

# AWF

# ewsletter

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## The ALBUQUERQUE WILDLIFE FEDERATION invites you to our annual **Holiday Potluck!**

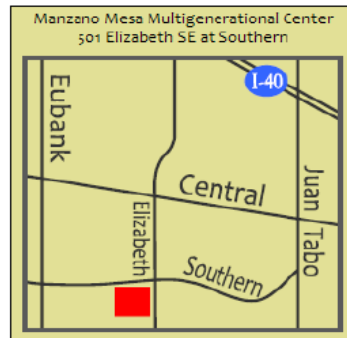
**WHEN:** Thursday, Dec 13, starting at 7pm.

**WHERE:** The Manzano Mesa Multi-generation Center, 501 Elizabeth SE at the corner of Southern, south of the Home Depot & Costco at Central & Eubank.

**BRING:** A dish to share, at least enough for 4 servings. The hunters in the group have a tradition of bringing in their favorite game recipes.

We'll **CELEBRATE** another great year of Volunteer Service Projects and conservation education through our monthly programs and talk about plans for 2013.

Contact Michael Scialdone at [rioscial@gmail.com](mailto:rioscial@gmail.com) for more information.



### Jim Hubert's Notable Quote of the Month

"The effort to return the Mexican gray wolf to the American Southwest has been fraught with legal disputes, illegal shootings, livestock deaths and emotion. Now, a watchdog group is questioning the integrity of the key scientific findings related to the endangered animal's recovery. Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility filed a complaint with the Department of the Interior, alleging that the number of wolves required for recovery have been altered due to political meddling."

— Susan Montoya Bryan, AP, *Albuquerque Journal*, 6-19-12

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Happy Holidays!** First and foremost, on behalf of the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation, I wish you and yours the best of holiday seasons. We'd love to see you at our annual Holiday Potluck, which will be on Thursday, December 13 this year at 7 pm. It is something I greatly look forward to and I hope you come share with us in this festive season. If you are one to give to conservation organizations at this time of year, please consider AWF. Since we are an all-volunteer group, all our funds go directly to our restoration and education activities.

### Volunteer Service Projects for 2013

Every year about this time we have a meeting of the Projects Committee to plan out our Volunteer Service Projects for the following year. On Dec 2, we met on a warm afternoon to lay out what we expect for next year. Keeping with the pattern of the past few years, we will have one project per month with a local day project in March and October, and weekend camp-outs April through September. They are usually on the third Saturday of the month and part of the discussion is to determine if there is any reason to change this.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued*

In 2013, it turns out there is a very important reason to move the project in September. Kristina Fisher, AWF's esteemed vice-president, is getting married to Phil Carter, longtime volunteer for AWF, on the third Saturday of the month. There could hardly be a better reason to move a project. I hope it is the beginning of many happy years together. CONGRATULATIONS to Phil and Kristina.

Except for this wonderful announcement, there were no reasons to change, so the 2013 Volunteer Service Projects season looks like this (*at right*): ...mark yer calendars now!

Volunteer turnout on projects was a little lower in 2012 than in past years, though we fortunately had enough to meet project goals. If you have considered joining us, then hopefully 2013 will be the year you do. I'm happy to answer any questions regarding our projects. Contact me at [rioscial@gmail.com](mailto:rioscial@gmail.com). They are family-friendly, a lot of fun, and a great way to meet people who are concerned about wildlife and its habitat. Plus, after so many years of learning and doing, we really do have an impact in making places better ecologically, and we could use all the help we can get.

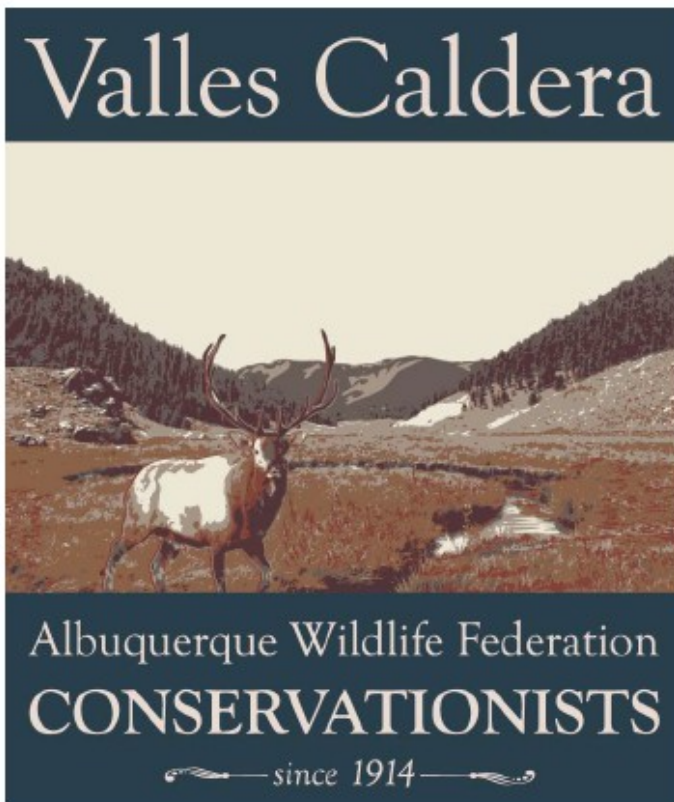
Goodbye to 2012. I hope to see you in 2013!

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## 2013 AWF PROJECT SCHEDULE

Mar 16 - local day project (location TBD, likely in the ABQ Bosque)  
 Apr 19 to 21 - Cebolla Canyon, SE of Grants, NM  
 May 17 to 19 - TBD (possibly the Zuni Mtns or the Jemez Mtns)  
 June 14 to 16 - Red Canyon on the east side of the Manzano Mtns  
 July 19 to 21 - Valles Caldera  
 Aug 16 to 18 - Valles Caldera  
 Sept 13 to 15 - Limestone Canyon in the San Mateo Mtns  
 Oct 19 - local day project with the Sandia Ranger District

## The ALBUQUERQUE WILDLIFE FEDERATION announces its limited edition Valles Caldera long sleeve t-shirt. Grand debut to be made at our annual **Holiday Potluck**.



Designed by Stephen Bohannon, the same artist who did our popular Valle Vidal shirt from a few years back, it is printed on an organic cotton shirt in sizes S, M, L, & XL. Price is \$25.

Come pick one up (or 2 or 3...) at the **Holiday Potluck**! If you can't make it, contact Glenda Muirhead at [g.muirhead@usfamily.net](mailto:g.muirhead@usfamily.net).



# We're looking for some new faces on the Board

We'll be electing 2013 officers and board members at the Annual Party, and we are always open to nominations from the floor. You can even nominate yourself! Help us to keep Albuquerque Wildlife Federation moving forward to fulfill its mission!

**Time to Renew Your AWF Membership**  
**Payable at Annual Meeting (Due by January 31, 2013)**  
**RENEWED MEMBER : Kent Salazar - Patron**



## Green Fire Wins Emmy

*Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time* has been honored with an Emmy® award for Best Historical Documentary at the 54th annual Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Aldo Leopold Foundation board member Rett Nelson accepted the award on behalf of the *Green Fire* team in Chicago on Nov. 18. Earlier this year, Wisconsin Public Television began broadcasting the one-hour program statewide. It will be available to all public television stations for Earth Day in April 2013. A slightly longer version has screened in theaters and over 2,000 community venues since the film's premiere in February of 2011. *Green Fire* has won awards at several film festivals, as well as a Telly Award and a Cine Golden Eagle.

Click here for a complete list of awards and festivals, along with other information about the film.

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