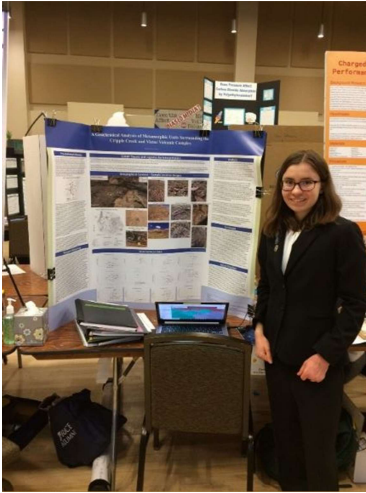
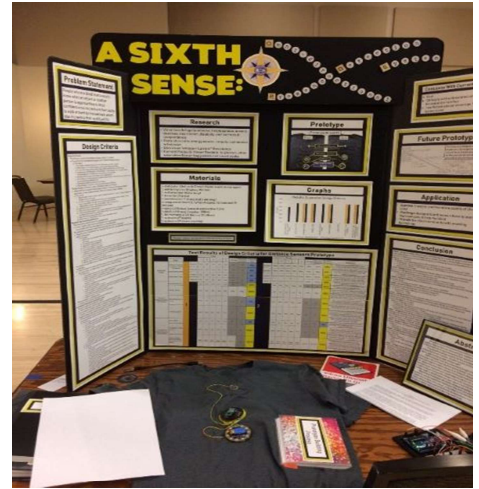




COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH



Jenna Salvat and her project "A Sixth Sense"
Recognized by AAUW COS at the 2019 Pikes Peak Regional Science Fair



May 18

Scholarship Luncheon

Join us at our annual Scholarship banquet at the Patty Jewett Clubhouse on May 18.

It is thanks to your generous donations, through Author's Day, book sales, and scholarship contributions, that we are able to offer these scholarship funds.

See page 8 for more info.

April 20

April AAUW Branch Meeting

Please come to our next meeting at:

Pioneer Museum ~ Henderson Gallery

215 S. Tejon Street 80903

10:00 - 12:00

Including FANNIE MAE DUNCAN presented by Kay Esmiol

RSVP Sally Metzger - salmetzger@aol.com or 722-4638- before April 6

See page 10 for more info.

April 26-27

92d AAUW Colorado State Convention

"Expanding Community Involvement and Collaboration"

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See page 12 for more info.

President's Message!

Thank you to everyone for your cards, emails and flowers during my recovery from a most unexpected emergency surgery. Your kindness touched me very deeply and helped me stay positive. I am very happy to have such wonderful friends in AAUW.

While I was resting AAUW activities continued. Many members attended Public Policy Day, International Women's Day and what I heard was a very interesting program at the Tutt Library on "What is a Book".

Please take a look at the Colorado Springs Branch Report in this newsletter. It will be in the State Convention Booklet. It has to be a one page summary (p. 4) so it doesn't cover everything, just hits the highlights.

National has launched the drive to train 10 million women in the Start Smart and Work Smart workshops. This is a real tool for acquiring pay equity by 2030. Anyone can take advantage of this, not just AAUW members. Check it out at our website.

Hope everyone stayed safe and warm during the "Winter Bomb" last week. Working in my flower garden today, I found the promise of spring with bulbs peaking out their little heads.

Best to all,
Nancy

2018-2019 AAUW Board

2018-2019 Executive Committee/Elected Officers

President: Nancy Holt

President Elect: Kathryn Olson

Treasurer: Jeanne Howard

Secretary: Pam Maier

Vice Presidents of Community Programs: Paula Munger & Janet Friedberg

Vice President of Membership: Melanie Hudson

Vice Presidents of Programs: Pip Bodkin & Sally Metzger

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AAUW Funds Chair: Candy Crumb

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Local Scholarship Chair: Char Gagne

Public Policy Director: Audrey McGuire

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COS Branch Slate of Officers

Election shall be held at the Annual Branch Meeting in May. Election shall be by a majority vote of those voting.

AAUW Elected Officers/Executive Committee 2019-2020

President: Kathryn Olson

President Elect: Pam Maier

Treasurer: Jeanne Howard

Secretary: Marilyn Parker

V. Presidents of Community Programs: Gwen Weddington & Janet Friedberg

V. Presidents of Programs: Marian Phelps & Sarah Stowell

Nominating Committee Members:

Phyllis Sperber (Chair), Janet Friedberg, Yvonne Livengood, Pip Bodkin, Frieda Dunlap and Jean Little

ANNUAL GERANIUM SALE!

SAVE THE DATE: May 11, 2019

The annual geranium sale which benefits LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019. As usual, I will take orders early and if necessary will arrange an earlier date to pick up your order. Consult the May newsletter for further details as to colors and times.

