FOCUS ON FACES: Carla Curry

Q: What do celebrities such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Dennis Quaid, Steve Martin, Jackie Chan, Tim McGraw, Robert Duvall, and Jeff Bridges have in common?

A: Carla Curry, a professional movie set decorator (and graduate of NMJC)

With a list of motion pictures to her credit that would impress any film aficionado, Carla Curry has worked as a movie set decorator for almost 25 years.

According to her mother, Betty Curry (one of NMJC’s most beloved icons, who has overseen the Testing Center for a number of years), Carla’s natural creativity was always in evidence but began to shift into overdrive during high school, where she designed ads for a dress shop and menu covers for a local restaurant. “I knew she had artistic talent,” said her mother, “but I didn’t know which road it would take. When I found out she would be designing sets, I was happy for her because I knew she was going to be able to use her creativity.” (When asked where she learned to decorate, however, Carla inevitably tells people, “My mother’s living room! It’s true, when I look at the way I arrange furniture and pictures on the wall, it’s definitely got her signature written all over it!”)

Carla’s profession as a movie set decorator actually came about by chance rather than by design. After earning her associate degree at NMJC, Carla moved to Tucson, where she eventually became art director at a catalog company. In 1987, during the time when Tucson was a favorite place for movie studios to shoot Westerns, she was contacted by the local film industry with seven words that set in motion a major life and career change: “We hear you can do art displays.” Thanks to that fortuitous call, coupled with her outstanding art background, Carla’s career as a freelance set decorator had officially begun.

In designing and decorating sets, Carla begins by researching the film’s script, background, or period thoroughly before making plans for individual scenes. “I close my eyes and imagine what it would look like and what would be in it,” she said. “Then I start listing the things I see in each set.” Because each movie may easily have as many as 60 to 70 sets, Carla’s search for just the right set dressings can be extremely difficult and time-consuming. When it finally comes together, however, Carla admits there’s a feeling of genuine accomplishment. “It’s very rewarding to take an empty room or a room that has a completely different purpose and turn it into something that is in a script.” One case in point was the 2001 blockbuster Friday Night Lights, about Permian High School’s 1988 Texas state football championship run. To capture that very specific point in time, Carla pored over old yearbooks and newspapers for ideas.

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Lady T-Birds Take Fifth Place in the Nation!

At the recent NJCAA National Championships in Salina, Kansas, the NMJC Lady T-Birds took fifth place! Congratulations to the history-making team comprised of Honor Duvall, Marta Olezka, Te’onna Campbell, Markia Thomas, Stacia Telles, Valerie Barriga, Kya DeGarmo, Brianna Jones, Isidora Madzaravic, Adrianna Leatherbury, and Waleska Perez.

We are extremely proud of you!

CONGRATULATIONS, LADY T-BIRDS!
and borrowed memorabilia from local businesses throughout the Odessa, Texas, area. Other movies that Carla’s worked on, such as John Lee Hancock’s The Alamo, are much more difficult to decorate. After all, she points out, “You can’t just go out to stores and find stuff from 1836.”

Nowadays, many of the movies that Carla works on are filmed in New Mexico, and when asked by locals if she’s from Hollywood, she laughingly responds, “Oh, no, I’m from Hooobob,” which usually elicits a smile. “That tends to open all those doors that aren’t quite open to outsiders,” she said. “I love New Mexico!”

Carla and her husband, Gary Lovelady, ranch near Carlsbad, New Mexico, and also in San Marcos, Texas. They run Angus cattle and share their home with their dogs, chickens, horses, and donkeys.

In 2008, I finished a wonderful little film in Austin, Texas, called Bardslam. It was about a teenage boy who comes of age and finds his first love, mixed in with a lot of great music. We actually created the iconic CBGB’s set in Austin so realistically that when you see it on screen, you can’t tell it’s not the real music club in NYC (which is what I love so much about my job!).

