



COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH



Announcements

Long Time Branch Member Passing

Long time Colorado Springs member Joanne Karlson passed away this summer. Our deepest condolences to her family.

Technical Assistance!

Do you need help with your King Soopers/Safeway card or accessing the Branch Directory online? We'll come to the Welcome Coffee! Your fellow tech proficient members will be on hand to assist you.

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September 28

September Branch Meeting

Welcome Coffee

Please plan on attending our annual Welcome Coffee. We have a wonderful program and lots of your morning favorites for breakfast buffet. Bring a friend!

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October 26

Authors Day

Our annual Authors Day will be held October 26 at the Shrine Club.

This is a major fundraiser for our Local Scholarship Program.

We will not be accepting used or regifted items this year.

We will be accepting: Themed gift baskets, Fine antiques and collectables, Gift cards for activities or restaurants, tickets to events: concerts or sporting events, & etc.

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President's Message

Welcome to the 2019-20 AAUW year! For our Colorado Springs branch, it will be a year of Celebration, Collaboration, and Strategic Change, especially since this happens to be the 100-year anniversary of the 19th Amendment *guaranteeing the right of women to vote*, (a franchise we should all be exercising in the critical elections ahead.) Of course, way back in 1893, the state of Colorado led the way, becoming the first state to pass a referendum on women's suffrage. Yeah, Colorado!

What's coming up in the next few months?

Well, to discover *all* we've got in store, you'll want to attend the **AAUW Welcome Coffee on Sat., September 28 at the First United Methodist Church, from 8:30-12:30**. Enjoy breakfast, catch up with friends and welcome new members, hear from our inspiring speaker **Patricia Foley Hinnen** of Capital Sisters International, check out our wonderful interest groups, and learn first hand about plans for the coming year.

Until then, here's a sneak preview.

Saturday, October 26 is our annual AAUW Authors Day, the branch's chief fundraiser, featuring a delicious breakfast, opportunities to bid on your favorite silent auction items, and the chance to hear from three stellar Colorado women authors and purchase signed copies of their books for yourselves and as gifts. You'll see more about this event elsewhere in the newsletter, including details about purchasing tickets and contributing items to the silent auction.

Each March, our AAUW branch collaborates with eight other Colorado Springs women's organizations to celebrate **International Women's Day (IWD)**. (**Save the Date: Sat. March 7, 2020**). This year, **Dr. Rosenna Bakari**, well-known author, poet and women's empowerment advocate, has been commissioned to write and present an original poem marking 100 years of the 19th Amendment. It will be a powerful moment!

Speaking of collaboration, each of AAUW'S partners in IWD: Zonta International, League of Women Voters, Women's Club, Woman's Educational Society of CC, Women's Hall of Fame, Southern Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce and the Rocky Mountain Women's Film Institute offer events that align with the mission and vision of AAUW. We'll highlight a few of those events each month in our newsletter and on our website. I would encourage you to track and support events of mutual interest.

Finally, on a fun note, Denver Zonta is organizing a Suffragette March in November in conjunction with the Denver Veterans Day parade, the 1st of many upcoming opportunities around the state to don period sashes, hats, and signage and march together. Where to buy your "original tricolored sash?" Try EqualRightsAccessories@gmail.com \$24.99 each, or call Leslie Cates (719) 406-2323 or Louise Burg (720) 235-2345. I'll keep you posted as these "marches" are added to the calendar.

See you at the Welcome Coffee on Sept 28th!
Kathy Olson, CS AAUW President 2019-20

2019-2020 AAUW Colorado Springs Branch

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AAUW Membership Corner!

And just like that, it's almost **Fall Time!** We are excited to welcome our newest members! Come to the September Branch Meeting Saturday, 9/28/19 - the annual **Welcome Coffee!** If you are reading this and not yet a member, it's the *best* time to join AAUW because the "**Shape The Future**" National AAUW program gives you the reduced rate of \$64.50! This applies to new members joining at any Branch Meetings during the year. If you are already a member - **congratulations!** We are so happy to start a new fiscal year all together!


Please do *invite a friend* to come and check us out at the Welcome Coffee (see this newsletter for particulars). *For further information about joining and dues, please refer to the "AAUW On The WEB" feature info included in this newsletter; it explains our membership dues and requirements.

