

# Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming



## President's Letter ♦ Meredith Badler

Dear Smith Alumnae,

For years now, I've been trying to put my finger on what makes Colorado's Smithie community so special? It isn't just my opinion. Smith College staff and alumnae from other areas have often directly asked, "What's in the water in Colorado?"

First of all, we have a tight connection back to the college. The current President of the Alumnae Association, Susan Greene '68, lives here in Englewood. This spring, the college tapped Denise Materre '74, a long-time Colorado resident, to be the new Vice President for Alumnae Relations. President McCartney has made a point to visit us here in "fly-over country" twice so far in her tenure. Our membership is consistently between 100-120 dues-paying Smithies.

However, at last year's holiday potluck, I "heard" something that got me closer to understanding. Our wonderful host, Julie Bock '87, called out decades starting with the 1950's all the way through the 2010's. There was enthusiastic representation from each generation. Loud cheers came from all across room as each subsequent decade was named.

Similarly, our annual send-off party was attended by at least one student from each class year. Seniors could share advice with first-years. Sophomores and juniors could share aspirations of studying abroad and Praxis Internships.

Seasoned alumnae still volunteer to interview prospective students. Recent alumnae tap into the wisdom and resources of the network. Even our book club has regular attendees that span several decades and life experiences.

It's an extraordinary thing when seven decades of dynamic women can regularly get together to learn, share, experience and connect.

And yet, we still have work to do as an alumnae club to make sure everyone feels welcome and a sense of belonging. Your support can help us on that path. We welcome your feedback and suggestions. We hope to continue seeing more Smithies that we haven't met yet at events and participating with the club.

Visit [smithclubofcolorado.com](http://smithclubofcolorado.com) to stay up to date on Club activities and events. Join our Facebook group at [facebook.com/groups/smithclubco](https://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](mailto: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 2019 Newsletter

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## Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

I am pleased to report that 54 members have joined the Club so far this fiscal year, which began July 1, 2019. These generous members have contributed \$4,475.00 in Dues and Additional Club Support and have also contributed \$1,275.00 to the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund.

At this time last year, we had 50% more members, but we are optimistic that more Smithies will join after reading this newsletter and/or after attending the events we have planned this year. As usual, we have a great year of programs and events planned and we hope to see new as well as familiar faces at these events! While most events are open to everyone, we've begun hosting special events just for our dues-paying members, like the terrific cooking class this past June.

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 using our PayPal account, [smithclubco@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubco@gmail.com). There's also a PayPal link to process your membership on our website, [www.smithclubofcolorado.com](http://www.smithclubofcolorado.com). Please feel free to contact me with questions at 303-588-5453 or [tanya.mathews@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.mathews@gmail.com).

## 2019-2020 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. 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	Anna Gilbert-Cic '03	<b>Kimberly O'Connor '96</b>
Meredith Badler '08	<b>Melanie Grant '61</b>	Laura Passin '01
Shannon Berg-Casini '93	<b>Ellen M. Greenhouse '68</b>	Edie M. Petrock '67
<b>Julie Bock '87</b>	<b>Kathryn Harhai '73</b>	Roberta Ritvo '94
<b>Katherine Sharp Borgen '64</b>	Cheryl Ann Holt-Fegan '68	Kathleen Rowland '92
<b>Perry M. Butterfield '54</b>	<b>Ruth A. Hopfenbeck '53</b>	Barbara G. Schlein '62
Margaret S. Chase '66	<b>Joan P. Hutchinson '67</b>	Ellen Selig '71
Shelia M. Cleworth '55	Ann L. Jesse '57	Erin Brenengen Semon '09
Caltha Crowe '68	<b>Nancy Jianakoplos '72</b>	Susan Soloyanis '72
<b>Katie W. Day '81</b>	Christine Johnson '04	<b>Diane M. Stanbro '50</b>
Judith S. Denison '57	Julie Sullivan Jones '77	<b>Cathryn R. Stewart '78</b>
Tisha Durbin Doppler '81	<b>Cynthia Kahn '61</b>	Lynn Stout '82
Kylee Drugan-Eppich '14	Marian Lauterbach '72	Claire Sullivan '78
<b>Kathryn Dunn '75</b>	<b>Ellen J. Mangione '74</b>	Joyce P. Thurmer '52
Anna Dyste '08	<b>Amy Benson May '05</b>	Ana M. Tolentino '85
<b>Rebecca R. Freyre '82</b>	<b>Megan McIntyre '01</b>	Joan D. Turner '65
Gail N. Fritzinger '81	<b>Victoria N. Merritts '71</b>	Allison Ulmer '01
Pamela Gemery-Hill '88	<b>Barbara R. Miller '66</b>	Julie Yates '91
Cornelia M. Gibson '57	<b>Barbara Neal '56</b>	

## Recruitment Report ♦ Megan McIntyre and Suzi White

The past year was another great one for Colorado and Wyoming Smith applicants. There were 43 applicants and 17 of these students were offered admission to Smith. There are seven students from Colorado and Wyoming who accepted Smith's offer of admission and are now part of the Class of 2023! Our region is lucky to have the help of 14 alumni volunteers that help with student interviews. This gave applicants a chance to have an in person Smith interview without leaving their state. This fall, there are already local students requesting interviews and working on applications. Megan McIntyre and Suzi White will be co-chairing the Alumnae Admissions Coordinator position for the club this year and look forward to continuing our region's admissions success.