I also worked on Crazy Heart in 2008. It was a small movie we did in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. At the time, we had no idea that Jeff Bridges would win an Academy Award for it (although just being around Jeff was magical since he is such a nice man and so very talented). The best part of that experience was that another Hobbsan, Ryan Bingham, also won an Oscar AND a Golden Globe for best original music. YEA, HOBBY!

The past five years have been spent working on films in New Mexico, and I couldn’t be happier! The New Mexico Film Industry has employed thousands of people and has put us on the map as a quality location to make a movie.

One of the most challenging movies I’ve worked on was the 2011 comedy Paul, about two British comic book geeks who get on “holiday” in the U.S. They are the consummate science fiction fans, who visit all of the “must-see” sci-fi places and events. We start and finish our movie at Comicon, which is the largest sci-fi convention in the U.S. My team went to the actual Comicon in Long Beach and photo’d everything for research. Then we came back to Albuquerque and recreated it at the Convention Center downtown. It was a huge undertaking, but we somehow managed to get it installed in three 24-hour days! Again, the big payoff for me was that you couldn’t tell the difference between “our” Comicon and the real one.

In the movie, we also had an RV that was a “hero” set. We actually gutted three matching RVs and refurbished them with identical interiors. The main #1 RV was outfitted inside and out. Then there was the #2 “stunt” RV, which was one that you see from the outside only, but we still had to match the front dash as well as the driver’s and passenger seats. You see it from helicopter shots as it drives across the country. The #3 RV was mounted to a hydraulic system on the stage and was used for all of the interior scenes. It was positioned in front of a greenscreen and appeared to be driving down the road. But it was actually sitting in the middle of the stage the entire time! (Warning: This movie is rated R for its language.)

Bless Me, Ultima was a small film that I was very proud to be a part of since it was written by New Mexico author Rudolfo Anaya. We filmed it on a shoestring, and hopefully, it will be out soon.

I’ve worked three seasons on the USA Network’s TV crime drama “In Plain Sight,” which just premiered its final season recently. It’s been a fantastic learning experience, which goes to show that it’s never too late to learn new skills! This is my first foray into episodic television, and the pace is FAST! We typically shoot an episode every 7-8 days. When the first day of the episode begins, we also start prep on the next episode, and there is NO break in between episodes. So I have multiple sets and episodes dancing in my head at all times! But it’s been a wonderful group of folks to work with every day.

The last movie project I worked on was Last Stand, which we just wrapped in January. We shot the majority of it in Belen, New Mexico, which was great for me. I had never spent any time in Belen, but now I have many new friends there. The community opened their streets, businesses, and hearts to us. In turn, we were able to pump a little money into their local economy while showing off New Mexico (even if it’s supposed to be a border town in Arizona), Arnold Schwarzenegger is the star, and it looks to be a fun, funny action movie.

My time at NMFC was pivotal in my young career. It provided me with options. I didn’t know what I “wanted to be” at the time, but the Art Department at NMFC was a wonderful, creative learning experience. Dave Hunt and Bruce Smith were my professors, and I was lucky to receive a well-rounded Associate Degree under their tutelage. Henry DeVilliers was also a memorable teacher. His photography classes opened up a lifelong love with the camera. My first “big” purchase as an adult was a 35mm camera with several lenses, which I still have to this day. All of these artistic classes taught me how to “look” at life differently. It’s a combination of being able to see differently and then making it a reality.

I would like to think that all of these skills are what makes me a good set decorator.

