

Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming

President's Letter ♦ Meredith Badler

Dear Smith Alumnae,

There's something very special happening in the Rocky Mountain region and Smith College has begun to take notice.

In the past few years, Smith College staff and alumnae from other regions have asked me repeatedly what makes the Smithie community in our area so engaged. What are we doing right? Lots. Can other groups replicate it? Yes and no.

The Smith Club of Colorado (SCOC)'s board is dedicated to organizing regular events that local alumnae look forward to year after year, like the holiday potluck party (coming up on Sunday, December 9) and the celebratory and informative annual meeting in June. In addition, we continue to dream up unique events that engage Smithies with not only each other, but our surroundings, like our Rocky Mountain Day weekend, our recent tour at Denver Botanic Gardens and an afternoon of fall frolicking, which will be rescheduled due to an early season snow. We've also rallied behind causes, such as the annual winter donation drive in conjunction with the holiday party and our recent fundraising efforts to support the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund. Alumnae also conduct interviews for prospective students, meet-ups for tea and book discussions, and providing general advice and recommendations through our active Facebook group.

However, there is a secret ingredient that can't be exported. There is something special about the Smithies here in the Rocky Mountain region that fosters an incredibly unique community. At every event we do, there are always alumnae from at least three different decades. Smithies here are inclusive, inquisitive and informal. There's always an open door.

Help us keep the secret sauce going strong. Visit www.smithclubofcolorado.com to stay up to date on Club activities and events, such as the casual monthly teas and bi-monthly book club. Join our Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/smithclubco. Donate to the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund to support future Colorado Smithies. You can always contact us directly at smithclubco@gmail.com or (720) 432-4136.

We couldn't do this without your participation, membership and support. We also couldn't do this without an incredible volunteer board. Thank you to the SCOC Board for your dedicated efforts.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,
Meredith Badler '08



Fall 2018 Newsletter

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Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

I am pleased to report that 74 members have joined the Club so far this fiscal year, which began July 1, 2018. These generous members have contributed \$5,090.00 in Dues and Additional Club Support and have also contributed \$1,115.00 to the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund. College for a Day raised an additional \$200.00 that will be donated to the CDP Scholarship Fund.

Each year those of us on the Board find ourselves thinking competitively and thus hoping for an increase in members. Hopefully this newsletter is a reminder to those of you who haven't joined yet to send in your dues and then participate in another great year of programs and events.

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 you can pay your dues online with a credit card through the Club's website: www.smithclubofcolorado.com (click Join the Club). Please feel free to contact me with questions at [303-588-5453](tel:303-588-5453) or tanya.mathews@gmail.com.

2018-2019 Club Membership

Thank you to the alumnae sponsors who made additional donations to support Club activities and scholarships for current students. Their names are indicated in **bold** below.

Membership dues are essential to sustaining the Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming. Your 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.

Sarah Ahn MSW '13 Meredith Badler '08 Laura P. Barton '82 Barbara Benedict '55 Megan Beren '04 Julie Bock '87 Katherine Sharp Borgen '64 Sylvia Brown '54 Perry Butterfield '54 Cameron D. Claussen '85 Shelia Cleworth '55 Jamy C. Coulson '62 Caltha Crowe '68 Natalia Cruz-Teixeira '02 Judith S. Denison '57 Erin Dougher '96 Kathryn Dunn '75 Anna Estes '08 Gail N. Fritzingler '81 Martha S. Fulford '68 Pamela A. Gemery-Hill '88 Lynn E. Ginsberg-Margo '90 Susan Greene '68 Melody E. Hardy '71 Kathryn Harhai '73	Catherine Harley '87 Mary T. Hoagland '46 Cheryl Ann Holt-Fegan '68 Ruth A. Hopfenbeck '53 Joan P. Hutchinson '67 Ann L. Jesse '57 Jan L. Johnson '74 Julie Jones '77 Cynthia Kahn '61 Jessica Keating '06 Wendy C. Kowynia Marian Lauterbach '72 Penny Leather '57 Virginia B. Leitz '56 Mary B. Lohre '58 Karen A. Lyda MSW '88 Kathryn Bell MacPhail '88 Ellen J. Mangione '74 Amy Benson May '05 Megan McIntyre '01 Victoria N. Merritts '71 Barbara R. Miller '66 Julia Moskowitz '14 Catherine Mulhern '10 Barbara Neal '56	Lisa Olcese '89 Laurene Berger Owen '55 Edie M. Petrock '67 Roberta Ritvo '94 Tomi-Ann Roberts '85 Lisa H. Robinson '87 Elizabeth Rohrbough '84 Kathleen Rowland '92 Nandi Scherbl '15 Barbara G. Schlein '62 Ellen Selig '71 Erin Brenengen Semon '09 Susan Soloyanis '72 Diane M. Stanbro '50 Cathryn R. Stewart '78 Lynn Stout '82 Marcia D. Strickland '54 Mary Strizek '82 Joyce P. Thurmer '52 Ana M. Tolentino '85 Allison Ulmer '01 Monica VanBuskirk '02 Pamela G. Wakefield '77 Nancy Bedont Waldeck '78
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Recruitment Report ♦ Suzi White

