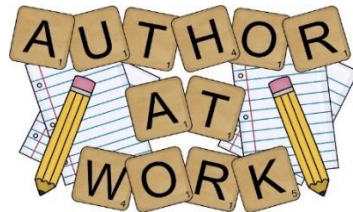


**SAVE THESE DATES:**



**September 15th:** Welcome Coffee. Our annual Welcome Coffee will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada. This is our traditional welcome to new members, welcome back to current members and introduction to prospective members. It's also our opportunity to showcase our powerful interest groups.



**October 27th:** Authors' Day. Our annual Authors' Day and local scholarship fundraiser will be held at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club, 6 S 33rd St. We'll have some 'don't miss' authors this year.

**SIX SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED THIS YEAR**



Scholarship winners and members of the Scholarship Committee (See details on page 3)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*For Women By Women*

What an amazing year this has been for the Colorado Springs Branch! But, before I highlight the many accomplishments of the year, I sincerely want to thank you for the honor to serve as your president this past year. It has been so overwhelming to share your love and support throughout the year. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you, and to learn of your amazing talents, lives and careers. What a powerhouse of women!

Our **membership** has grown to 215 members with 49 new members. Our **Interest Groups** remain very active, with 3 newly created ones: STEM, Chapter and Verse, and Evening Connections. This year's **programs** have been excellent, cost effective, and well attended. The **Board** members have been actively engaged by increasing local dues to help support programs and outreach, revising working policies, attending National and State conventions, supporting STEM day with the highest number ever of participant volunteers, and supporting a student AAUW group at UCCS.

**Kudos** to this year's Board members! Our excellent meetings and accomplishments this year are a reflection of each of you and your dedication to the mission of AAUW.

President Elect:	Nancy Holt	Local Scholarship:	Charlotte Gagne
Co-Community VP:	Pauleta Terven and Judy Casey	Public Policy:	Anna Lopez
Membership VP:	Marilyn Feaster	Communications:	Judie Werschky
Co-Program VP:	Sally Metzger and Pip Bodkin	AAUW Funds Chair	
		and Bylaws:	Candy Crumb
		Interest Group Chair:	Pam Doane
Secretary:	Pam Maier	Archivist:	Eunice Ciaccio
Treasurer:	Frieda Dunlap	Hospitality:	Nedra Engelson
Newsletter:	June Hallenbeck	Virtual Communications/	
		Directory:	Brenda Wolfe

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!

*Paula Munger*, Branch President

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### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

**President-Elect: Kathy Olson**

**Co-Community VP: Janet Friedberg**

**Co-Community VP: Paula Munger**

**Treasurer: Jeanne Howard**

**Nominating Committee: Jean Little, Pip Bodkin, Frieda Dunlap**

**Melanie Hudson** is going to be the new Membership VP.

Members who want to refer prospective members should contact Melanie at [heartdsdesire310@gmail.com](mailto:heartdsdesire310@gmail.com) or **205-7639**

## SIX LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The high point of our annual Local Scholarships cycle was celebrated at our May 19<sup>th</sup> branch meeting when all six of our scholarship recipients were presented their awards in front of 50 attending members, receiving a standing ovation. Our members have demonstrated a commitment to furthering the educational advancement of women in our community. This year's winners have majors in Education, Nursing, Biochemistry, Counseling, and Pre-Law. Each of these recipients has already had experience specific to their major and has a plan to achieve her goals.

We had another great Local Scholarships Committee: **Joann Oh, Margaret Baptist, Sally Metzger, Dee Simon, and Charlotte Gagne** evaluated 28 applicants on an equally weighted criteria of academic excellent, financial need, personal presentation, and letter of recommendation. We examine the scholarship application submissions carefully, reading between the lines, to determine which applicants demonstrate ability, career direction, ethics, community involvement, and goal commitment. Each of these women have shown clear direction and goal achievement, already on this path to obtaining their degree. The following are the profiles of our six scholars this year:

