

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010

### NEW MEXICO WOMEN AUTHORS' BOOK FESTIVAL

*Santa Fe, N.M.* —The third annual New Mexico Women Authors' Book Festival (NMWABF) benefiting the Museum of New Mexico Foundation opens Friday, October 1 and runs through Sunday, October 3, 2010, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the New Mexico History Museum. The festival celebrates the joy of reading and the creative power of New Mexico's women writers. The program expands this year with best-selling author Anne Lamott kicking off the festival with a ticketed event Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the historic Lensic Theatre in downtown Santa Fe.



More than 110 talented New Mexican female authors who have been juried into the festival will discuss their current work and craft in 30-minute segments Saturday and Sunday in six different venues throughout the New Mexico History Museum (NMHM) campus. Authors will be grouped by Fiction, History/Biography, Poetry, Food/Cooking, Creative Arts, Spirit/Health, Children and Special Topics. They will be presented in three tents in the Palace Courtyard, the auditorium, the Meem Community Room and the Learning Center.

“New Mexico has a long history as a literary mecca,” says John Stafford, founder of the festival and director of retail operations, Museum of New Mexico Foundation. “We built the festival with the hopes that we can offer something to everyone in terms of world-class lectures, talks, book signings and events for both the general public and authors. Friday, October 1, is an educational day for authors with seminars throughout the day on a variety of subjects. These events will be programmed and supported by the NMWABF Authors' Committee.

“We launched New Mexico Creates in 2002 with 319 artists in the program, and now work with more than 1,200 New Mexico artists,” says Stafford. “Over the last five years the MNMF Shops have purchased over \$5,500,000 of works directly from these authors, artists and artisans, helping build their livelihoods as well as contributing to the economy of New Mexico. Please join us for an enlightening literary week and support the Museum of New Mexico.”

The New Mexico Women Authors' Book Festival is organized and produced by the Museum of New Mexico Foundation Shops, part of the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, through the MNMF Shops initiative “New Mexico Creates.” The mission of New Mexico Creates is to promote and strengthen creative entrepreneurs while offering visitors and New Mexico citizens the best of New Mexico and supporting the units of the Museum of New Mexico.

Book sales and authors' book signings will take place in the lobby of New Mexico History Museum. Music, food and special presentations include the Palace Print Shop, Santa Fe's Book Arts Group and the Fray Angelico Library, creating a fun and educational event expected to draw over 3,000 people. Entertainment includes music by Indigie Femme, Shunnae Love, Richard & Edna Martin, Brooks & Bianco and Muddy River String Band. The festival is generously supported by the Marineau Family Foundation and more than 60 volunteers who devote many hours of their time to make the event a success.

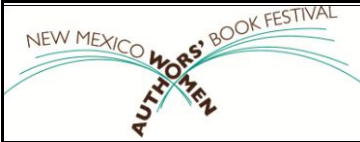
WHAT: New Mexico Women Authors' Book Festival

WHERE: New Mexico History Museum, 113 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM, 87501

WHEN: Friday, October 1, Author Workshops. Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3, Free and open to the public.

COST: \$25, Friday. Free, Saturday and Sunday.

INFO: Visit [www.newmexicocreates.org](http://www.newmexicocreates.org) or call 877-567-7380.



Saturday, October 2, 2010

	Poetry-Meem	Spirit and Health - Tent 1	History & Biography-Tent 2	Fiction -Tent 3	Children's-Learning Ctr	Special Topics-NMHH Auditorium
11:00AM		Michelle Rozbitsky	Nancy Benson		Marcy Heller	
11:10AM	Catherine Strisik			Irene Blea		Valerie Nye/Kathy Barco - The Joy of Co-Authoring
11:35AM		Ruth Drayer	Kathryn Flynn		Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw	
11:45AM	Anne Valley-Fox			Hana Samek Norton		Susan Topp Weber - Christmas on the Pueblos
12:10PM		Jillian Brasch	Barbe Awalt		Carla Aragon	
12:20PM	Valerie Martinez					Trish Porter - U.S. Olympian on Rekindle Your Dream - Energize Your Life
12:45PM		Phaedra Greenwood	Lois Rudnick	Pati Nagle	Necy Twinem	
12:55PM	Sallie Bingham			Martha Egan		Maragaret Moore Booker - Mud, Murals, and Mansions: Women and New Mexico Architecture
1:20PM		Sally K. Severino/ Nancy Morrison MD	Sally Denton		Sue Houser/Jill Lane	

