



## COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH



Colorado Springs Branch attendees at the Colorado State Leadership Conference this past Summer.

From the left: Pam Maier, Kathryn Olson, Sally Matthewson, Marian Phelps, Pip Bodkin, Paula Munger, Janet Knox, and Audrey McGuire

### Announcements

#### New Section in the Newsletter

Please see the Collaboration Corner for information on events that may be of interest to you as a AAUW member.

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### October 26

#### Authors Day

Our annual Authors Day will be held October 26 at the Shrine Club. 8:30am-12:00pm

This is a major fundraiser for our Local Scholarship Program.

This event will feature a catered breakfast, three authors from the Pikes Peak Region talking about their books, opportunity to purchase signed copies, and a fun, silent auction.

For details on purchasing tickets, see pg 3

\*For more about contributing to the silent auction, and additional volunteer opportunities for Authors Day, see pg. 4

For more about the featured authors, see pg 5 (and Aug, Sept newsletters)

### November 16

#### November Branch Meeting

At our November meeting. Chelsea Gaylord, Senior Economic Development Specialist with the City of Colorado Springs, will talk about these concerns at our program, "Viewing Colorado Springs Thru a Woman's Eyes." She will be joined by several women who will share their expertise with us.

The program will be held Saturday, November 16, at 10 am in the "Big Room" at Colorado Technical University, 4435 N. Chestnut St.

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## President's Message


Dear Awesome AAUW Members,

As I write this message, the aspen-show has yet to begin, but first hints of autumn have crept in, bringing cool early-morning temps, and ubiquitous Halloween and Thanksgiving (Thanksgiving!) store displays. For our Colorado Springs branch, October heralds another sure sign of autumn...our Annual Scholarship Fundraising Event, Author's Day, this year on Sat., Oct 26, 8:30-12:00! Our Author's Day committee (**Janet Knox, Pam Maier, Barbara Potter, Cindi Zenkert-Strange** and myself) began work in March 2019, attending book fairs, reading twenty different titles, and securing three stellar, Colorado-based authors: novelist Eleanor Brown ( *The Weird Sisters, The Light of Paris*), AAUW Boulder member and history writer, Elizabeth Fox ( *We Are Going to be Lucky*) and Colorado guidebook and travel writer, Susan Joy Paul ( *Touring Colorado Hot Springs, Hiking Waterfalls in Colorado*, et al.) You won't want to miss their fascinating talks and the opportunity to purchase signed copies for your own reading pleasure or as perfect holiday gifts. (For more about each author, be sure to check out the series of Authors Day articles in the Aug.- Oct. newsletters). AAUW member **Mary Ciletti** and husband **Jim**, of Hooked on Books, will be there to handle book sales.

Meanwhile the Author's Day Silent Auction committee (**Pam Maier** and **Kate Meyer Olson**) are collecting and organizing an exciting array of fun gifts in a variety of price ranges, including crave-able gift baskets, gift certificates for items from books to vacation experiences, and some fantastic original art from well-known Colorado Springs artists as well as pottery and glass pieces from further afield. There's something in every price range from \$10 to \$500, all to benefit our ever so-deserving AAUW scholars. So please be prepared to give and buy generously! Fueling all this reading and bargain hunting will be a delicious, catered breakfast planned by our Hospitality chairs (**Fran Schaeffer** and **Beth Krasovec**) in conjunction with the Authors Day committee and held at the Shrine Club (6 S. 33<sup>rd</sup> St), a lovely space managed by AAUW member, **Karen Mendenhall**.

How do you secure your spot at this fabulous event? The Communications committee (**Janet Knox, Laura Gross, Paula Munger, Chris Toth, Brenda Wolf**) along with Treasurer, **Jeanne Howard**, have made it very simple. Purchase your ticket online through Eventbrite by going to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and typing **AAUW Authors Day** in the search. (You can also link to the site by clicking on the link included in the Authors Day flyer in the newsletter, or link to it directly to it from our branch website.) Alternately, you can mail your reservation and check to **Jean Little** (filling in for Jeanne Marsh who is unavailable Oct-Nov.) at 1206 Handles Peak Way, Peyton, CO 80831. Looking forward to a fun, festive morning, Saturday, October 26th. See you there!