Colorado and Wyoming continue to have a steady flow of students, contributing to another year with a record number of applicants to Smith College. The 2017-2018 recruiting season included 30 applicants with 15 of those applicants accepted. The class of 2022 welcomed 5 new first year students who accepted offers of admission bringing the total of current students from Colorado to 28.

We welcomed the admitted and current students to the lovely home of Kimberly O'Connor '96 for a tea in April where they, their parents and alumnae gathered to answer questions and share reminiscences. We had 4 admitted students and around 15 people total.

The 2018-2019 recruitment season began with a send-off party in August held at The Humble Pie Store in Denver. New first-year students, current students, parents, and recent alumnae were able to connect before the Colorado Smithies headed back to Smith for another academic year. As the president of the Alumnae Association, Susan Greene '68 was able to welcome new students to the Smith College network.



As always, thank you to all of the volunteers. Your willingness to complete interviews continues to make a difference in the students who decide to attend Smith! If you're not able to volunteer as an interviewer, know that conversations with future Smithies wherever you encounter them is another important part of recruiting. Feel free to contact me at suzi.switzer@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteering or to connect a prospective student to Smith.

An Evening with President McCartney ♦ March 6, 2018



On a cold, wintry evening in March, our vibrant community of local Smithies convened upon the Art Hotel in Denver for an evening with Smith College President Kathleen McCartney that warmed us inside and out. With our momentum from last year's "I Love Smith" soiree and fundraiser for the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund, our Colorado Smith Club stepped aside this time and Smith College took over the event organizing and the program for the evening.

Titled "Lives of Distinction and Purpose: An Evening with President Kathleen McCartney," the program gave attendees a chance to reconnect with Smith College and its vision for the 21st Century directly from the President herself at Denver's one-of-a-kind ART hotel. After brief cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, we began our presentation hearing from our own local Susan Greene, Alumnae Association President, and ended it with a short update from Meredith Badler, Smith Club of Colorado president. Sandwiched between was President McCartney's practiced yet responsive message about major initiatives and updates at Smith, such as Smith's position to recognize and address disparities of race and class and access to Smith; discrimination and diversity within the current climate, both broadly and locally on campus; and the vision and accomplishments of the engineering program and various aspects of creativity on campus, as well as an update on the reconstruction of Neilson Library. The lengthy Q&A session afterwards was sufficient to satiate the curiosity of the audience.

It was a delight to share an evening with President McCartney, and our Club gladly receives back the baton to organize further "I Love Smith" events in the future. Stay tuned!

An Afternoon at Denver Botanic Gardens ♦ May 6, 2018

On Sunday, May 6, around 30 Smithies and family members gathered at the Denver Botanic Gardens' York Street location to enjoy a docent-led tour of *Pixelated: Sculpture by Mike Whiting*. The exhibit explored the relationships between the natural world and the artificial world of digital media, featuring the pixelated aesthetic of vintage video games throughout the Gardens' landscapes. Afterward, Smithies enjoyed a shaded outdoor tea on the deck of the Hive Garden Bistro, adjacent to the Monet Pool.



Annual Meeting ♦ June 13, 2018

Mid June, we gathered at the Molkery on a day with such pleasant summer weather that one easily understands the historical significance of the Montclair Civic Building once housing a sanatorium for tuberculosis patients. In 1898, when the building was built, cattle were housed in basement stalls below in order to restore health to patients stationed on the large balcony, absorbing sunshine and fresh farmyard aromas. Fortunately, all Smithies and their guests were instead restored to a state of well-being by the delicious aroma of a food spread and conversing with Smithies young and old.

