

# Smith College Club of Colorado



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



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## President's Letter ♦ Meredith Badler

Dear Smith Alumnae,

There are one thousand Smith graduates in Colorado and Wyoming. We cross several generations. We lived in different houses. We had various majors, interests and jobs after college. But we all share a deep love of Smith.

The Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming is here to provide a local connection to the college and fellow Smithies. For both newcomers and old-timers, be sure to join the Smith Club of Colorado Facebook group and bookmark our website: [www.smithclubofcolorado.com](http://www.smithclubofcolorado.com).

We are halfway through our Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fundraising Challenge. And we're nearly halfway to our goal of raising \$10,000 by the end of our fiscal year!

This scholarship fund was started in 1954 in honor of Clare Davis Parker '27. In early 2016, Clare Davis Parker's daughter, Betsy Parker Powell '60 contacted the Club to suggest a fundraising challenge. Betsy shares her mother's fondness for Smith College. She has charged us to raise as much money as possible to support future Colorado Smithies.

**Betsy Parker Powell will match every dollar raised for the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund up to \$10,000 by June 30, 2017.**

Tuition, room and board this year is \$63,630. In order to make sure future students get a chance to love Smith, we need to ensure there is sufficient financial aid. Visit [www.smithclubofcolorado.com](http://www.smithclubofcolorado.com) and go the Scholarship Fund page to

read about all the ways you can contribute. We also look forward to seeing you at our "I LOVE SMITH" fundraiser on February 23, 2017.

We hope to see you at the annual Holiday Party and Potluck on December 4. We'll be collecting donations for Reverence Movement, a transitional housing program for homeless women in Boulder. Our Book Club is also going strong with bi-monthly meetings in North Denver, focusing on books written by/about Smith women. If you have ideas for new events, don't hesitate to contact us! [smithclubco@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubco@gmail.com).

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 Scalfani '08, Amy May '05 and Sharilyn Keeton '75 for their service. Special thanks to Suzi White '06, who leads our alumnae admissions program.

New Board members are always appreciated! If you'd like to volunteer in any capacity or host an event at your home, contact the Club. 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,

Meredith Badler '08  
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## Treasurer's Report



## Tanya Mathews

I am pleased to report that 80 members have joined the Club and contributed \$4,625.00 in Dues and Additional Club Support so far this fiscal year, which began July 1st, 2016. Club members have also contributed \$2,805.00 to the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund. Combined with the \$1,845.00 contributed to the Scholarship Fund last fiscal year, we are well on our way towards our goal of raising \$10,000 to receive the match from Betsy Parker Powell, Clare Parker Davis's daughter. You will read more about this special and exciting fundraising effort that goes through the end of the 2016 fiscal year (June 31st, 2017).

Smithies love meeting with and getting to know other Smithies, so we hope to have a record number of alumnae join the Smith Club of Colorado this year. 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 **2030 South Humboldt St. Denver, CO 80210** or submit your dues online through the Club website [www.smithclubofcolorado.com](http://www.smithclubofcolorado.com)

We look forward to planning and offering great events for our alums. Stay tuned! Please feel free to contact me with questions [303-588-5453](tel:303-588-5453) or [tanya.mathews@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.mathews@gmail.com).