We had a great fiscal year 2018-2019 and are happy to report a better than 85% member retention with 65 new members for last year! (Final membership count will be available in October 2019 Newsletter) Colorado Springs AAUW Branch is the fastest growing in the state!!

***I'd like to thank the rest of the Membership Committee team: Jeanne Howard, Chris Toth, Pip Bodkin, Marilyn Feaster, and Pam Maier for their diligent hard work on end-of-year membership! Thanks, Ladies!*

Melanie Hudson - VP Membership

719-205-7639 SEE YOU AT THE SEPTEMBER 28 MEMBERSHIP COFFEE!

 AAUW ANNUAL DUES 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020	NATIONAL DUES	STATE DUES	COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH DUES	TOTAL ANNUAL DUES
National/State/Branch Membership Individuals holding an associate or higher degree from a higher education institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Branch members must be National members required to pay local branch and state dues in addition to the National dues.	\$59 ((\$56 is tax deductible))	\$10	\$25	\$94
New Member Dues paid starting March 16 will cover the following year's annual dues requirement.	\$59 ((\$56 is tax deductible))	\$10	\$25	\$94
New Member Campaign - Shape the Future 50 percent off National dues for new members who join AAUW at a public event.	\$29.50 ((\$26.50 is tax deductible))	\$10	\$25	\$64.50
Paid Life Membership (One-time National Dues Payment) Individuals who qualify for National membership may pay 20 times the National rate one time and become exempt from further National dues. State & branch annual dues are still payable.	\$1,180 (Fully tax deductible)	Annual Dues \$10	Annual Dues \$25	Annual Dues \$35
Honorary Life Membership Individuals who qualify for National membership and have been members for 50 years can apply for honorary life membership and if eligible become exempt from further National, state and branch dues.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
College/University Membership Any accredited higher education institution is eligible to become a C/U member and can appoint one or two eligible representatives to receive free national membership. Local branch and state membership dues are an additional cost.	\$175 ((\$175 is tax deductible))	\$10	\$25	\$210
Memberships for Students of Non-AAUW College/University Members Undergraduates or degree-seeking graduates enrolled in full-time or part-time programs may join and renew at this rate through graduation.	\$18.81 ((\$16.81 is tax deductible))	\$0	\$0	\$0
Memberships for Students of AAUW College/University Members Undergraduates or degree-seeking graduates enrolled in full-time or part-time programs may join and renew at no cost with automatic renewal through graduation.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note: Annual dues payment for renewing members is due by July 1st of the start of the membership year. AAUW State and Branch dues are not tax deductible. AAUW National is a 501c3 and a portion of National dues are tax deductible.

Contact for questions regarding AAUW Colorado Springs Branch membership and dues:

Melanie Hudson, Membership VP
heartdesire310@gmail.com , 719-205-7639

(v August 8, 2019)

AAUW National Dues Affect Federal Policy

Why are only \$56 of my national dues tax deductible? In 1973 AAUW registered as a federal lobbyist and support of lobbying is not tax deductible. A portion of your dues (\$3) supports the AAUW Action Fund Capital Hill Lobby Corporation, and since then, there have been many victories. Here are a few:

- A bill to provide divorced women legal access to a portion of their former spouse's pension.
- The Family Medical Leave Act.
- The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.
- The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act.
- Work to continue the protections of Title IX.

Last year, AAUW monitored over 100 pieces of federal legislation. Volunteers made over 1,500 visits to Capital Hill. The Two Minute Activists in all 50 states sent over 200,000 messages. To find out more about recent actions, go to <https://www.aauw.org/article/aauw-washington-watch/>

While you are on the website, search for Washington Update to sign up for emails to keep you apprised of federal policy. You can take action by signing up for the 2 Minute Activist online, or by texting AAUW at 21333. You will also want to take a look at Mission and Action.

We can all make a difference.

