

AAUW COS Branch Authors Day, Sat. Oct. 26, 2019, 8:30-12:00
Colorado Springs Shrine Club 6 S 33rd St
Author! Author!

Ticket deadline is Tuesday Oct 22nd

On October 26, we celebrate the AAUW Colorado Springs Branch Authors Day and Silent Auction, a must-attend event for all members and guests! Each year, Authors Day ticket sales and silent auction proceeds are a major source of funds for college scholarships our Branch awards.

So, what's in it for you besides the chance to support our mission?

- A delish buffet breakfast with lots of good friends
- A chance to browse the silent auction tables and place bids on one or more fun gifts...from wine, coffee, and pampering gift baskets, to art, travel, and more. There's something for everyone...but you'll need to check back often to make sure a friend hasn't upped the bid!
- The privilege to hear from three stellar Colorado authors (this year, all women) who will entertain, inform and inspire us as they discuss their journeys, writing process and books.
- The opportunity to purchase a signed copy of one or more of the books you'll be hearing about...for your own library or as a holiday gift.

In the weeks ahead, you'll be hearing more, but for now, here's a preview...

Keynote Author

Our keynote author is Colorado-based Eleanor Brown, New York Times best-selling author of "*The Weird Sisters*" (*Shakespeare's Macbeth, anyone?*) and her most recent novel "*The Light of Paris*." Inspired by letters her grandmother had written from Paris in the 1920s, Brown delves into the lives of a grandmother, who fled to Paris to find herself as a writer, and her granddaughter, a talented painter in the 1990s, trapped in a stifling marriage that undermined her confidence and creativity. What happens when the granddaughter/narrator finds her grandmother's Paris diary? Can she find the strength to live the life she was meant to have?

From the Minneapolis Star Tribune...

Fresh, endearing...Finely written and absorbing. Explores the always- compelling questions of how to balance reality and romance, duty and dreams, family and freedom.

Library Journal ... For all fans of intelligent women's literature.

Popsugar.com... Charming novel about living life on your own that will make you long for streets of Paris.

2nd Guest Author

Our 2nd guest author for Author's Day is Elizabeth L. Fox and her featured book *We Are Going To Be Lucky: A World War II Love Story in Letters*. This book 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.

(See the next page for 3rd Guest Author and registration details.)

3rd Guest Author

Our 3rd guest author is Susan Joy Paul, writer of well-known Colorado guidebooks including *Hiking Colorado Waterfalls*, and *Touring Colorado Hot Springs*. When not hiking, climbing, soaking, sleeping or eating, Paul is writing! In addition to making a major splash as a guidebook author, Paul also maintains an active career as a ghostwriter, and has been the pen for hire behind a variety of best-selling business titles, as well as other non-fiction. But don't come expecting Paul to "dish" over the sweet rolls about these book titles and their authors. As a ghostwriter, she takes confidentiality very seriously!

Tickets are \$40 and there are two ways to register:

- 1) To register online, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-scholarship-fundraiser-authors-day-breakfast-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 Jean Little, 12602 Handles Peak Way, Peyton, CO 80831

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Watch for more details in our October Branch newsletter. In the meantime, please register now and save the date, Oct 26. Au Revoir!