

# Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming



## Fall 2014 Newsletter

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## President's Letter ♦ Meredith Badler

Dear Smith Alumnae,

The past year has been full of new traditions and transitions for the Smith Club of Colorado. We are thankful for such a vibrant community of Smithies. The next year is guaranteed to be full of milestones and new activities.

We are excited to continue the **Oliverd  fundraiser** this holiday season. Oliverd  is a Boulder-based company that sells high-quality olive oils and balsamic vinegars. We've maintained a fruitful relationship with this family-owned business thanks to Board member, Maria Sclafani. Last year, we sold bottles of olive oil, vinegars and handpicked Smith Taster Packages for the holidays, as well as at the Annual Meeting and subsequent summer events. This winter, we have a new six-bottle Taster Package, which includes 60 mL bottles in assorted flavors. Perfect for gifts! See the insert for the order form and instructions.

Our **website** is being updated! Visit <http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/colorado> and take a look. You can find out about upcoming events, read past newsletters, contact Club officers, and download the membership form. We're even working on a way to submit your membership form and pay dues online.

The Club continues to facilitate an annual donation drive in conjunction with the Holiday Party benefiting **The Gathering Place**, Denver's only drop-in center supporting women, children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty or homelessness. We continue to connect with the current students from Colorado through care packages and Northampton gift cards.

**Smith College President Kathleen McCartney** will be visiting Colorado on Monday, November 10. There will be a special reception for her that evening at the Denver Art Museum. Alumnae should have received an invitation directly from the college. Also, one of the three **College for a Day** professors will be from Smith. The Club will host a separate event with **Smith Professor, Kim Yi Dionne** on January 12 following College for a Day. Finally, the Club will be hosting a local **Book Club**, starting in the new year. Our book club initiative will be connected to the Alumnae Association's "Smith Reads" program.

What would you like to see or do? We would love to hear your ideas and look forward to seeing you at future events. Join our very active Facebook group "**Smith College Club of Colorado & Wyoming**" to stay up to date and connected with fellow fabulous alumnae.

The Club is fortunate to have a dedicated Board. These volunteers continuously go above and beyond. Join me in thanking **Anna Estes '08, Tanya Mathews '93, Nora Neureiter '89, Maria Sclafani '08, MK Sagaria-Barritt '04**, and our newest members **Laura Harmacek '06, Hailey Bird '10, and Esther Brummund '12**. With the departure of Emily Farrell '99 as Club President, many of us have taken on new responsibilities. There is always room for more on this great team of volunteers. And, we are continually looking for new hosts for events – be sure to indicate your availability on your dues form.

With gratitude & enthusiasm,  
Meredith Badler '08  
[mlbadler@gmail.com](mailto:mlbadler@gmail.com)

## Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

At the Annual Meeting in June, all club members in attendance approved a \$1,063.00 gift to the Smith College Current Scholarship Fund. This gift was possible thanks to the Scholarship contributions from our members. The Club currently has \$4,228.08 cash in the bank, of which \$175.00 is pre-designated, Scholarship contributions.

We look forward to another year of terrific events that will bring Smith alumnae and their guests together. Membership dues, your additional contributions and the proceeds from the sales of Oliverd  olive oil and vinegar make this possible, so thank you for your

continued financial dedication to the Club and our local Smith community.

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. Feel free to contact me at (303) 588-5453 or [tanya.mathews@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.mathews@gmail.com).

## 2014-2015 Club Membership

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.

Membership dues are essential to sustaining the Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming. Dues fund engaging, educational and interactive events for alumnae throughout the year. The Club does not receive financial support from Smith College. Thank you for supporting the Club through your dues and participation.

The Club is working hard to enable alumnae to submit their membership forms and make dues payments online through our website. Visit <http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/colorado> and click "Join the Club" to check it out.

