

Smith College Club of Colorado



President's Letter ♦ Meredith Badler

Dear Smith Alumnae:

Each year, it is exciting to see new and familiar faces through the Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming. Maybe you've been participating for decades, or maybe now is the time to reengage. Regardless of the reason, welcome!

The Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming has been working hard to improve communications and find new ways to connect with alumnae across the state. One of the biggest initiatives has been our website. Bookmark smithclubofcolorado.com. Our website is your one-stop-shop for event information, book club sign-up, membership dues, past newsletters and more to come!

In addition, our Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/smithclubco regularly welcomes new members. Facebook is a terrific way to connect across the state. Members use it to promote job openings, seek advice, distribute Smith College news and share pictures from club events.

Enclosed you'll find an invitation for our annual Holiday Party. This event is always a wonderful opportunity for Smithies to mingle and celebrate the holiday season. Sally Allen '62 has graciously agreed to host the party.

We are also planning some exciting events for the coming year. Your Smith Club Board is looking into educational lectures, community service projects, informal happy hours and unique interactive experiences. If you have suggestions, contact us: smithclubco@gmail.com.

One ongoing activity is our local Book Club! This book club started in early 2015 in Denver and Boulder. Read on in the newsletter to find out about future plans for the book club and how you can participate.

Most Smith Club events are free to members. For example, all dues-paying members were invited to an event at Upstairs Circus last spring, where we made elaborate crafts while sipping cocktails in downtown Denver. In addition, members also receive free Smith College car decals at events. The website and Facebook group enable us to connect to Smithies across Colorado. There are nearly 1,000 Smithies in Colorado and Wyoming! Our second annual Rocky Mountain Day had over a dozen Smithies enjoying the outdoors all over the mountain region.

None of this is possible without our amazing and dedicated Smith Club Board. Join me in thanking Anna Estes '08, Tanya Mathews '93, Nora Neureiter '89, Maria Sclafani '08 and Hailey Bird '10 for their long-time board service. We are happy to welcome Amy May '05, Mary Frances Nevans '88 and Wendy Mallari '94 to the Board this year. They are replacing Laura Harmacek '06, MK Sagaria-Barrit '04, and Esther Brummond '10, who have moved on to new adventures. New Board members are always appreciated! At the moment, we are searching for a new Membership Coordinator and an additional Event Coordinator. We are also always looking for new hosts and venues. If you'd like to volunteer in any capacity or host an event at your home, please contact smithclubco@gmail.com.

It continues to be my pleasure to serve as the President of the Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming. I look forward to connecting with you in the coming year.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,
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Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

I'm happy to report that we have 84 members to date. Thank you to all who have sent in dues, additional support and Scholarship contributions. The Smith Club of Colorado was proud to send a \$550.00 gift to the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund for the 2014/2015 fiscal year, which ended 6/30/2015. This gift was made possible thanks to members making specific contributions to this Scholarship Fund.

In the current fiscal year, which began 7/1/2015, \$990.00 has already been donated as pre-designated Scholarship Fund contributions. So far, members have contributed \$5,680.00 in dues and additional Club support.

The current balance in the checking account is \$7,500.00. We look forward to planning and offering great events for our alums. Stay tuned.

We usually have around 110 members each year so hopefully this newsletter will remind those of you who haven't joined yet to send in your dues. Remember, 100% of your dues payment and additional contributions are deductible for tax purposes and all proceeds directly fund events for Club members. Please mail your dues form and check to me at 3840 Wolff St., Denver, CO 80212.

Please feel free to contact me with questions [303-588-5453](tel:303-588-5453) or tanya.mathews@gmail.com.

2015-2016 CLUB MEMBERS

Thank you to the alumnae sponsors who made additional donations to support Club activities and scholarships for current students; their names are in bold and marked with a ★ below.