2019-2020 Colorado Springs AAUW Budget	2019-2020
Receipts	Approved Budget
Dues (175 x \$94) 230	\$21,620.00
National Dues (\$59)	\$13,570.00
State Dues (\$10)	\$2,300.00
Branch Dues (\$25)	\$5,750.00
Newsletter Mailings	\$80.00
Programs (Income)	\$5,000.00
Ckg/Savings Interest	\$150.00
Fundraising	
AAUW Funds	
Geraniums	\$800.00
Grocery Cards (Mbr Purchases)	\$50.00
Grocery Card Earnings	\$2,000.00
Local Scholarship	\$75.00
Legal Advocacy Fund	\$0.00
JC Sanderson Fund	\$0.00
Author's Day(for local scholarship)	\$9,400.00
tickets	
silent auction	
Nametag income	\$400.00
Subtotal	\$39,575.00
Withdrawal from Reserve	\$2,445.00
Total Income	\$42,020.00

Expenses	
Dues to Nat'l (175 x \$59 or \$29.50)	\$13,570.00
Dues to State (175 x \$10)	\$2,300.00
Programs	\$5,100.00
Conventions/Workshops	\$3,500.00
Local Directory	\$175.00
Newsletter	\$200.00
Insurance	\$550.00
Membership(flyers & programs)	\$75.00
Postage/Misc Office Costs	\$100.00
Bank/Square Fees and Charges	\$100.00
Other - Branch Activities (President)	\$500.00
Program/Community Enrichment	\$0.00
Name tags for events	\$400.00
501c3 Research/Development	\$2,000.00
<u>Donations</u>	
<u>AAUW Funds</u>	
Geranium Pmt to Nat'l	\$300.00
Geranium Supplier	\$500.00
Grocery Cards (Card Purchases)	\$50.00
Grocery Card Pmt to Nat'l	\$1,300.00
Local Scholarship	\$7,300.00
Author's Day	\$2,200.00
<u>Community Outreach/Involvement</u>	
Girls' STEM PPCF	\$500.00
Science Fair	\$50.00
History Day Award	\$50.00
International Womens' Day	\$200.00
Other - Community Outreach	\$600.00
Ladies Luncheon of Laughter	\$400.00
Total Expenses	\$42,020.00

2019-2020 Public Policy Committee members:

Audrey McGuire (Director)

Nancy Holt

Nancy McCaffrey

Alice Aronovitz

Anna Lopez

Mary Kay Rockwell

Audrey McGuire will be reporting on the Public Policy meeting Aug 23 in Denver CO as part of the AAUW State Leadership Conference.

Sally Mathewson, Public Policy Co-Director, AAUW of Colorado, reports they will be finalizing plans for Public Policy Day (February 1, 2020) and looking at upcoming legislative issues. Also, at lunch on that Saturday there will be counter point sessions during which you can ask questions and talk with our Lobby Corps Coordinator, Betty Boyd and Voter Education Director, Joan Peterson.

Jan 18, 2020 Public Policy Branch Program: Citizens Project:

CITIZENS PROJECT IS A FEARLESS, BOLD ADVOCATE AND AN ENGAGING VOICE THAT EMPOWERS AND CHALLENGES OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO EMBRACE EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE.

Presenter: The Executive director of Citizens Project.

Deb Walker holds a BA in History, Master of Public Administration, and Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Colorado. She has served in board leadership positions with several local nonprofits in addition to being an active member of her faith community. She has a passion for social justice and equality and enjoys participating in service projects to the developing world. Deb is an enthusiastic supporter of the mission of Citizens Project and brings a broad nonprofit skill set to this position.

Past Presidents' Group Meeting

Fifteen past Colorado Springs Branch Presidents met at the home of Paula Munger on August 14, 2019. The 15 past presidents still living in the area, served terms as far back as 1969. Such history and legacy gathered all in one room at the same time was impressive! Each past president shared a special memory from her tenure in office including local, state and national events. So many of the group had the privilege of attending a National Convention held in many different cities in our country, including Columbus, Minneapolis, Portland, San Diego, and the highlight for those who attended in Washington DC. Other memories included snowstorms during important state and branch meetings, starting Interest Groups in the late 70's, allowing men as members in the early 1990's, the first electronic newsletter in the early 2000's, and more recently, having Community Outreach with the ladies in the SE and putting our Directory online.

The past presidents aspire to become a viable group that supports our local branch in ways that the branch needs assistance and/or cannot otherwise support. Two items of importance discussed were helping all members gain an understanding the work going on with AAUW State and National and recruiting newly retired ladies to help the membership grow.

The group decided to focus this year on becoming ambassadors to the local colleges and universities to solicit attendance to the AAUW-sponsored conference, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, held each year at the University of Maryland. Each past president is charged with becoming more familiar with NCCWSL and bringing back ideas to consider.

The group will meet quarterly, with our next meeting scheduled for November.

If you have any questions or suggestions for this amazing group of women, please notify Paula Munger, 719-337-3575.

