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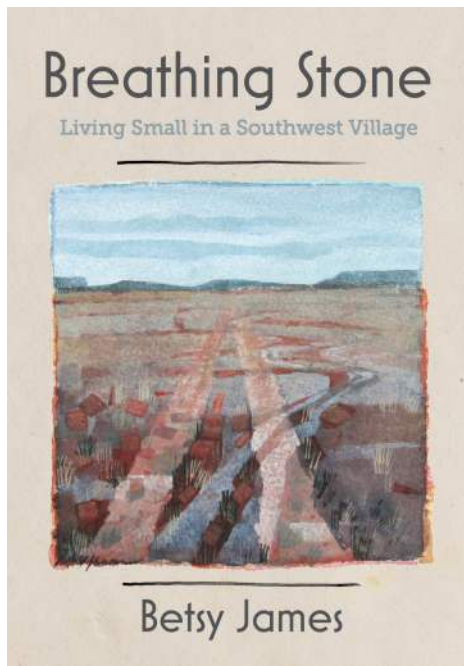
Breathing Stone:
Living Small in a Southwest Village
By Betsy James

August 12 @ 2 pm

For four years in the 1990s, writer, artist, and backcountry hiker Betsy James shared an old adobe in the village of Placitas at the northern foot of the Sandias. Of that sojourn she says:



“I had worked for years with cultures very like those that had shaped Placitas—in Mexico, Albuquerque, Zuni Pueblo. I decided I would regard each day as I would a hike off-trail in new country: I would *notice*. I would give this place my best mortal attention, and record what I could. This book is the result.”



Breathing Stone is a cache of warm, minute observations of nature and neighbors—the dogs and birds, cats and children, weather and weeds of rural New Mexico. It is both a small haven and a quiet suggestion that we observe our own lives, nudging us to catch the details so easy to forget. It is illustrated with field sketches from James’ own journal.

The Placitas Community Library is delighted to welcome Betsy James back to our community on **August 12 at 2pm**. Betsy will share stories of her time in Placitas and be happy to sign copies of *Breathing Stone: Living Small in a Southwest Village*.