Kathy  
Kathryn Olson  
President  
AAUW Colorado Springs



## Annual Authors Day Breakfast & Silent Auction Fundraiser For Scholarships Awarded to Local Women

**When:** Saturday, October 26, 2019 8:30 am to noon

**Where:** Colorado Springs Shrine Club  
6 South 33<sup>rd</sup> Street just off Manitou Avenue

**Tickets:** Tickets are \$40

- To register online, go to Eventbrite and search for AAUW
- Or make your check out to AAUW and mail to Jean Little, 12602 Handles Peak Way, Peyton, CO 80831.

Colorado women authors  
Delish breakfast  
Bid on great food, art, travel  
Signed books

## American Association of University Women

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Vision</b>	<b>Values</b>
To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.	Equity for all.	Nonpartisan, Fact-based, Integrity, Inclusion and Intersectionality.

Visit our website ([coloradosprings-co.aauw.net](http://coloradosprings-co.aauw.net)) and Facebook page AAUW Colorado Springs

## Attention! A Few Good Members Needed to Volunteer for Authors Day

Please review to see how you can help.

- Two volunteers to work with Hospitality in set-up for Authors Day on Fri, Oct 25 and during the authors day event on Sat, the 26th. Please contact Fran Schaffer, [fm63p61m5@gmail.com](mailto:fm63p61m5@gmail.com) or Beth Krasovec, [beth\\_krasovec@att.net](mailto:beth_krasovec@att.net)
- Two amateur photo-buffs who would be willing to take some pix at Authors Day to be used on our website or in our newsletter. Please contact Kathy Olson, [kathrynolson@msn.com](mailto:kathrynolson@msn.com).
- Two volunteers to help with silent auction set-up on Friday, Oct 25 from 10-12:00. Please contact Pam Maier, [pamela.s.maier@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.s.maier@gmail.com) or Kate Meyer Olsen, [skrapgirl@hotmail.com](mailto:skrapgirl@hotmail.com)

Thanks for all you do!

## AAUW Colorado Springs Authors Day: Sat. Oct 26, 2019

### #3 in a Continuing Series

Please check all that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy books!

\_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy shopping, especially for bargains

\_\_\_\_\_ I always enjoy a good breakfast

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe in AAUW's Scholarship Program

If you checked one (or more), then be sure to purchase a ticket for the AAUW Author's Day Breakfast/Authors Talk/Book Signing/Silent Auction. (That should be all of us!)

Three top-notch Colorado authors will be joining us at breakfast:

- **Eleanor Brown**, author of award-winning novels *The Weird Sisters* and *The Light of Paris*;
- **Elizabeth L. Fox**, author of the poignant history *We Are Going to be Lucky*, that presents the World War II-era correspondence between her parents;
- **Susan Joy Paul**, author of well-known Colorado guidebooks including *Hiking Colorado Waterfalls*, and *Touring Colorado Hot Springs*. Paul also maintains an active career as a ghostwriter.

And if this rich offering of authors and their wonderful books are not enough to satisfy your shopping "itch" or your holiday gift list, then be sure to pack your pocketbook and "peruse" the array of enticing silent auction items being assembled for your shopping pleasure. From original art to weekend get-aways, from fun and pampering gift baskets to gift certificates to our favorite bookseller, there's something (or many things) for everyone!

What an enjoyable way to support our local chapter's scholarship program and the wonderful, deserving young women whose education these scholarships make possible. Don't miss this event!



### AAUW Membership Corner!

Extending a warm welcome to most recent new members joining our Colorado Springs Branch of AAUW!

**Dr. Susan Rae Jensen**

**Margaret Nestor**

It's with sorrow that we received news of 2 member deaths over the summer:

**Nadine McCarter** - Nadine was a long member of AAUW and Interest Group *Luncheon Novel* according to Sally Mathewson and Georgina Burns.

**Violet Sykora** - Violet was a member of Walkie Talkies and an AAUW member for a few years. Her AAUW friends found her to be vibrant and determined, a very interesting lady who loved to share her knowledge, especially about concrete - her life's work! Even near the end of her journey, she was bravely coming along on some of our walks.

Both of these ladies will be fondly remembered! Our condolences to their families.

