



COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH



September 15

Welcome Coffee!

Our annual Welcome Coffee will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall. 420 N. Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. An RSVP is required, see page 10...

Park in the big parking lot on E. St. Vrain St. The entrance to the church is across the street. There will be signs to direct you to Fellowship Hall.

This is our annual welcome to new members, welcome back to current members and introduction to prospective members.

October 27

Author's Day & Silent Auction

8:30-12:00 Authors' Day and Silent Auction

Silent auction items may be brought to the Welcome Coffee on Sept. 15. Please bring items to auction at Author's Day for the Silent Auction fundraiser to help raise our amount donated to scholarships! These items can be items or experiences and we are hoping to net what last year brought in, so it will take all of us! Thank you, Elizabeth Leslie, Fundraising Chair, 719-338-6924

October 6

Joint Meeting with the League of Women Voters

10:00 -12:00 Joint Meeting with the League of Women Voters on the mid-term ballot issues at Rockrimmon Library.

See page 5 for more information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last year was a stellar year for our local branch of AAUW. The membership grew, and we learned yesterday at the first board meeting of 2018-2019 that we had a 90% membership retention in spite of the raised dues. A new evening interest group Connections was started by Marilyn Feaster and Arts on the Go was resurrected by Pam Maier. There are several new Interest Groups coming on line this year. They will be presented at the Welcome Coffee on September 15th.

Many hours were invested by Chris Toth to put our directory online. She will update it at the end of each month. She and Pauleta Terven are working together to maintain the website. Brenda Wolfe has been working to update the database. Any changes in your email, telephone or mailing address should be sent to Brenda and Chris. Printed directories will be distributed at Authors' Day on October 27th.

Our branch owes a big thank you to last year's board and our outgoing President, Paula Munger, for their hard work and accomplishments. This year's board and their committees have been working and planning all summer to make this year another outstanding year. I feel very humbled and privileged to be the incoming president of such a dynamic organization.

Sincerely,

Nancy Holt

2018-2019 AAUW Board

2018-2019 Executive Committee/Elected Officers

President: Nancy Holt

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Vice Presidents of Programs: Pip Bodkin

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Brenda Wolfe

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AAUW Public Policy Committee August 2018 Report

The Public Policy Committee has continued meeting to discuss and look into gun safety issues. We have had speakers from the MOMS group talk about the need for sensible gun rules. We have also participated as individuals in the marches to bring awareness to the issue of gun safety.

It was determined that a program on gun safety should be presented to our chapter of AAUW. After discussing the program with the Program Committee, it was decided to hold the program at the Welcome Coffee. The Ad Hoc committee went into action mode and details for the panel discussion were developed.

Five people were contacted to participate in the panel: "Rules, Rights and Responsibilities: The 3R's of Gun Ownership". Colorado Springs Police Chief Pete Carey, Ms. Annie Oatman-Gardner (Sen. Bennett's office), Prof. George Reed, PhD (UCCS), and Ms. Helen Kamin (MOMS) have committed. Questions arose regarding Rep Pete Lee due to his current run for office. I am awaiting a decision from the state AAUW. Questions will be taken from the audience following an introductory 5minute speech from each panelist.

It should be an interesting program given the prominence of gun violence in our society. It should begin a dialogue on the issue of gun safety and hopefully will be followed up by a citywide discussion. We hope to have a large audience.

Fall elections are soon. Everyone is urged to study the issues and candidates and exercise your right to vote in November.

Anna T. Lopez, chair

Membership

Welcome to AAUW! Quite a few new members joined over the summer. Please welcome:

Sherri Bristol

Eileen M. Reilly

Kathleen Borrelli

Lynda Ward Schedler

Barbara Blumer

Karla Gonzales Garcia

Maureen Sigler (Mo)

Smith Holt

Melanie Hudson, AAUW Membership VP, 719-205-7639



Southwest Studies' "Grand" Adventure, May 21-25th, 2018

Annually, the Southwest Studies interest group selects an interesting southwest destination, typically within a day's drive, to explore in depth. In the year leading up to the trip, members research and share topics related to our planned travels, from the area's topography and natural wonders, to its history and cultural heritage. Then we go to experience it all, first hand!

