

Date: Jan. 18, 2001

Book Title: The White Bone

Hostess: Nancy Sausman

Food served: Asparagus spears (marinated), tomatoes, peanuts in the shell, peanut crunch bark, grapes & cantalope, elephant ears, peanut butter banana cream pie, chocolate pudding cake

Book Synopsis:

The struggles elephants went through to survive a drought and the massacres by man. Elephants were searching for a white bone which would lead them to a safe haven.

Review:

Most appreciated the author's imagination when describing the elephant families and individual's specific gifts. The glossary was helpful but the map offered little to help us understand the elephants' journeys.

Highlights of Discussion:

- The sexual habits ^{of elephants} and language used to illustrate them.
- Visions experienced by some of the elephant characters.
- Growth of the elephant characters as the book progressed.

Attendance:

Sandy Oato, Ginny Stuart, Nancy Schellenberg, Sally Shumway,
Nancy McQuate, Nancy Bodenkorn, Laura Lewakowski, Anne Hill,
Nancy Sausman

Suggestions/Business

- Next meeting at Nancy Schellenberg's on Feb. 15.
- Discussed each purchasing a purple hat with red flowers to celebrate our growing in wisdom (i.e. age!).