Please check out the **NEW MEMBER WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL!** It is for all those new members who have joined us since last April (or who were unable to attend in April). This has become a popular bi-annual event where the new members may meet the Board as well as Interest Group Chairs and one another. Wine and appetizers are served. It's purely social and a lot of fun. We will hear from our current President, Kathy Olson, and President-Elect, Pam Maier. Please plan to come **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30**. Home of

**Melanie Hudson** 960 Pulpit Rock Circle South, 80918 719-205-7639  
[heartdesire310@gmail.com](mailto:heartdesire310@gmail.com) \*\*PLEASE RSVP your intent to join us.

*Melanie Hudson - VP Membership*

*719-205-7639 SEE YOU AT THE OCTOBER 26, AUTHORS DAY!*

## Public Policy

**Mission:** We promote voter education and communicate advocacy efforts in the community.

### AAUW Lobby Actions at the State level:

**Lobby Corps:** Betty Boyd

- A ballot issue on the November 2019 ballot is an amendment to the Colorado Constitution referred by the state legislature.
- Proposition CC: Retain Revenue for Transportation and Education TABOR Measure. The voters are being asked to allow the State of Colorado to retain funds normally returned to the taxpayers under the TABOR amendment. This practice is called “De-Brucing.” It has been done by government entities throughout the state, but not by the state itself. Funds retained would be used for education and transportation.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Betty Boyd and seconded by Sue Ryden that AAUW-CO endorse the passage of Proposition CC in the November 2019 elections. Motion passed unanimously.

The AAUW-CO Public Policy Committee met on August 23, 2019 to share updated information on the speakers for the AAUW STATE Public Policy Day: **Feb 1, 2020**. The title of the **2020 Public Policy** event will be “*The Immigration Conversation*.”

### Colorado Springs AAUW Public Policy Program -- SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, January 18, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Presenter: Deb Walker, Executive Director: Citizen’s Project

## Opportunity Awaits!

The Local Scholarships Committee is seeking two new committee members to assist with reviewing scholarship applications. AAUW members with experience in social work or education are especially encouraged to express interest in the Local Scholarships Committee by emailing the chairperson, Mo Sigler, at [MoSigler24@gmail.com](mailto:MoSigler24@gmail.com).

The Local Scholarship Committee meets only once or twice a year. Committee members receive and review electronic scholarship applications in March and April. The committee members meet in mid-April to determine scholarship finalists. The May Branch meeting is the Scholarship Luncheon where scholarship recipients and committee members are asked to attend.

Questions can be addressed to Mo Sigler at the email address above. Thank you for your consideration!

## AAUW of Colorado 2019 Fall Leadership Conference

The Fall Leadership Conference was attended by 9 members of the Colorado Springs Branch. The Conference, held in Lakewood, CO on August 23-24 focused on the Strategic Plan and examining ways that branches could pursue AAUW mission-related activities.

The conference balanced networking and discussing current activities for the leadership teams of each branch with their counterparts throughout the state, including programs, communications, the state nominating committee, public policy and an Interbranch Council comprised of various presidents around the state. The theme of strategic planning was part of every meeting, which included an activity-based workshop on goals and tips for strategic planning at the branch and state levels. We learned more about developing our own branch's strategic plan and how to include the mission and vision into priorities, goals and an action plan.

Wonderful speakers rounded out the conference. A student who was chosen as Colorado's representative to attend the NCCWSL Leadership Development program in Maryland reported on her amazing experience and we had a dynamic presentation about celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Right to Vote in Colorado by a costumed "Suffragette" who outlined the history of being on the forefront of this women's issue and how we are celebrating throughout the state this year.

The Leadership Conference and other state conferences are open to all members and is a great opportunity to meet our counterparts throughout the state, share our successes and elicit ideas for better ways to enrich our branch.

Janet Knox, 719-322-6219



## **Our Branch 501(c)(3) Project September 18, 2019**

Becoming a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in addition to our current 501(c)(4) status has been discussed at the board level and among members for several years. Last year's Board brought it up for a vote and the Board voted to pursue the 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

A couple of branches in Colorado have successfully completed 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. We are communicating with these branches because we also want to understand the impact of making the change. These branches have shared the positive outcomes about their change in status.

