

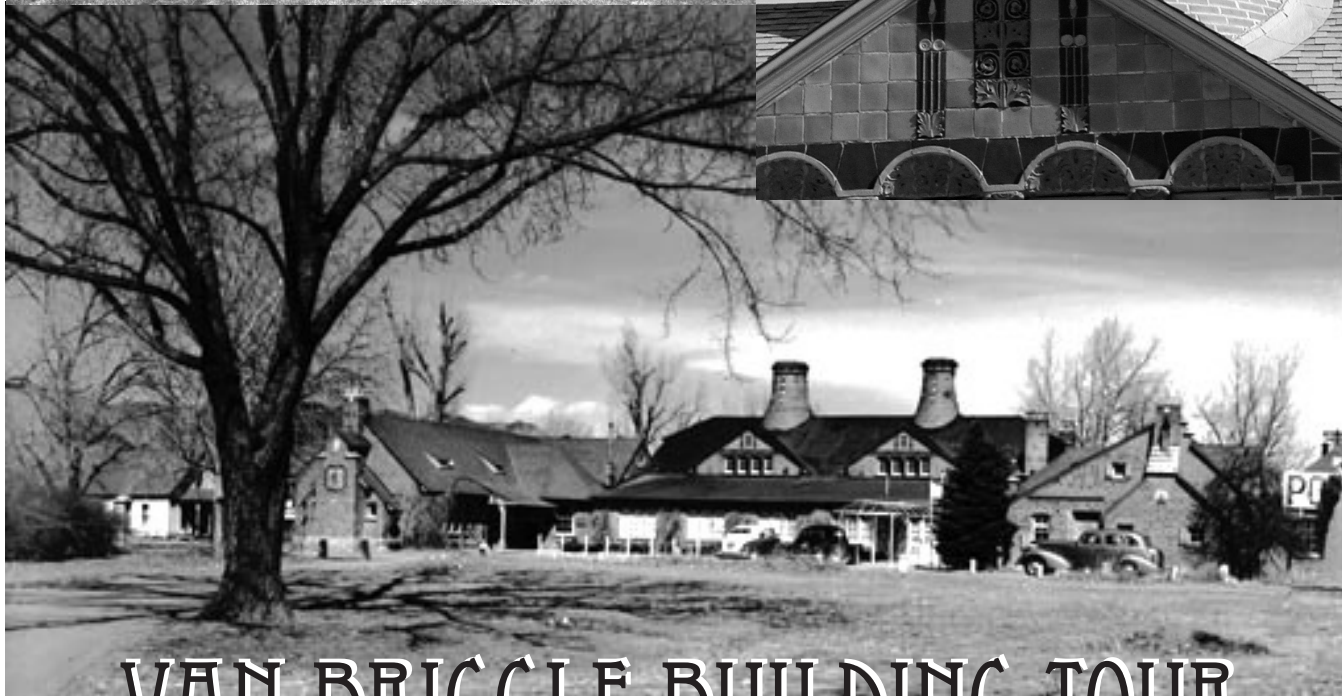


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# Newsfocus

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The WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY (WES) is an autonomous community organization founded on April 20, 1889, to foster support of Colorado College. Its purposes are to bring community and college together, give assistance to students of the college, and undertake programs and projects to benefit the college, particularly women of the college. Gifts to WES are **tax-deductible**. *Newsfocus* is published twice a year as a service to members and friends of WES.

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## Messages from the Co-Presidents



What an honor it is to serve WES as co-President this year. My background is in music education with both children and adults. After retiring from teaching in Academy District #20, I joined the WES Board four years ago. Publicity and Scholarship committees have been my main focus. As co-chair of the Scholarship Committee for three years, I gained valuable experience in the many functions of the board. Each time we interact with our remarkable scholars, I am reminded of our mission: to continue to provide financial support as well as friendship through our mentor program and various WES activities throughout their years at Colorado College.