### **Mikaela Montoya**

Mikaela Montoya attended Fountain Fort Carson High school, grew up in Widefield/Security, and has attended CSU Pueblo and UCCS. She is an Inclusive Early Childhood Education major who will be getting her CO teaching license along with an endorsement in Special education. Her goal is to become an Early Intervention Preschool teacher and a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst. Mikaela comes from a family of special educators: her parents are both in this field. Currently, she is putting herself through school by working at the UCCS Family Development Center in the toddler and preschool center. Before that she did what many young adults in our society do: fast food and restaurant work. She lives at home and is to be commended for having a low student debt. She has managed this by working and going to school at the same time. Mikaela says that her students bring her much joy and she genuinely loves the time she spends teaching them. Mikaela was getting experience in her field early on: she babysat two young boys in foster care who were eventually placed in the care of her parents for a while. Seeing that these two boys needed a stable, loving caregiver gave Mikaela the motivation to enter the teaching field. She also volunteered at her mother's preschool class where she developed an interest in working with the significant needs students. She gravitated to the challenging autistic students and found herself in demand as a babysitter with this population before she was in high school. She has already worked with foster care children, medically fragile students, and students with disabilities. Not only is she close to her educational goals, she is already working in the field. Her recommender states that she is positive, hardworking, well organized, with a strong sense of responsibility. Her collaboration and teamwork skills benefit her peers and co-workers. It is my pleasure to award this scholarship to Mikaela Montoya.

### **Nelly Mathenge**

Nelly Mathenge is a 45 year old mother of 4 children, returning to college to earn her first bachelor's degree. Born in Kenya, graduated from high school in Nairobi, Nelly followed her minister husband to Botswana, and eventually to the United States in 2002. She is finishing her second year at PPCC, majoring in Psychology, and will attend UCCS in the Fall. She plans to pursue a master's degree in counseling with an ultimate goal of working with adolescent youth. Over the years she has been involved with elementary-age children, teens, and young adults in church volunteer positions, as well as her work with the homeless through Springs Rescue Mission. Her next endeavor is volunteering with St. Mary's Home, a non-profit organization that reaches out to poverty stricken single mothers and assists them in breaking the cycle of poverty through life classes and additional college or vocational training.

Nelly was selected from among thousands of applicants, statewide, to be one of 40 All-Colorado Academic team in recognition of scholarly achievements of students enrolled in all of Colorado's two- year colleges. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a shining star in her online and on campus classes. She writes beautifully, an even more impressive feat when considering English is her third language: Her first is native Kikuyu, Swahili her second, and English her third language, although all coursework K-12 was in English. She continues to

participate in her children's schools whenever she can. Her eldest son is off to college in one year, so with 4 children, Nelly appreciates this monetary support, allowing her to take full time credits and an opportunity to complete her degree within a reasonable stretch of time. She, like our other scholarship recipients, is delving into her chosen profession by volunteering with Springs Rescue Mission and youth in her community. Any of us who have had mothers who returned for a degree while raising a family, understands this is not an easy road. As her recommender states, "Nelly is navigating this road beautifully."

### **Mariah Mayhugh:**

Mariah Mayhugh is a juggler. She goes to school half the week for high school and the other half for college. She will receive her high school diploma and associates of arts degree on the same day with the honor of being second in her high school class. Imagine starting your college journey with 74 completed college units, all paid for with D49 tax payer dollars.

Mariah found her passion early in life. She aspires to be a pediatric nurse, after a serious childhood illness gave her firsthand experience with the pediatric nurses who cared for her. She now wants to care for children the way that the nurses at Children's Hospital cared for her. Mariah is passionate, outspoken, and responsible. She offers to give speeches and was one of several students who participated in the Multi-Cultural Awareness Conference. She chose a unique topic: how a high school student in college exists in two subcultures simultaneously, complete with challenges, assumptions, and prejudices from the one toward the other. She gave an astute, professional quality speech that generated audience questions. Mariah's coursework includes 18 credits, CNA training in addition to her high school work. She has carefully navigated two worlds and emerged a winner. She is editor of her high school yearbook, active in National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and chair of the "Puppy Love" charity dance, a fundraiser for National Mill Dog Rescue. She holds down a part-time job at her church, assisting in a childcare program for children whose parents attend bible study classes. Her recommender states that she is extremely conscientious about all aspects of her learning and is quick to catch subtleties of information and interpretation. She was also tenaciously dedicated to planning her degree program with great care, keeping track of two institutions requirements, consulting with advisors, and assuring what her funding would cover. College today is so different from when many of our AAUW members attended. Gone are the days of one institution for 4 years---Enter the era of online coursework, concurrent enrollment, community college, and eventually a 4 year university. Mariah is a great example of this new patchwork approach to education that meets an individual's academic and economic resources.