Past Presidents in order of service:

Wynn Weidner
Vivian McWhorter
Georgina Burns
Sally Mathewson
Betty Slaughter
Deanna Lyons
Brenda Wolfe
Dixie Gordon
Pauleta Terven
Pam Diane
Judy Casey
Nedra Engelson
Phyllis Sperber
Paula Munger
Nancy Holt

PRINTED AAUW COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH MEMBER DIRECTORIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT OUR WELCOME COFFEE SEPTEMBER 28TH

A limited supply of printed AAUW Colorado Springs Branch member directories will be available at the Welcome Coffee on September 28th for members to pick up. The supply is limited since we are encouraging members to instead use our website (coloradosprings-co.aauw.net) and online Branch directory for the latest Branch information. Our online directory is updated monthly on our website (Members Only page) with new members and the latest information on Branch Interest Groups, meetings and events. Remember, we will have members at the Welcome Coffee to help you set up our online Branch directory as a bookmark/shortcut on your smartphone to give you quick access to the latest directory. We thank you for your cooperation as we Go Green to save on printing costs.

From the Desk of Candy Crumb!

King Soopers Loyalty Program

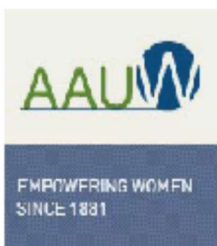
Do you shop at King Soopers? Have you signed up for Loyalty points? These points will raise monies for Local Scholarship, the Sanderson Fellowship Fund and the Legal Advocacy Fund. Come prepared at the Welcome Coffee event to sign up and receive assistance if needed. For all those who have already done so, a big Thank You. Contact Candy Crumb or see me at the Welcome (September) Event.

Safeway Reloadable Cards

Do you shop at Safeway/Albertsons? Continue to use your re-loadable cards to help our branch raise funds for Local Scholarship, the Sanderson Fellowship Fund and the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). Do you need a re-loadable card? Contact Candy Crumb or see me at the Welcome (September) Event to sign up for a card.

A Call for Help!

Volunteers are needed to assist members who wish to join the King Soopers Loyalty Program to help our branch raise funds for Local Scholarship, the Sanderson Fellowship Fund and LAF. We will have a space at the Fall (September) Welcome Coffee event to assist members. Contact Candy Crumb if you are willing to assist for 5 to 10 minutes at the event.



AAUW COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH MEMBERS

MAKE SURE YOU VISIT OUR BRANCH WEBSITE AT:
coloradosprings-co.aauw.net

STAY ENGAGED AND INFORMED!

Our website includes the following features:

- Meeting/Program Information
- Interest Groups Info & Calendar
- Members Only Page (see below)
- Links to the State and National websites (right hand side of our home page)
- Monthly Newsletters
- Special Events
- Scholarships
- Monthly Online Directory
- Member Benefits
- Resources

The Branch MEMBERS ONLY page includes the following information:

- Branch Member Directory (updated monthly – new members are listed in special “Welcome” section)
- Branch By-Laws, Working Rules/Policies and Job Descriptions
- Branch Board Meeting Minutes
- Interest Groups Contact Information & Calendar for members
- *See instructions-back page to set MEMBERS ONLY page as bookmark/shortcut on smartphone for fast access!*

To access our Branch MEMBERS ONLY page from our home page:

- Click on the ABOUT tab – top of website homepage on toolbar
- Then select MEMBERS ONLY
- Use our Branch password (see pg. 4 Branch directory). This website page is for Branch member use only.

Access the State and National websites from our home page (right hand side) where you can find:

- Take Action (Sign up for urgent email notices to contact your members of Congress on issues affecting women and girls. You can join the Action Network by providing your email address.)
- AAUW Strategic Initiatives, Events, Programs and AAUW in the News
- Legislative Alerts on Civil Rights, Education, Economic Security, Title IX issues and more
- MEMBER Center for the State website is on the right-hand side of our home page – password is: sanderson1921
- Your member number, if needed for certain sections on National website, is available by following the prompts.

MEMBERS, PLEASE REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING OUR AAUW BRANCH MEETINGS.

Our AAUW Colorado Springs Branch holds several key meetings each year. These events are open to the public and potential future members can attend as guests. We encourage our members to attend and promote these events, invite a guest, and support our local speakers and activities. It's critical for members to attend these meetings to represent our power and numbers in support of women and to attract and retain new members.