- Pamela J. Akiri '65
- Shrinkhala Ali '99
- ★ **Sally Vance Allen '62**
- ★ **Ruby Auburg '55**
- Meredith Badler '08
- Julia Barrett '82
- Amelia Scott Barrett '90
- Laura P. Barton '82
- ★ **Michelle J. Berry '65**
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- ★ **Katherine Sharp Borgen '64**
- Erin Brenengen '09
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- Sheila M. Cleworth '55
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- ★ **Ann Crampton '71**
- Judith S. Denison '57
- Latitia M. Doppler '81
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- Anna H. Gilbert-Cic '03
- Melanie Grant '61
- ★ **Susan Greene '68**
- ★ **Ellen M. Greenhouse '68**
- Joy Hakim '51
- Judith (Judy) L. Hamilton '61
- ★ **Melody E. Hardy '71**
- Kathryn Harhai '73
- ★ **Catherine Harley '87**
- Anita Heitler '62
- ★ **Besty R. Hitchcock '77**
- ★ **Mary T. Hoagland '46**
- ★ **Ruth A. Hopfenbeck '53**
- Joan P. Hutchinson '67
- Ann L. Jesse '57
- ★ **Nancy Jianakoplos '72**
- Cynthia Kahn '61
- ★ **Elizabeth Kaye '71**
- ★ **Jan M. Kennaugh '73**
- ★ **Virginia B. Leitz '56**
- Margaret J. Levy '69
- Ellen J. Mangione '74
- Tanya R. Mathews '93
- Amy Benson May '05
- Karen L. McClure '61
- Miriam McGilvray '10
- ★ **Laurel McHargue '81**
- Joanna McLean '49
- ★ **Victoria N. Merritts '71**
- ★ **Barbara R. Miller '66**
- Elizabeth A. Mitchell '84
- Lorna Grindlay Moore '68
- Sue Morgan '61
- ★ **Maizy A. Myers '44**
- ★ **Barbara Neal '56**
- Mary Frances Nevans AC '88
- Tanya Notkoff '90
- ★ **Lisa Olcese '89**
- ★ **Elaine T. Osborn '63**
- ★ **Sandra Pierce '73**
- ★ **Diana Prieto '87**
- Gudrun Rice '65
- Lisa H. Robinson '87
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- Maria Sclafani '08
- Kathy F. See '77
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- Margaret P. Speckman '55
- Diane M. Stanbro '50
- Cathryn R. Stewart '78
- ★ **Marcia D. Strickland '54**
- ★ **Mary Strizek '82**
- Mara Taylor-Heine '94
- ★ **Joyce P. Thurmer '52**
- ★ **Anne Turner '83**
- ★ **Ann S. Weaver '61**
- Julie Wienski '94

Recruitment Report ♦ Hailey Bird

Colorado and Wyoming continue to provide a steady pipeline of new Smith College students, despite rising selectivity, competition and financial pressures. The 2014-2015 recruitment season had 34 total applicants. Smith admitted 12 young women, six of whom have chosen to attend Smith College this fall. Join us in welcoming **Madison Agresti, Julia Falkner, Mackenzie Korf, Adriana Porro, Natalie Sandstrom** and **Madisen Vogel** into the class of 2019!

Five of these new Smithies joined two current Smithies and three alumnae for coffee and dessert at Cake Crumbs for a Send Off Party on August 27th. After three hours of non-stop chatter about houses, classes, moving across the country and the difference between winter in Colorado and Massachusetts, alumnae were left feeling jealous and dreaming about fall on the banks on Paradise Pond while our new Smithies were more energized and excited about the journey ahead of them than ever before.



Alumnae continue to be a large part of Colorado's record number of applicants and continuous flow of new students. Seven of Colorado's 34 applicants had admissions interviews with local alumnae across the Front Range. Thank you to all of our volunteers. Our success is due to your generosity, commitment and passion for Smith.

If you are interested in conducting interviews, organizing care packages or assisting in recruitment in any way, please contact:

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Annual Meeting with Professor Williams ♦ June 25, 2015

About 60 attendees convened at the historic Fleming Mansion in Denver's Platt Park this summer for the Smith Club's 2015 Annual Meeting.

Club President Meredith Badler called the meeting to order. After the 2014 minutes were approved, the board slate was announced, and those in attendance enjoyed a recap of the last year's events. What a year it's been!

Tanya Mathews presented the financial report, and the 2014 admissions report was also shared with the group (both encouraging numbers to hear)!

After Club business was dispensed with, attendees sat back to enjoy a riveting presentation by Professor Terrie Williams, wildlife physiologist at the University of California Santa Cruz, and Director of the Center for Marine Mammal Research and Conservation at UCSC. Dr. Williams' talk was titled: "A Wild Life: An Expedition in Search of the Wildest Place on Earth." She discussed her scientific exploits from the frozen Antarctic tundra to the African plains. She has researched large mammalian predators for the past 25 years in some of the world's most remote places.

Overall, it was an enjoyable and highly informative evening.



Upstairs Circus ♦ March 6, 2015

Crafty and creative Smithies gathered together in Denver's LoDo neighborhood one early spring evening this year. Around twenty alums met at the Upstairs Circus, a unique social bar where people can convene to create one-of-a-kind art and design projects. Projects include exciting forays into jewelry making, string art, and even wood and leather working. The Upstairs Circus provided the club with the space, guidance and supplies to make our masterpieces. Food and beverages were available to sustain hungry Smithies exploring their artistic sides! It was a night of general merriment, and a wonderful occasion to let the creative juices flow while catching up with old friends.



Can Red Wine Cure Cancer? ♦ September 22, 2015

On a lovely afternoon in early May, Smithies and their guests gathered at the Montclair Civic Building to hear a talk by Dr. Robert Sclafani, Professor of biochemistry and molecular genetics at the CU School of Medicine and an investigator at the University of Colorado Cancer Center. Dr. Sclafani discussed his own research on the cancer-fighting properties of the chemical resveratrol, which is found in a variety of foods, including grape skins and peanuts. There was also a lively Q&A session that touched on exercise, diet, and some clinical trials that have had unusual results (for example, when participants in one study turned orange as a result of the with beta-carotene they were taking!) Attendees also had the opportunity to sample a variety of red wines selected to complement the theme of the talk.