Past trips have taken us from Glenwood Springs to Santa Fe and many points in between.

This past year, we zeroed in on Montrose, Palisades and Grand Junction...and the journey proved to be just peachy! Twenty-three of us left Colorado Springs on Mon. May 21st, fortified with snacks and a carefully planned itinerary, thanks to our stellar trip committee. Here's the highlight reel:

- *Exploring one of the four National Parks in Colorado: Black Canyon of the Gunnison, where we were awed by the incredibly steep gorge carved through the eons by the Gunnison River and marveled at the Painted Wall Cliff.
- *Visiting the Ute Museum where we learned about Ute history through dynamic interactive exhibits, paid our respects at Chipeta's grave and were treated to an impromptu Native American flute "concert" by the museum director.
- *Hiking with our guide on private land, located on the eastern edge of the Uncompahgre Plateau, to explore the extensive Shavano Valley petroglyphs, rock carvings dating back to 1000 BC, and other sites sacred to its earliest inhabitants.
- *Touring the breathtaking Colorado National Monument, where each new vista seemed better than the last. Incredibly, we had the park almost to ourselves!
- * Sampling some of Palisades many local wineries, tasting their wines and browsing their gift shops, amidst flower-bedecked fields and vistas. For free, or for a modest fee, wineries poured samples of their wares, including a memorable, peach-infused white. Watch for bottles purchased for the Southwest Studies' gift baskets at the Authors Day auction!
- *Journeying through 1000 years of Colorado history on a docent-led tour of Grand Junction's Museum of the West, including a fine collection of prehistoric Southwest pottery and exhibits dealing with Colorado's troubled uranium mining history.
- *Lunching with the Grand Junction AAUW group, followed by a chance to shop the many vintage and book shops in Grand Junction and buy Enstrom's world-famous toffee. Our sojourn ended with a birthday celebration at a local café, topped off by a mellow concert featuring Chris Hillman, of Byrds fame, backed by towering river bluffs.

And just when we thought our adventure was over, the trip home on Friday was temporarily way laid by a bear-motorcycle-Fed Ex truck accident. Result? Serendipitous lunches in Breckenridge, Glenwood Springs and other picturesque locales, and for one group, a close encounter with two cream-colored buffalos (not albinos, but crossbreeds) that made for a fitting ending for our "Grand" trip!

(By Cindi Zenkert-Strange)

Joint Meeting with the League of Women Voters

Do you need to learn more to be ready for this election?

Colorado ballots will include six constitutional amendments referred by the legislature and an unknown number of initiatives (the Secretary of State is still working to verify signatures to qualify initiatives for the ballot). All state ballot issues will be presented (pro and con) at a joint meeting of AAUW and League of Women Voters of the Pikes Peak Region.

October 6, 2018 10:00-12:00
Rockrimmon Library, 832 Village Center Drive, Colorado Springs

Everyone is welcome so feel free to bring your friends and neighbors. There is no cost for this meeting and no RSVP required. You can check that your voter registration is current (or register for the first time) at govotecolorados.com.

Interest Groups

Since this is the beginning of the "social year" I am listing all of the groups, new and established, by the day of the week they meet. If the group is new, then included is a description of the group. Please note that the format and information in this section will change in future newsletters. LFG

No Particular Day

Arts on the Go! Enjoy local music and theatre with your AAUW friends. No regularly scheduled meetings. Contact: Pam Maier. Pamela.S.Maier@gmail.com Cell: 719-694-4222

Mondays

HARDY HIKERS: C: Pip Bodkin, 206-427-2444
Sep 3, 18 No hike - Labor Day
Sep 10,18 Mule Creek/Picnic Manitou Lake Pip Bodkin
Sep 17,18 Red Rocks Canyon Denise Farrar
Sep 24,18 South Canyon, Palmer Park Joann Oh

Tuesdays

New Visual Arts Interest Group Debuts

Attention Art-junkies! Like Venus rising from the half-shell, a new interest group is born--Visual Arts Visions and Visits! Meeting 1st Tues at 1:30, we'll explore a range of interesting topics related to visual arts/artists, with members volunteering to research/present their favorites, and some outside speakers as well. We'll also keep our eyes open for regional art-related exhibits and sites of interest that we may want to carpool to (Monet comes to the DAM next year!)