Candy Crumb, Funds Director 719-633-9917

Changes Coming to the King Soopers Reloaded Card Program

We were informed by King Soopers that they will be changing their community fundraising donations program starting April 1st. More details will follow in next month's newsletter as to how to register going forward. Please note that after April 1st, there will be no benefit to reloading the gift cards. So, please do one last reload by the end of the month to maximize our last rebate from the gift cards.

Thank you - Candace Crumb

AAUW Colorado Springs Branch Report

Program

- Branch programs included:
 - Authors' Day raising \$6,800 for local scholarship.
 - Community Outreach program "Ladies Luncheon of Laughter,"
 - Holiday Luncheon –Entertainment by the CS Childrens Chorale
 - What is a Book with tour of the Tutt Library.
 - Election issues with League of Women Voters
 - Co-sponsor of International Women's Day
 - Co-sponsor with Pikes Peak Women- Wine, Women and Chocolate
 - New Pikes Peak Summit Complex
 - Kay Esmiol presents Fannie Mae Duncan

Membership

- Our branch has 239 members, 50 new members this year.
- The Welcome Coffee in September brings in many new members.

Public Policy

- Right, Rules and the Responsibilities of Gun ownership was discussed on a panel made up of the city chief of police, a representative from a senator's office, a public policy professor from UCCS and a representative from Moms Demand Action at the Welcome Coffee.
- Twelve members attended Public Policy Day.
- One of our members is co-director of State Public Policy.

Communication

- The branch publishes a newsletter monthly.
- A website is maintained with links to State and National.
- An online membership directory is updated monthly.

Finance

- The King Soopers and Safeway grocery cards raised \$1,931. These funds go to the Judith Sanderson Fellowship Fund for education, and our local scholarship fund. We presented six \$1,200 local scholarships last May.
- Our yearly geranium sales proceeds go to the LAF fund. We raised \$300.

Governance

- We encourage our members to attend all conferences. We sent our president elect to the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference last summer.
- Our working rules are revised as needed.

Interest Groups

Please send your input NLT April 18, 2019 for the May Issue. LFG

Various Days in the week/month

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

BRIDGE LIGHT. There are four groups who play on the days they have agreed upon once a month. Interested in starting another group or being a sub, let me know. Any skill level is welcome. C. Lois Boschee, loisbos68@gmail.com

Mondays

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

04/1/19	Red Rocks Canyon O.S.	Violet Sykora
04/8/19	Ute Valley Park	Janet Condit
04/15/19	Fox Run	Suzanne Stahlbuhk
04/22/19	Ute Trail	Gini Simonson
04/29/19	Section 16, Palmer Trail	Yvonne Livengood

Tuesdays

April 2, TECH GROUP, 9:30 - 11:30, Chair: Shirlea Griswold, sunni773x8@outlook.com 719-337-2886 We will meet at the home of Violet Sykora, 102 N. 27th St., phone:650-5798, email: sykoravss@gmail.com

April 2, VISUAL ARTS, 1:30, Museum Visit in planning, details forth coming. RSVP to Cindi Zenkert-Strange, cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com.

April 2 & 16, GREAT DECISIONS, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, East Library. Chair: Jeanette Minniti at jeanetteminniti@gmail.com or call 719-481-3230.

April 9, READERS POTPOURRI 1:00 p.m. C: Margaret Miller, fergst41@yahoo.com, 719-641-4710 Book: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Hostess/Leader Jeanne Marsh , *RSVP* 719-590-7237, jmarsh@pcisys.net

April 9 at 1:30 pm., The History of Jazz, with Dr. Abe Minzer, meet at the National Music Syndicate, 2105 Academy Circle, 80909. RSVP to Kathy Olson, kathrynlolson@msn.com



April 9, DINNER BOOK CLUB: Nedra Engelson, 574-5274, nengelson@aol.com, 5:45 p.m. The book selection is Educated by Tara Westover. We will meet at La Baguette French Bistro, 4440 N. Chestnut Street. Dee Holman will lead the discussion. Please contact Dee at 620-786-4667 or deejholman@gmail.com to make a reservation.

April 23, MORNING GLORY BOOK CLUB, 10:00 a.m., Killers of The Flower Moon by David Grann. Hosted by Marilyn Feaster, aauw1719@gmail.com and Sharron Toulouse sharrontoulouse@gmail.com

April 23, UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS), 1:00 p.m., C: Wynn Weidner, Hostess: LouAnn McKenzie

Wednesdays

April 10, SOUTHWEST STUDIES, 1:30 p.m., Location: Tim Gill Center, East Room, 315 E Costilla. Set up: Vivian McWhorter & Marge Zimmerman. Topic: Rails and Trails of the West. Presenter: Dee Simon. Co-Chairs Jean Little, wjean1@gmail.com & Eunice Ciaccio, euninco.11@comcast.net. Please RSVP to Eunice Ciaccio euninco.11@comcast.net.