Be sure to watch for posted events in our newsletter, website and E-Blasts! We hope to see strong attendance and expect a fun and meaningful time this coming new year! Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Melanie Hudson, Membership VP
719-205-7639 email heartdesire310@gmail.com

(see back page for smartphone tip)

SMARTPHONE TIP

How to view our online AAUW Branch directory on your Smartphone!

Here's how you can add our monthly online member directory as a bookmark/shortcut (also known as an "icon") to the homescreen on your smartphone. It's fast, easy and gives you the latest contact information for our growing membership and Interest Groups.

Below you will find the links for YouTube video clips with instructions on how to do this. If you already know how to do this...great!

Here's our website link you need to add as a bookmark/shortcut. It takes you to our protected Members Only page that shows the online directory link to press/click to view. You may need to enter our Branch password when prompted.

<https://coloradosprings-co.aauw.net/info/members-only/>

→ For iPhones use this YouTube link (skip ad):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yVlalCIVz0>

→ For Android phones (Samsung, Google Pixel, Motorola, etc.) use this YouTube link (skip ad):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ToH6y72Ay4>

The online directory is **complete and current**. Use it as your go-to member information resource that helps us "Go Green" and reduce printing costs. Thank you for your membership and support!

AAUW Colorado Springs Branch

(August 2019)

BRING FRIENDS!

MEET NEW PEOPLE!



Welcome Coffee

Saturday, September 28th

**CAPITAL SISTERS INTERNATIONAL
PATRICIA HINNEN CEO GUEST SPEAKER**

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

Breakfast Buffet

Menu: Breakfast, Coffee, Tea, and Water

Provided by AAUW Interest Groups

9:30 AM Welcome by President Kathy Olson

9:35 AM Introduction of our 2019-20 Board Members

9:50 AM Introduction of Speaker by Char Gagne

10:00 AM Patricia Hinnen Presentation

10:45 AM Questions and Answers

11:00 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

RSVP To: Jean Little by September 21st

Email: wjean1@gmail.com

Cell: 209-395-5587

**AAUW Authors Day, Sat. Oct 26
Colorado Springs Shrine Club 6 S 33rd St
8:30-12:00**

The Authors Day Silent Auction is our only fundraiser to support women of limited means, but high aspirations, to attend local community colleges. Interest group chairs, please ask for \$5 per member to fund a basket filled with items on a theme, such as movies or gardening. If an IG only wishes to donate money, contact us by email, and we will fill the baskets.

We will hold a competition among our 25 IGs to recognize 100% participation AND the highest donation amount per person. The winning group's chair will have her name engraved on a traveling bowl of chocolates. Look for her story in the December newsletter.

ALL members may personally donate by sending a check to Treasurer Jeanne Howard at 5860 Walsh Pt., #105, 80919.

ALL members may contribute restaurant and other business gift card, and donate time in vacation homes.

Gather your items by our September 28 Welcome Coffee for the collection table at First Methodist Church. The final date to donate items is October 15, 9:00 - 9:30 a.m., at Adams Bank & Trust, 1310 Garden of the Gods Road.

Thanks for your generosity in funding the academic careers of deserving young women!

AAUW Author's Day Preview, Part 2

On Saturday, October 26 AAUW members and guests will gather at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club for a delicious breakfast buffet; a fun silent auction stocked with lots of goodies to bid on; and a stellar shortlist of three celebrated Colorado women authors who will share with us their books and personal stories.

In the *August newsletter*, we introduced our keynote author, *Eleanor Brown*. Now enjoy a sneak peak at our 2nd guest author for Author's Day, **Elizabeth L. Fox** and her featured book **We Are Going To Be Lucky: A World War II Love Story in Letters**.

We Are Going To Be Lucky provides a wonderful, intimate picture of a time (World War II era), places (Europe and the home front), and people (two, first-generation Americans separated by war), told through the vivid letters of the author's parents, exchanged during their separation.

While many collections of wartime correspondence present only a soldier's perspective, this fascinating book preserves the fears, hopes, dreams of *both* members of this couple. Carefully curated and annotated by the author, full of funny anecdotes, powerful impressions and poignant struggles, this book provides a window on both a lost world and the human condition.

Brown, who lives in Boulder (where, we understand, she is a member of the local AAUW chapter), has served more than 20 years in a leadership role on the national Board of Hadassah where her responsibilities include writing, training and public speaking.

