

# AAUW COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH – INTEREST GROUP INFORMATION 2020-2021

## Arts and Entertainment

**Arts on the Go:** Enjoy local music and theatre with your AAUW friends. Dates and times vary.

**Bridge Lite:** Improve bridge skills and enjoy time with other AAUW members. Open to all skill levels.

**Mah Jongg:** New and experienced players welcome. Enjoy lunch and then challenge your brain with this ancient, fascinating game of tiles.

**UFOs:** An afternoon gathering to enjoy stitchery and other crafts – those unfinished projects that have been set aside.

**Visual Arts Visions and Visits:** Members research and present programs related to visual arts/artists. Can include occasional outside speakers and car-pooled visits to regional art-related exhibits, sites.

## Current Affairs

**Evening Connections through Topics:** An evening group that meets on select Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30PM, primarily at The Warehouse Restaurant featuring thought-provoking speakers, discussion, and a buffet dinner

**Great Decisions:** An in-depth study of current events. The group reads a selection from the Foreign Policy Association book, views a 30-minute DVD and discusses national and international issues.

**TED Talks :** An evening group that meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm to watch one or more podcasts and discuss, sharing ideas, food and beverages.

**Environmental Action Group:** The purpose of the group is to be involved in local community efforts to positively impact our environment.

## Dining

**Chocolate Lovers:** Study, discuss and eat chocolate.

**Fellowship of the Grape (FOG):** A social evening where members, spouses, and guests share light dishes and beverages in each other's homes or in restaurants. Dates and times vary.

## Hiking

**Hardy Hikers:** Enjoy hikes in the Front Range averaging 3-6 miles. The degree of difficulty varies with each hike. Summer and fall hikes are usually in the mountains; winter and spring hikes are more likely to be local

**Walkie Talkies** Enjoy leisurely 3-5 mile hikes usually out of town except in winter conditions. Gentle terrain

## History

**Local History:** Visit places of local historical significance and enjoy speakers or other types of programs.

**Southwest Studies:** Monthly meeting presentations focus on the unique history and legacy of our annual destination. Upcoming trip is: *The Legendary San Luis Valley and Rails Adventure, Date to be determined.* Membership and participation in the interest group in no way obligates anyone to go on the trip.

## Reading and Writing

**Afternoon Readers:** Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed

**Dinner Book Club:** This group meets in various restaurants. Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed.

**Exploring Lives & Cultures:** Nonfiction and fiction books that reflect current social issues are discussed.

**Luncheon Novel I:** Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed after sharing lunch in a member's home or a restaurant.

**Luncheon Novel Too:** Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed after sharing lunch in a member's home.

**Morning Glory Readers Book Club:** This group meets in homes or coffee shops. Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed.

**Readers' Potpourri:** This group meets in members' homes where beverages are provided. Fiction and non-fiction books are discussed.

**Chapter and Verse:** A writing group to support and encourage writing activities and improve writing skills.

**Women Who Write:** This group meets to write, share (optional) and encourage one another. Come be inspired to write for 20-30 minutes from a prompt provided by the host, share, and discover the pleasure of a writing group.

## Technology

**Technology:** The group meets to help each other better utilize new technologies. Bring your tech questions for discussion or your latest device or software to show and tell.

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**Prospective members are invited to attend 2 different Interest Groups and a Branch meeting.  
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