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# Newsfocus

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## WES's Fall Luncheon Delights and Educates Guests

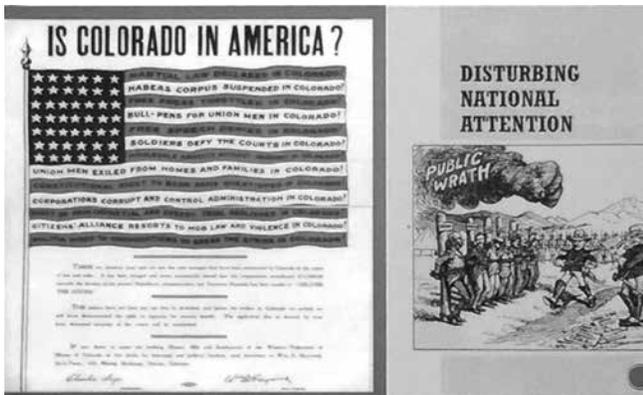
Leah Davis Witherow, Curator of History at the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, provided a delightful presentation on Colorado politics in 1904. *Colorado's 3 Governors in One Day* was the topic at the WES November 2016 Fall Luncheon. The luncheon was well-attended by members and scholars who enjoyed the presentation as well as the food.



WES Board members, scholars and guests pack Gaylord Hall for the November 2016 WES luncheon.



WES Board Member-at-Large Mackenzie Buckmiller-Mulligan hosts freshman scholars at the November WES Luncheon.



Illustrations depict the state of confusion and chaos surrounding politics in 1904 Colorado.



Leah Davis Witherow, CSPM's Curator of History, spoke about the Colorado gubernatorial events of 1905.

## Luncheon Save The Date

Save the date for the February 22 WES luncheon in Gaylord Hall featuring Brian Linkhart, Colorado College Professor of Ecology and Ornithology and renowned expert on Flammulated Owls.



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, to give assistance to students of the college, and to 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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**Message from the WES Co-Presidents**

Ann Burek and Meg Chojnacki



**T**his is our fourth and final message from the Co-Presidents. Our time in office has passed quickly and well thanks to our dedicated Board Members. Our calendar is finally set, and we ask you to look for our upcoming events in February and April.

At our Scholar Cookie Fest in December, we were able to see the very best of our many programs. Our Mentorship Program is thriving. There were numerous examples of Mentor/Scholar greetings and hugs, but two examples were particularly meaningful. At one end of the spectrum, mentor Cayla Schreiber and her senior scholar Natasha Riverson couldn't stop chatting about their shared experiences; and at the other end of the timeline, mentor Judy DeGroot and her freshman scholar Valeria Peralta were busy discussing the family Thanksgiving they had just celebrated together. Several scholars raved about the WES goodie bags they had received. Good relationships lead to good experiences. We are so proud of our mentors and their scholars!

The Scholarship and Finance Committees have met with the college Financial Aid Office to prepare for selecting our next group of scholars. Times, finances, and needs change, and it is important that we as a philanthropic organization are current. We are in the process of discussing and getting feedback on any possibilities. If you have any thoughts, please let us know. If we make any significant changes, we will report it to the general membership.

Please note that our Trip Chairs Sharon Rice and Kathy Wilson-O'Donnell are planning another adventure to the Grand Canyon and environs for September. Another article in the Newsfocus has all the details. The Scenic Gems Trip was a huge success!

Our scholars and our programs depend on our Board and our membership. Our impressive membership list and our donor list are printed in this issue. If you have not yet joined us for this year, a membership form is available. We thank you for your support and wish you a productive 2017. ✨



## WES/PILLAR TOUR: Historic and Scenic Gems of Colorado

Leadville was the first stop on the fall WES/PILLAR TOUR: "Historic and Scenic Gems of Colorado." The Heritage Museum featured interesting displays about Leadville's colorful past. Favorites included a scale model of an Ice Palace and a display about the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain skiing soldiers of WWII. The owner, curator and guide of the "House of Eye" delighted everyone with his vast knowledge and fascinating stories about the early settlers and inhabitants of Leadville. A woman miner led us on a tour of the Matchless Mine and the surrounding property. She entertained us with her tales about Elizabeth Tabor, the second wife of wealthy silver magnate Horace Tabor. "Baby Doe" Tabor was once the "best dressed woman in the West" but died destitute and alone in a shack on the mine site.