### **Stephanie Warren:**

Stephanie Warren is a mother of four children and a UCCS junior, majoring in Business and Pre-Law with a goal of becoming a constitutional lawyer, advocating for victims and survivor of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Stephanie understands this world, first hand, as a survivor of sexual assault and domestic violence. Despite a Permanent Protection Ord3er and 7 Military protection orders, this experience did not destroy her growth or define her family. She is raising 4 children, 15, 14, 11, and 5 and she is determined to be the first in her family to attend and graduate college while being a role model for her children.

Stephanie recently wrote 587 congressional letters to gain justice for her case, while navigating the political quagmire of Fort Carson. She is recognized by her professors, former Colorado Springs Police Department officers and criminal lawyers, as the top of her class in terms of understanding this difficult subject. She was chosen by one of her professors to be a co-contributor to a research project on this topic given her personal and extensive academic research on domestic violence. Stephanie continues ongoing therapy and now assists other victims of assault to help them understand the complex psychological interactions that enter into these relationships. Giving back to others and helping to break the cycle of abuse is Stephanie's goal in life. She views her college degree as the first stepping stone toward her goal of making not just her family, but her community and future generations better.

### **Yulia Shtanko**

Yulia Shtanko completed the Early Colleges program through School District 11, graduating concurrently from high school and earning an Associates of Science degree, with 94 college credits. She will enter UCCS in the Fall as a Junior major in Biochemistry. Yulia catapulted herself on this trajectory by teaching herself Pre-Calculus in order to test out of the pre-requisites for a college level Calculus course targeted for pre-med majors. Yulia has been flying high from an early age. She and her mother left Kyrgyzstan when Yulia was two years old, leaving family and an unhealthy relationship, and took a job in Japan. Her mother remarried an Air Force serviceman and Yulia lived and attended school in Japan, Germany, Krgitstan, and the United States. She was all set to enter Liberty High school as a freshmen when her mother heard about the Early Learning Colleges program in D11. The rest (94 college units later) is history.

Yulia has many friends among her high school and college peers, is deeply admired by the faculty, and has served in leadership capacity in the Early Learning Colleges National Honor Society. She has an incredible resume of volunteer work and community service from the arts to medicine to outdoors and nature. Her recommender sees her as an extremely well-rounded individual who has great passion and empathy in all she does.

You may have seen Yulia's picture in the Gazette Telegraph featuring the Best and the Brightest,. She was honored for her academic excellence at the Early Colleges program, National Honor Society, Memorial Hospital Volunteer, and recipient of the GRIT scholarship, a scholarship that honors students excellence from her essay on perseverance which won first place.

Yulia's goal is to become a medical doctor in a military hospital. She is already 94 credits on her way!

### **Emily Grenier:**

Emily Grenier is a 4.0 GPA student at UCCS in the Inclusive Early Childhood Education program. She attended an online high school in Douglas County, PPCC, and now UCCS. Emily is no stranger to her chosen field of elementary education. She is already employed as a preschool teacher in Douglas County and has worked as a lead Bible teacher in her church's Vacation Bible school. She took on the role of Children's Education specialist as a lead teacher and facilitator of a one room children's class, including toddler through elementary aged children. It seems like her vocational and free time revolve around young children. For two summers, she participated in a Youth mission program in the Ukraine, assisting orphans and 80 young children in a summer camp in the Carpathian Mountains. Her recommender states that Emily is highly committed to children and following the career path to education,

Emily's decision to attend an online high school was a practical one—it is 20 minutes to the bus stop for students in Larkspur who attend Palmer Ridge High school in Monument or Castleview High school in Castle Rock. Emily saw the realities of that and decided to work, save money for college, and attend online high school.