Our Branch 501(c)(3) project team has met several times so far and outlined the tasks and timelines to accomplish a successful filing and approval by the state and the IRS. It is quite a bit of work to get this accomplished.

We want our members to understand why we are working on this project and the benefits it will give our AAUW branch. If you are interested in learning more about the goal of this restructuring, please click on this link <https://coloradosprings-co.aauw.net> that will take you to our website. In the center of the homepage under **Information for Branch Members** you will see the link to click on for the **FAQs for Changing to 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Status** which we will be updating periodically to keep members informed of our progress.

Our Branch 501(c)(3) project team members are Jeanne Howard (Chairperson), Kathy Olson, Pam Maier, Janet Knox and Chris Toth. If you have any questions or concerns about where we are at on the project, please call or email one the project team members. You will find their contact information in our online branch directory.

We thank you for your support and will keep our members apprised of our progress.

### **November Branch Meeting**

Have you wondered about how women are doing in Colorado Springs? What do they earn? Can women live on their incomes? What and where are the opportunities for women here in Colorado Springs?

These are questions, among many, addressed at our November meeting. Chelsea Gaylord, Senior Economic Development Specialist with the City of Colorado Springs, will talk about these concerns at our program, "Viewing Colorado Springs Thru a Woman's Eyes." She will be joined by several women who will share their expertise with us. The focus of Chelsea's job is the Southeast Area of Colorado Springs. I encourage you to attend this interesting and current topic.

The program will be held Saturday, November 16, at 10 am in the "Big Room" at Colorado Technical University, 4435 N. Chestnut St.

If you have specific questions, I will have cards available at the October meeting to have you write them out. Thank you for your interest. Anna Lopez



## Welcome Coffee Kudos

Many thanks to the outstanding team who produced this year's Welcome Coffee! Wasn't it a wonderful day?

Special shout-outs to: our Hospitality Chairs, **Beth Krasovec** and **Fran Schaffer**, who organized the great breakfast (along with all of the individual members who donated treats); our Program Committee, chaired by **Sarah Stowell** and **Marian Phelps**, for the excellent publicity and support; member **Char Gagne** who worked with last year's Program Committee to secure our marvelous speaker; Interest Group Coordinator, **Pip Bodkin**, who ably "wrangled" the interest group information tables and food donations; interest group and committee chairs who were stationed at these key tables to answer questions; **Chris Toth** for the printed directories; volunteers who helped in myriads of ways; and all of you who attended and brought guests. We're off to an amazing start!

## Collaboration Corner

### League of Women Voters

- 2019 Ballot Questions: TABOR Changes & National Popular Vote
  - Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
  - East Library Community Room, 5550 N. Union Blvd.
  - A representative from the Colorado Fiscal Institute will discuss the 2019 fiscal ballot issues including the proposed changes to the Tabor Amendment. Colorado Senator Mike Foote and former Speaker of the California House of Representatives, Ray Haynes, will discuss the proposed repeal of the National Popular Vote Compact approved by the Colorado Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jared Polis in 2019.
- Update on November 2019 Ballot Issues
  - Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 6:30 - 8:15 p.m.
  - East Library Community Room, 5550 N. Union Blvd.
  - Lineah Davey, Chair of the LWVPPR Voters Service Team will review the November 2019 Ballot Issues' pros and cons.

### The Woman's Educational Society (WES):

- AAUW Community Outreach Play
  - Tuesday, October 29 at 2:00 to 3:30
  - Historic Bemis Hall on the Colorado College campus
  - The Women's Educational Society is sponsoring a performance of the play, open to the public. It's free, it's fun and if you haven't had a chance to see it before, now is your chance! Light refreshments will be served. Please rsvp to [WES@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:WES@coloradocollege.edu)
  - In 2018, the AAUW Board agreed to sponsor, as part of AAUW's outreach to the community, a play based on a critical period in Colorado Springs...an era when three fascinating women and their favorite architect changed the cultural landscape of the city forever. The play, written by AAUW member Cindi Zenkert-Strange and featuring AAUW members Sherri Bristol, Audrey McGuire, Don Metz and Kathy Olson, (with occasional appearances by members Mary Kay Rockwell and Janet Knox), has been performed for over 25 organizations since it was first introduced in 2016. The AAUW presentation is a light-hearted, 45-minute look at the creative collaboration between Alice Bemis Taylor, Julie Penrose, Elizabeth Sage Hare and architect John Gaw Meem and the impact it was to have on the Springs. AAUW offers this performance to community groups of 20 or more at no charge, although organizations are welcome to make a donation to AAUW's scholarship fund. Over the next 9 months, the AAUW Players will present the play to at least four community organizations...and you're invited to the 1st.