1:30PM	Joan Logghe			Judith Ryan Hendricks		Renee Gregorio - Writing from the Belly - Experiments in the Poetry Dojo
1:55PM			Shelby Tisdale		Jennifer Cervantes	
2:05PM	Michelle Holland			Jo-Ann Mapson		Hope Kiah - Dead on the Web
2:30PM		Meta Chaya Hirschl	Virginia Scharff		Barbara Mayfield	
2:40PM	Elizabeth Raby			Melody Groves		Lucy Rosen - Fast Track Networking
3:05PM			Carolyn Meyer		Valerie Storey	
3:15PM	Susan Gardner			Jonna-Lynn Mandlebaum		Jan Zimmerman - Marketing Your Writing and Art Online
3:40PM		Marianne Powers	Lesley Poling- Kempes		Judith Newton/ Sue Blackburn	
3:50PM	Veronica Golos			Lucretia Tippit		

	<b>Sunday, October 3, 2010</b>
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11:10AM	<b>Poetry-Meem</b>	<b>Spirit and Health Tent 1</b>	<b>History &amp; Biography-Tent 2</b>	<b>Fiction -Tent 3</b>	<b>Creative Arts - Learning Center</b>	<b>Special Topics- NMHM Auditorium</b>
11:35AM		Elaine Pinkerton	Karen Kershen		Victoria Rabinowe	
11:45AM	Carol Moldaw			Summer Wood		
12:10PM		Marcia Starck	Patricia Fogelman Lange		Nancy King	

12:20PM	Marilyn Stablien			Hadley Finch		Lisa Lenard Cook/ Lynn C. Miller - ABQ Writers Co-op Presents!
12:45PM		Judith McLaughlin	Melissa Powell / C Jill Grady		Karen McKinnon	
12:55PM	Barbara Rockman			Pamela Christie		Barbara Beasley Murphy - Fridas' Kitchen
1:20PM		Pat Shapiro	Inez Ross		Carol Olmstead	
1:30PM	Helene Silverblatt / Dora Calott Wang			Jane Lindskold		
1:55PM		Mirabai Starr	Martha Shipman Andrews		Sherri Silverman	
2:05PM	Patricia Lee Sharpe			Meg Mullins		Christine Barber - Why is Santa Fe So Scary
2:30PM		Christina Florence	Annie Lux		Marcia Keegan	
2:40PM	Linda Whittenberg			Pari Noskin Taichert		Anne Hillerman - On the Road with Chee and Leaphorn - the Story of Tony Hillerman's Landscape
3:05PM		Clayton Coburn	Phyllis S. Morgan		Dilys Evans	
3:15PM	Zelda Leah Gatuskin			Mary E. Neighbour		Deborah Madison - Finding Great Fruit to Serve as the Last Course of the Meal
3:40PM		Natalie Reid	Nancy Bartlit		Nicolasa M Chavez	

3:50PM	Lori Romero			Judith Van Geison		Lois Ellen Frank - Seeds of Health: The Hungar for Ancestral Foods
4:15PM		Jean Eva	Jacqueline Dunnington		Charleen Touchette	
5:00PM	Elizabeth Fackler			Dodici Azpadu		Sharon Louise Crayton - Traveling the Kitchens of the World and Learning Mindfulness Along the Way

**New Mexico Women Authors' Book Festival Schedule**  
**Friday, October 1, 2010**  
**Educational Presentations for Authors**