★ **Meredith Badler '08**

★ **Laura Barton '82**

★ **Mickey Berry '65**

Hailey Bird '10

Esther Brummund '12

Sheila Cleworth '55

Lauren Davison '91

Joellyn Duesberry '66

Olivia Emery '73

Anna Estes '08

Laura Harmacek '06

Betsy Hitchcock '77

Angela Kontas '01

Ruth Martin '52

Tanya Mathews '93

Amy Benson May '05

★ **Barbara Miller '66**

Elizabeth Mitchell '84

Nora Neureiter '89

★ **Lisa Olcese '89**

★ **Elizabeth Rohrbough '84**

MK Sagaria-Barritt '04

Stephanie Schacht '89

Maria Sclafani '08

Ellen Selig '71

Barbara Stanton '67

Leah Walker '99

Suzi White '06



## Recruitment Report ♦ Hailey Bird

Colorado continues to provide a steady pipeline of new Smith College students, despite rising selectivity, competition and financial pressures. The 2013-2014 recruitment season had 29 total applicants. Of those 29 prospective students, 23 were from the Denver/Boulder metro area. Smith admitted 20 young women and 9 of those students chose to attend Smith College this fall. Join us in welcoming **Maya Laliberte, Jenna McCampbell, Demarree Ruthrauff, Taryn Mueller, Rachel O'Connor, Lizzy Stephani, Isabel Novick, Sarah Sorensen, and Molly McGuire** into the class of 2018.



Fifteen of Colorado's 29 applicants had admissions interviews with local alumnae across the Front Range. In addition, the Alumnae Club held a spring Yield Party for admitted students, hosted by **Kim O'Connor '96**, and a summer Send-Off Party for new and current Smithies, hosted by Donna LaLiberte (mother of Maya Laliberte '18).

Alumnae continue to be a large part of Colorado's record number of applicants and continuous flow of new students. Thank you to all of our volunteers. Our success is due to your generosity, commitment and passion for Smith. A special thank you to our Alumnae Admissions Coordinator in Northern Colorado, Suzi Switzer White '06, who can be reached at [suzi.switzer@gmail.com](mailto:suzi.switzer@gmail.com).

If you are interested in conducting interviews, organizing care packages or assisting in recruitment in any way, please contact Hailey Bird, Alumnae Admissions Coordinator at [hailey.bird3@gmail.com](mailto:hailey.bird3@gmail.com) or (801) 455-4175.

## Annual Meeting ♦ June 9, 2014

The Smith Club of Colorado hosted the Annual Meeting at RedLine in early June. Smithies from across the Front Range attended this gathering. Following drinks and refreshments, Meredith Badler '08, the new Club President, led the general business meeting. The business portion included approval of 2013 Annual Meeting minutes, as well as the new slate of board and committee members. There was also a summary of last year's activities, the Treasurer's Report and Recruitment Report.



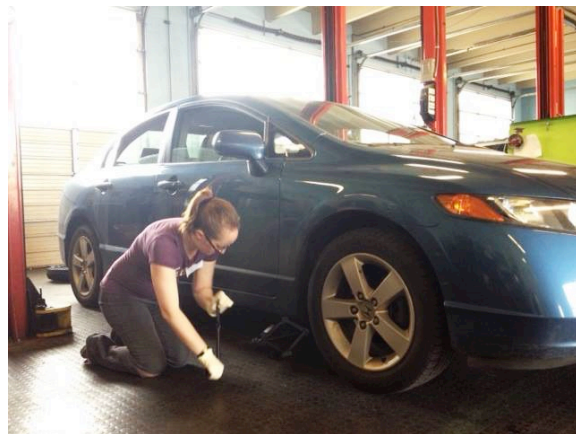
After that, Laura Merae, artist, philanthropist and the founder of RedLine, spoke to the Smith Club.

Ms. Merae spoke to the Club about her upbringing in Tehran and decades-long search for a place she could call home. Her search eventually led her to Denver, where she has channeled her creative energy into founding RedLine, a diverse urban laboratory where art, education, and community converge. As Ms. Merae spoke, those in attendance learned that RedLine is far more than just a gallery space. It serves as a catalyst for education, and is a forerunner in redefining the relationship between art, artists, and the public's participation in the creative process. If you have not yet visited RedLine, be sure to explore the space at 2350 Arapahoe Street, Denver CO 80205 or visit <http://redlineart.org>.



## Women, Wine & Wrenches ♦ March 29, 2014

On Saturday, March 29, a group of Smithies met at the Green Garage in the Denver Highlands for a “Women, Wine, and Wrenches” event. We enjoyed some wine and lovely appetizers as one of the mechanics (Carhuggers, as they are called at the Green Garage) answered our questions about everything from how often to check tire pressure to how to jump-start a car. Then, we went into the garage for a hands-on learning experience. After looking under the hood of Meredith Badler’s car, we changed a tire, checked fluids, and learned more about what makes the Green Garage so “green” (some examples: lead-free tire weights, and recycled oil). It was a unique and educational experience for everyone who attended. There is also a Green Garage in Boulder.