## 2016-2017 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.

Sally Vance Allen '62

★ **Meredith Badler '08**

Alice Bakemeier '45

Julia Barrett '82

Laura P. Barton '82

Anne Bekoff '69

Julie Bock '87

Harriet K. Boonin '57

★ **Katherine Sharp Borgen '64**

Erin Brenengen '09

Sylvia K. Brown '54

Perry M. Butterfield '54

Cameron D. Claussen '85

Sheila M. Cleworth '55

Jamy C. Coulson '62

Ann Crampton '71

Kaarsten Turner Dalby

Liliana Delman

Judith S. Denison '57

Susan Depew

Latitia M. Doppler '81

Erin Dougher '96

★ **Jaren J. Ducker '60**

Alicia Economos '94

Anna Estes '08

Melissa Fathman

Donna Feldman '73

Rebecca Freyre '82

Pamela A. Gemery-Hill '88

Anna H. Gilbert-Cic '03

Margery Goldman '71

★ **Melanie Grant '61**

★ **Susan Greene '68**

★ **Ellen M. Greenhouse '68**

Betsy Jordan Hand '68

Melody E. Hardy '71

Kathryn Harhai '73

Betsy R. Hitchcock '77

★ **Mary T. Hoagland '46**

Elisa Holland '85

Cheryl Ann Holt-Fegan '68

Joan P. Hutchinson '67

Nancy Jianakoplos '72

★ **Cynthia Kahn '61**

Sharilyn Keeton

Marian Lauterbach '72

★ **Mary Lohre '58**

Lauren Magliozzi

Tanya R. Mathews '93

Lisa Matter '99

Amy Benson May '05

Karen L. McClure '61

★ **Laurel McHargue '81**

Lorna Grindlay Moore '68

Catherine Mulhern '10

★ **Barbara Neal '56**

Nora Neureiter '89

Eloise Day Noland '52

Tanya Notkoff '90

Kimberly O'Connor '96

★ **Lisa Olcese '89**

★ **Elaine T. Osborn '63**

Laurene Berger Owen '55

Edith M. Petrock

Diana Prieto '87

Rebecca Resnik '92

★ **Gudrun Rice '65**

Lisa H. Robinson '87

Elizabeth Rohrbough '84

Maria Scalfani '08

Linda Sanders

Ellen Selig '71

Susan Soloyanis '72

Diane M. Stanbro '50

★ **Marcia D. Strickland '54**

Randi Stroh '71

★ **Joyce P. Thurmer '52**

Lydia Tirpak '01

Joan D. Turner '65

Kimberly Tyson

Julia Vandenoever

Pamela G. Wakefield '77

## Recruitment Report

For the ninth year in a row, Smith College had a record number of applicants. We're delighted that Colorado and Wyoming continue to provide a pipeline of new Smith College students. This is something to be proud of considering rising selectivity, our distance from Northampton, and the growing cost of tuition, room & board.

The 2015-2016 recruitment season had 41 total applicants from Colorado and 2 applicants from Wyoming. Smith admitted 22 young women, 12 of whom have chosen to attend Smith College this fall, which is a higher yield than usual. Thank you to Kim O'Connor '96 for hosting the annual Yield Party at her beautiful home. Join us in welcoming Gabriela Bell, Shayla Bezjak, Andrea Botello, Linnie Cole, Sophie Collard, Emeline Cox, Hanna Fernley, Cameron Hines, Mara Krutsinger, Ilse Meiler, Lauren Ortiz-Hunt, and Jacqueline Urdang into the class of 2020!

The Smith Club hosted a successful send-off party for all current and new first-year students on August 18, 2016. Enthusiastic Smithies and their parents convened at The Humble Pie Store in Denver to get excited about the school year ahead.

Alumnae continue to be an integral part of Colorado's flow of new students. Seven of the 41 Colorado and Wyoming applicants had interviews with local alumnae. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Thank you Hailey Bird, who has served as our Alumnae Admission Coordinator for the past few years. We look forward to welcoming Suzi White into this role for the 2016-2017 recruitment season and continuing our excellent recruitment efforts in Colorado. If you are interested in conducting interviews, organizing care packages or assisting in recruitment in any way, please contact Suzi.

Suzi White '06

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## Clyfford Still Museum



**February 28, 2016**

In late February, the Smith College Club of Colorado was treated to a private tour of Denver's own Clyfford Still Museum. Around forty Smithies and their guests gathered to peruse the paintings, and acquaint themselves with the life and works of one of the most influential painters of the 20th century.

A member of the mid-century Abstract Expressionist movement, Still's artwork was almost completely hidden from public view until the museum's opening in 2011 in Denver. The Still Museum collection holds 95% of the painter's work (approximately 3,125 works of art), and is housed in a unique building located in Denver's downtown Cultural Arts District. The building was designed specifically to showcase Clyfford Still's bold, larger-than-life paintings, and is a stunning work of art in itself.



The Smithies in attendance had a unique opportunity to interact with the paintings and archival material, and gain a better understanding of an important artist whose life and works has been shrouded in mystery. The tour was also a lovely chance to catch up with friends old and new!

