



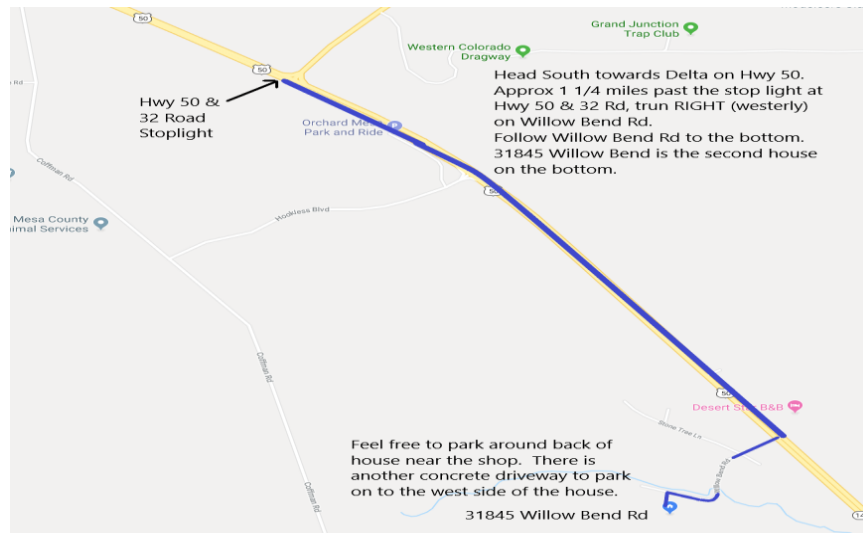
Everyone is invited to attend our

Holiday Potluck Social Event

Saturday, December 14...from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

At the Home of Virginia Brown

31845 Willow Bend Road, Whitewater, Colorado



Besides a dish to share, and maybe a friend or prospective member,
please bring food items to donate to
Kids Aid (backpack program) and/or the CMU Food Closet.

As a Courtesy, please **RSVP Yes or No to** – Virginia Brown at 201-0386.

If you would like transportation, please call Jane Fitzgerald at 241-9684.

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More About November's Program

I am sure that all of us in attendance went home from this meeting with a new appreciation for the hardships of life in Grand Junction's Sister City, El Espino, El Salvador and for the assistance provided by Anna Stout and her nonprofit **The Foundation for Cultural Exchange**. The ways in which the Foundation provides assistance, letting the residents come to them with ideas for improvements, the stories of the spay/neuter clinics and how that helps local sanitation efforts, and the efforts made to keep students enthused and in school, even through college, were very eye-opening. The speech from Majo, one of the scholarship students from El Espino, was very moving.

If you would like more information, the Foundation's website is <https://fceelsalvador.org/>, their email address is FCEelsalvador@gmail.com and the physical address listed is **Foundation for Cultural Exchange**, 641 North 17th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501-4433. The Foundation would very much appreciate donations toward their work. I wrote to find out about becoming a scholarship sponsor, but so far have not had a response....Jane



Coming Next Month
save the Date

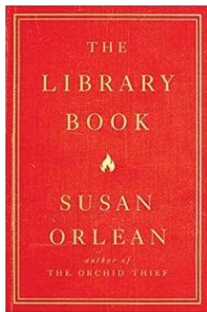
January 11....another interesting program
Further Details to Follow in the January Newsletter

Special Interest Groups

THE JANE QUIMBY BOOK GROUP

At the November meeting, while the book Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore was interesting in how the fantasy combined Google with medieval typefaces and people's life stories, the real highlight was Jean Yale's presentation of the background of the author Robin Sloan, and how his life tied into various aspects of the book.

December's read is ***The Library Book*** by Susan Orlean.



On the morning of April 28, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. The fire was disastrous: it reached two thousand degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who?

Weaving her lifelong love of books and reading into an investigation of the fire, award-winning *New Yorker* reporter and *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Orlean delivers a “delightful...reflection on the past, present, and future of libraries in America” (*New York* magazine) that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before.

Brimming with her signature wit, insight, compassion, and talent for deep research, *The Library Book* is Susan Orlean's thrilling journey through the stacks that reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books—and why they remain an essential part of the heart, mind, and soul of our country. It is also a master journalist's reminder that, perhaps especially in the digital era, they are more necessary than ever.

Friday, December 13th (note: 2nd Friday this month), 9:30 am
American Lutheran Church, 631 26^{1/2} Road, GJ

Presenter: Wanda Putnam

Coffee & Chat 

This informal (fun) group normally meets the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM to try to solve world/local problems through discussions. Call Jane at 241-9684 with any questions.

Join us on **December 28th** at **The Artful Cup**, 3090 North 12th, GJ.

Culture Club



The AAUW Culture Club is a loosely organized effort to inform interested members about movies, music and other cultural events in the Grand Valley. It is also a way to find others to attend these events with. Note: Peggy Rawlins at 263-4741 is the contact person for the group.

- December 4 @ 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm (encore performance)
Fathom Events presents **Live from the Met: Philip Glass' AKHNATEN** (opera) – shown at the Regal Theater (4 hours)
- December 5 @ 7:30 pm
CMU Music presents Guest Artist, **Joe Burgstaller, Trumpet** – Love Recital Hall/CMU
- December 5 @ 5:30 to 9:00 pm
Grand Junction Symphony Guild's **Candlelight Dinner** – Two Rivers Winery
- December 6 @ 7:30 pm
CMU Music presents **Wind Symphony** – Robinson Theater/CMU
- December 7 @ 12:55 pm
Fathom Events presents **Live from the Met: Mozart's THE MAGIC FLUTE: Holiday Encore (2019)** (opera) – shown at the Regal Theater (2 hours)
- December 7 @ 3:00 pm
CMU Music presents **Best of the West Final Concert** – Robinson Theater/CMU *free*
- December 13 @ 7:30 pm, December 14 @ 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
December 15 @ 2:00 pm
CMU Theater presents **Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol** (1 man show)–Mesa Experimental Theater /CMU
- December 13 @ 7:30 pm
Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra presents **POPS: A Colorado Christmas** – Avalon Theater
- December 13 thru December 19 @ various times
A Christmas Carol – A Musical - Western Colorado Center for the Arts
- December 14 @ 7:00 pm
FACE Vocal Band – Concert - Avalon Theater
- December 15 @ 12:55 pm
Fathom Events presents **Bolshoi Ballet: THE NUTCRACKER (2019)** – at the Regal Theater (2^{1/2} hours)
- December 20 @ 7:00 pm, December 21 @ 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
December 22 @ 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Absolute Dance & Performing Arts presents **The Nutcracker** – Robinson Theater at CMU
- December 31 @ 7:30 pm
High Desert Opera presents **The Wizard of Oz** – Robinson Theater at CMU