11 a.m.	Pari Noskin Taichert	Publishing options for already published writers
12 p.m.	Martha Egan	Writing for the Multicultural Audience
1 p.m.	Barbe Awalt and Sabra Brown Steinsiek	NM Centennial For Writers- Resources, Opportunities
2 p.m.	Susan Gardner	Multilingual experiences, writing, reading and living a multilingual life; Poetry in the Here and Now; the influence of Buddhist philosophy on perceptions of reality
3 p.m.	Lisa Lenard Cook & Lynn C. Miller	Knock 'Em Dead at the Mike (Performance Pointers for Writers)
4 p.m.	Valerie Martinez	The Necessity of Poetry, Today and Everyday
5 p.m.	Sallie Bingham	"Teaching Poetry to Students Who Hate Poetry"
6 p.m.	Elizabeth Raby	A workshop offering techniques for writing poetry that apply equally to adults and children

**Meem Room:**

11 a.m.	Penny Rudolph	How to write a super query letter and/or how to break all the rules and land an agent and publisher
12 p.m.	Nancy King	How stories have saved and shaped lives; how they help us explain and make sense of events in lives
1 p.m.	Victoria Rabinowe	Stories of the Night: Creative explorations into the symbols and metaphors of the Night Mind
2 p.m.	Pamela Christie	"Wives, Wantons and Witches? More than the above! A discussion on creating full-character women in historical fiction, particularly given the limited information available in texts."
3 p.m.	Jennifer Cervantes	Childrens' Stories that Cross Borders
4 p.m.	Mary E. Neighbour	What I learned from an Illiterate Man
5 p.m.	Virginia Scharff	How seeing women in history makes history look different
6 p.m.	Lisa Lenard-Cook	Fictional Seeds

## LAMOTT KICKS OFF NM WOMEN AUTHORS' BOOK FESTIVAL

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Lamott, often referred to as the "people's author," is an uncommon writer who traverses the worlds of spirituality and religion without alienating those uncomfortable with either, and she does so with humor, intelligence and grace. A political activist, progressive and author of several novels and works of non-fiction, Lamott's writings cover such subjects as alcoholism, single motherhood and Christianity.



Lamott has explained: "I try to write the books I would love to come upon - that are honest, concerned with real lives, human hearts, spiritual transformation, families, secrets, wonder, craziness — and that can make me laugh. When I'm reading a book like this, I feel rich and profoundly relieved to be in the presence of someone who will share the truth with me and throw the lights on a little, and I try to write these kinds of books. Books, for me, are medicine."

"Imperfect Birds," is a sequel to "Crooked Little Heart" and "Rosie." The book opens during the complicated moment in a family's life when a child is hovering between adolescence and adulthood. "Life with most teenagers," Lamott notes, "was like having a low-grade bladder infection. It hurt, but you had to tough it out."

"We are very pleased to be able to kick-off the New Mexico Women Authors' Festival with Anne Lamott," says John Stafford, founder of the festival and director of retail operations, Museum of New Mexico Foundation. "She'll be speaking about 'Imperfect Birds,' which is a thoughtful novel about a family crisis, and in typical Lamott fashion, doesn't ignore the pain or exalt in despair. Lecture-goers will enjoy Lamott's ability to capture the conflicted feelings of many parents and difficult issues, often with comedic hyperbole. I encourage people to join us for this interesting lecture that benefits the Museum of New Mexico Foundation."

Lamott was born in San Francisco, and is a graduate of Drew School. Her father, Kenneth Lamott, was also a writer. His death was the focus of her first published novel "Hard Laughter." She has one son, Sam, who was born in 1989 and a grandson, Jax.

**WHAT:** Anne Lamott kicks off the New Mexico Women Authors' Festival with a one-hour talk about her newest book, "Imperfect Birds."

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Lensic Theater, 211 West San Francisco Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501

**TICKETS:** \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, (505) 988-1234 or online at [www.ticketssantafe.org](http://www.ticketssantafe.org)  
<http://www.newmexicocreates.org>

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