Emily plans to continue to work part time to pay for her education. This scholarship will allow her to focus less on the financial responsibilities of her education and more on her studies. We look carefully at each of our applicants to see what kinds of experience they have in their chosen field. Emily has been immersed in the world of teaching children through high school as well as college.

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We give to each of these amazing women our highest hopes and deepest confidence that they will indeed succeed, not only academically, but in the multiple roles that they work so hard to fill.

*Charlotte Gagne, Local Scholarships Chair*



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I want to thank all of our wonderful members who have referred interested friends to join AAUW!

**Forty-nine new members** have joined our Colorado Springs AAUW branch in 2017-18. We currently have **215 members**.

Many thanks to these members for referring our newest members: **Darlene Aspedon, Renee Barall, Lois Boschee, Joan Capesius, Judy Casey, Eunice Ciaccio, Pam Doane, Peggy Dolinich, Kathy Griego, Laura Gross, Nancy Holt, Jean Koch, Anna Lopez, Pam Maier, Jeanne Marsh, Jeanette Minniti, Linda Mooney, Paula Munger, Jean Olsen, Ilene Steinkruger, Violet Sykora, Pauleta Terven, Judie Werschky, and Jan Zellmer.**

I also want to thank both of our State Membership VP's **Eileen Young and Terry Campbell Caron** for hosting several informative membership meetings that I attended in Denver and offering their tremendous support with my membership position this year.

I attended their first State Membership VP meeting in August, I was inspired to pursue facilitating a "launch" of our first Digital Directory. PLEASE OFFER YOUR THANKS TO A RELATIVELY NEW MEMBER, **CHRIS TOTH** WHO DEDICATED HER TIME TO CREATE OUR WONDERFUL UPDATED INTERIM DIRECTORY. IT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU ON OUR WEBSITE in the MEMBERS ONLY section. YOU CAN RECEIVE A PRINTED COPY IN OCTOBER at our AUTHOR'S DAY EVENT!

Here's their report:



**WOO-HOO!!!** *Congratulations to Colorado Springs, Littleton South Metro, and Fort Collins for receiving 5 free National memberships!*



### Our Newest Members

#### **Renee Barall**

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State University; Danbury, CT

MN (Acute Care Nursing) Eastern

Washington Univ. Spokane WA

FNP post-master's certificate (Family  
Nurse Practitioner) Washington State Univ.

**Renee** has worked for 37 years in nursing, the past 22 years as an FNP. She retired from Air Force nursing in 2004 and recently retired from Memorial Urgent Care (Apr 1, 2018). At

present she works per diem (as needed) at Ft Carson Family Practice clinics and is a clinical instructor/ site visitor for NP students attending UCCS. She also teaches Pediatric & Adult Advanced Life Support for UC Health. Renee loves the outdoors and is an avid hiker, biker, skier, scuba diver and white water rafter. She has also has spent time exploring slot canyons in UT, to include rappelling 125 feet.

#### **Pat Coleman**

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**Judy** worked as a contractor to the US Air Force for 13 years doing cruise missile data analysis, ballistic missile tactical warning and attack assessment verification and satellite system ground station software verification. She has worked for MCI/Worldcom/Verizon/Ericsson since 1997 doing test and verification of software that processes millions of 1800 calls daily. She plans to retire in 2020 and she has a 25 year old son. She likes to be outdoors and loves to garden, hike, bike and ski and she loves to read and travel. After college graduation Judy was a ski bum for seven years till she got tired of the lifestyle and decided to dust off her diploma and become an engineer.

