

Date	Program Title	Presenter	Coordinator	Description for Yearbook
January 7	Native American Flute Demonstration	Marlon Magdalena	Cheryl Betterly	Flutes found in the Americas, and specifically North America, have been in use for thousands of years. Jemez Historic Site Instructional Coordinator Marlon Magdalena will discuss the history and demonstrate different playing techniques of several types of Native American flutes.
February 4	Breaking Down Brick Walls: How the Albuquerque Genealogical Society Can Help You Discover Your Roots	Philip Spivey & Marc Davidson	Amy Atkinson	Learn how the Albuquerque Genealogical Society supports family historians through personalized one-on-one help sessions, special interest groups, and real-life case studies that demonstrate how collaboration and community expertise can solve tough genealogical puzzles and uncover long-hidden family stories.
March 4	USACE - Cochiti Lake & Dam: Who we are & What we do	Benjamin Massey	Seth Betterly	The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will discuss the history of Cochiti lake and dam, one of the ten largest earthen dams in America. Lead Ranger for the dam, Benjamin Massey, will also share how they support flood risk management, recreation and the environment.
April 1	Designing Resilient Landscapes: Plant Adaptations, Communities, and Selection for Arid Environments	Maria Thomas	Jan O'Boyle	Join the ABQ BioPark Curator of Plants to explore plant adaptations in arid and semi-arid environments and sustainable, low-water landscapes and gardens. Learn how to identify resilient plants and design plant communities that offer both ecological function and aesthetic value. Leave empowered to create climate-resilient gardens and green spaces at home.
May 6	A Walk Along the Grapevine: My Wine Journey	John Rinaldi	Jan O'Boyle	John Rinaldi's grandfather was an Italian immigrant and a wine maker who had a great deal of influence in the wine industry locally and in New Mexico. John has personally been making wine with local grapes for 60 years. He'll touch on a bit of wine history, the process of making wine, and his experiences.
June 3	Grounded In Clay: The Spirit of Pueblo Pottery	Elysia Poon	Sharon Arthur	Elysia Poon, Executive Director of the Indian Arts Research Center at the School for Advanced Research, will describe the development and evolution of the ground-breaking <i>Grounded in Clay</i> exhibition. Now on display at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, it features 100 pueblo works curated by Pueblo community members. Elysia will also share stories about the curators and their selections.
July 8	What Happened to Pluto?	Dr. Rick Fienberg	Jud Fink	Unless you're older than 96 or younger than 20, you were born in a solar system with nine planets. But in 2006, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) adopted a definition of "planet" that excluded Pluto, restoring the count to eight. What prompted this controversial decision? The answer may surprise you!
August 5	Women Warriors of World War II	Donna Pedace	Linda Lockett	Donna Pedace, author of <i>Women Warriors - The Hidden Spies of World War II</i> , will present remarkable stories of women in a special intelligence organization who parachuted into Nazi-occupied France during World War II. These courageous agents are featured in her latest nonfiction book. Now an Albuquerque area resident, Donna writes about strong women whose lives were perilous and inspiring.
September 2	Lights, Camera, New Mexico: Inside the Land of Enchantment's Film Boom	Keith Allen West & Vic Browder	Amy Atkinson	Join actors Vic Browder and Keith Allen West for an insider's look at New Mexico's booming film industry. In this engaging program, they share behind-the-scenes stories, practical advice and local insights on how our desert landscapes, talent and tax incentives turned the Land of Enchantment into Hollywood's favorite backdrop.
October 7	Southwestern Biology Museum - History & Conservation of Mammals	Joe Cook	Sharon Arthur	Joe Cook, Regent Professor of Biology, is Curator of Mammals and Past Director of the Museum of Southwestern Biology at UNM. The museum contains 4 million biological specimens, the 2nd largest collection of mammals in the world. Joe will bring us insights into the museum and his international research in the history, diversity and conservation of mammals.
November 4	Placitas Community Showcase		Cheryl Betterly/VP	Placitas is filled with non-profit and service organizations that make this a special place to call home. This program provides an opportunity for these organizations to share what they do, how they can help you and how you might help them. Come show your local support and get inspired by all that our thriving community has to offer.
December 2	Holiday Buffet	Board of Directors	Board of Directors	Our December meeting provides an occasion to gather and celebrate the holiday season. Come enjoy delicious delicacies made by our Board of Directors. The Outstanding Service Award for 2026 will also be presented. Don't miss this festive annual event!