## Interest Groups

For the November Newsletter please send your information no later than 18 October 2019. Thanks!  
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### *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](mailto: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](mailto:loisbos68@gmail.com) or 719-388-8557. Dates and times are flexible. Lois Boschee, Chair.

### *Mondays*

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

Oct 7, 19	East Castlewood Canyon	Jean Allen
Oct 14, 19	Devil's Kitcen, Orms Peak	Gini S and Judy L
Oct 21, 19	Open	
Oct 28, 19	Fox Run and Planning Meeting	Gini Simonson

### *Tuesdays*

#### 2020 GREAT DECISIONS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### UPDATED 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. **The 2020 topics are Climate Change and the Global Order, India and Pakistan, Red Sea Security, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle, China's Road into Latin America, The Philippines and the U.S., and Artificial Intelligence and Data.**

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](mailto:jeanetteminniti@gmail.com) or call 719-481-3230. **Briefing books are \$30.00. However, registrations made before November receive a group discount of 20% off.**

October 1, TECHNOLOGY INTEREST GROUP, 9:30 a.m. Chair: June Hallenbeck, [junehallenbeck@comcast.net](mailto:junehallenbeck@comcast.net) or 598-2979.

October 8, VISUAL ARTS, 10am, Chair: Cindi Zenkert-Strange [cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com](mailto:cmzenkertstrange@gmail.com)

October 8, DINNER BOOK CLUB: *The Last Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris will be discussed. We will meet at 5:45 pm at the Red Lobster, 4925 N. Academy Blvd. Please contact Mo Sigler at [mosigler24@gmail.com](mailto:mosigler24@gmail.com) or 208 602-1525 to make a reservation. C: Nedra Engelson, 574-5274, [nengelso@aol.com](mailto:nengelso@aol.com)

October 8, THE HISTORY OF JAZZ, Part II, at 1:30 pm., at the International Music Syndicate (IMS), 2105 Academy Circle, Colorado Springs, 80909. Discussion on Benny Goodman, the "Swing Era" plus. New members always welcome. We complete the year in December 2019. For reservations, contact Kathy Olson, [kathrynlolson@msn.com](mailto:kathrynlolson@msn.com) or (719) 331-8891.

October 15, READERS POTPOURRI 1:00 p.m. C: Patty Runyon, (269)325-4054, [spdrunyon@comcast.net](mailto:spdrunyon@comcast.net).

October 22, MORNING GLORY BOOK CLUB, 10:00 a.m, This is our planning meeting - location TBD. C: Connie Higgins, [connie.higgins@hotmail.com](mailto:connie.higgins@hotmail.com), 914-391-1393.

October 22, UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECTS), 1:00 p.m., C: Wynn Weidner, Hostess: On hiatus for the foreseeable future.

### Wednesdays

October 9, SOUTHWEST STUDIES, 1:30-3:30. Location: Ruth Holley Library Meeting Room, 923 N Murray Blvd, 80915. Topic: Fort Garland, Kit Carson and Influence on San Luis Valley - Presented by Pip Bodkin

October 16, EVENING CONNECTIONS THROUGH TOPICS, 5:30pm. At The Warehouse Restaurant. 25 W. Cimarron St. 80903. Connections member, Cindi Zenkert-Strange will present *The Monet We Thought We Knew*. Spend an hour looking into the life, times and paintings of the genius, Claude Monet. You can prepare for an excursion to the Denver Art Museum where a Monet exhibit opens in late October, or just enjoy the lively stories and slides of his ravishing art.