In spite of the recent economic downturn, the board, along with the help of CC financial advisors, decided we could offer four scholarships to freshmen this fall and maintain our sixteen returning scholars at the 2008-09 levels. The award still represents 11 percent of the estimated cost of attendance at CC. We want to congratulate the entire WES community for their efforts towards maintaining the value of our scholarships. Your memberships are deeply appreciated and funds paid above the \$25 dues directly support our scholars.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the VanBriggle Tour, the Scholars' Tea and our Fall Program—a wonderful opportunity to meet the scholars that you support!

—Jeanne Stiles

Hello! I'm Sally Metzger, one half of this year's co-Presidency and into my last term on the WES Board. I've had the honor of serving on the Scholarship, Membership and Nominating Committees and helping with Publicity and Fundraising; as 2nd Vice-President, I was co-chair of the Program Committee. I'm looking forward to the coming year, sharing it with a terrific lady and working with the many amazing women who make up our Board of Managers.

This next year will see several changes. Besides having co-Presidents for the first time, we are also going to try eliminating one of the luncheons and offering another activity; which hopefully will result in increased support and better attendance. We urge all of you to bring your friends and encourage them to join WES. We need your help more than ever to bring in additional revenue to sustain our scholarship program.

Looking forward to a joyous year filled with your support and new friends!

—Sally Metzger

## *Upcoming WES Events*



### **VAN BRIGGLE POTTERY TOUR**

The Woman's Educational Society of Colorado College (WES) is sponsoring guided tours of the historic Van Briggie Pottery building at Uintah Street and Glen Avenue on Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 9:00 – 3:30. Tickets are \$10; children under 12 are free. All proceeds benefit a scholarship fund for women students attending Colorado College.

Now on the National Register of Historic Places, this Colorado Springs treasure was designed over 100 years ago by Dutch architect Nicolas Van den Arend, displaying Flemish farmhouse and Arts and Crafts influences. Learn about artists Artus and Anne Van Briggie and their unique process in producing pottery pieces that are displayed in major museums around the world.

For more information contact George Eckhardt at 389-6000.



### **SCHOLARS' TEA**

Come meet the new and returning WES scholars at the annual Scholars' Tea on Thursday, September 17, 2009 from 3:30-5pm. Jacqueline Lundquist, wife of Colorado College's President Richard Celeste, will host the event at the historic Stewart House, 1228 Wood Avenue. Reservations are not necessary. Look for an invitation in your mailbox!

### **FALL PROGRAM**

The Woman's Educational Society's annual Fall Program takes an exciting new twist this year! Instead of the traditional luncheon, WES scholars will lead a tour of Colorado College's historic campus on Thursday, October 15, 2009. Tours will begin at 2pm and a reception will follow at 3:30 in the Deco Lounge of the Fine Arts Center. Elegant snacks and a cash bar will be available. Detailed invitations will be mailed; reservations are required for this event.



## Welcome to Our New WES Scholars

Four first-year students received letters this past spring from WES and the Financial Aid Office, bearing the good news that they were the recipients of a WES scholarship. The award is now worth \$5,206; \$4,152 for tuition and \$1,054 for books. In the following paragraphs, we present the new scholars.



**Christa Carroll** spent her whole life in Wichita, Kansas and graduated from Wichita High School East. At East, she was part of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and enjoyed volunteering with East Conservation Organization (ECO) and Alternative Gifts, International. Her favorite subjects

were biology and Spanish; however, she was known by many as the girl who wrote her IB Extended Essay about the historical significance of Zombie films. This summer, she taught archery at a Boy Scout camp. While at CC, she plans to major in geology. She has wanted to be a paleontologist since she was seven years old and can't wait to take those first steps toward realizing this goal. Eventually, she hopes to travel to Madagascar to study the ways in which geographical isolation affected the evolution of the island's organisms.



**Tsipora Prochovnick** was born and raised in San Francisco, CA. She attended the School of the Arts Academy in San Francisco and graduated as valedictorian. Throughout high school she spent much of her free time rock climbing, biking, hiking and swimming in the beautiful San Francisco Bay.