— Carla Curry

Movie Credits

Desperado: The Outlaw Wars (TV movie) 1989
Desperate: Badlands Justice (TV movie) 1989
Knigt Rider 2000 (TV series) 1991
Brotherhood of the Gun (TV movie) 1991
Tombstone 1993
Texas (TV movie) 1994
Dead Man's Walk (TV mini-series) 1996
Rough Riders (TV movie) 1997
The Magnificent Seven (TV series) 1998
Ghost of the Confederacy 1998
Everything That Rises (TV movie) 1998
Office Space 1999
A Texas Funeral 1999
Ready to Rumble 2000
Serving Sara 2002
The Alamo 2004
Friday Night Lights 2004
The Wendell Baker Story 2005
Walk the Line 2005
How to Eat Fried Worms 2006
Friday Night Lights (TV series) 2006
The Pick 2007
Fireflies in the Garden 2008
The Pink Panther 2 2009
Buried 2009
Dear Diary 2009
The Spy Next Door 2010
Lone Star (TV series) 2010
One In Every Family 2010
Paul 2011
In Plain Sight (TV series) 2010-11
Pren-Carlon 2011
Crazy Like a Witness 2011
The Art of the Steal 2011
A Priest Walks into a Bar 2011
Witch's Mother 2010
Bless Me, Ultima (completed) 2012
Last Stand (post-production) 2013
NMJC Student Wins Pageant

NMJC student Kelci Johnston, 22, was crowned Miss Roswell on March 3, 2012, where she also received top awards for the swimsuit, evening gown, talent, and interview portions of the competition. As Miss Roswell, Kelci will spend the year championing many different causes, but especially raising awareness for her personal platform “Eating Disorder Prevention and Awareness.”

One of 12 children, Kelci is currently working to complete her music degree while starting a second major in fitness and nutrition. Throughout her four years of high school, she was consistently named to the Honor Roll and National Honor Roll and was an All-State Varsity athlete in swimming, cross country, track, and soccer. Kelci has maintained a 4.0 throughout her entire school career, including all four years of college, and has received various accolades both academically and athletically.

Kelci was crowned Miss Colorado Teen for the Miss America Organization and competed at the nationally televised Miss America Teen pageant. In 2009, she moved into the Miss division, where she won the title Miss Enchanted Circle. That year, she also competed at the Miss New Mexico 2011 pageant, where she was named runner-up.

Kelci will compete next at the Miss New Mexico 2012 pageant, which will be held June 17-23 at the Spencer Theater in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Congratulations, Kelci, and best of luck from NMJC!

United Blood Services

Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every two to three seconds, and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

NMJC is asking your help to prevent a blood shortage in our community caused by the recent cancellation of a large blood drive. We need to collect 45 pints a day! Darrell Smith, a Hobbs resident, is also asking for blood donations to help his wife Brenda, who is a sister to NMJC’s Registrar, Pat Knapp. Brenda is at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, and since some recent surgeries, she has needed a number of units of blood in her efforts to heal. Hobbs Community, we are needing your help! Please sign up today. To schedule an appointment, please contact Selma Granado at (575) 492-4704 or sgranado@nmjc.edu.

The NMJC Blood Drive will be held in the Bob Moran Multipurpose Room on the following days | TUESDAY • March 27 • 12 - 6 pm | WEDNESDAY • March 28 • 10 am - 4 pm | THURSDAY • March 29 • 10 am - 4 pm.
Summer Registration Begins April 9

1st Five-Week Courses (May 29-June 28)
Eight-Week Courses (May 29-July 19)
Internet-Based Eight-Week Courses (May 29-July 19)
Ten-Week Courses (May 29-August 2)
Web-Hybrid Ten-Week Courses (May 29-August 2)
1st Five-Week Courses (ITV) (May 29-June 28)
2nd Five-Week Courses (July 2-August 2)
2nd Five-Week Courses (ITV) (July 2-August 2)

▼ Denver City High School students toured the New Mexico Junior College campus on Tuesday, March 20.

SkillsUSA

▲ The following students will participate and compete at the New Mexico State SkillsUSA Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 28-31. Pictured (l to r): Kevin Espino, Rebecca Tabor, Saul Bolivar, Natalie Garza, Kimberly Moreno, Catrina Pando, and Luis Villa. Not pictured: Claudia Carrasco, Juan Carlos Medina, Taylor Marshall

Lost in the Library
by Amanda Wier

Have you been to your library lately? That’s right – your library. NMJC’s Pannell Library is here for you. The Library offers access to computers, audiobooks, journal article databases, periodicals, DVDs, printer, copier, and fax machine services, and of course...books. And the best part? Almost all of these services are free! This is the place to start, whether you are doing research for that next project, studying for your math test, writing a term paper, checking Blackboard, or picking up a movie for the weekend.

