2014 Van Briggle Tour Sees Record-Breaking Attendance

Our wonderful volunteers (and a sunny day!) enabled 390 ticket holders to tour the Van Briggle pottery at the corner of Uintah and Glen Avenue on September 20. The event raised over $5,250 for WES scholarships and programs. Our “docents” treated tour participants to personally guided tours of the historic pottery, where they learned the rich history of the building from presenters George Eckhardt, Dan Crossey, and Larry Terrafranca, and were treated to pot-throwing demonstrations by Fred Wills and his sons. Attendees also could have their personal Van Briggle pieces date-validated by historic pottery expert, Kathy Honea. Donations were made in record numbers for our lovely Van Briggle greeting cards, book marks, walking tour books, issues of both A Quiet Work and A Quiet Work Continues, and our donated refreshments.

We are so grateful to all our volunteers: WES and non-WES members, George Eckhardt, Dan Crossey, Fred Wills and family, Larry Terrafranca, Kathy Honea, the CC Facilities Department, Bon Appetit Catering, the CC Theatre Department, PILLAR, numerous print and web media outlets, radio and TV stations, Costco, Roasted Coffee Roasters, and King Soopers. We welcome any ideas you have for making the September 12, 2015 tour even more successful!
**Message from the Co-Presidents**

Happy New Year to all! As we look back over the nearly two years since we were elected, we continue to be in awe of the hard work and dedication of the WES Board and general membership on behalf of our WES Scholars!

Fall semester 2014 was very busy and spectacularly successful for WES… and spring semester 2015 promises more of the same. This fall WES hosted a wonderful Scholars’ Tea; conducted a wildly successful Van Briggle Pottery Tour; added $2800 to the scholarship fund from donations made by participants in the WES/PILLAR Yellowstone tour; enjoyed a great Fall Luncheon that included a fascinating program about what makes a “thriller” film (highly appropriate for this Halloween week event!) by CC Professor Dr. George Butte; raised more scholarship funds by selling Van Briggle note cards and bookmarks at the annual CC Craft Fair; and noted the near-end of CC’s fall semester by gobbling lots of sweets and hot chocolate at December’s Scholar Cookie Exchange.

Add to this ambitious set of activities the countless hours put in by our Scholarship, Finance, Membership, Publicity, and other committee members, and you quickly understand how much each and every Board Member means to the WES organization and, most importantly, to our WES Scholars! We feel fortunate to have helped guide this remarkable group of women, and we look forward to the remaining few months of our second term. Please consider joining us as we continue to help outstanding students at Colorado College!

—Lana Coffman & Beth Zautke
Loggin over 2,000 miles, the latest WES trip featured Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks as well as Mount Rushmore and sites along the way—Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Crazy Horse Memorial and Scotts Bluff Monument to name a few. WES planners Sharon Rice and Cathy Wilson-O’Donnell teamed with PILLAR, Peak Institute for Lifelong Learning and brought guide Kent Taylor aboard.

The fog lifted in time to view the rugged Tetons across Jackson Lake and in Yellowstone hundreds of bison crammed the roadway within a few feet of the bus. The visit to Cody included a buffet dinner at the historic Irma Hotel which once hosted the likes of Frederic Remington, Annie Oakley and Calamity Jane.

The information flowed as venues unfolded: Devil’s Tower, named by Teddy Roosevelt as America’s first National Monument, was a sacred place to Indians. Guzton Borglum planned for the presidents on Mount Rushmore to be carved down to their waists, but to this day, they remain unfinished. Crazy Horse, Oglala Lakota leader and survivor of the Battle of the Little Big Horn, was murdered at Fort Robinson, now Nebraska’s largest state park. Some 350,000 souls headed west in wagon trains between 1841 and 1869 following the Oregon and Mormon Trails with tens of thousands perishing before reaching their destinations.

“Kent Taylor has been like Clark Kent—Superman!” Cathy commented at the group’s farewell dinner in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, acknowledging Kent’s grasp of history and geology as well as savvy about local restaurants and insider tidbits sprinkled with humor and enthusiasm.

Bus driver Marilyn Panco navigated narrow roads, parking challenges and sudden rainstorms with expertise while lovingly caring for passengers’ needs. The group presented her with an Old Faithful pin to add to the collection she wears with pride.

Marianne Stoller, CC Professor Emerita of Anthropology, created WES fundraising trips in 2004 and served as guide until recent years when health concerns prevented her traveling. She still helps Sharon and Cathy with trip ideas.