Day two began with a jeep ride above the "ghost town" of Lenado. The views of the mountain peaks and the fall colors were spectacular. We then toured Aspen, CO starting with the Wheeler/Stallard Museum, home of the Aspen Historical Society. Our wonderful guide added an unexpected trip to the Holden/Marolt Mining and Ranching Museum. It is situated on a 22 acre site which was created to extract silver from low-grade ore. A bus tour of historical homes and downtown Aspen capped off a "gem" of a day.

The next day called for traveling over gorgeous McClure Pass to meet the owners of the Lamborn Mountain Farmstead. Our hosts, Carol and Jim Schott, explained the workings of their "biodynamic" farm where they raise highland cattle, goats, sheep and chickens. They also grow lavender which is processed into products such as oil, lip balm, lotion and sachets. We witnessed the making of goat milk soap and especially enjoyed their lavender coffee cake.

In the afternoon, we toured Orchard Valley Farm & Market and Black Bridge Winery. We learned about the wine making process, saw the grapes waiting to be harvested and made a stop at the tasting room. Vegetables, cherries, peaches, nectarines, berries, pumpkins and apples are all grown on the farm and are available to those who would like to "Pick their Own". We were treated to a true "farm to table" dining experience and came home with our own hand-picked peaches.

On Day four, we followed the Crystal River to Marble, CO. The green and gold aspen, orange and tan scrub oak combined with the red and pink rock formations made for the most impressive display of "autumn splendor" seen on our trip. We enjoyed a walking tour of the marble mill site and a bus tour of the town and landmarks. The marble from this quarry is considered to be of exceptional quality and was used for the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Lincoln Memorial. We also toured the charming Marble Museum.

Lunch was at the beautiful Restone Inn. We then had a private tour of Broad-

moor Academy Artist Frank Mechau's home. Meeting his sons and learning about their family memories was truly a special experience. The group then visited the opulent Redstone Castle. The guide, wearing a period costume, was very knowledgeable about the original owners and history of the estate.

Our farewell dinner was held at the Iron Gate Golf Club. Unlike many large group dinners, every course served was outstanding. Our wonderful bus driver, Marilyn, was lauded not only for her excellent driving but also for the extra effort she makes to care for her passengers.

On the last day, we again enjoyed splendid scenery while traveling to Georgetown. Lunch was at the old and very popular Happy Cookers. We were able to do a little shopping before the train ride on the Georgetown Loop. In planning this trip, Sharon and Cathy wanted to find some spots that everyone had not seen a hundred times while visiting some places worth repeating. Everyone agreed that they succeeded 100%. 🎉

### SAVE THE DATE: Splendors Of The Southwest Canyons

WES/PILLAR TRIP, Sept. 15 – 22, 2017

Please plan on joining us for another great WES/PILLAR trip. It promises to be a memorable experience as we spend two nights at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. These rooms had to be reserved 18 months ahead, and it is a rare opportunity to be able to spend this amount of time in this magnificent area.

In addition, we will be touring Zion and Bryce National Parks, taking a half-day boat trip on Lake Powell, touring Antelope Slot Canyons and more. Gary Ladd, a renown photographer, geologist, and astronomer, will be accompanying us and providing us with educational information about these areas.

The trip will begin and end in Las Vegas (travel to LV, will be on your own). Limited spaces, so please contact PILLAR Institute for Lifelong Learning; 4570 Hilton Parkway Suite 101, Colorado Springs, CO 80907, or call 633-4991 and make a \$250 deposit to reserve your place.