Each month, new books and DVDs are featured on the Library’s webpage. Go to www.nmjc.edu/library to see the most recent titles, or come by and take a look for yourself at our New Items cabinet located just inside the front doors. Don’t find what you’re looking for? Need help finding resources for an assignment? Ask a librarian. That’s what we’re here for – you!

Stop by this month and while you’re here, browse through our latest books and DVDs, take a look at the display cabinets celebrating Women’s History Month and March Madness, and ask about our upcoming exhibit, “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War.”

See you soon!
~ Amanda

Photo by David Soto
Congratulations, Lady T-Birds!
WJCAA & Region V Champions

Congratulations to our Lady Thunderbirds on their Regional Championship held in Lubbock, Texas! This is the first time in NMJC history that the Lady T-Birds basketball made it to the national tournament, which was held in Salina, Kansas, on March 20-24. (See pg. 1)

**Women’s Track Place**
by Keith Blackwell, Women’s Track Coach

Women’s track finished in 5th place in indoor track. Nine received All American, and Tasha Allen received National Champion in the 200m. Allen also qualified and competed at the USATF Indoor National Championships.

Tasha Allen

**Thunderbirds Basketball Season**
by Chris Tift, Head Men’s Basketball Coach

Our basketball program saw a tremendous amount of growth this past season. We had many positive outcomes from this past year, both as a team and as individuals. The 23 victories were the most for the Thunderbirds’ program in nearly 15 seasons, and our tie for second place in the WJCAC Conference allowed us to qualify for the Regional V Tournament for the first time since 1998. We had three T-Birds voted to the WJCAC All-Conference team, along with an All Region V Team selection. I am excited to see that the hard work and dedication of our players have represented NMJC well, and I hope that the success we experienced this year will help create momentum for our program as we move towards the future.
**ORIENTATION**

April 13 • May 4  
2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Ben Alexander Student Learning Center, Room 214  

All students are invited to attend to acquaint themselves with NMJC policies and practices or to review campus policies. The student portal and other essential student information will be covered in the sessions.

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**Bone Marrow Registration Drive**  
by Jill Herren, NMJC SkillsUSA Adviser

Our NMJC SkillsUSA Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive ended February 19, and what a successful drive it was! We were able to register 33 potential donors. Monetary donations of $246 were made by donors and non-donors alike to assist with the cause. Many thanks to everyone who donated and assisted in encouraging others to donate. We look forward to educating the public about this wonderful opportunity to save lives. If you intended to participate but were unable to stop by our drive, you can visit bethematch.org for more information on how to register online.

Bone marrow donor registration - one way to save a life without donating an organ!

Thank you again,  
Advisors & student members of NMJC Chapter of SkillsUSA

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**Curator’s Corner**  
by Erin Anderson, Museum Curator  
Western Heritage Museum Complex and Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame

Imagine sitting out on the porch in a rocking chair, drinking iced tea. Okay, this might be a wish for consistently warmer weather, but that day will come! Until then, consider a critical element in that vision: rocking chairs, like the wonderful example that we have in the Virgil and Thelma Linam Collection. Much research has been done concerning the history of rocking chairs, but historians have been unable to agree on what its origins might be.

Rocking chairs can be seen as an American passion, but the idea of something rocking goes back much farther. Designboom.com claims that the rocking chair evolved from the cradle and the rocking horse. This makes sense. As discussed in one of my earlier articles, the cradle gives a soothing, rocking motion for an infant. The rocking chair, therefore, also gives a soothing motion for anyone who sits in it. Along with this, according to rockingchairjack.com, “There is an ergonomic benefit associated with rocking chairs as well. Due to the center of gravity of the user being met and the angle utilized, the rocking chair leaves its user at an almost weightless state.”