Cost- **\$20.00 MADE OUT TO THE WAREHOUSE RESTAURANT and mailed to Jan Jones** 3810 El Rancho Way Monument, CO 80132

***\$20 per person includes the private room, tax, and gratuity.***

***A cash bar is available.***

RSVP in two steps: (both **by October 7th**)

1. Send \*yes only\* RSVPs to Jan Jones (not Sarah!) at [cjanjones@msn.com](mailto:cjanjones@msn.com) so that we can give an accurate headcount to the Warehouse.
2. Put your check in the mail to Jan Jones, *made out to "The Warehouse Restaurant"*.  
Jan's address for the check: 3810 El Rancho Way Monument, CO 80132

**To secure your seat, please RSVP and mail your checks by October 7th.**

October 16, LUNCHEON NOVEL I, 11:45 A.M. Chair: Georgina Burns, [georgina.b1@juno.com](mailto:georgina.b1@juno.com) and Sally Mathewson, [mathewson3@juno.com](mailto:mathewson3@juno.com)

October 16, LUNCHEON NOVEL TOO, noon. Chair: Jeanne Marsh, [jmarsh@pcisys.net](mailto:jmarsh@pcisys.net), 590-7237. The book this month is *We were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter. Hostess and Discussion Leader: Janet Condit, [jjcondit@msn.com](mailto:jjcondit@msn.com), 277-7590. Co-Hostess: Judie Werschky, [judiewer@aol.com](mailto:judiewer@aol.com), 632-9989.

October 16, AFTERNOON READERS, 1:30 p.m. Chair: Freda Dunlap (719) 310 4674 [ffdunlap@hotmail.com](mailto:ffdunlap@hotmail.com) Hostess: Frieda Dunlap Book: *House in the Sky* by Amanda Lindhout & Sarah Corbett.

October 23, CHOCOLATE LOVERS: 1:30 p.m. Hostess Ellie Solomon, 3203 Paseo Road. Program: Halloween Exchange. Bring goodies for 18 to share. RSVP to Ellie, 630-7465, [elron3@msn.com](mailto:elron3@msn.com)

### Thursdays

#### WALKIE-TALKIE HIKES

Oct 3 Santa Fe Trail from Woodmen P&R to Ice Lake Judy Conroy

Oct 10 Aiken Canyon hike Marion Rich

Oct 17 Boulder Trail, Florissant Fossil Beds, Susie Potterat

Oct 24 Crystola Road just south of Crystola Roadhouse in Crystola Joann Oh

Oct 31 Eleven Mile Canyon Melanie Hudson

October 3, 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*

October 10: CHAPTER & VERSE WRITING GROUP - Broaden your writing skills! Meets second Thursday of the month, 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: Janet Condit, 2335 Marston Heights, COS.

October 17, 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](mailto: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](mailto:sbydalek@yahoo.com)

### Fridays

October 4, EXPLORING LIVES AND CULTURES, 10:00 to 12:00 at East Library Meeting Room. Book to be Discussed: (National Disability Employment Awareness Month) - *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.



Co-Chairs: Janet Friedberg [janetfriedberg@comcast.net](mailto:janetfriedberg@comcast.net) and Eunice Ciaccio  
[euninco.11@comcast.net](mailto:euninco.11@comcast.net)

October 18, LOCAL HISTORY, 10:00 AM, Aspen Room Penrose Public Library. Chair: Judie Werschky, (719) 632-9989, [judiewer@aol.com](mailto:judiewer@aol.com). The Life and Legacy of Kirk Hanna (rancher concerned with the health of both the animals and the land). RSVP to facilitator Jeanne Knudson, [jlknu2@yahoo.com](mailto:jlknu2@yahoo.com)

### *Saturdays*

#### FRIENDS OF THE GRAPE (FOG)

October 19, F.O.G (Friends of the Grape) around 6:00p.m. Chair: Jeanne Marsh, 590-7237, [jmarsh@pcisys.net](mailto:jmarsh@pcisys.net) and Gini, 481-8843, [gini.jim@comcast.net](mailto:gini.jim@comcast.net). In honor of the arrival of Football Season, October's FOG meeting will be a TAILGATE PARTY! October 19, at 6 pm we'll meet at the home of Daryl & Joan Skoog 5540 Canvasback Ct. 80918. Wear your favorite team shirt and bring a game day food and adult beverage. We'll provide chicken sliders, water, and tea. Please rsvp with the dish you are bringing to [joanskoog1@gmail.com](mailto:joanskoog1@gmail.com)