## Feb 2024 Women's Group Meeting Minutes

These past few months we have had several snow storms that have often come on the weekends. Our last Women's Group was canceled in January due to a storm and this one was a snowy day with predictions of a large amount of heavy snow. While flurries began to fall, many decided not to chance it, and were missed.

Those in attendance chatted and shared while Carol showed us how to create "roses" for Valentine's Day, using Hershey kisses, floral stems, leaves and ribbons. We enjoyed the craft and the visiting as we got to know two newer members of our community - Sherry Talbot and Amandi Baker. Most of our creations were given to Amandi who is leading a 4-H project with kids, making baskets for shut ins for the upcoming Valentines Day. These "roses" will be added to the baskets, as well as some Valentine cookies and extra "kisses" we had to snack on.

Claudia shared a few ideas for possible future events, one being having a Ms. SFTR Ranch contest (and maybe Mr. as well)... The other being considered as a "Night Sky" community; however, in looking at this designation, we discovered the area would be required to be open to outsiders coming onto the ranch to view the night sky. Therefore that is not something we can do, but it is encouraged that we go out on clear nights and enjoy our dark skies and view the Milky Way.

Looking at the calendar, it was decided that the date for the SFTR Picnic will be Saturday, June 29th, as there is a lot going on in town over the July 6-7th weekend.

We may try another "garage and craft sale" this year and see how it goes.

In March we will discuss these agenda items more.

Bald eagles are now seen in their wintering habitats - some closer to us are Maxwell, NM Wildlife Refuge, and some have been spotted at Lake Pueblo. It is a good idea to call the ranger stations first for where to spot them.

Next Meeting will be March 9th at the MOC at 10am-12.

-Carol Smith