There are differing opinions as to whether the rocking chair originated in England in the early 1700’s or whether Benjamin Franklin created the chair by attaching the rockers from a baby’s cradle to an ordinary chair. Either way, the Windsor rocking chair, named for its place of origin in England, became the model that many rocking chairs were based on thereafter. Early rocking chairs were made to be outdoor garden chairs and were a standard for relaxation. Today, rocking chairs are still used both inside and outside.

Rocking chair designs have evolved over time, but the main principal still exists: only two points of the chair touch the floor at any given time, allowing for the rocking motion. Next time you find yourself sitting in a rocking chair, allow yourself a moment to contemplate the soothing nature of the chair and thank whomever it was who created the concept of the rocking chair. To see our rocking chair from the Virgil and Thelma Linam Collection, please visit the South Gallery of the Western Heritage Museum Complex and Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame. We look forward to seeing you!

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**Dr. Patty Emmerich is joined by Hobbs Mayor Sam Cobb as he reads an official proclamation proclaiming March as Women’s History Month.**

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**Dr. Yan-Sun Wong directed the New Mexico Junior College Community Band in An Afternoon of American Jazz on March 4. Music compositions that were performed were Teddy the Tood, Satisfaction, Sticks and Stones, Someone to Watch Over Me, My Heart Will Go On, Jazz It Up, Saint Louis Blues, Guantanamo, Take Me Out to the Ball Game, and Blues is My Favorite Color.**
Abraham Lincoln Impersonator to Perform
by Mary Tuyschaevers, Director of Library Services

How would you like to meet Abe Lincoln? You can do just that at NMJC’s Pannell Library in a special meet-and-greet for the Lincoln: The Constitution & the Civil War exhibit. Abraham Lincoln impersonator Ken Jones will be at the Library on May 24, 2012, from 2:00-4:00 pm for a Q&A session. Following this, the Library will host a special program that evening at 7:00 pm in the Watson Hall Theatre on the NMJC campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

The American Libraries Association (ALA) exhibit Lincoln: The Constitution & the Civil War will be on display in Pannell Library from May 4 to June 7. This unique traveling exhibit allows visitors to learn how Lincoln used the United States Constitution to face up to the difficult issues of the Southern secession, slavery, and wartime civil liberties.

Be sure to mark Thursday, May 24, on your calendar to meet Abe Lincoln from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Library and hear the evening presentation at 7:00 pm in Watson Hall Theatre. Then check out the display inside Pannell Library anytime during its month-long run from May 4 to June 7.

For more information, please contact the director of the library, Mary Tuyschaevers, at (575) 492-2873.

Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War, a traveling exhibition for libraries, was organized by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The traveling exhibition has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the National Constitution Center.

Calling all Artists: Juried Art Show
Coming Up at Pannell Library

In conjunction with the State of New Mexico’s 100th Anniversary, NMJC’s Pannell Library will be hosting a Juried Art Show on April 29. The theme for the Art Show is “Enchantment,” which is derived from the state’s nickname, “Land of Enchantment,” and submissions may include any interpretation or version of the word. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, regardless of medium. Works must be submitted by April 16 to Mary Tuyschaevers, Director of Pannell Library. For more information, please call Tuyschaevers at (575) 492-2873.

The NMJC Foundation and Pannell Library of New Mexico Junior College are pleased to bring a Juried Art Show to the community this spring. Local artists and community members are invited to participate in the exhibit, with the theme of all works being “Enchantment” in honor of New Mexico’s Centennial. Works must be submitted to Mary Tuyschaevers, Director of the Pannell Library, by April 16. All mediums will be accepted in this unique and interesting exhibit sponsored by the NMJC Foundation. A panel of judges will choose winners of a first, second, and third place from all of the entries. These winners will each receive a certificate and monetary award based on their placing.

