

AAUW COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH – INTEREST GROUP INFORMATION 2020-2021  
FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS



**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.

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

**Visual Arts:** Each month, an outside speaker or Visual Arts member presents a monthly program related to visual arts/artists. May include occasional 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.

### Dining

**Chocolate Lovers:** Study, discuss and eat chocolate. Meets in homes and restaurants with specialty chocolate items.

**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 3-4 mile hikes usually out of town except in winter conditions. Gentle terrain

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**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*

**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.

**Luncheon Novel 3: ?? TBD** (New group?)

**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. We meet at 1:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

**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. We meet mornings the first Thursday of each month.

**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.

**Miscellaneous**

**STEM Support (Virtual):** A virtual interest group that supports school programs that promote STEM education.

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**Environmental Action:** Group meets to learn about various ways to conserve resources in our communities; participate in environmental activities.

\***MEMBERS** are encouraged to call the IG Chair of a group in which they have an interest to find out the current meeting times and group status.

**Prospective members are invited to attend 2 different Interest Groups and are encouraged to attend at least one branch meeting to learn more about the AAUW mission and our branch before joining.**

**For more information about membership, contact Melanie Hudson [heartdesire310@gmail.com](mailto:heartdesire310@gmail.com)**

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