An added bonus was the camaraderie that developed among participants as they shared experiences. Thanks to all for their donations: Beth Ann Bassein, Lois Beardsley, Jim Bishop, Mary Ellen Burciago, Susan Coley, Sue Dilloway, Henry Gertzman, Frank Lege, Marlin Liles, Pat MacEachern, Barbara May, Harry Martin, Marianne Martin, Lucy McLeod, Lynn McLeod, Monique Michaud, Lucille Muhe, Dor Nelson, Leonare Owen, Joan Perkins, Sharon Rice, Beverly Showalter, Emmett Showalter, Barbara Sjasstad, Carol Townsley, Caroline Vulgamore, Harry Vulgamore, Richard Waltman and Cathy Wilson-O’Donnell.

Stay tuned for future WES travels as Sharon and Cathy continue to collaborate with Dr. Stoller.
Amerry band of WES scholars, mentors and Board members gathered at Tutt House the evening of December 9th to enjoy a cookie festival. Plates of homemade cookies and candies covered a large dining table and received the highest recommendation from the group (none left over.) Everyone agreed the party was a great way to celebrate the holiday season!
Women’s Educational Society Membership List

The following list reflects the membership paid from January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014. All contributions above the $25 membership dues are used for scholarships, programs and projects of WES to benefit students of Colorado College. Please notify us of any additions or corrections at (719) 389-7699.

*Designates current WES Board member

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### In Memoriam
We regret to inform our members of the deaths of:

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### Contributions in Memory of Janice McElroy

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**The WES Scholarship Fund benefited from our trips in 2014, this year in conjunction with Pillar. We greatly appreciate the contributions made in 2014 by the following people.**

- Bassein, Beth Ann $100
- Beardsley, Lois $100
- Bishop, James $200
- Brazill, Janet $100
- Burcigio, Mary Ellen $100
- Coley, Susan $100
- DeVaney, Sharon $100
- Dilloway, Sue $100
- Frederick, Joan $100
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- Paraday, Sue & Rick $200
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- Perkins, Joan $100
- Prince, Jan $100
- Raudbaugh, Sandy $100
- Rice, Sharon $100
- Rogers, Laurel $100
- Showalter, Beverly & Emmett $200
- Sjaastad, Barbara $200
- Townsley, Carol $100
- Vulgamore, Caroline & Harry $400
- Waltman, Richard $200
- Wilson-O’Donnell, Cathy $100

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Sharon Rice and Cathy Wilson O’Donnell as well as the staff at Pillar for their great teamwork in planning and organizing the 2014 WES/Pillar trips.
Colorado College Craft Fair

Tribal Trailstrip by WES/PILLAR
April 27 - May 5, 2015

Immerse yourself in these Native American cultures. Learn about these present day tribes and speak with both their elders and their young.

Attractions: Tour of Acoma Sky City; Lunch in a Zuni home and tour of Old Mission; Tour of all three mesas of Hopi land with professional guide: McGee’s Trading Post; Visit Hubbell Trading Post and Historic Site; Travel through Canyon de Chelly; tour of Ute Mountain Reservation; Aztec Ruins; and visit with the Jicarilla Apache. Tours, scenery, education, shopping, history, fun and much more.

For more information contact Sharon Rice at srice43@comcast.net, 719-278-0981 or Cathy Wilson-O’Donnell at ccwo1217@yahoo.com, 719-635-9740

Colorado College Craft Fair

Upcoming Events

Winter Luncheon and Program
February 5, 2014

WES will hold its annual Winter Luncheon and Program at Gaylord Hall at noon on February 4, 2015. Our guest speaker will be CC geology professor Christine Siddoway. Just back from another trip to Antarctica, professor Siddoway will take us on a journey to this remarkable place. What’s going on there and what does it tell the rest of the earth and what the future holds? This stark but beautiful landscape is changing. So what? Join professor Siddoway and your WES friends, scholars and guests to learn what messages this environment is sending. Lunch will be served.

Cost is $20 per person and free for scholars. All are welcome.
Please call Monique at 719-488-9456 to reserve or email her at mmmichaud@gmail.com.

Van Briggle Pottery Tour
September 12, 2015
After reviewing applications, the Scholarship Committee awarded three special purpose grants to WES scholars in November to help with their expenses for off campus study and travel.

Tessa Allen de Oliveira will spend a semester in Peru and Chile in a program taught by Colorado College professors from the Spanish, Anthropology and Political Science Departments. She will also be doing independent study research leading to a senior thesis involving spatial traumatic memory in Latin America.

Anna Dahyun Lee received help with expenses for travel to a dental school interview in California.

Emma Wilson will travel to Chile to study the Spanish language and culture in a Colorado College program in the second half of the spring semester, 2015.

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