The show will run April 22 through April 29, with an Opening Reception on Sunday, April 22, at 2:00 pm and an Awards Reception the following Sunday, April 29, at 2:00 pm. Both events will be open to the public and free of charge. Works will be on display for public viewing in Pannell Library for the duration of the show. For more information, please contact Mary Tuyschaevers at (575) 492-2873.
Celebrate [YOU]th Workshop and Fashion Show
by Taylor Elyse Arnold, NMJC Student

One enterprising NMJC student spent much of her Spring Break (and a number of weeks prior) designing and coordinating an event designed to help girls and young women "boost their self-esteem and find their own style their own way." Taylor Else Arnold, who is in her third year at NMJC, hatched the idea of a Celebrate [YOU]th Workshop & Fashion Show, procured money for it, and rounded up and coordinated a number of volunteers and donors to help pull it off. Taylor credits her twin sister Kaitlyn (also in her third year at NMJC) with helping "tremendously . . . before, during, and after the event."

Held on Wednesday, March 14, at the Lea County Center for the Arts, the Celebrate [YOU]th Workshop & Fashion Show featured 14 girls ranging in age from 14-22. Maria Vick, NMJC’s Coordinator of Cosmetology, along with Cosmetology instructor Andrea Chance, solicited the help of five Cosmetology students to assist with the event. Frances Duran, Melissa Roberts, Shea Rice, Amanda Hernandez, and Anna Castillo joined Vick and Chance in giving up part of their Spring Break to help out. According to Vick, the five girls contributed 58 total hours of manpower to ensure the day-long event was successful and enjoyable for the participants.

According to Taylor, a special thank you also goes to Attitudes, Bagel Café, Bedazzled, Brian Henning, Carrie Vega, Charmed, Flores Fashion & Bridal, Glamorous, Il Cicerone, Images, Ivan Montano, Jfair Salon, Kendall’s Kountry Meat Market, Martin Boot Co., Mary Kay Cosmetics, Reatha Neal, Roni Scott, Schlotzsky’s, Sister’s Boutique, The Color Printer, Tru Beauty, Vaneli Shoes, and Veronica Welch.

Over the past five years, Chesapeake Energy Corporation, through the Chesapeake Scholars Program, funded $50,000 in scholarships for students attending NMJC. Chesapeake Energy Corporation will again fund $10,000 each year for five years for scholarships. The Chesapeake Scholars Program Scholarships are managed by the NMJC Foundation.

Pictured above (L to R): Sylvia Quintana (Chesapeake Energy Corporation), NMJC President Steve McCleery, and Tina Kunko (New Mexico Junior College Foundation).

SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 9TH!
1ST FIVE-WEEK COURSES BEGIN MAY 29.
Look for the Schedule in Area Newspapers or Online at www.nmjc.edu
SBDC Holds Workshop Basic QuickBooks®

On Thursday, March 29, the Small Business Development Center will be conducting the first Basic QuickBooks® workshop for the Spring 2012 Training Schedule! The workshop will take place on the New Mexico Junior College campus in the Training & Outreach Facility from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Interested persons may register for this event online at www.nmsbcdc.org/hobbs, by replying to athomas@nmjc.edu, or by calling (575) 492-4700.

Clients can easily learn to use the popular business accounting software. QuickBooks allows them to take care of daily transactions in a small business such as writing checks, making bank deposits, transferring funds, tracking inventory items and invoicing customers. Reporting in these various areas also helps management in making decisions that could be crucial to operations and growth of a business. Clients may also learn to set up their company properly with this basic hands-on lesson.

▲ Dr. Patty Emmerich hosted approximately 60 Taylor Elementary School second graders at a special event featuring games and toys "circa 1912" in celebration of New Mexico's Centennial in conjunction with the Women's Tea Celebration held on March 22.

Spring Cut-A Thon!