## How to Find a Career You Love ♦ July 20, 2014

The Club hosted a new kind of event this summer: Smith's Director of Alumnae Engagement, Colleen DelVecchio, hosted a career workshop in Denver. Colleen is a seasoned career coach, and offers her interactive workshops to Smith alums across the country. Almost twenty Smithies showed up for the event at the SpringHill Suites downtown. It was an interactive workshop that focused on helping attendees find a career that works for them. The workshop was broad enough to appeal to a range of Smithies, from recent graduates struggling to find a meaningful professional path, to mid-to-late career women wanting to re-enter the workforce. Among many other things, Colleen encouraged mentorship, stressed the importance of setting career goals that are fulfilling to yourself first and foremost, and reminded those present to rely on the wonderful network of local Smith alums. Thanks to all who participated!

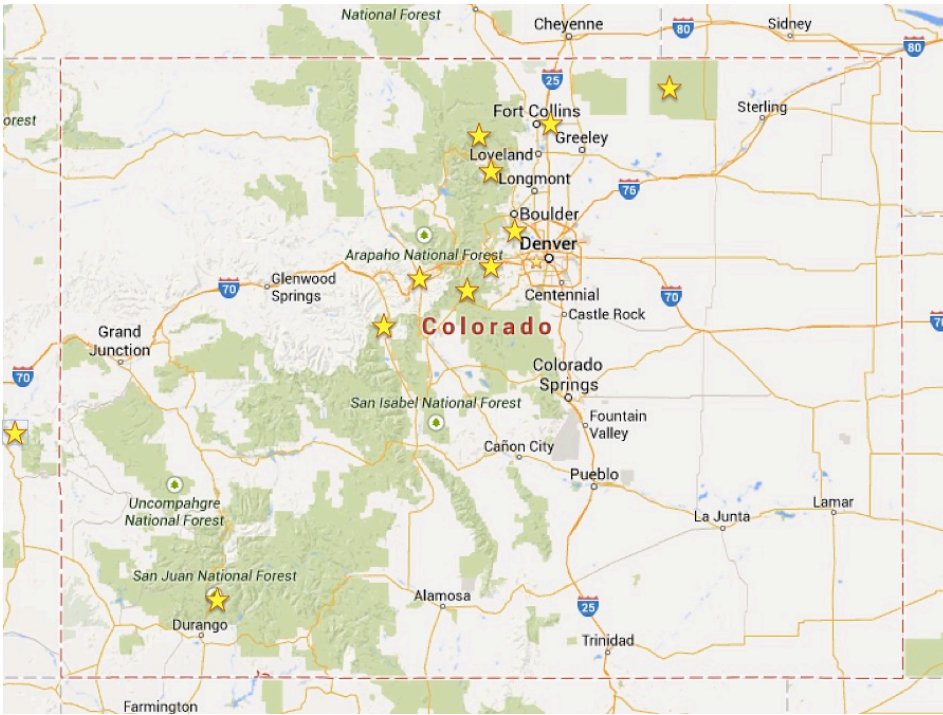
## Epic Brewery Happy Hour & Tour ♦ August 22, 2014



In August, we planned a trip to Epic Brewing Company in Denver’s River North neighborhood. It was a small, informal gathering where local Smithies were able to connect and take time to hear each other’s stories. After sampling some of Epic’s delectable beer selection, including the Utah Sage Saison and Brainless Peaches, we had a fantastic brewery tour from the bartender, Colin. We learned that their goal is to brew small batch, artisanal beers. They currently offer over 37 types of beer. A few Smithies stuck around to enjoy dinner from the food truck that had come to visit the brewery.

The Smith Club will be encouraging more informal events in the future. If you have an idea, or would like to plan one, please reach out on Facebook or contact us via email at [smithclubco@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubco@gmail.com).

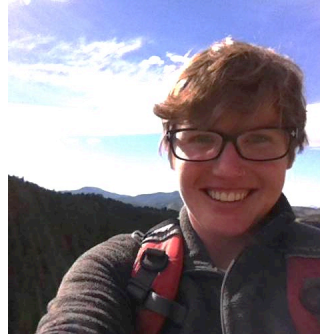
## Rocky Mountain Day ♦ October 4 & 5, 2014



It's been a regional tradition to host a Mountain Day celebration here in the "real" mountains. This autumn, we tried something new and the results were quite uplifting.

Instead of picking a trailhead and a specific time, alumnae across Colorado explored the outdoors over a weekend in early October. In true Mountain Day fashion, Smithies chose the time and place that best suited them. Alumnae were asked to send photos of their adventures and use the hashtag #rockymountainday.

A dozen alumnae participated in this year's Rocky Mountain Day and sent their beautiful photos to [smithclubco@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubco@gmail.com) or posted in our Facebook group.