Heirloom Garlic Tasting ♦ August 2, 2015

Smithies and their guests convened on a Sunday in August to enjoy the flavors of heirloom garlic grown at Rosedale Community Garden, one of the largest and oldest in Denver. Our host was Alumna and Rosedale Gardner Ana Tolentino '85. An enthusiastic group sampled savory goodies Ana made with heirloom garlic while Ana talked about the benefits of garlic and the differences between the varieties of garlic, including the Thermadrome, the Transylvanian, the Silver Rose, and the Spanish Roja. After the talk, some attendees took a walk over to the community gardens, where they learned about common pests, especially the Japanese Beetle, which has creating quite a problem for the local gardens. Additionally, they learned about Olla Irrigation, a method used by Native Americans in New Mexico. Thanks so much to Ana Tolentino for all her hard work in helping to organize, cook for, and host this event!



Rocky Mountain Day ♦ October 3&4, 2015

Last year, the Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming started a new Mountain Day tradition. We invited Smithies across the state to go outside during the first weekend of October. Alumnae were encouraged to participate in any outdoor activity and share their adventure with the club.

This autumn, over a dozen Smithies participated in Rocky Mountain Day across Colorado. There were even Smithies celebrating nature in Wyoming and Utah. Alumnae hiked to the top of Horsetooth Mountain in Fort Collins, looked at dinosaur footprints in Morrison, climbed Rudolph Mountain in Southern Colorado, and admired the view from Boulder and Rabbit Ears Pass near Steamboat Springs. We even had two pregnant Smithies walk through Denver's City Park together. Participants sent photos to the Smith Club and posted them on the Club's Facebook page with #RockyMountainDay.

It's wonderful to see Smithies across the region enjoying our beautiful outdoors. It may not be the same as apple picking in the New England foliage, but it sure ain't too bad.



College for a Day ♦ January 11, 2016

Temple Emmanuel, 51 Grape Street, Denver, CO 80220

Save the date to attend College for a Day 2016! For over 40 years, this consortium of nine women's colleges has been working together to produce College for a Day. When surveyed several years ago, we found that a sizable number of alums had attended the program for more than 10 or 20 years -- and some for 40! If you haven't been to College for a Day yet, come see what you've been missing!

The 2016 program will feature lectures from Barbara Beltz from Wellesley College, Dan Ryan from Mills College and Victor Donnay from Bryn Mawr. Join over 200 local alumni for this informative educational day at the Temple Emmanuel on Monday, January 11 from 9 am to 1:30 pm. Your \$45 fee covers three lectures and a delicious box lunch served with wine. Make your reservation by contacting Ana Tolentino '85 at atolenti@aol.com or follow the link on the Evite invitation you receive in late November. Check for more information on our updated website www.collegeforaday.org after December 1.

Smith Club of Colorado Book Club

The Smith Alumnae Association started up a nationwide Smith Reads book club program in September of 2013. Our Colorado/Wyoming Smith Club had alumnae in both Denver and Boulder participate with much success this year. We not only discussed the same books as alumnae across the county, but also learned about each other's travels, works experiences, and helped newly transplanted Smithies get acquainted with Colorado.

For 2016, the Boulder/Denver book clubs have decided to deviate from the Smith Reads selections. We will read books by or about women, with a focus on Smith Alumnae. The first book selection for 2016 is the memoir *Orange is the New Black* by Piper Kerman '92. Anyone interested in joining either book club can sign up on the website (smithclubofcolorado.com).

The Denver club found its home at The Book Bar at 4280 Tennyson Street. The cozy book store and coffee shop provides great ambiance for jovial book discussions and catching up. The Denver Book Club meets the last Sunday of every other month at 2:00 pm. The next dates of the Denver book club in 2016 will be January 24th, March 27th, May 29th, July 24th, September 25th and November 27th.

The Boulder club will meet at the Boulder Public Library main branch in 2016. Anyone interested in joining the Boulder club is invited to attend the "meet and greet" on January 24th, from 2-3pm in the Flagstaff meeting room (on the first floor). We'll get to know each other, discuss possible book selections, and determine the meeting schedule for the rest of the year. Refreshments will be provided. (The first book club selection, *Orange is the New Black*, will be discussed at the second meeting.)

Thanks so much to Dianne Ewing '59 and Betsy Hand '64 for planning and hosting several of the book club meetings in Boulder this past year.

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Join the Board!

Join the Board! We welcome anyone interested in serving on the Board of the Smith College Club of Colorado as a committee member, chair, or officer. We are currently looking for someone interested in helping with Club Membership. Could that be you?? The board meets about every two months and members work collaboratively on all aspects of our events and outreach. The only requirements are Club membership, commitment, and enthusiasm!

Please note that the Smith Club of Colorado will contact you by mail and email using the personal contact information you provide to the Alumnae Association. In addition to this annual newsletter, we also send out electronic invitations to all Club events. **If you are not receiving email from us, then the Alumnae Association does NOT have a personal email address on file for you.**

Please ensure that we can include you in all Club events by updating your information with the College. If you have recently moved or changed email addresses, be sure to update your records!

You can make changes by logging in to your Alumnae Directory & Email account or by contacting the Alumnae Association directly
(413)585-2020 or (800)526-2023

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