The business portion of our annual meeting included our standard Club affairs of slates and minutes, event recaps, remarks about admissions, Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund updates and appeal to supporting Smith College and the Fund through our gifts, and the treasurer's report.

Our guest speaker, Mary Ellen Hannibal '81, shared her journey into environmentalism and citizen science through her lecture titled "Citizen Scientist: Searching for Heroes and Hope in an Age of Extinction." She shared about the cultural power of archetypal myths, particularly influenced by the work of Joseph Campbell. She implored us to participate in a collaborative process of citizen science whereby each of us can contribute to the public inquiry and discovery of new scientific knowledge. She recommended simple phone apps and websites, such as iNaturalist and SciScatter.com, for each of us to engage with to collect information about plants, animals, and beyond. Not only is citizen science designed for anyone to participate, all participants use the same protocol so data can be combined and maintain high quality. The data she encouraged us to help collect through citizen science is then used to help real scientists come to real conclusions, which are then returned to the public as shared data, as well as within the scientific community.



The Smith Club of Colorado looks forward to hosting Club events with a Citizen Science purpose, inspired by Mary Ellen's presentation.

Rocky Mountain Day ♦ September 29 & 30, 2018

The Smith Club of Colorado (SCOC) invited Smithies from across the state to participate in the fifth year of the SCOC's annual Rocky Mountain Day. Held during the final weekend of September this year, alumnae enjoyed the great outdoors and shared those adventures with fellow SCOC members. For example, Chris Becker '85 enjoyed the Denver Botanic Gardens and Kathleen Sullivan-Bailey '05 explored Rocky Mountain National Park (both pictured here). Smithies sent photos to SCOC and also posted them on the SCOC's Facebook page with **#RockyMountainDay**.



In addition, numerous Smithies got together for a hike together in Deer Creek Canyon in Littleton on the morning of Saturday, September 28, including Marley Miller '16, Becky Ryder '16, Rachel Aisner Williams '02, Lindsay Thomas '01, Christina Francavilla '00, and Judy Dension '57, plus a few significant others. It was a crisp fall morning as the group ascended the trail. Due to a little confusion with the trail map, a spirited group added an extra mile or two to reach the scenic overlook at the top. The view was well worth the additional time chatting together and a perfect spot for a snack before coming back down.

The Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming looks forward to more great shared adventures next year!



SAVE THE DATE

College for a Day ♦ January 14, 2019

Join over 200 local alumni for this unique and informative experience on **Monday, January 14 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at Temple Emmanuel**, 51 Grape Street, Denver. Three different professors from Bryn Mawr, Mills and Wellesley Colleges will provide fascinating lectures. Your \$45 College for a Day fee covers all three lectures and a delicious box lunch served with wine. Make your reservation by following the link on the Evite invitation you will receive in late November. Visit www.collegeforaday.org for updates and more information.



Monthly Smithie Teas

Please join us for tea! We gather the third Sunday of each month at venues around the Front Range for light refreshments and conversation. To RSVP or to learn about each month's venue, join the "Smithie Teas in Denver" Facebook group or write to organizer Lindsay Thomas '01 at lindsay.c.thomas@gmail.com. Please RSVP 48 hours before each event.

All winter events are weather permitting. Please RSVP to be informed of schedule changes.

November Tea

Sunday, November 18 at 3:00 pm

Paul's Coffee & Tea, 956 W Cherry St Ste 101, Louisville

December Tea

Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 pm

Spur Coffee Denver, 95 Lincoln St, Denver

January Tea

Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 pm

The Molecule Effect, 1201 Santa Fe Dr Suite A, Denver, CO

Smith Club Book Club

For the past three years, the Smith Club Book Club has met on the fourth Sunday of the month (with some exceptions) at 2:00 pm on a bi-monthly schedule. Meetings are held at the BookBar in North Denver's Tennyson District (4280 Tennyson Street) in a private reading room. The Book Club generally focused on fiction and non-fiction book authored by or written about Smith women. Everyone is welcome, whether you've read the book or not. The conversations are always illuminating, convivial and wide ranging. Together, we decide on the next book selection at the conclusion of each gathering. Our next gathering is coming up on Sunday, November 18, where we'll be discussing *My Own Words* by Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

If you are interested in joining, contact smithclubco@gmail.com to get on the list. We frequently send reminders about the next book selection and upcoming gatherings. You can always check www.smithclubofcolorado.com for updates on the Book Club.

Book Club meeting dates for 2019 are:

- **February 24**
- **April 28**
- **June 23**
- **August 25**
- **October 27**
- **December 22**

Books we read in 2018...