Also contact Sharon Rice at 278-0981; srice43@comcast.net, or Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell at 635-9740; ccwo1217@yahoo.com.

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# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Would you like to become more involved with WES? Whether you are part of Colorado College or from the Colorado Springs community at large, we invite you to join the WES Board and become involved with our activities that benefit outstanding students.

We meet the first Thursday of the month except January, July, and August. You may choose from a variety of committees: Finance, Fundraising, Membership, Nominating, Program, Publicity, or Scholarship. Board members are also mentors to the WES scholars. Another way to participate is by serving as a Member-at-Large on one of our committees.

You CAN make a difference in a student's life. If you would like to join our efforts or have questions, please leave a message for us at (719) 389-7699 or at WES@ColoradoCollege.edu.

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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WES Membership is open to all. Dues are payable anytime during the calendar year from January 1 to December 31. All contributions to WES are for scholarships, programs, and projects that benefit students of Colorado College and are tax deductible. Membership is included in all categories and the amount above the \$30 dues level goes to the scholarship fund.

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- Annual Dues \$30       Baccalaureate \$50 – \$99       Cum Laude \$100 – \$249  
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- New Member       Renewal       Gift to WES Scholarship Fund  
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THE WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY *of* COLORADO COLLEGE  
14 East Cache la Poudre Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

## Scholars and Mentors Celebrate at the 2016 WES Cookie Exchange

Nearly 40 people enjoyed festive cookie tins and assorted delicious and plentiful treats at the December Cookie Exchange. Thanks to all who contributed to a memorable shared experience for all!



Freshmen WES Scholars Kristie Shirley & Valeria Peralta fill their tins with holiday joy.



Mentor Caitlin Apigian and WES scholar Emily Sussman take a moment to pose for a photo.



(left) Scholar Natasha and her mentor are all smiles at the 2016 WES Cookie Exchange.



WES Board co-president Meg Chojnacki and scholar.



(left) Board members Nancy Baxter and Karen Henderson celebrate the holidays in the WES Room in CC's Worner Center.



(right) This year, WES scholars took their cookies home in festive tins.

# Women's Educational Society Membership List

The following list reflects the membership paid from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016. Please notify us of any additions or corrections at (719) 389-7699.

## Contributing Life Members

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**We regret to inform our members of  
 the deaths of:**

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 Sylvia Kelso  
 Ruth Stone

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Ruth Wilson Teason

**Contribution In Memory of  
 Marianne Stoller**

Judy Jones  
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Lynda Elliott  
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**The WES Scholarship Fund benefited  
 from our trips in 2016, this year in  
 conjunction with Pillar. We greatly  
 appreciate the contributions made in  
 2016 by following people.**

Alice Aronovitz  
 James Bishop  
 MaryEllen Burciago  
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 Naomi Westcott  
 Cathy Wilson-O'Donnell  
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 Jan Zellmer

**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 2016 WES/Pillar  
 trips. ☺**



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## Scholars Corner: News from WES Scholar Olivia Berlin

Olivia visited Valparaíso, Chile, last semester and reports that she had a wonderful experience.

The top photo is of (from left to right) Olivia's Chilean host brother, Alfre, his girlfriend, Karin, her Chilean host sister, Carolina, and Olivia. This photo was taken on one of her last days in Valparaíso. The group had dinner at Cerro Alegre and then explored the streets. Olivia says Cerro Alegre is one of the tourist areas of Valparaíso and has lots of beautiful shops, cafes, and murals.

The bottom photo is from a hiking trip on W Trail in Torres del Paine National Park in Patagonia. Olivia went with friends and spent 5 days and 4 nights in the park hiking from one end to the other. The photo was taken on a day during which Olivia hiked over 17 miles to reach the iconic Torres del Paine rock formation!

