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### **Friends of Crow Canyon Lecture to Feature Virtual Butterfly Migration**

(CORTEZ, Colo.)—April 25, 2011—On Friday, April 29, butterfly researcher, author, and educator Maraleen Manos-Jones, also known as “The Butterfly Lady,” will present, “On a Wing: Flight of the Monarch.” The event will be held at the Dolores Community Center and begins with wine and appetizers at 7:00 p.m., followed by the lecture at 7:30. The lecture is presented as part of the Distinguished Lecturers Series, organized by the Friends of Crow Canyon advisory board.

During her presentation, Manos-Jones will take her audience on an illustrated virtual butterfly flight through time and across cultures. Weaving together art, myth, poetry, and literature, combined with environmental issues and aspects of science, she will share her passion and concern for monarchs and their habitats. She will include up-to-date information about the monarchs, their unique migration, and the many challenges to their survival, as well as efforts to save them and their habitats both here and in Mexico.

Manos-Jones has been involved with butterflies in a myriad of ways for nearly 40 years. In the early 70s, she began raising, releasing, and tagging monarchs, and in 1977, she became the first woman from the United States to find their overwintering habitats in Mexico. Since then, she has camped among monarchs and studied their migration patterns. For many years she has worked to create sanctuaries for monarchs and has been a strong advocate for sustainable reforestation in Mexico. She has been featured in various print articles and broadcast documentaries, including the 2007 story of an ultralight pilot following the monarchs from Canada to Mexico. She is the author of the book *The Spirit of Butterflies, Myth, Magic and Art* published by Harry Abrams.

Tickets for the lecture are \$30. Crow Canyon members at the \$100 or more level receive a 10% discount. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Amy at 970-564-4341 (toll-free 800-422-8975, ext. 141), or e-mail her at [askaggs@crowcanyon.org](mailto:askaggs@crowcanyon.org). Proceeds from the Distinguished Lecturers Series help underwrite the participation of local students attending Crow Canyon programs.

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