## Writing Your Own Story



**April 3, 2016**

On a sunny afternoon in early April, Smithies gathered at the [Lighthouse Writer's Workshop](#) for a lecture on the tradition of women writers chronicling their experiences through memoir.

Lighthouse is the largest nonprofit literary center in Colorado and the Mountain West. Lighthouse instructor [Poupeh Missaghi](#) discussed the historical and cultural significance of women writing about their own experiences, and the particular challenges these writers have faced. Attendees enjoyed wine and refreshments and engaged in a lively discussion after the lecture. Many thanks to Mary Frances Nevans and Wendy Mallari for organizing this wonderful event!





## Annual Meeting



## June 14, 2016

The Smith Club's 2016 Annual Meeting was held at the Montclair Civic Building, affectionately known as "The Molkery." Smithies and their guests enjoyed a delightful evening of refreshments, conversation, and cocktails followed by a lecture on the Indian Women's movement from Professor Lisa Armstrong.

President Meredith Badler '08 led the business portion, with enthusiastic Smithies hardly pausing to hear the names and details before moving to approve the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes, as well as the slate of board and committee members. (Wendy Mallari and Mary Frances Nevans each stepped down as Board Members At-Large). Tanya Matthews, Treasurer, also gave an account of the Club's financial status and membership.

As engaged as Smithies were in hearing about the Club's activities and opportunities, all were eager to hear from our guest speaker, Lisa Armstrong, Professor & Director of the Program for the Study of Women and Gender at Smith, who did not disappoint. During a fascinating presentation called, "Of Uncles and Nephews," Lisa spoke about her extensive body of research on women who organize in rural localities in Northern India and how these women sustain their activism and build their local support for their feminist campaigns. And, in true Smithie fashion, Club members and guests then engaged Lisa in a lively Q&A session, continuing to chat and converse until the patient staff at the Molkery gently reminded everyone that it was time to leave (until next time!).

