Niederman Receives 2011 Hurst Award

On June 26, 2011, longtime NMJHS member Sharon Niederman received the Dr. Allan and Leona Hurst Award for outstanding service to the Society. Sharon's contributions to the Society and community are numerous. She served as president in 1993-1994, and held positions as board member, archivist, conference chair, conference presenter and Legacy contributor. Niederman, who lives in Raton with her husband, Charles Henry, in a 1906 home designed by Isaac Hamilton Rapp, is the author of a dozen books, four of them illustrated with her own photos and one novel, Return to Abo (UNM Press, 2005). Her most recent book is New Mexico's Tasty Traditions: Recollections, Recipes and Photos (New Mexico Magazine, 2010). Niederman writes a column for the New Mexico Jewish Link and is a founding member of Congregation Nahalat Shalom in Albuquerque.

Sharon has two books due out in 2012: Signs & Shrines: Spiritual Journeys across New Mexico (Countryman Press) and 100 Year History of Santa Fe's Scottish Rite Temple. Sharon is also working on a grant from New Mexico's Historical Records Advisory Board to preserve and make accessible original photos and manuscripts related to the Maxwell Land Grant, discovered in the Arthur Johnson Memorial Library in Raton. In addition to her other many activities, Niederman serves as president of the New Mexico Press Women's Association.

To learn more about Sharon and her projects, visit her website at www.sharonniederman.com.

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