Saturday, March 31, 2012
Watson Hall, Cosmetology Dept.
9am-4pm • $5.00 per service
Haircuts • Manicures • Pedicures

Mu Alpha Theta Induction 2012
In honor of Women’s History Month, the Western Heritage Museum Complex hosted the 8th Annual Women’s Tea on Thursday, March 22, at 2:00 pm. This year’s presentation featured Cynthia Baughman, Managing Editor of El Palacio Magazine, Department of Cultural Affairs, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Ms. Baughman, who was the researcher and writer of the documentary film Top Secret Rosies: The Female Computers of World War II, was on hand to discuss this little-known piece of history. There were “hundreds of women across the country who were tasked with complex ballistics mathematics — at ages as early as 18 — and are part of another of the often-forgotten stories of women affecting the outcome of World War II. While every spare man was mobilized abroad, these highly educated, math-orientated females were creating the charts that would dictate from what distance, at what speed, and in what direction, say, a Howitzer should be fired.” Mary Lyle, co-chair of the Women’s Tea, remarked, “At a time when it was still assumed that women were not suited to the study of math and science, these remarkable women performed calculations that eventually led to the creation of the world’s first supercomputer.”

The presentation started at 2:00 pm, and “High Tea” was served at 3:00 pm. Musical entertainment was provided by Dr. Joshua Wong and some of his NMJC music students.

As is the tradition, “the wearing of hats was encouraged” by co-chair Dr. Patty Emmerich of the NMJC History Department. Prizes were given for the most unusual, most beautiful, funniest, etc. Emmerich added, “Men were invited too—as long as they wore a hat!” Emmerich, the founder of the Women’s Tea, hosted about 60 second graders earlier in the day at a special event featuring games and toys “circa 1912” in celebration of New Mexico’s Centennial. Hat winners were:

- **Theme Hat (Top Secret Rosies)**: Kay Hannum
- **Most Whimsical**: Roene Neu
- ** Prettiest**: Bernadette Granger
- **Most Sophisticated**: Barbara Levy
- **Most Unusual**: Deby Beran
- **Most Seasonal (Springtime)**: Dorothy Runnels
- **Most Creative**: Nancy Powell
BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: The Trail Drivers
March 23 @ 11:30 am
Western Heritage Museum Complex & Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame
Contact: (575) 392-6730 or westernheritagemuseumcomplex.com

CUT-A-THON
March 27 @ 6:30-8pm
Watson Hall, Cosmetology
Contact: Maria Vick, (575) 492-2850 or mvick@nmjc.edu

SNMCTA GRADUATION
April 6 @ 2:00 pm
Watson Hall Theatre
Contact: Kelly Amador, (575) 492-2720 or kamador@nmjc.edu

PTK ORIENTATION
April 10 @ 10:00 am
Watson Hall, Room 101
Contact: Maria Vick, (575) 492-2850 or mvick@nmjc.edu

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: The Water Seekers
April 13 @ 11:30 am
Heidel Hall, Room 203
Contact: (575) 392-6730 or westernheritagemuseumcomplex.com

STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY
April 17 @ 4:30 pm
Watson Hall
Contact: DeMond Thomas, (575) 492-2580 or dthomas@nmjc.edu

GED TESTING
April 19
Ben Alexander Student Learning Center, Room 145
Contact: Jerry Hamm, (575) 492-2592 or jhamm@nmjc.edu

PTK ORIENTATION
April 21 @ 7:00 pm
Heidel Hall, Room 203
Contact: Maria Vick, (575) 492-2850 or mvick@nmjc.edu

COMMUNITY BAND BROADWAY MUSIC CONCERT
April 22 @ 3:00 pm
Watson Hall, Room 101
Contact: Dr. Yau-Sun Wong, (575) 492-2844 or yswong@nmjc.edu

PTK INDUCTION
April 23 @ 7:00 pm
Watson Hall, Room 101
Contact: Maria Vick, (575) 492-2850 or mvick@nmjc.edu

SUBSTANCE ABUSE / HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
April 23-24 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Ben Alexander Student Learning Center
Contact: DeMond Thomas, (575) 492-2580 or dthomas@nmjc.edu

ATHLETIC BANQUET
April 24 @ 6:00 pm
Ben Alexander Student Learning Center Cafeteria
Contact: Racquel Edwards, (575) 492-2740 or redwards@nmjc.edu

COMMUNITY CHORALE CONCERT: The Pirates of Penzance
April 26 @ 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Watson Hall, Room 101
Contact: Dr. Yau-Sun Wong, (575) 492-2844 or yswong@nmjc.edu