The San Francisco Bay swims which she completed in the last four years include the "Escape from Alcatraz" (Alcatraz to San Francisco) and the "Golden Gate Bridge Swim" (following the Golden Gate Bridge from SF to Marin) as well as others. "If I am not rock climbing or swimming then I am probably either hanging out with friends or wandering around the city trying to find my new favorite bakery." This summer Tsipora is very excited to be working as an assistant instructor on a two-week all-girls backpacking trip in the Sierras. The organization running this program, Girl Ventures, is the program she went through in middle school that sparked her passion for the outdoors. For the last few years she has served as a climbing mentor to middle school girls through a program that Girl Ventures runs. Another meaningful volunteer program in which she has participated and hopes to continue supporting is Guide Dogs for the Blind. She and her family raised Guide Dog puppies for years, two of which successfully graduated and are now serving their blind partners. In school Tsipora enjoys most classes that engage her with interesting discussions. She

doesn't know what subjects she will pursue at CC, but she really is looking forward to taking a wide variety of classes and discovering her specific interests. She is nervous, but excited, to be flying to Colorado Springs soon, where she will meet many amazing people and explore the beautiful country surrounding Colorado College. Tsipora writes "I have so much to learn and so many ways to grow and I know Colorado College will be just the right place to do that."

**Maia Wynn** was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she graduated from Sandia Preparatory School with a Presidential and New Mexico scholars award. During high school she participated in the New Mexico Mock Trial program where her team placed first at Regional Competition and second at State Competition. In 2008, she was awarded outstanding witness awards for Regional and State competition, and in 2009 she received an outstanding witness award at state competition and was awarded the monetary Zamzok Award for best Mock Trial witness in the state. She participated in Drama and was a part of multiple casts. In 2009 Maia was awarded best actress of the year for her role as Lady Brackness in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. At the 2009 New Mexico State Thespian Festival, she was awarded a superior rating for duet singing and qualified for international competition. Maia also participated in the award winning Upper School Choir at her school. As a member of the National Honor Society, Maia tutored bilingual elementary school children at public schools with limited resources. For the past three summers, Maia has worked as a camp counselor at Summer Prep, a summer program hosted by her high school, where she has loved teaching, learning from, and being with the children. Maia would like to extend her thanks to the members of WES for the honor of being named a scholar to CC, for being so generous to her already, and to her mom, Laura and her brother, Bryce, for all of their support.



**Hillary Meghan Zeiss** was born screaming and yelling on September 30, 1991. Her life was basically unfulfilled until June 2, 1993 when her younger sister joined the family. Together the two formed a dynamic duo, Hillary making a lot of noise and Chloe watching quietly. In preschool Hillary had a variety of interests, including dancing, finger-painting, and eating playdough. During middle school she traveled with her parents, reading and experiencing the world. In high school she took part in a variety of activities including dance, glee, chemistry and photography. She looks forward to going to college and taking part in new things. Currently she hopes to major in Russian studies, but is open to a change of heart.



# WES Scholar in Buenos Aires

Lauren Robertori, WES scholar, spent spring semester of 2009 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She was gracious enough to allow WES to publish the following entry from the journal she kept while abroad.

## What I love about studying abroad

Last night I went out and was speaking to the guy next to me. We were talking about his job, which I didn't quite understand—He was a kind of manager of a plant that tested medicines on animals. I asked to make sure that he wasn't managing an animal-abuse plant. No, he continued, at his plant they don't make them sick in order to test drugs on them to cure them. I didn't get to ask him more about it, he didn't want to talk about such complex things. Maybe it was that we were in a restaurant and it was 5 a.m.



Or maybe...

I realized that a problem you hit when you're learning a new language is that people think you understand less than you actually do. Or better yet, they think you understand less than you actually CAN.

I suddenly realized what's amazing about learning a language: First thing is oral comprehension. (I'm not even going to talk about pronunciation; that's "un lío" that gets cleaned up only with time and practice...) But oral comprehension consists in being able to separate words instead of hearing a jumble of sounds that you don't recognize and that don't correlate to a meaning inside your head.