Tickets are \$40 and there are two ways to register to join us on October 26. 1) To register online, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-scholarship-fundraiser-authors-day-brunch-silent-auction-tickets-64383901984>. To maximize our fundraising, we ask that you pay the convenience fee when you buy your ticket online. 2) To register by snail mail send a check made out to AAUW to Jeanne Howard, 5860 Walsh Pt, #105, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

Interest Groups

For the October Newsletter please send your information no later than 18 September 2019. Thanks!
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. Anyone interested in playing bridge with other AAUW members at any skill level, let me know at loisbos68@gmail.com or 719-388-8557. Dates and times are flexible. Lois Boschee, Chair.

Mondays

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

Sep 1, 19	Labor Day - No Hike	
Sep 9, 19	TBD	
Sep 16, 19	Red Rocks Open Space	Violet Sykora
Sep 23, 19	Pancake Rocks	Renee Barall
Sep 30, 19	Garden of the Gods	Jan Jones

Tuesdays

2020 GREAT DECISIONS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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 first meeting is on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. 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. To register, please provide your email address and phone number to Jeanette Minniti at jeanetteminniti@gmail.com or call 719-481-3230. **(Briefing books are \$30.00. Registrations before November receive a group discount of 20% off)**

September 3, TECHNOLOGY INTEREST GROUP, 9:30 a.m. Chair: June Hallenbeck, junehallenbeck@comcast.net or 598-2979. Meet at the home of Jeanne Marsh, 850 Timber Valley Road, 80919. Let Jeanne know if you are or are not coming at jmarsh@pci.net or 590-7237.

September 10, VISUAL ARTS, 10am, the Visual Arts Interest Group will visit a very special building in Colorado Springs, an architectural gem on the National Register of Historic Places that is beautiful, both inside and out, with stained glass, stone carvings, and lots of original details. What's more it preserves and displays world-class artwork, including

- Historic photos taken by renowned photographer, Laura Gilpin (General Palmer gifted her 1st Brownie camera)
- sculpture of Eugenie Shonnard (who studied with Rodin but was drawn to the clay of the Southwest)
- whimsical and endearing murals of Allen Tupper True, famed American illustrator and muralist
- photographs and mementos of the Alice Bemis Taylor family who were early patrons of this charity and who envisioned and built this facility so that working mothers and their children could have a space of beauty and learning.

Located at 104 E. Rio Grande Street, the historic Day Nursery is owned and operated by Early Connections Learning Centers, the oldest nonprofit child care organization in Colorado. Please join us for Tuesday morning coffee and this dynamic tour! Send your rsvp to Cindi Zenkert-Strange cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com

September 10, READERS POTPOURRI 1:00 p.m. C: Patty Runyon, (269)325-4054, spdrunyon@comcast.net. Book: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celest Ng. Hostess/Leader Janet Friedberg, RSVP 719-596-1846, janetfriedberg@comcast.net

September 10, DINNER BOOK CLUB: The First Conspiracy: *The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington* by Brad Meltzer has been selected as the book for September. We will meet at 5:45 pm at The Mason Jar, 2925 W. Colorado at 30th Street. Please contact Kay Attebury at kayatteberry@aol.com or 520-2420 to make a reservation. C: Nedra Engelson, 574-5274, nengelson@aol.com

September 10, THE HISTORY OF JAZZ, Part II, at 1:30 pm., at the International Music Syndicate (IMS), 2105 Academy Circle, Colorado Springs, 80909. New Jazz lovers welcome. We are starting the 1940's Swing era. Contact, Kathy Olson, kathrynlolson@msn.com, (719)331-8891, for reservations.

September 24, MORNING GLORY BOOK CLUB, 10:00 a.m, *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly hosted by Phyllis Hurley and Paula Munger at hurleypk@comcast.net or pjdmunger@aol.com

September 24, UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS), 1:00 p.m., C: Wynn Weidner, Hostess: On hiatus for the foreseeable future.

Wednesdays

September 11, SOUTHWEST STUDIES, 1:30-3:30. Planning Meeting. Location: Ruth Holley Library Meeting Room, 923 N Murray Blvd, 80915. Topic: **An Overview of San Luis Valley Area**. Presenter: Catherine MacDonald, chair of the 2020 annual SW Studies trip, June 8 - 12.