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MSEE (Electrical Engineering, Computer  
Networking) Arizona State Univ.;  
Phoenix AZ

**Kala** worked for Honeywell, Bull (a French company), and irys Networking Corporation. She was Director of Global Systems Engineering at Bull and president at irys Networking Corporation. She participated in the definition of computer networking standards, first representing the US on international committees and later chairing one of the international standards committees. Great way to travel! She has lived in Kansas, Phoenix,

Versailles, Boston, and Colorado Springs. She is now retired and spends part of her time in the mountains (but not as much time there as her husband!). She has a 23 year old son. She enjoys hiking, biking, snowshoeing, reading and travel.

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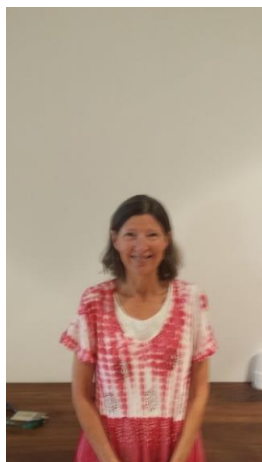
Degrees: BA (German Studies) University of  
Minnesota, Minneapolis  
BA of Individualized Studies (International  
Relations) Univ. of Minnesota  
MA (International Economics) The  
American University, Washington DC  
After spending most of her career in Washington,  
DC, **Kate** moved to Colorado Springs last summer  
to take a position at NORAD & USNORTHCOM at  
Peterson AFB. During her career she held positions  
at the Department of Defense, the State Department,  
the Commerce Department, and the Executive  
Office of the President, and she served for five years  
in Geneva, Switzerland. A Wisconsin native, Kate  
is a true Green Bay Packer fan. She plans to retire  
in the fall and looks forward to pursuing many  
hobbies and activities, including cycling, skiing,  
reading, birding, and travel. She lives in the Old  
North End with her son, who is in college locally;  
her daughter is a research astronomer at the Oak  
Ridge National Laboratory.



Pictures of some of our newest members:



Renee Barall



Judy Long



Kala Marietta



LouAnn McKenzie



Kate Meyer Olson

New Newsletter Editor:

**Laura Gross** is the new editor of this newsletter. Send all your news and interest group listings for the September newsletter to:

Laura Gross, 4011 San Felice Point, Colorado Springs, CO, 80906, or [grosslf@msn.com](mailto:grosslf@msn.com).

## New Writing Group – *Chapter and Verse*



As our AAUW branch continues to grow, so does the demand for new and varied interest groups. An organizational meeting for a new writing group, called *Chapter and Verse*, will be held on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the home of Janet Condit (2335 Marston Heights, COS 80920). The group tentatively plans to meet on the second Thursday of each month (including the summer months.) The focus of *Chapter and Verse* will be to support and encourage writing activities of group members and help each other improve our writing skills.

If you are interested in learning more about this new interest group, or if you would like to attend the organizational meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>, please contact Janet Condit at 277-7590 or [jjcondit@msn.com](mailto:jjcondit@msn.com)





## JUNE



**Monday:** HARDY HIKERS: C: Pip Bodkin, 206-427-2444

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| 4  | Hike Cheesman Canyon        | Call Jean Little   |
| 11 | Hike Seven Bridges          | Call Michele Strub |
| 18 | Hike Florissant Fossil Beds | Call Janet Condit  |
| 25 | Hike Platte River Trail     | Call Lois Boschee  |

**Tuesday:**

- 12 DINNER BOOK CLUB: C: Martha Lee, 594-9039, [mleewest@live.com](mailto:mleewest@live.com). 5:45, *Y is for Yesterday* by Sue Grafton. The restaurant: Black-eyed Pea, 501 Garden of the Gods, 548-9417. Hostess: Kay Atteberry. To reserve a seat contact Marth Lee by noon on the day before the meeting.

- 26 MORNING GLORY READERS BOOK CLUB: 10:00 -12:00. Contact: Kathy Griego, 306-3991. Book: *The Nest* by Cynthia Sweeney. Host: Char Gagne 641-7570, 12620 Bridle Bit Road

BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com), 388-8557

UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS): C: Wynn Weidner, 598-5259, [wynnweidner@q.com](mailto:wynnweidner@q.com). Hostess: Bonnie Reeves, 6213 Sternwood Rd, 694-1880, [P\\_B\\_reeves@msn.com](mailto:P_B_reeves@msn.com).