Our 1st meeting will be Tues., Sept 4 at 1:30 at the Tim Gill Center (Rocky Mountain PBS, 322 E. Costilla St.). We'll discuss logistics, then we'll have a presentation on Santos by Smith Holt (Nancy's husband.) He'll be bringing the marvelous and very personal Santo he recently commissioned from acknowledged master Santero, Victor Goler. Please rsvp to Cindi Zenkert-Strange cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Hope you can join us!

September 4. TECH GROUP: 9:30-11:30 first Tuesday of the month.
Contact: Shirlea Griswold 719-337-2886 sunni773x8@outlook.com

Sept.4th meeting: Hostess: Barbara Kafka, 2011 Devon Street 80909, phone 719-574-0506, franticfrancis@msn.com

September 11 READERS POTPOURRI 1:00 p.m. C: Margaret Miller, fergst41@yahoo.com, 719-641-4710. Book: The Opposite of Woe: My Life in Beer and Politics by John Hickenlooper. Hostess/Leader Janet Friedberg, RSVP 719-596-1846, janetfriedberg@comcast.net

September 11 DINNER BOOK CLUB C: Nedra Engelson, 574-5274, nengelsson@aol.com. 5:45, Book: The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom. The restaurant: Marigold Cafe and Bakery, 4605 Centennial Blvd., 599-4776. To reserve a seat please contact Barbara Kafka, 574-0506 by noon on the day before the meeting.

September 25 UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS): 1:00 p.m. C: Wynn Weidner, 598-5259, wynnweidner@q.com. Hostess: Laura Gross, 1614 Westmorland, 719-576-2833.

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Each year, the Federal Policy Association puts out a Briefing Book on the 8 most pressing global topics facing the country. Participation in the group includes reading the chapter on the topic to be discussed at each meeting then watching a twenty minute DVD on the topic prior to breaking into groups for discussion.

The 2019 Great Decisions Group will start meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday during the months of February, March, April and May from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Pikes Peak Library District-East Library. A complete schedule of meeting dates will be provided to participants post registration. There is a 20% discount offered on Briefing Book group orders placed in the fall of 2018.

If you are interested in joining Great Decisions for 2019, please provide your email address and phone number to Jeanette Minniti at jeanetteminniti@gmail.com or call 719-481-3230.

Wednesdays

EVENING CONNECTIONS TO TOPICS

Members interested in the monthly topic will enjoy meeting in a private room with a stimulating speaker, a buffet, and have the opportunity to meet different people each month. Guests are welcome!

If you are interested in attending, your check for \$20.00 needs to be made out to The Warehouse Restaurant and mailed to me, one week in advance. (An all inclusive buffet for \$20 per person includes the room, tax, gratuity, buffet, one beer or glass of wine, and covers the speaker's buffet). If you have questions or want to be added to the reminder Email list, please contact Marilyn Feaster at aaaw1719@gmail.com.

We normally meet on the second Wednesday from 5:00-8:00 PM at
The Warehouse Restaurant
25 West Cimmaron Street 80903
Upcoming Meeting Dates:

September 12th at The Warehouse Restaurant

Betty Heid, Executive Producer Colorado Women's Hall of Fame Film Library will present
"The Colorado Women's Hall of Fame with Inductees from the Pikes Peak Region"

September 12 Southwest Studies 1:30pm Location: Tim Gill Center, East Room, 315 E Costilla. Set-up: Bev Goodall and Janet Friedberg. Topic: Wyoming Territory, Cheyenne & Fort Laramie. Presenter: Frieda Dunlap, 2019 Trip Chair. Cheyenne Frontier Days and Rodeos. Presenter: Shirley Kielcheski. Please RSVP: Eunice Ciaccio (719-465-2911) euninco.11@comcast.net Co-Chair: Jean Little (209-595-5587) wjean1@gmail.com.