April 17, LUNCHEON NOVEL I, 11:45 A.M. Chair: Georgina Burns, georgina.b1@juno.com and Sally Mathewson, mathewson3@juno.com Co:hostesses - Leslye and Cheryl at the Cracker Barrel . Read any book by Janelle Diller.

April 17, LUNCHEON NOVEL TOO will meet at noon at the home of Mary Woods, 220 Raven Hills Road assisted by Kathy and Carol to discuss The Immortalists. RSVP to Corkie 719-635-9605 or corkmeiste@aol.com

April 17, AFTERNOON READERS, 1:30 p.m. Contact Jennie Jo White 495-0433; jennie-jo@q.com

April 17, 5:30 PM, EVENING CONNECTIONS THROUGH TOPICS- Meet at The Warehouse Restaurant, 25 Cimmaron Street. Kate Hall "The US and Osama Bin Laden." Kate retired after 35 years with the CIA. She will tell us about the years that she was involved in the hunt for Osama Bin Laden. RSVP to Marilyn Feaster, aauw1719@gmail.com

April 24, CHOCOLATE LOVERS:1:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Ellie Solomon, 630-7465, elron3@juno.com & Sally Mathewson, 473-0228, mathewson3@juno.com Hostess: Gini Simonson, 1525 Woodrose Court. Please RSVP to Gini, 481-8843, gini.jim@comcast.net

Thursdays

WALKIE TALKIES: C: Marilyn Frydrych

April 4 Violet Sykora Bear Creek Nature Center sykoravss@gmail.com 719-650-5798

April 11 Joann Oh johanoh2@comcast.net 719-246-3479

April 18 Charlotte Gagne char50gagne@yahoo.com 719-641-7570

April 25 Marion Rich marion530@icloud.com 719-226-8025



April 4, WOMEN WHO WRITE, Join us for this writing Interest Group! We meet on the first Thursday of each month at homes of different volunteer members from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. There is light food and coffee. Our prompts are constructed by volunteers also. Members usually share their writing with the group, but it's voluntary. *To join our group or try us out, please call **Melanie Hudson 719-205-7639***

April 11: CHAPTER & VERSE WRITING GROUP, 1:00 pm. 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

April 5, EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES, 10:00am. Location: East Library Room E1. Book to be discussed: (Sexual Assault Awareness Month) Alice I Have Been by Melanie Benjamin. Co-Chairs: Janet Friedberg janetfriedberg@comcast.net and Eunice Ciaccio euninco.11@comcast.net.

April 19, LOCAL HISTORY, 10:00 am, Pioneers Museum. Museum Director Matt Mayberry will talk about the coal mines underlying Colorado Springs. Optional lunch will follow. C: Judie Werschky; P: Joann Oh, 575-0409, joanoh2@comcast.net. RSVP to Joann by Wed., April 17.

Saturdays

April 13, FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE (FOG), 6:00 p.m.

"Celebrate Spring"

**Bring an appetizer or dessert to share
plus a beverage of your choice**

Small house so I will limit this to the first 25

RSVP no later than April 10

Nona and Dave Hentschel

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Colorado Springs, CO 80918

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Local Scholarships—April 2019

Our local scholarships committee is at work reviewing applications for our 2019 AAUW Colorado Springs Local Scholarship awards. The due date for the five part application (fact sheet, personal statement, grade transcript, letter of recommendation, and estimated family contribution form, FAFSA) is due to our committee March 15th. During April our Local Scholarships committee, Joann Oh, Margaret Baptist, Dee Simon, Mo Sigler, Marilyn Frydrych, and Charlotte Gagne, will read the applications and grade them according to a rubric that incorporates academic excellence, financial needs, personal statement, and recommendation letter.

The committee will make its decision for the final 6 award recipients and notify the winners by May 1st. We hope that each of you can attend the Scholarship banquet at Patty Jewett Clubhouse on May 18th to honor these bright, striving women and tell them a bit of your own story, major, and professional career. Over the years, these informal conversations have provided networking opportunities for our scholarship winners and relationships have been forged. More than you realize, you are models to these women, all of whom are still on the paths to careers that you have walked before them.

It is thanks to the generous donation of our members, through Author's Day, book sales, and scholarship contributions, that we are able to offer these scholarship funds. When you send in your AAUW dues, many of you add a small or large contribution to Local Scholarships to help us continue our meaningful mission to help local women achieve a higher education. I thank you and our winners thank you for all of your past contributions.

Charlotte Gagne, Local Scholarships Chair

Local Scholarship Chair

Welcome New Members!