**Wednesday:**

- 13 EVENING CONNECTIONS: 5:00-7:30 pm. C: Marilyn Feaster, 494-3386, [aauw1719@gmail.com](mailto:aauw1719@gmail.com). IKEBANA demonstration with Karen Hench at The Warehouse Restaurant and Gallery, 25 W. Cimarron St.
- 20 LUNCHEON NOVEL I: 11:45 a.m. Co-chairs: Georgina Burns, 598-7773 & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228. Hostess: Nadine. Co-hostess: Vivian (649-8427) Book: *American Eclipse* by David Baron D.L. Leslie
- LUNCHEON NOVEL, TOO: 12:00 noon. C: June Hallenbeck, 598-2979, [junehallenbeck@comcast.net](mailto:junehallenbeck@comcast.net). Hostess-Co-DL: Betty Slaughter, 245 Raven Hills Rd, 548-8524, [bslaugh1@gmail.com](mailto:bslaugh1@gmail.com). Book: *A Tree Grows In Brooklyn* by Betty Smith.
- 27 CHOCOLATE LOVERS: Co-Chairs: Ellie Solomon - 630-7465, [elron3@msn.com](mailto:elron3@msn.com) & Sally Mathewson - 473-0228, [mathewson3@juno.com](mailto:mathewson3@juno.com) TBD

**Thursday:**

- AMIABLE AMBLERS: Chairman: Eunice Ciaccio, 465-2911, [euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net)
- 7 Exploring Stratton Open Space. Meet at 9:00am at trail head off LaVita Road. Leader: Charla Dowds (574-7568) or [d49\\_cdowds@yahoo.com](mailto:d49_cdowds@yahoo.com)
- 14 Exploring Red Rocks Open Space. Meet at 9:00am at Route 24 parking lot. Leader: Violet Sykora, 650-5798) or [sykoravss@gmail.com](mailto:sykoravss@gmail.com)
- 21 Exploring Bear Creek. Meet at 9:00am at Regional Office parking lot. Leader: Marilyn Frydrych (574-0252) or [mfrydrych@comcast.net](mailto:mfrydrych@comcast.net)
- 28 Exploring Fox Run Regional Park. Meet at 9:00am at Rollercoaster Road parking lot. Leader: Eunice Ciaccio (465-2911) or [euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net)

**Thursday (continued):**

- 7 WOMEN WHO WRITE: 9:30 a.m. Chair: Melanie Hudson 205-7639, [heartsdesire68@msn.com](mailto:heartsdesire68@msn.com); Co-chair: Janet Condit 277-7590, [jjcondit@msn.com](mailto:jjcondit@msn.com); Hostess: Chris Edgar, 2018 Flintlock Terrace E., 598-4634, [cholmedgar@gmail.com](mailto:cholmedgar@gmail.com); Refreshments: Lani Manning; Prompt: June Hallenbeck.
- 14 CHAPTER & VERSE: 1:00 p.m. Chair: Janet Condit 277-7590, [jjcondit@msn.com](mailto:jjcondit@msn.com); Co-chair: Caroline Vulgamore, 520-5365, [hvulgamore@gmail.com](mailto:hvulgamore@gmail.com). Hostess: Janet Condit, 2335 Marston Heights.
- 7,14,21,28 MAH JONGG: 1 p.m. Valley Hi Golf Course. Contact Susan Bydalek at 465-2707 or [sbydalek@yahoo.com](mailto:sbydalek@yahoo.com). Optional lunch at noon.

**Friday:**

- 1 EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES: 10:00 a.m. East Library, Room E-1 in upstairs study area. Janet Friedberg, 596-1846, [janetfriedberg@comcast.net](mailto:janetfriedberg@comcast.net) & Eunice Ciaccio, 465-2911; [euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net). Book to be discussed (LGBTQ Pride Month): *Then Comes Marriage: United States v Windsor and the Defeat of DOMA* by Roberta Kaplan.

