



Hands & Voices New Mexico

August 2014

“What works for your child is what makes the choice right.”

New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science

Sunday, September 28th, 2014 at 1:30 PM

Speakers: Paul Bradley and Lisa McNiven

Followed by a Meet & Greet

*Free Museum Entrance for HVNM Members (*Current, New and Renewing Members who RSVP)

Please join Hands & Voices New Mexico Chapter (HVNM) at our fall Back To School Event featuring two fabulous guest speakers, Paul Bradley and Lisa McNiven. Both will talk their D/HH experiences and careers. They will discuss the technologies they have accessed and challenges encountered and overcome.

Paul Bradley

Paul Bradley is currently a physicist at Los Alamos National Laboratory, where he has been for 21 years.

When he was about 3 years old, he suffered severe hearing loss after a series of ear infections. Although ear surgery helped, he has worn hearing aids since 1966. Hearing aids allowed him to attend mainstream schools throughout his life.

After graduating from high school in Irving, Texas, he went to Texas A&M University and joined the Corps of Cadets. Although his hearing loss kept him from joining the military, he spent four years in the Corps and graduated

with a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering. He went on to obtain a Master's degree in Physics from Texas A&M and a Ph.D. in Astronomy from the University of Texas at Austin.

Since joining Los Alamos National Lab, he has pursued several hobbies, including mountain climbing. Paul climbed all the Colorado “fourteeners” by 2007 and is only two peaks away from finishing the highest 100 peaks in Colorado.

Lisa McNiven

Lisa McNiven currently works for the Governor's Commission on Disability and has for eight years.

She was born Deaf due to maternal rubella. This was not discovered until the age of two, at which time she began to wear one hearing aid in her right ear only since her left ear was profoundly deaf. At age 47, she chose to receive a cochlear implant in her left ear; but the procedure was unsuccessful.

She obtained B.A. degree in Psychology from Gallaudet University,

and is now working towards completion of a Master of Public Administration Program degree at University of New Mexico. Her decision to attend Gallaudet altered her life trajectory; from a lifetime of “mainstream” education in the public school system to learning sign language for the first time at the age of 18. After being exposed to and involved in Deaf Culture she began to feel more at home. Even though she was trained as a Hard of Hearing person, she realized she was really Deaf at heart.

Her passion to promote equality and understanding of the disability community, has led her to conduct training programs and serve on boards related to topics including ADA Law, Deafness, and other Disability issues. She loves to travel and explore new cultures.

Please RSVP before September 14th:
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Back to School Event Details

When: Sunday, September 28th, 2014
What: 1:00 Check in starts
1:30 Introduction & Presentations
2:00 Question & Answer Period
2:30 Meet & Greet Reception
3:00 * Free Museum Entry for New and Renewing HVNM Members (Up to 4 Admissions)
* Reduced rates of \$3.00 per additional person for more than four per family.
Where: New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science
Who: All are welcome!
RSVP: parentgroup@hvnmm.org

Please RSVP for Back To School Event!

Museum of Natural History & Science



The New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science preserves and interprets the distinctive natural and scientific heritage of our state through extraordinary collections, research, exhibits and programs designed to ignite a passion for lifelong learning.

Between June 19 to November 30, 2014, visit the traveling exhibit, **The Wonder of Learning: The Hundred Languages of Children**. This exhibit is a collection of engaging and interactive displays that describes the rich history, research, and documentation of the daily practices taking place in the world-renowned early childhood programs in Reggio Emilia, Italy. **The New Mexico Wonder of Learning Collaborative** in collaboration with North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA) is also planning for coinciding educational opportunities for educators and families during the exhibit's stay in New Mexico. The Premiere Sponsor for the exhibit in New Mexico is St Joseph Community Health.

Many thanks to the Museum of Natural History and Science for generously providing space and reduced entry fees.

Shout out to Yadira Reza for translating HVNM Newsletter!

2014 Membership

Please be sure to join Hands & Voices New Mexico Chapter and complete the online survey through our website, hvn.org:

Parent/Family: \$25 per year
Professional: \$40 per year
Institutional: \$50 per year

Benefits to you:

- Receive *The Communicator*, a Headquarters H&V quarterly newspaper
- Receive quarterly HVNM Chapter newsletter
- Information on workshops, resources, events
- Informational support for you and your family
- Opportunities for parents and professionals working together to help children who are D/HH

Scholarships are available if you wish to become a member but cannot afford the dues, please contact us.

Thank you!

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