September 18 Luncheon Novel 1 11:45 a.m. Hostess: Vivian (649-8427) @ PEO Chapter House. Book: THE GILDED YEARS by Karin Tanabe. D.L. Sally, Chair: Georgina Burns

September 26 CHOCOLATE LOVERS: 11:30 a.m. Co-Chairs: Ellie Solomon - 630-7465, elron3@msn.com & Sally Mathewson 473-0228, mathewson3@juno.com Lunch at The Loop, 965 Manitou Avenue and a visit to Radiantly Raw Chocolates, 16 Canon Ave, Manitou Springs. Please RSVP to Violet Sykora, 650- 5798, sykoravss@gmail.com

Thursdays

September 13 WOMEN WHO WRITE: 9:30 a.m. Chair: Melanie Hudson, 205-7639, heartdesire310@gmail.com. Co-Chair: Janet Condit, 277-7590, jjcondit@msn.com. Hostess: June Hallenbeck, 115 Dolomite Dr., 598-2979, junehallenbeck@comcast.net, Refreshments: Melanie Hudson, Prompt: Joann Oh.

September 13 CHAPTER & VERSE WRITING GROUP: 1:00 p.m. Chair: Janet Condit 277-7590, jjcondit@msn.com; Co-chair: Caroline Vulgamore, 520-5365, hvulgamore@gmail.com. Hostess: Caroline Vulgamore, 922 Valley Road, COS.

Every Thursday MAH JONGG: 1 p.m. Valley Hi Golf Course. Contact Susan Bydalek at 465-2707 or sbydalek@yahoo.com. Optional lunch at noon.

Fridays

September 7 Exploring Lives and Cultures 10:00am Location: East Library, Room E1 (National Hispanic Heritage Month) Book to be discussed: The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border by Francisco Cantu. A must-read for anyone who thinks that "build a wall" is the answer to anything.

September 21 Local History will go an all-day trip to Westcliffe to learn the history of this beautiful town and leaf peeping. Call by Sept. 12 for details and costs. C: Judie Werschky, 632-9989; judiewer@aol.com

Saturdays

September 8 Friends of the Grape Party

Hello FOG Members

Pip and Tom Bodkin would like to welcome you to our home to celebrate the coming of fall

Our end of summer BBQ will be held on 8 September

6pm - whenever

Bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share. We'll have iced tea and lemonade, so bring a bottle of your favorite beverage if you want something stronger

We hope to be outside so dress for cooler weather

Address: 975 Pulpit Rock Cir. South

Colorado Springs, 80918

206 427 2444 pipbodkin@gmail.com

Please RSVP by 1 September, so I can get a headcount

Everything That's Old Is News Again.

The following report appeared in the Back Pages of the Gazette, August 11, 2018

In 1943 - Modern Molly Pitchers sold \$8,009.20 of war bonds and stamps last Saturday, "Molly Pitcher Tag Day." Highlight of the local tag day was the feat of Bella Glau of the American Association of University Women in licking \$56.25 worth of quarter defense stamps in 10 minutes, breaking the previous national record of \$48.00. The success of the day is attributed to the efficient work of the 70 sales-women. My underline. Submitted by Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum.

Eunice Ciaccio, Branch Archivist

Questions, comments, concerns about this newsletter? Please contact Laura Gross, grosslf@msn.com, 719-576-2833



Evening Connections Learning and Partaking of Adult Beverages

BRING FRIENDS!

MEET NEW PEOPLE!



Welcome Coffee

Saturday, September 15th

Panel Discussion
Rules, Rights, & Responsibilities
The 3 R's of Gun Ownership

Location:

First United Methodist Church
420 N. Nevada Ave, Colo Spgs
Parking and Entry is on Saint Vrain St.

Program: Free to everyone

8:30 AM Arrival

9:00 AM Breakfast Buffet

Menu: Breakfast, Coffee, Tea, and Water
Provided by AAUW Interest Groups

9:45 AM Welcome, Nancy Holt, President

10:00 AM Panel Discussion

RULES, RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES, the 3 R's
of Gun Ownership

**Panel will consist of representatives from local
and state government, local law enforcement
and Moms Demand Action**

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Interest Groups Mingle

We will have tables set up with all our
Interest Group Leaders

A handout will be provided with a brief
overview about each group and their meeting
times.

Everyone will then have a chance to ask
questions, Visit the group leaders and sign
up.

Prospective members may join at this, or any
branch meeting for the special price of
\$64.50

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