## SAVE THE DATE!

**FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

### *"I LOVE SMITH" Soirée*

**When:** Thursday, February 23, 2017

**6:30-8:30pm**

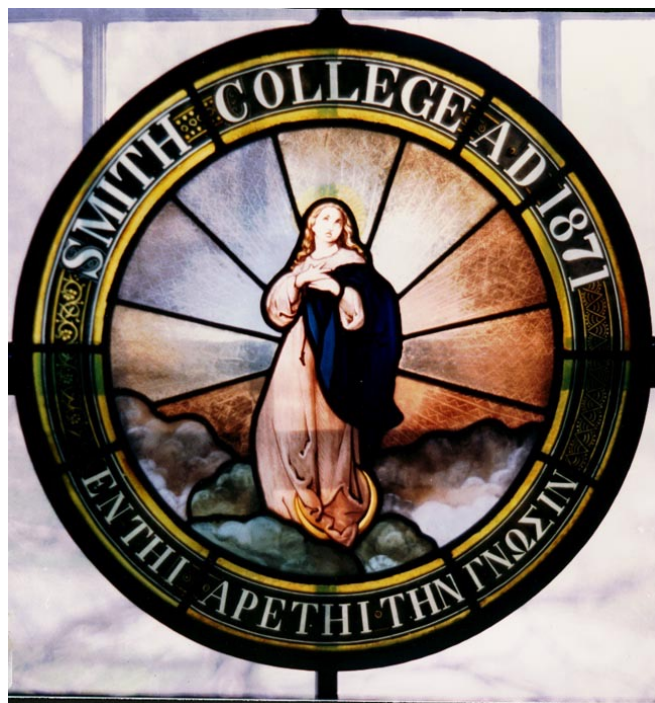
**Where:** University Club of Denver

**Why:** Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund

**What:** Drinks and buffet supper

**Special Guest:** Smith College Alumna Betsy Parker Powell '60

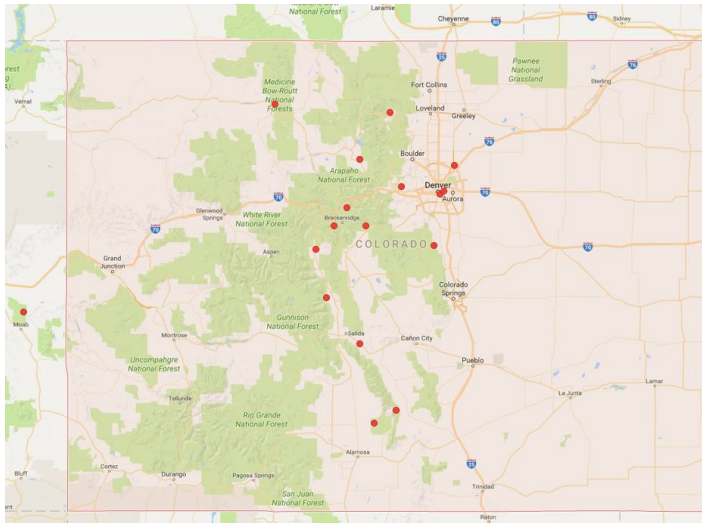
*This event is generously underwritten by Melanie Grant '61. 100% of all proceeds will benefit the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund*



## Rocky Mountain Day ♦ September 24-25, 2016

The Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming (SCOC) invited Smithies from across the state to participate in the third year of the SCOC's annual Rocky Mountain Day. Held during the fourth weekend of September, alumnae enjoyed the great outdoors, participating in and sharing adventures with fellow SCOC members. Smithies from all over Colorado and Wyoming sent photos to SCOC, and also posted them on the SCOC's Facebook page with the hashtag #RockyMountainDay.

Taking advantage of Colorado's natural outdoor beauty, Smithies engaged in a wide range of outdoor activities across Colorado — from north to south and east to west. Alumnae hiked the mountains near Buena Vista, Salida, and Steamboat Springs; braved Devil's Head in Sedalia; went over Kenosha Pass; and admired the fluffy white clouds in Estes Park. They visited the mountains in Grand County and Summit County, marveled at the Great Sand Dunes in the San Luis Valley, and walked along Clear Creek in Golden. Others visited sunflowers and picked strawberries in Brighton, bought apples at the South Pearl Street Farmers Market, discovered a white flower covered with snow in Leadville, and visited the Denver Botanic Gardens. One Smithie made it all the way out to Moab, Utah. This was truly a great weekend to celebrate living in the Rocky Mountain region.



**College for a Day****January 9, 2017****Temple Emmanuel, 51 Grape Street, Denver, CO 80220**

Save the date to attend College for a Day 2017! 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 2017 program features lectures from Leah Blatt Glasser, Professor of English and Dean of First-Year Studies at Mount Holyoke, April Beisaw, Professor of Anthropology at Vassar, and Ronald P. Seyb, Professor of Political Science at Skidmore. Join over 200 local alumni for this informative educational day at the Temple Emmanuel on Monday, January 9th from 9am-1:30pm. Your \$45 fee covers three lectures and a delicious box lunch served with wine. You can make your reservation on the website [www.collegeforaday.org](http://www.collegeforaday.org).

**Smith Club of Colorado Book Club**

The Smith Club Book Club continues going strong and regularly welcomes new participants. This informal group meets every other month to discuss books by/about Smith women! In 2016, we enjoyed the following books:

- Orange is the New Black by Piper Kerman '92 (memoir)
- The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern '00 (fiction)
- Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family by Amy Ellis Nutt '77 (non-fiction)
- The People in the Trees by Hanya Yanagihara '95 (fiction)
- Dreaming in French: The Paris Years of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, Susan Sontag, and Angela Davis by Alice Kaplan (biography)

Mark your calendar for our 2017 Smith Club Book Club meetings! The group meets on the **fourth Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm at BookBar** in North Denver (4280 Tennyson Street, Denver 80212). We've already selected our first book for January.

- January 22 – A Spoonful of Sugar by Amanda Orr '90
- March 26
- May 21 (*changed due to Memorial Day*)
- July 23
- September 24
- November 19 (*changed due to Thanksgiving*)

Conversations are lively and insightful, even if you haven't finished the book. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting!

If you want to be on the email list for notifications about the Smith Club Book Club, send your information to [smithclubco@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubco@gmail.com). Information about book club meetings is also available on our website: [www.smithclubofcolorado.com](http://www.smithclubofcolorado.com).



# Board & Committee Members

## Club Officers

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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

<https://smith.force.com/alumnae/login>

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