Example: at first you might hear something that sounds like: "foonlío." But soon you start recognizing how [weirdly] they abbreviate sounds and you start correlating that unexpected sound with a word you actually know.... In this case "fue" (in English: "it was") right before the word "un" (english: "a") is pronounced "foon" not "fuay un." Once you know that, you can separate the sounds into words. With meanings. Entonces, "foonlío" = "fue un lío." English meaning: "it was a mess."!

The second thing, clearly, would then be expanding your vocab enough to recognize that the word "lío" means mess, but it's kind of slangy. Or that the word "bárbaro" means "really great." Both, I've gathered, are relatively slangy and specific to this area. So hooray! This guy I was talking didn't really grasp that I could understand him well and separate his words, and all he needed to do was explain to me the specific ones that I probably wouldn't know, which he could gauge by talking to me a bit more. Oh well, that's how you learn! When you can't communicate as well, people never know really what you're thinking or where your mind is floating....

In other words, it's going really well! I love it here. Learning lots of new words! Getting more used to thinking fast on my feet and making nouns and adjectives agree or conjugating verbs in time to use them without sounding stilted and horrifically American. Ah, to think on your feet! There's nothing else like it, truly, other than being forced to speak another language! It's such intense brain activity, sometimes I get headaches. Though more often, though, it's like an addictive numb feeling. I bet the phrase "mind-numbing" came from someone in my position. Or someone doing really hard math problems.

# Canyons and Canyons

**Marianne Stoller**, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Colorado College, specializes in the American Southwest. She uses her expertise to lead educational trips, exploring the geography and history of specific regions of North America. She graciously donates a portion of each trip fee directly to WES scholarships.

*Thank you to Shirley Woolley for the following article and to Sharon Rice for the accompanying photo of the travelers.*

## The Colorado Plateau, May 19-26, 2009

We departed from Phoenix, Arizona, to begin our adventure of viewing the spectacular deeply carved canyons on the Colorado Plateau. When we arrived in Page, we met our guide, Gary Ladd, famed photographer, author and geologist. On the way to our initial festive dinner, Gary enlightened us by pointing out the 190 million year old Navajo Sandstone visible at Lake Powell.

A tour aboard the Canyon Odyssey enabled us to see the canyons, buttes and islands of Lake Powell. Rainbow Bridge was our primary destination. The sandstone arch comprising the bridge is the world's largest natural span. The bridge towers 290 feet into the air and spans 275 feet. This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its designation as a National Monument.

Captain Mark also thrilled us by maneuvering the large tour vessel through the very narrow channel of Cascade Canyon. That evening Gary treated us to a slideshow of his wonderful Glen Canyon and Lake Powell photos.

Day two began by either hiking through Antelope Canyon or touring the Glen Canyon Dam. The hikers who maneuvered the crevices of this slot canyon were treated with an almost incandescent vision of pink, rust, yellow and orange sandstone hues.

The Glen Canyon Dam was dedicated by Lady Bird Johnson in 1966. It took 17 years for Lake Powell, which was created by the dam, to completely fill for the first time.

Then it was on to Lee's Ferry where the Grand Canyon begins. We passed the Navajo Bridge, the Vermillion Cliffs, Marble Canyon and Jacob's Lake. Vermillion Cliffs is a release site for California Condors raised in captivity. The condor population dipped to 22 in the early 1980's. Now they number close to 200.

We arrived at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and took in the incredible views from the historic Grand Canyon Lodge. The next morning rain and cloud cover did not dampen our spirits as we set about to see Point Imperial.

While the weather was uncooperative, Gary pursued by lecturing about the geological history of the canyon. The rock units through which the canyon has been cut range from 1.84 billion years old at the bottom to 270 million years old on the rim. We were rewarded late in the day when the fog lifted to reveal the magnificent view of the Bright Angel Fault and the south rim of the canyon.

On day five, Gary held an informative photography workshop for the early risers. We traveled to Bryce Canyon, Utah where the fog was gone. Here we saw hoodoos, pillars of rock standing in fantastic shapes, which cast a spell on all who visit. The next morning many of us met at 6:00am to view the sunrise at the canyon's edge. We were rewarded with a clear vista and photography tips from Gary.

