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Audubon NEW MEXICO PRESENTS



Southwest Women in Conservation 2012

*engage with conservation leaders
establish new relationships
motivate the next generation*

Saturday, September 29th, 10-1 pm

*Speakers, followed by a gourmet lunch,
at the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary, Santa Fe*

Honoring Rachel Carson We honor biologist and writer Rachel Carson this year, for sounding the alarm for nature. Ms. Carson captured the attention of our country with compelling documentation of the hazardous effects of DDT and other toxic chemicals, with warnings such as imagining a child's grief at the thought of a future morning without bird song. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, published in 1962, which awakened Americans to dangerous pesticide use and galvanized an environmental movement that helped to stop the poisoning of our air, land, and water. Rachel Carson's work, including the truths she brought to light through her writing and the scientific research she inspired, stand as powerful proof of the difference that one individual can make to impact her community and motivate others to take action.

Elizabeth Grossman is an "eloquent scientific muckraker, outing the truth about commonly used hazardous chemicals that are leaching out of everything from plastic bottles to children's toys and infiltrating the biosphere and our bodies to deleterious effect." She is the author of several books, including: *Chasing Molecules: Poisonous Products, Human Health, and the Promise of Green Chemistry*; *High Tech Trash: Digital Devices, Hidden Toxics, and Human Health*; and *Watershed: The Undamming of America*. Her work has appeared in *Scientific American*, *Yale e360*, *The Atlantic.com*, *Salon*, *The Washington Post*, *The Nation*, *Mother Jones*, *The Pump Handle*, *Earth Island Journal* and other publications. She's been a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and a science journalism fellow at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and Wood Hole Marine Biological Laboratory. A native of New York City and graduate of Yale University, she writes from Portland, Oregon.

Nadine Padilla who is of Navajo descent and grew up near Grants, New Mexico, remembers that being close to the sacred mountain was integral to every important moment of her childhood, including her coming-of-age ceremony at age 13. She began working with the Sacred Alliance for Grassroots Equality (SAGE) Council as a community organizer in 2006, focusing on Native American healthcare and environmental issues, stating, "The devastating legacy (of leaving hundreds of abandoned mines and radioactive waste after companies left town and refused to clean their mess) continues to haunt our communities, resulting in sky-high rates of various cancers, kidney disease, autoimmune disease, birth defects, and miscarriages." She also served as the Coordinator for the Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE), a coalition of grassroots organizations working to address the uranium legacy that still plagues many communities. Today, Padilla is helping work on campaigns to elect progressive candidates who will help address environmental and health issues facing New Mexico communities.

Mission Statement: *Women are vital to the success of conservation in the Southwest.*

Audubon New Mexico is holding its third annual event to recognize and honor the diversity of work being done by women engaged in conservation in our region and beyond. Inspired by on-the-ground efforts, "Women in Conservation"

provides the opportunity for women and men to share their interests and establish relationships.

Join us as we work to motivate all generations to value, protect and restore the health of our environment.

Invitations to the event will be sent out in August. Please contact Maryam Miller if you have any questions, or if you'd like to make a contribution and support Southwest Women in Conservation, at (505) 983-4609, ext. 24, or mmiller@audubon.org. Thank you!

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