The map shows all the places we received photos from, including the Pawnee Grasslands, Mt. Evans, San Juan Mountains, Leadville, Lake Dillon and even Moab!

We're excited about continuing this tradition next year and growing the number of stars on the map.

## SAVE THE DATE

### College for a Day ♦ January 12, 2015



Join over 200 local alumni for this unique and informative experience on **Monday, January 12 from 9 am to 1:30 pm at Temple Emmanuel, 51 Grape Street, Denver.** This year, **Smith Government Professor, Kim Yi Dionne,** will be speaking about the important and relevant Ebola issue in Africa. Kim Yi Dionne teaches classes on African politics, ethnic politics, and field research methods. Joining her will be professors from Sweet Briar and Connecticut College addressing the topics of shark behavior and the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee. Your \$45 College for a Day fee covers three lectures and a delicious box lunch served with wine. Make your reservation now by contacting Ana Tolentino '85 at [atolenti@aol.com](mailto:atolenti@aol.com) or follow the link on the Evite invitation you receive in late November. Stay tuned for details about a special Smith Club reception with Professor Kim Yi Dionne – all are welcome.

## Board and Committee Members

### Club Officers

<i>President</i>	Meredith Badler '08	mlbadler@gmail.com	267-337-0196
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### Committee Chairs

<i>Events Coordinator</i>	Maria Sclafani '08	msclafan@gmail.com	303-929-0858
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<i>College for a Day</i>	Ana Tolentino '85	atolenti@aol.com	303-979-9233
	Katie MacPhail '88	kmmacp@msn.com	303-722-6902

### Members At-Large

<i>Past President</i>	Nora Neureiter '89	nrnlaw@aol.com	303-399-5981
<i>Member</i>	Laura Harmacek '06	lauraharmacek@gmail.com	303-358-4292

### 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 especially interested in help with fundraising and events. The board meets approximately every two to three months. Members work collaboratively on all aspects of our events and outreach. The only requirements are Club membership, commitment, and enthusiasm!





## Smith College Alumnae Association

*The Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming is distinct from the Smith College Alumnae Association. While we are in regular communication and coordination with the college, alumnae clubs operate independently as separate nonprofit organizations.*

### Become a Member of Your Local Club

In 1890, one of Smith's first clubs, the Smith College Club of New York City, was founded with the goal of providing an opportunity for alumnae to get together socially and to raise awareness about Smith. Today, there are more than 100 active Smith clubs around the world. Smith clubs are vital to fostering alumnae connections and increasing the visibility of the college. ***See your insert to become a Member of the Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming!***

### Join an Affinity Group

The Office of Alumnae Relations strives to help alumnae connect to Smith and to one another in ways that address special interests and common bonds. The Affinity and Special Interest program offers opportunities for alumnae with shared interests.

- ALAS (Association of Latina Alumnae of Smith College)
- BASC (Black Alumnae of Smith College)
- SAAC (Smith Asian Alumnae Connection)
- Smith LGBTQ Alumnae Alliance
- SAMBA (Smith Alumnae with MBAs)
- Smith Alumnae Chorus

### Participate in Smith Reads

Smith Reads is a new online book club exclusively for the Smith community. Every couple of months, we'll provide you with a new title to enjoy. At the same time, you'll have access to resources about the book, including supplemental reading materials, videos with faculty and interviews with authors. The best part is, you can participate wherever and whenever you want. ***Stay tuned for more information about the Smith Club of Colorado's book club and Smith Reads activities, starting in 2015.***

### Fundraise to Support Smith

The Smith Fund counts on its core of alumnae volunteers to raise unrestricted support for the college every year. Visit [http://www.smith.edu/giving/fund\\_tools.php](http://www.smith.edu/giving/fund_tools.php) to find tools and resources for alumnae fundraising.

### Travel with Smith

For nearly 40 years, Smith Travel has been working with the world's top educational tour operators to provide an eclectic mix of land, rail and cruise programs. Travel with dynamic and insightful Smith professors, knowledgeable local guides, and curious and interesting travel companions.

### Recognize Outstanding Volunteers

The Alumnae Volunteer Recognition Awards celebrate Smith's exemplary alumnae volunteers, who, through their sustained and extraordinary dedication, support and volunteerism serve as role models. Smith presents the Alumnae Volunteer Recognition Awards annually to individuals and clubs for distinguished leadership, innovation and continued volunteer service to Smith.

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. Update your contact information easily here: [http://alumnae.smith.edu/tools/update\\_address.php](http://alumnae.smith.edu/tools/update_address.php).

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