A short drive brought us to Zion National Park. Here patterns cut into the Checkerboard Mesa were different from any sandstone we'd seen before. Windows cut inside a tunnel provided our first view of the Virgin River below. We enjoyed a great afternoon of hiking to the Emerald Pools and taking the shuttle to see the other areas in the park. Seeps through the rock walls provide enough water to create hanging gardens of Maidenhair fern and

blooming Columbine. This all creates a sense of an oasis among the solid rock walls.

The Museum of Northern Arizona provided a welcome diversion from a day of travel to Flagstaff. The Museum's outstanding collections included art and natural history from the Colorado Plateau.

Our final day began with a visit to Tuzigoot National Monument. Tuzigoot crowns the summit of a long ridge that rises above the Verde Valley. It is the remnant of a Sinagua village that was built between 1125 and 1400.

This marvelous trip concluded with a farewell lunch on a terrace facing the spectacular red rock formations of Sedona. We thank Marianne Stoller for her excellent planning and guidance, Gary Ladd for his outstanding instruction and patience, Sharon Rice for her dedication to details and Greg and Lesley Flaks for treating us royally every mile along the way.





## Enjoy a Piece of WES History

Soon after taking office, co-presidents Sally Metzger and Jeanne Stiles reviewed the WES collections in the Colorado College Archives at Tutt Library. They found the following excerpt of the minutes from the very first WES meeting on April 20, 1889.

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Taken from archives:

Box 0315

WES Annual Meeting

Apr. 20, 1889 - Mar. 9, 1901

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On Saturday afternoon, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1889, a meeting of the women of Colorado Springs was called to consider the formation of a society, whose special purpose should be to aid the young women in attendance upon Colorado College.

In response to this call over one hundred (100) ladies assembled in the college chapel. And the spirit of the meeting showed that they appreciated the immediate demand upon their sympathies and their efforts, in the needs of our college girls.

Mrs. W. F. Slocum was chosen temporary chairman, and presented the claims of these girls upon us.

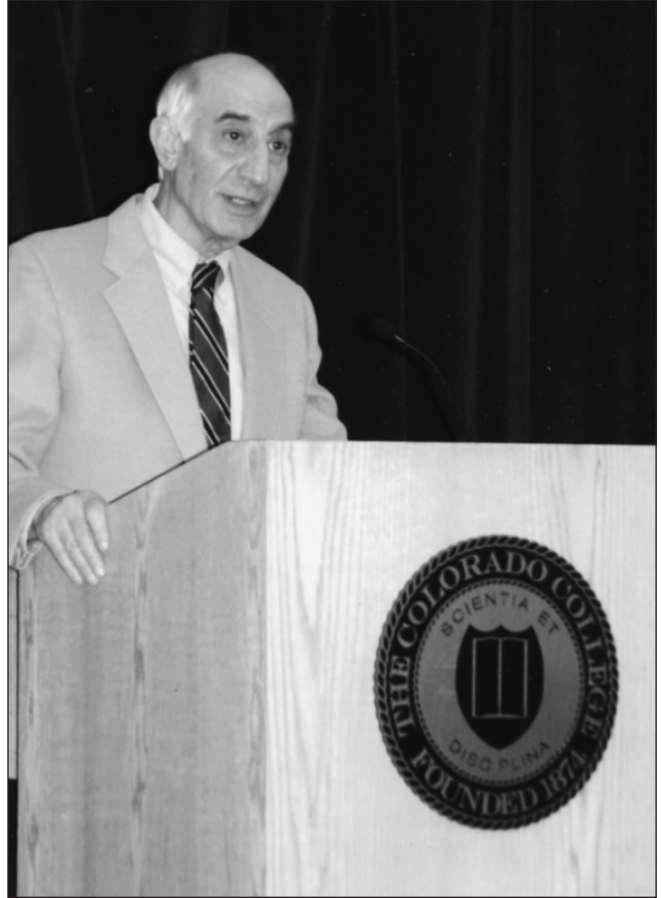
Though few have been in attendance upon the college, from out of town, frequent instances have come to the notice of the faculty, of those desirous of aid, and for lack of this, a completion of the course has had to be postponed or given up entirely.