- January 28: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders
- March 25: *The Velveteen Daughter* by Laurel Davis Huber '73
- May 20: *Citizen Scientist: Searching for Heroes and Hope in an Age of Extinction* by Mary Ellen Hannibal '81
- July 22: *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler (Smith's first year class book)
- September 23: *The Road from Coorain* by Jill Ker Conway
- November 18: *My Own Words* by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund

The Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund has long been a part of our Club outreach. After a huge fundraising year in 2017 with a generous donor challenge, our first “I Love Smith” fundraising event, and a record \$42,000 raised for that fiscal year, we have had no major fundraising activities since then. The 2017-2018 fiscal year raised a more modest \$1,885 for the fund through the contributions of club members. In the current fiscal year, we’ve raised over \$1,300 so far and are eager to continue the momentum.

Why does this scholarship fund, designated for Colorado students, matter? The current tuition, room and board at Smith for 2018-2019 is \$72,292 per year. While the value of the education, opportunities and experiences we gained through our time at Smith may be priceless, it is also a huge financial endeavor that is simply out of reach for many qualified students and deserving families. Our generosity in supporting the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund makes a significant impact as the proceeds are divided among a pool of eligible Smithies. We encourage those who have benefited from a Smith education to consider a gift back to help ensure that Smith can do what it does best: nourish and cultivate bright and curious minds, and shape women of distinction to make a global impact. We also look forward to facilitating another “I Love Smith” event to contribute more fundraising support to Colorado Smith students!

You can donate via credit card through the local Club’s website or the Smith College website. Designating your donation through Smith directly also improves the College’s percentage of alumnae giving, which is lower than most of our peer institutions. Checks may be mailed to Smith Club of Colorado, c/o Tanya Mathews, 2030 South Humboldt Street, Denver, CO 80210. More information about how to make a gift to support the Clare Parker Davis Scholarship can be found at <http://www.smithclubofcolorado.com>.

Update from Alumnae Association President

There is much to be proud of at Smith today. Smith has a clear and strong identity as one of the world’s preeminent sources for women leaders. The *Washington Post* noted that Smith College is one of the most “enduring brands” in higher education today. *Forbes* magazine has listed Smith as one of America’s 20 most entrepreneurial colleges.

And Smith remains a national leader in Fulbright awards. For 2017-18, fifteen students and alumnae were awarded fellowships, which places Smith among the top ten bachelor’s degree institutions for last year. The College has averaged a 44% success rate in Fulbright awards, compared to the national average of 17%. Since 2002, Smith students and alumnae have received 187 Fulbright fellowships, more than any among top producing educational institutions.

Applications continue to break records. The College received 5,780 applications for the class of 2022, a 6.8% increase over last year. In the past five years applications have increased by over 30%. The acceptance rate is 31%—the lowest in Smith’s history.

President Kathleen McCartney has launched an ambitious strategic plan to make the Smith experience the most powerful form of liberal arts education. The essence of this plan is innovation, entrepreneurship and leadership development. And alumnae will play significant roles as models, mentors and resources.

To prepare Smith students for leadership the College has established five initiatives: the Jill Ker Conway Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center; the Neilson Library Renovation, designed by world-renowned architect Maya Lin; a commitment to diversity and inclusion in every new initiative and program; Smith College Business Network; and a \$10 million Leadership Development Program.

Please consider supporting this important work by being a Smith ambassador, volunteering your time and talent and making an annual gift to The Smith Fund. – *Susan Greene ’68, AASC President, Trustee, Smith College*

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Join the Smith Club of Colorado Board!

Do you enjoy attending Smith Club Events? Do you have ideas or suggestions for Smith Club events or opportunities? Do you enjoy spending time with Smithies and staying connected to the college? We welcome anyone interested in serving on the Board of the Smith College Club of Colorado as a committee member, chair, or officer, and helping with things like fundraising and events. The Board gathers about 6 times a year to share a meal together and work collaboratively on all aspects of our club events and outreach. Our requirements are Club membership, commitment, and enthusiasm!

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Website: smithclubofcolorado.com ♦ Facebook: facebook.com/groups/smithclubco

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 the Alumnae Directory at <https://smith.force.com/alumnae/login>, or by contacting the Alumnae Association directly at (413) 585-2020 or alumnae@smith.edu.

Visit <https://alumnae.smith.edu> for more information.

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