

# Living On The **EDGE** Newsletter

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## Cast Iron

The fire crackles in my old wood stove.  
The wood speaks to the iron  
And they both talk to me.  
Murmuring sounds go up the pipe;  
Wood snapping and popping,  
Iron creaking and groaning.  
Oh, it's cold and bitter outside!  
The wind howls in the eaves,  
Snow is blowing,  
The night is moonless;  
So dark and deep in winter.  
Snug and ward inside the cabin are we,  
By the stove.  
The stove and I have known each other eight years.  
I know her needs and she knows mine.  
Respect has grown into affection.  
Many are the memories we share;  
Morning coffee;  
We sit close and share that time  
Side by side.  
Many fragrant meals  
Have simmered and sizzled there,  
We warmed ourselves from the inside out.  
Winter upon winter,  
She stands between us and the frozen outside.  
So small, but sturdy, she stands  
Upon her field of brick.  
We gather to toast ourselves all 'round.  
Many a bleak morning,  
Gray rain slanting down,  
She bursts with cheer  
At the touch of a match  
And warms our souls as well.  
A careless second,  
That lack of respect,  
And the burn is there.  
She has branded me,  
I am hers as she is mine.  
Inanimate friend, companion,  
Member of the family,  
The hearth of our home.



By Marcia Malby

## Calendar of Events

December 4	Spring Payment Deadline		
December 7	Luminarias		
December 5	SJC Concert Band	7:30 pm	Performance Hall
December 12	SJC Jazz Band Concert	7:30 pm	Performance Hall
December 14	The Nutcracker	7:30 pm	Performance Hall
December 15	The Nutcracker	1:30 pm	Performance Hall
December 18	Last Day of Instruction		
December 19	SJC Christmas Choral Concert	7:30 pm	Performance Hall
December 20-January 10	Holiday Break (No Classes)		
January 9 & 10	Late Registration		
January 13	First Day of Instruction		
January 23 & 24	EDGE Orientation	1:00-2:00pm & 4:00-5:00 pm	RM 1416
January 30 & 31	Reading & Writing Workshop	1:00-2:00 pm & 4:00-5:00 pm	RM 1416

**Look for Flyers and other Notification on the upcoming  
College of Santa Fe / UNM College Visit Trip!**

## Director's Corner

“Be not afraid of going slowly; be only afraid of standing still.” (Chinese Proverb)

There are all too many times that we sit and wait for life to happen to us. These are not moments of meditative stillness; instead, they are mundane elements of existence. Truly there is a difference between “Living” and “Existing” and all of us have felt this difference. There is nothing wrong with selecting to enjoy the silence, or the stillness, so long as it is not a hiding place away from life and living.

EDGE hopes to capitalize on those sparks of life and living within each of its participants. The ultimate goal is “carpe diem” and to have each student seize the day. Target your dream and “Go for It.”

## What Can EDGE Offer You?

*Needs & Skills Development:* Additional services, or referrals, will take place to assist each participant whenever possible. Workshops, trips and one-to-one services will take place to aid in all aspects of academic, personal and professional skills development.



## Riddle Me This

- 1) A cowboy rode to an inn on Friday stayed two nights and left on Friday. How can this be?
- 2) A father's child, a mother's child, yet no one's son. Who am I?
- 3) A group of soldiers were standing in the blistering sun facing due West. Their sergeant shouted at them: Right Turn! About Turn! Left Turn! In which direction are they now facing?
- 4) A horse travels a certain distance each day. Strangely enough, two of its legs travel 30 miles each day, the other two legs travel nearly 31 miles. It would seem that two of the horse's legs must be one mile a day longer than the other two legs, but of course this can't be true. Since the horse is normal, how is this situation possible?
- 5) A house with two occupants, sometimes one, rarely three. Break the walls, eat the boarders, then throw me. What am I?



Getting the Tour



Clock Tower @ Fort Lewis

*"Be the change  
you  
want to see  
in the world."  
Gandhi*



Left to Right: Frank Coleman,  
Jean Tso, John Bintz,  
Christina Johnson, Stephen  
Wurtz, Rosalie Carnley,  
Debra Hecht, Lorraine  
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## Riddle Answers

- 1) His horse's name was Friday.
- 2) I'm their daughter.
- 3) East. A right turn is 90 degrees, an about turn is 180, and a left turn is also 90 degrees. Therefore, the soldiers are now facing east.
- 4) The horse operates a mill and travels in a circular clockwise direction. The two outside legs will travel a greater distance than the two inside legs.
- 5) A peanut.

## Fort Lewis College Day Trip

On October 25, a small but lively group of EDGE students visited Fort Lewis College, in Durango, CO. Fort Lewis sits hidden from view, high atop a mesa, overlooking Durango. The campus is about the same size as San Juan, but laid out totally different. Both campuses have a clock tower and offer a wide variety of classes to choose from.

One student, Jean Tso, commented on the great art department, "The coolest thing is that if you're a Liberal Arts major, then Fort Lewis is the school for you. Metal sculpture here I come!" Jean was also impressed by the recreation room and the running track suspended from the ceiling.

After the campus tour, the students headed downtown to check out several museums and cultural stores. There are a wide variety of items available to view and purchase from the stores. Durango has an atmosphere all its own and differs greatly from the Farmington area.