Please extend a hearty welcome to Joan Pierce, Carolyn Shaw and

Melanie Hudson,
VP, Membership

Pikes Peak Regional Science Fair - 2019

The Colorado Springs Branch once again awarded two female scientists for their efforts at the Pikes Regional Science Fair. AAUW recognized participants at both the senior high and middle school levels. Award winners were eight-grader, Hailey Kressin, of The Classical Academy and senior Jenna Salvat, of Coronado High School. The winners each received a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.

Miss Kressin's experiment, entitled "A Sixth Sense, Omni-directional Presence Detection System", investigated the best design criteria for a proximity sensor that could be worn by the visually-impaired when moving about. She built her own sensor prototypes that could be attached to a T-shirt. The essential design criteria for the prototype included: • detects an object within 1.5 meters, • informs user of detection in less than 1 second, • easily operated by people without sight. Her motivation was to help her grandmother have more confidence to move about without running into things. Based on the analysis, the next prototype would be a cane designed for a blind person to use because the etextiles on the shirt were difficult to work with. The handle would have a tone player embedded in it to alert the user of a detection. The ball on the end of the cane would have distance sensors on it allowing the cane to be able to detect objects at and above ground level.

In "A geothermal analysis of metamorphic lithologies surrounding the Cripple Creek and Victor diatreme", Miss Salvat attempted to investigate the origin of metamorphic lithologies that are contiguous to the Cripple Creek and Victor volcanic diatreme and to understand how the formation of this Oligocene, phonolitic lamprophyric diatreme may have hydrothermally altered these surrounding units. To accomplish this, a field study was conducted and samples of metamorphic lithologies were taken from viable outcrops. She used a combination of chemical and textural analysis and discovered that it may actually be metasedimentary in origin. In the future, radioisotope and mass spectrometry methods may give more definitive results.

The Science Fair remains a crucial outlet for young ladies to demonstrate their science capabilities and garner confidence and recognition - although the total number of participants continues to decline every year. We witnessed the invention of a reusable straw cleaner; a composter that made energy from animal waste; a nerf gun from PVC pipe, and the use of drones to map erosion in ecosystems - to name a few. There were only 12 total female participants (all categories) in the high school division, but this was 60% of the participants. For the middle school, of the roughly 100 projects, it was split 50-50 for the young ladies. A special thanks to Marilyn Frydych and Brenda Wolfe for serving as AAUW COS Branch judges!

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 - 12:00

Pioneer Museum ~ Henderson Gallery
215 S. Tejon Street 80903

FANNIE MAE DUNCAN

presented by Kay Esmiol

Kay will be giving a PowerPoint presentation about Fannie Mae's life and will give us information about the bronze statue of her which will be erected in front of the Pikes Peak Center during the summer of 2019. She will share a **surprise presentation** for us, one that she hasn't shared with other groups before !

Award-winning Colorado Sculptor, Lori Kiplinger Pandy, is working on the statues. She maintains a weekly blog so you can watch FMD's likeness emerge from a lump of clay to ultimately become the final treasure. Boot up her website - www.kiplingerpandy.com - and note FMD in the upper right-hand corner of the menu. Click on it and it will take you straight to her entries about the creation of the statue.

Please RSVP to Sally Metzger -salmetzger@aol.com or 722-4638- before April 6 so the museum and Kay will know how many people to expect. There will be no charge for this program, but donations to the museum will be appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you there !



Paula Munger, recent past president of our Branch, is now on the slate for the State Board. She will be voted in to the office of President Elect at the State Convention in April.

Her bio :

Paula Munger, retired business woman and educator, has held a number of leadership positions in the Colorado Springs branch including president, president elect, vice president of programs, co-vice president of community outreach, and has served on several committees, attended the National Conference in Washington DC, as well as co-chaired the AAUW CO state conference in 2017. This year Paula joined the Colorado State board as co-chair of the Communications committee. Paula looks forward to serving as President elect, to get to know members and their talents and skills, and to attend branch meetings throughout the state.

To see the full slate, go to the state web-site and we look forward to seeing everyone in Longmont next month.

Please see: <https://aauw-co.aauw.net/> for more information

AAUW of Colorado State Convention

“Expanding Community Involvement and Collaboration”

April 26-27, 2019

Hosted by AAUW Longmont

**Keynote Speaker: Professor Lucy A. Marsh, University of Denver
Sturm College of Law, speaking on “Winning a Landmark Case for Pay
Equity”**



There will be a panel discussion on “Sexual Harassment, “What Everyone Needs to Know”, followed by an Economic Security workshop entitled “Aligning Your Money with Your Values.” Melissa Cooke Johnsen, AAUW National Board Member, will also give the AAUW National Update.

Location: [OUR Center](#), Longmont

[Hotel Accommodations](#): Fairfield Inn and Suites

Registration Deadline: April 16, 2019, no refunds after April 22

Hotel Deadline: Noon March 26, 2019 for the convention rate

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