- 27 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com). 388-8557

**Saturday:**

- 16 FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE (FOG): c: Jeanne Marsh, 590-7237, [jmarsh@ocisys.net](mailto:jmarsh@ocisys.net). FOG, "June is Busting Out All Over". That means we'll be meeting at June and Ken Hallenbeck's at 6:00 on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June for our June Picnic/Party, June and Ken will supply the grill with brots and burgers, buns, etc. – and you bring the rest – appetizers, salads, sides, desserts, and of course your drink -wine, beer, or? Let June know you're coming and we'll save a place! June Hallenbeck at 598-2949 or [junehallenbeck@comcast.net](mailto:junehallenbeck@comcast.net).



Cindi Zenkert Strange's Degas presentation at the new Evening Connections Interest Group



# JULY



**Monday:** HARDY HIKERS: C: Pip Bodkin, 206-427-2444

- 2 Hike St. Mary's Falls Call Gini Simonson
- 9 Hike Mitchell Creek, Founders Vil Call Jeanne Allen
- 16 Hike Catamount Open Space Call Judy Leiseth
- 23 Hike Ute Valley Park Call Marilyn Feaster
- 30 Hike Pancake Rocks Call Joan Skoog

**Tuesday:**

- 10 DINNER BOOK CLUB: C: Martha Lee, 594-9039, [mleewest@live.com](mailto:mleewest@live.com). 5:45 *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Hostess: Martha Lee and Marion Rich. Cookout and potluck at Martha's, 6570 Foxdale Circle. To reserve a seat contact Marth Lee by noon on the day before the meeting.
- 24 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com). 388-8557
- UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS): 1:00 p.m. C: Wynn Weidner, 598-5259, [wynnweidner@q.com](mailto:wynnweidner@q.com). Hostess: Kay Atteberry, 907 Dirksland, 599-3187, [kayatteberry@aol.com](mailto:kayatteberry@aol.com).

**Wednesday:**

- 11 EVENING CONNECTIONS: 5:00-7:30 pm. C: Marilyn Feaster, 494-3386, [aauw1719@gmail.com](mailto:aauw1719@gmail.com). Socializing at the Garden of the Gods Trading Post, Patio.
- 18 LUNCHEON NOVEL I: 11:45 a.m. Co-chairs: Georgina Burns, 598-7773 & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228. Hostess: Ellie. Co-hostess: Ilene (473-8511 Book: *Celtic Road Home* by Ann Fox.. DL: author
- 25 CHOCOLATE LOVERS: Co-Chairs: Ellie Solomon - 630- 7456, [elron3@msn.com](mailto:elron3@msn.com) & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228, [mathewson3@juno.com](mailto:mathewson3@juno.com) TBD.

**Thursday:**

- AMIALE AMBLERS: Chairman: Eunice Ciaccio, 465-2911, [euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net)
  - 5 Exploring Stratton Open Space. Meet at 9:00am at trail head off LaVita Road. Leader: Charla Dowds (574-7568) or [d49\\_cdowds@yahoo.com](mailto:d49_cdowds@yahoo.com)
  - 12 Exploring Red Rocks Open Space. Meet at 9:00am at Route 24 parking lot. Leader: Violet Sykora, 650-5798) or [sykoravss@gmail.com](mailto:sykoravss@gmail.com).
  - 19 Exploring Bear Creek. Meet at 9:00am at Regional Office parking lot. Leader: Pauleta Terven (598-3020) or [pauletat@aol.com](mailto:pauletat@aol.com)
  - 26 Exploring Fox Run Regional Park. Meet at 9:00am at Rollercoaster Road parking lot. Leader: Eunice Ciaccio (465-2911) or [euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net)
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- 5 WOMEN WHO WRITE: 9:30 a.m Chair: Melanie Hudson 205-7639, [heartdesire68@msn.com](mailto:heartdesire68@msn.com); Co-chair: Janet Condit 277-7590, [jjcondit@msn.com](mailto:jjcondit@msn.com); Hostess, Refreshments & Prompt: Irmgard von der Gathen, 7 Thayer Road, 634-0445, [ivondergathen@comcast.net](mailto:ivondergathen@comcast.net);
  - 12 CHAPTER & VERSE: 1:00 pm. Chair: Janet Condit 277-7590, [jjcondit@msn.com](mailto:jjcondit@msn.com); Co-chair: Caroline Vulgamore, 520-5365, [hvulgamore@gmail.com](mailto:hvulgamore@gmail.com). Hostess: TBD.