## A Special Thanks To...

**Nancy Wenzlau** for hosting the Scholars' Picnic on May 1, 2009. A rainy, gloomy afternoon didn't stop scholars and WES members from attending a picnic in Nancy Wenzlau's home. Scholars from each class attended and updated the WES members on their busy end-of-year schedules.



**Phillip Kannan** for his riveting lecture at the February 17, 2009 WES luncheon. Mr. Kannan, Distinguished Lecturer and Legal-Scholar-in-Residence at Colorado College, spoke about the necessity of protecting endangered species and the legal aspects of the 1973 Endangered Species Act.



## Annual Meeting 2009

The Woman's Educational Society met for one last luncheon of the 2008-09 school year on April 23. Outgoing president Vicki Nycum congratulated WES on another successful year and thanked the many supporters in attendance. She announced that the Scholarship Campaign exceeded its goal by raising more than \$110,000. The Board of Managers and officers for the 2009-10 academic year were approved. Lastly, she named Dr. Marianne Stoller an honorary member of WES. Since 2004, Dr. Stoller has generously provided funding for WES scholarships by sponsoring tours of the Southwest and Canada. After the business portion of the meeting concluded, WES honored each of the graduating senior scholars: Emily Houston, Kyla Pellouchoud, Naiara Posniak, Kelsey Pullar and Cayla Schreibman. Each of the seniors gave an overview of their college experience and future plans. The Scholarship Committee announced that Emily and Naiara have been named to Phi Beta Kappa. The seniors were presented with copies of Professor Robert Loevy's book, *Colorado College: A Place of Learning 1874-1999*, as well as a one-year membership to WES. The undergraduate scholars then introduced themselves and spoke about their summer plans for volunteering, working, traveling and studying. The women of WES greatly enjoyed this opportunity to spend time with the scholars before graduation and summer break.



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

For regular members, dues cover one academic year and are payable each September. Please fill out the membership form below to pay your dues and return the form to The Woman's Educational Society of The Colorado College.

Life, Silver Special, Ex-Officio and Honorary Members do not pay annual dues but are encouraged to support WES by making a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. Contributions made by these members are 100% tax deductible.

To those of you who are not already members, WES extends an invitation for you to join our group. Membership cards and contribution acknowledgment letters will be sent to all members. Every member is welcome to serve on WES committees. Check the box below if you are interested and a WES Board Member will contact you. We look forward to having your support.

If you have questions about WES, leave a message at the WES voice mail number (719) 389-7699 and your call will be returned in a timely manner. Our website at [www.ColoradoCollege.edu/WES](http://www.ColoradoCollege.edu/WES) is a great way to learn about our programs, events, and scholars.



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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

WES membership is open to all. Please select one of the following membership categories and make your check payable to WES. All contributions above the \$25 annual membership dues are used directly for scholarships, programs, and projects of WES to benefit students of Colorado College and are **tax deductible**.

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## Welcome to the New WES Board Members!



**Marlene Smith** is an Indiana native who holds a Master's and a PhD in Spanish Language and Literature from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She is a published author in her field and has been employed by the National Credit Union Administration as a Spanish

translator and Assistant EEO Director. Marlene volunteers as a docent at the Fine Arts Center. She also has served as president of Courtyard at Kissing Camels Homeowners Association. Interests include travel, yoga, skiing, biking and dance.



**Lori Nicholson**, originally from northern Illinois, has lived in Colorado Springs for 20 years. She completed her undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin and in 2003 earned her Master's in Geography from UCCS, capping her education with a thesis about 19th and 20th century economic development

efforts by local boosters and the long-term impact of these efforts on the built landscape of Colorado Springs. Lori has extensive knowledge of the history of Colorado Springs and shared her expertise with WES as the speaker at a luncheon in 2004. She has always been appreciative of Colorado College's presence in the community and WES's dedication to a worthy and interesting cause.

The WES is also pleased to welcome **Penny Dokken** back to the Board.