September 18, EVENING CONNECTIONS THROUGH TOPICS, 5:30pm. At The Warehouse Restaurant. 25 W. Cimarron St. 80903. Award-winning authors Jill Tietjen and Barbara Bridges, authors of *Hollywood: Her Story. An Illustrated History of Women and the Movies*. Beginning in 1896, their fascinating book pays tribute to women who worked in all aspects of the movie industry. For more information go to: <http://hollywoodherstory.com/about/>

1. Send "yes" RSVPS to Jan Jones cjanjones@msn.com ASAP to give restaurant accurate count.
2. Make \$23 check out to The Warehouse Restaurant and mail to Jan Jones, 3810 El Rancho Way, Monument, Co. 80132 by September 9.

Note: Event is limited to 40 members and guests.

September 18, LUNCHEON NOVEL I, 11:45 A.M. Chair: Georgina Burns, georgina.b1@juno.com and Sally Mathewson, mathewson3@juno.com

September 18, LUNCHEON NOVEL TOO, noon. Chair: Jeanne Marsh, jmarsh@pcisys.net, 590-7237..The book this month is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, Hostess and Discussion Leader: Diana Ruth, druth2000@aol.com 659-4835. Co-Hostess: Pam Doane, Pamdoane1@me.com 598-2442.

September 18, AFTERNOON READERS, 1:30 p.m. Chair: Freda Dunlap (719) 310 4674 ffdunlap@hotmail.com Hostess: Frieda Dunlap Book: *House in the Sky* by Amanda Lindhout & Sarah Corbett.

September 25, CHOCOLATE LOVERS: Louise DeBernay has organized a lunch for us at La Petite Chablis, 512 Royal Gorge Blvd., Canon City. Lunch is scheduled for 12:15 and we will be carpooling, leaving at 11:00 Cost is \$16.50. RSVP to Louise at louisedebernay@msn.com, 635-4172. More information to follow from Ellie in September, including meal choice and carpool information.

Thursdays

WALKIE-TALKIE HIKES

September 5 Monument Ruins (Different from Pauleta Terven's walk June 6) , Darlene Aspedon, 719-471-7192

September 12 Art Walk downtown Jeanette Minniti

September 19 Two Forks Dam Sight (That never was built.) History of Platte Confluence near Deckers, hike along railroad bed, and lunch at BuckSnort Saloon in Pine Darlene Aspedon, 719-471-7192

September 26 Skaguay reservoir, Beaver Creek Marilyn Frydrych mfrydrych@comcast.net
719-574-0252

September 5, 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*

September 12, CHAPTER & VERSE WRITING GROUP, Meets second Thursday of the month, 1:00 pm. Chair: Janet Condit 277-7590, jjcondit@msn.com; Co-chair: Caroline Vulgamore, 520-5365, hvulgamore@gmail.com. Chapter & Verse is not meeting in August or September. The next meeting will be October 10, following the Welcome Coffee.

September 26, TED TALKS at 7:00 pm, at Kate Meyer Olson's, 2115 N Cascade Avenue. RSVP text to 202-794-3462 or Skrapgirl@hotmail.com. TED is a nonpartisan nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks. TED began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics – from science to business to global issues – in more than 110 languages.

Every Thursday MAH JONGG, at noon. Valley Hi Golf Course. Contact Susan Bydalek at 465-2707 or sbydalek@yahoo.com

Fridays

September 6, EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES, 10:00 to 12:00 at East Library Meeting Room. Book to be discussed: National Hispanic Heritage Month - I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter: A Novel by Erica Sanchez. Co-Chairs: Janet Friedberg janetfriedberg@comcast.net and Eunice Ciaccio euninco.11@comcast.net

September 20, LOCAL HISTORY, 10:00 Chair: Judie Werschky, (719) 632-9989, judiewer@aol.com Bear Trap Ranch, an historical property on Old Stage Road which shares the history of the Broadmoor's Emerald Valley Ranch. RSVP by Friday, September 13. Meet at Starsmore Center parking lot at 9:20 to carpool. Lunch included, price TBD.

Saturdays

FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE (FOG)

September 7, F.O.G (Friends of the Grape) around 6:30 p.m. Chair: Jeanne Marsh, 590-7237, jmarsh@pcisys.net and Gini, 481-8843, gini.jim@comcast.net. FOG will meet at the home of Pip Bodkin, 975 Pulpit Rock Cir. S. 206-427-2444 pipbodkin@gmail.com. Please call Pip for more information and to RSVP.