### Thursday (continued):

5,12.19.26 MAH JONGG: 1 p.m. Valley Hi Golf Course. Contact Susan Bydalek at 465-2707 or [sbydalek@yahoo.com](mailto:sbydalek@yahoo.com). Optional lunch at noon.

### Friday:

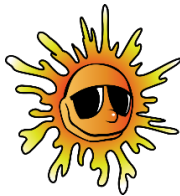
6 EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES: 10:00 a.m. East Library, Room E-1 in upstairs study area. Janet Friedberg, 596-1846, [janetfriedberg@comcast.net](mailto:janetfriedberg@comcast.net) & Eunice Ciaccio, 465-2911; [euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net). Book to be Discussed: *Stolen Beauty: A Novel* by Laurie Lico Albanese

13,27 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com), 388-8557

### Saturday:

28 FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE (FOG): c: Jeanne Marsh, 590-7237, [jmarsh@ocisys.net](mailto:jmarsh@ocisys.net)  
6:00pm: Mexican Fiesta hosted by Jeanne Marsh 850 Timber Valley Rd.

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## AUGUST



**Monday:** HARDY HIKERS: C: Pip Bodkin, 206-427-2444

6	Hike Black Forest Regional Park	Call Char Gagne
13	Hike Strawberry Fields	Call Violet Sykora
20	Hike Trail 715, Monument	Call Jan Jones
27	Hike Cheyenne Fire Rd, nr Larkspur	Call Marilyn Parker

### Tuesday:

14 DINNER BOOK CLUB: C: Martha Lee, 594-9039, [mleewest@live.com](mailto:mleewest@live.com). 5:45, *Invisible: Surviving the Cambodian Genocide* by Francis T. Pilch. The restaurant: Lemongrass Bistro, 6840 North Academy Blvd, 592-1391. To reserve a seat contact Martha Lee by noon on the day before the meeting.

21 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com), 388-8557

28 UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS): 1:00 p.m. C: Wynn Weidner, 598-5259, [wynnweidner@q.com](mailto:wynnweidner@q.com). Hostess: Nancy Swartz, [itsnancyswartz@gmail.com](mailto:itsnancyswartz@gmail.com), 205-0377.  
Place: at Wynn Weidner's, 1614 Westmoreland Rd.

### Wednesday:

8 SOUTHWEST STUDIES: 12:30 pm Planning Meeting and Pot Luck: Meeting will take place at Jeanne Marsh's home, 850 Timber Valley Road, CS 80919. More details will follow.  
Chairman: Eunice Ciaccio, 719-465-2911 or [euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net).

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15 LUNCHEON NOVEL I: 11:45 a.m. Co-chairs: Georgina Burns, 598-7773 & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228. Hostess: Ilene (473-8511) Book: Any horse book by Anna Blake.  
DL: Georgina

**Wednesday (continued):**

- 22 CHOCOLATE LOVERS: Co-Chairs: Ellie Solomon - 630- 7456, [elron3@msn.com](mailto:elron3@msn.com) & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228, [mathewson3@juno.com](mailto:mathewson3@juno.com) We will be going to Denver to tour the Chocolate Lab and have lunch. Details will follow by email.

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- 10,24 BRIDGE LITE: Contact Lois Boschee, [loisbos68@gmail.com](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com), 388-8557.
- 24 FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE (FOG): c: Jeanne Marsh, 590-7237, [jmarsh@ocisys.net](mailto:jmarsh@ocisys.net) Pam and Scott Doane are hosting the August FOG. 2600 Northridge Dr, 598-2442, [pamdoane1@me.com](mailto:pamdoane1@me.com). Save the date, details to follow.





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