (CBC) has provided scientists with critical data about bird populations in the Americas. Even beginning birders can join the CBC, as each counting group is led by one or more experts capable of identifying, by sight and sound, the birds in their area.

More information: <http://nm.audubon.org/nm-christmas-bird-count>



**Have an event or volunteer opportunity you'd like to see listed here?
Please send it in for next month!**



Dance With the Wolves!



A fundraiser to support

**The Albuquerque Wildlife Federation &
The NM Wilderness Alliance**

in their work restoring New Mexico's wild places

Asking Donation of \$5 or more

Date: Saturday Dec 14th

Time: 2pm to 4:30pm, beginner lesson at 1:30pm

Band: Scott Mathis, Linda Askew and Guests

Callers: Noralyn, Erik, and Friends

Location: Old Town Farm, 949 Montoya NW

Directions at www.oldtownfarm.com / BIKING ENCOURAGED!

*Remember to attend the Wolf Hearings on
Nov 20th at the Embassy Suites! Info at www.mexicanwolves.org*

Students: Participate in the 2014 Aldo Leopold Writing Contest!

Supported by The Albert J. & Mary Jane Black Institute for Environmental Studies at Bosque School.

DEADLINE: all entries must be postmarked by January 10, 2014.

ELIGIBILITY: all students enrolled in grades 6-12 in public, private, and home schools in the state of New Mexico. (Bosque School students are ineligible to apply due to the school's sponsorship of the contest.) Students must submit original work and have a sponsoring teacher sign the contest entry form. One entry per person.

Please respond to the following: Describe what “wilderness” means to you and your community.

Entries may be typed or handwritten. The entry must not identify the author, sponsor, or school, so the judging can be anonymous.

FORMAT AND AWARDS The length of the essay varies by category as follows:

Grades 6-7: no longer than 300 words \$500 First Place

Grades 8-9: no longer than 400 words \$500 First Place

Grades 10-12: no longer than 500 words \$500 First Place

Honorable Mention(s) \$500 to be awarded at judges' discretion

Bonus Prize A wilderness library will be given to the school with the best overall entry

A total of \$2,000 will be awarded. In addition, the first place essay in each category will be honored at the *Crawford Symposium: Green Trails for the Next Generation Conference* at Bosque School in Albuquerque on February 25, 2014 and at the *Wilderness 50 Festival – Get Wild to Celebrate Our Public Lands* on October 18, 2014.

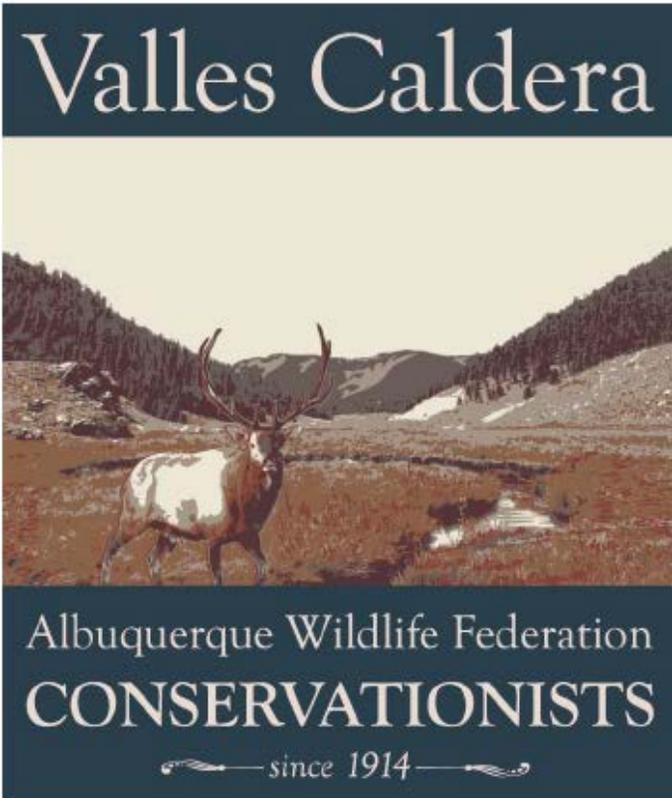
For more information and an entry form, contact Rebecca Belletto, BEMP Stewardship Coordinator, 505.898.6388 or rebecca.belletto@bosqueschool.org



JOIN AWF!

Become a part of this unique all-volunteer organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of New Mexico's wildlife and habitat!

If you enjoy attending AWF's monthly meetings or weekend service projects, we hope you'll help us make them possible by becoming a member! And if you're already a member, please consider buying an AWF-exclusive Valles Caldera T-shirt for yourself or as a gift for a friend or family member.



AWF's Valles Caldera T-shirt was designed by Stephen Bohannon, the graphic artist and AWF board member who designed our popular Valle Vidal shirt a few years ago. It is printed on an organic cotton shirt and available in sizes S, M, L, & XL.

Price: \$25 Shipping: \$5

To order, mail in the form below or email your order to: abqwildlifefederation@gmail.com



AWF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Yes, I'd like to join AWF! This is a gift membership from: _____

name(s): _____

address: _____

city, state, zip: _____

phone: _____ email: _____

- Student (under 18) _____ \$10
- Individual _____ \$25
- Family _____ \$35
- Sustaining _____ \$50-99
- Patron _____ \$100
- Lifetime _____ \$500 (one-time payment)

Dues: \$ _____

Extra Contribution: \$ _____

T-shirt & Shipping: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____