

Research/Writers/Artist Meeting – Recap

6/24/25 beginning at 5:01 p.m. via Zoom

Attendees: Marjorie, Tracy, Diane, Dianne V., Carol Durak, budbranch, Jami Donley, history, Terry Surguine, Marianne Furedi, Ellen B., Jan Smith, and Caroline Dechert

Discussions:

Resources on line for this group:

My Turns: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1g2A13JUSA_kQQReTO_d9Zb_lx-EtzkU1sac63c2ihoE/edit?usp=sharing

Slogans:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vpGKA4C8l3awCLFnxw1z22lOhhOdIqDa/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=113150737428288546585&rtpof=true&sd=true>

There is editing help available if you need it. Social media is another possibility if the Taos News does not publish. Should we have a Substack? Let Diane know if that's something that appeals to you. Diane could certainly set it up, but we'd need a caretaker.

NO KINGS protest was a success in Taos and nationwide with perhaps it being the biggest protest ever in our country. Locally one incident or maybe two (still being checked) involving a car. Announced protests:

- 1) **July 4th** 12-1 - Civic Center Dr. and Paseo Del Norte -
- 2) **July 17th** – place to be discussed. (Anniversary of John Lewis' death).
- 3) Pop-ups EVERYDAY 9-10am on the corner at World Cup:
Pick a morning that you'll be there regularly and keep our stalwarts from burning out? Not required, but you can sign-up here:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10KKeEzgZV3KFcYzKuJnH DU2R86xxx3AoxCEiCKOpgJo/edit?usp=sharing>

As part of our support for Gabe Vasquez in our southern congressional district, we have committed to do 900 postcards. [BlueCD2](#) is an awesome PAC that helped to re-elect Gabe for the 2nd time in a tight district. Carol and Dianne volunteering to assist Diane with distributions. **(THANK YOU!)** An email going out to recruit volunteers for packets of 25 (a couple of hours work, max) Each volunteer expected to provide postage for their cards, but help is available if

this is a problem). Instructions are attached, with an interesting assessment of the impact that these postcards had in 2024.

EVENTS and PROJECTS:

-Tiny Signs were discussed using popsicle sticks with messages to place in strategic places. Zines are small booklets folded from a single sheet of paper that can address any topic. Some ideas are cartoons, quotations, facts and figures, etc. (DO be mindful of copyright and give artists credit for their work.) <https://sarahbush.substack.com/>

-The new Blue Bus building will have a ribbon cutting on June 28 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. and it might a good opportunity for us.

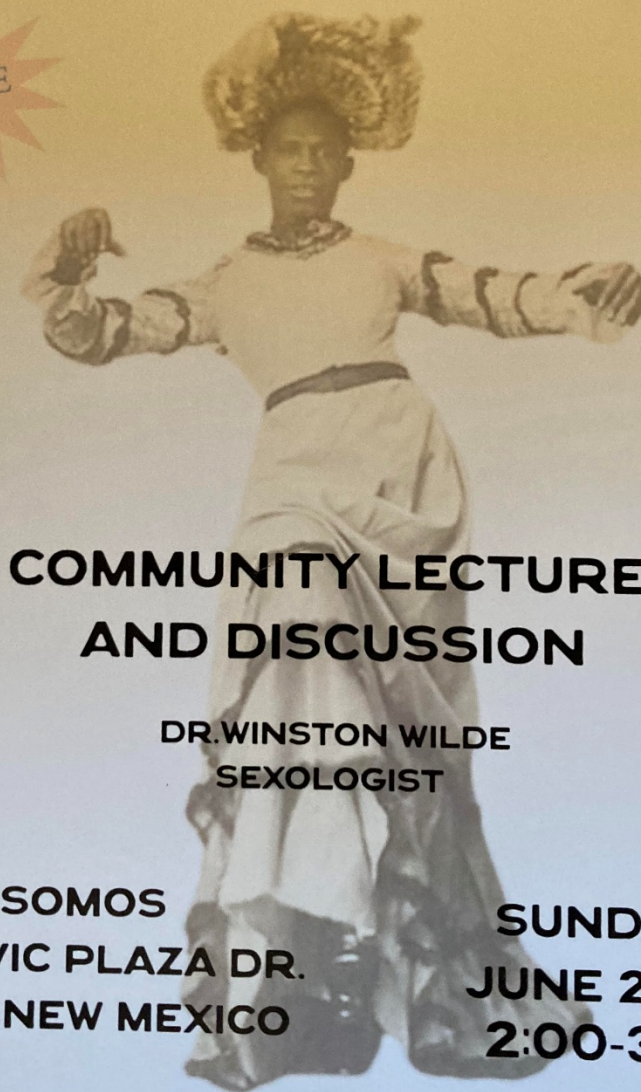
-Transgender Identities & Health forum at SOMOS on June 29 from 2-3:30 p.m.

(Special plea: Winston has had his posters pulled down all over town, and the Taos News has

refused to include this event. I can assure you – you will learn something. Please attend!)

TRANSGENDER IDENTITIES AND HEALTH

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COMMUNITY LECTURE AND DISCUSSION

**DR. WINSTON WILDE
SEXOLOGIST**

**SOMOS
108 CIVIC PLAZA DR.
TAOS, NEW MEXICO**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 29TH
2:00-3:30**

Diane is looking for data concerning effects of budget cuts directly affecting New Mexicans and Ellen will research some about it; Marjorie mentioned that 15 rural hospitals in New Mexico may have to close due to Medicaid cuts alone and that \$3 billion will be lost for CD3 alone (house version and senate version is worse); Diane will attempt to get a list of cuts from our congressional delegation.

Wise Fools group in Penasco does the big Puppets and there will be a workshop there soon which would be a great group activity; she is planning a "Weeping Statue of Liberty" puppet which would require maybe 3-4 people to handle; will have to determine how to maneuver within our protest space; Caroline will have a smaller, one person, puppet ready for the July 4th protest.

Questions/Other Issues:

Maybe a march in Taos - police chief has been contacted but no response yet.

Maybe have some sit ins, die ins, teach ins.

Discussions around Public Land sales and the major blowbacks. UPDATE: Looks like the Public Land sales, at least, have been removed from the Senate Bill.

Spreading the word by maybe having yard signs, flyers on bulletin boards, using social media.

Marjorie mentioned she is on a Signal group for any ICE sightings in Taos as some questioned the need.

Maybe the need to tell individual stories of arrests/kidnappings by ICE and "[Disappeared in America](#)" was mentioned. (This site is SO Powerful. I would like to do a photo show/exhibit if there's enthusiasm for it.)

Discussion around the Democrats who voted for or to table the trump Impeachment Article.

Meeting ended at approximately 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: July 8th 5 PM

Thanks everyone, and especially to **Tracy** for alleviating Diane's pain in doing this recap. So much going on, but we have the creativity to match it!

Carry on. Be Safe.