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: The Buffalo Soldiers
April 27 @ 11:30 am
Western Heritage Museum Complex & Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame
Contact: (575) 392-6730 or westernheritagemuseumcomplex.com

COSMETOLOGY PINNING
April 28 @ 2:00 pm
Watson Hall, Room 101
Contact: Maria Vick, (575) 492-2850 or mvick@nmjc.edu

COMMUNITY CHORALE CONCERT: The Pirates of Penzance
April 28 @ 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Watson Hall, Room 101
Contact: Dr. Yau-Sun Wong, (575) 492-2844 or yswong@nmjc.edu

NMJC MUSIC STUDENTS’ INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL
May 1 @ 7:00 pm
Watson Hall, Room 101
Contact: Dr. Yau-Sun Wong, (575) 492-2844 or yswong@nmjc.edu

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: The Homesteaders
May 4 @ 11:30 am
Western Heritage Museum Complex & Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame
Contact: (575) 392-6730 or westernheritagemuseumcomplex.com

NMJC MUSIC STUDENTS’ VOCAL RECITAL
May 7 @ 7:00 pm
Watson Hall, Room 101
Contact: Dr. Yau-Sun Wong, (575) 492-2844 or yswong@nmjc.edu

FORD ASSET GRADUATION LUNCHEON
May 10 @ 12:00 pm
Ben Alexander Student Learning Center Cafeteria
Contact: (575) 492-2860 or cmarquez@nmjc.edu

GM ASEF GRADUATION LUNCHEON
May 11 @ 12:00 pm
Ben Alexander Student Learning Center Cafeteria
Contact: (575) 492-2860 or cmarquez@nmjc.edu

ANNUAL HOBBS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART SHOW
May 12 @ 2:00 pm
Western Heritage Museum Complex & Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame
Contact: (575) 392-6730 or westernheritagemuseumcomplex.com
Celebrate the Centennial with NMJC’s Pannell Library

Juried Art Fair
Theme: Enchantment
Submissions from local artists, NMJC students, and NMJC staff: April 22-29, 2012

“Lincoln: The Constitution & the Civil War”
Exhibit on display May 4 - June 7, 2012
“Abe Lincoln” Meet & Greet: May 24, 2012 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Program: May 24, 2012 7:00 pm, Watson Hall Theatre

Book Discussion: Lincoln and the Civil War
Discussions with Dwight Pitcaithly:
University Center Rm. 216, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Fall 2012:
September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, and November 3

Emerging Writer’s Contest
Poetry & Short Story Submissions from previously unpublished writers: October 1 - November 9, 2012
Reception & announcement of winners: November 9, 2:00 pm

For more information, please contact Mary Tuystschaevs, Director, NMJC Pannell Library at (575) 492-2873 or mtuystschaevs@elinlib.org

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: The Wildcats
May 18 @ 11:30 am
Western Heritage Museum Complex & Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame
Contact: (575) 392-6730 or westernheritagemuseumcomplex.com

GED TESTING
May 24
Ben Alexander Student Learning Center, Room 145
Contact: Jerry Hamm, (575) 492-2592 or jhamm@nmjc.edu

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: The New Energy Pioneers
June 1 @ 11:30 am
Western Heritage Museum Complex & Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame
Contact: (575) 392-6730 or westernheritagemuseumcomplex.com

RELAY FOR LIFE: “Heating Up against Cancer” PTK
June 2
Contact: Maria Vick, (575) 492-2850 or mvick@nmjc.edu

NMJC Foundation Golf Tournament
June 9-10
Hobbs Country Club
Contact: Kim Latimer, (575) 492-2780 or klatimer@nmjc.edu

SNMLEA GRADUATION
June 13 @ 2:00 pm
Watson Hall Theatre
Contact: Kelly Amador, (575) 492-2720 or kamador@nmjc.edu

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF QUILTS
June 14-July 14 • Grand Opening June 14 @ 2:00 pm
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June 21
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July 19
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August 23
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