In addition to interviewing, the AAC team has held several events for current and prospective students. In April the AAC team had another lovely and engaging tea at the home of Kim O'Connor '96 to welcome newly admitted students and parents. Alumni admission volunteers were on hand to answer questions about Smith. This August there was a rousing sendoff party at the home of Megan McIntyre '01. Current Smith Students from every year attended and many brought their families. It was a great chance for students and parents alike to share their Smith stories and get ready to head back to campus or off to a semester abroad! Finally, in September Lia Brassord, Senior Assistant Director of Admission from Smith came to Denver and offered a training on admissions procedures. It was a great resource for admission volunteers in this area.



As always a big thank you to all the alumni that help to promote Smith and help with recruitment and admission efforts. If you're interested in volunteering or to connect a prospective student to Smith please contact Megan McIntyre ([mcintyr2@gmail.com](mailto:mcintyr2@gmail.com)) or Suzi White ([suzi.switzer@gmail.com](mailto:suzi.switzer@gmail.com)).

## Denver Art Museum Tour ♦ May 10, 2019

Smithies have long had a reputation for their interest in cultural events and fine art. On May 10, nearly 40 of us gathered at the Denver Art Museum for a privately guided tour of Jordan Casteel's exhibit, *Returning the Gaze*. A talented young painter early in her career, Jordan Casteel was raised in Denver, attended a small women's college in Georgia, and is based in Harlem, where she typically paints portraits of friends and people she meets. Guests were led by a docent in small groups, working our way through the exhibit and pausing for reflection and discussion. This event was a rare opportunity to connect with the artist's work on an intimate level, which is precisely the kind of connection Jordan invites. Our group included some artists, others who have personal relationships with Jordan and her family, and others who were simply drawn into the conversation Jordan began in her capture of ordinary lives and moments. Lastly, there was at least one potential future Smithie who was inspired by Jordan's story to initiate a relationship with the artist via written letters, and true to the character portrayed by her work, Jordan wrote back with encouragement and enthusiasm.





## Cooking Class ♦ June 9, 2019

On a sunny Sunday in June, thirty food-loving alumnae gathered to create and sample a plethora of gastronomic delights! Create Cooking School hosted this private class inside the Stanley Marketplace in Aurora. Attendees learned some basic knife skills (the onion slicing demonstration was particularly revelatory), and were then able to put their newfound expertise to use, cooking a feast for the senses. On the menu: broccoli salad with toasted almonds, quinoa, and creamy roasted lemon vinaigrette, shawarma marinated chicken and vegetable skewers with cucumber yogurt, crispy smashed potatoes, and a luxurious dark chocolate pot de crème to finish off the meal. The hard work of those in attendance was rewarded by a lovely sit down meal with new friends. Overall, it was a delightfully delicious occasion to thank our current club members whose ongoing support helps fund events like this. Bon appétit, Smithies!



## Annual Meeting ♦ June 25, 2019

On a pleasant summer evening on June 25, 2019, Smithies and their guests gathered on the familiar porches of the Molkery to mingle for our Annual Club Meeting. Following the usual official business of approving last year's minutes, reviewing our financial position and summarizing past events, we turned the floor over to a series of guest speakers. We heard remarks from Susan Greene '68, President of the Alumnae Association and Smith College Trustee, Denise Materre '74, the incoming Vice President of Alumnae Engagement (long-time Colorado resident, starting her new post at the college this fall) and Christie Capone '10 from the Smith College advancement office. It's clear that Smith is thriving and our alumnae community gets stronger every year.

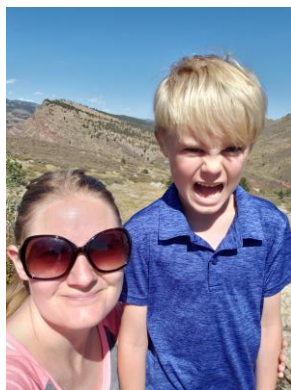


Our faculty speaker was Michael Thurston, Smith English Professor, as well as the new Provost and Dean of Faculty. His lecture, *"Even now, surmise"; The Non-commercial Value of the Literary*, took us back to the classrooms of Seelye Hall, as each of us found ourselves transformed into a Smith student once again, if only for a single evening. Thurston walked us through an abridged yet detailed literary analysis of *"the rites for Cousin Vit"* by Gwendolyn Brooks, and described four main aspects of the poem supporting the overall value of a Liberal Education. These include the themes of a) situation/story, b) babble/doodle function of the rhythmic pattern, c) tradition, and d) enactment. We were implored to carefully pay attention in intensive, formalized ways to that which draws our passion so that we can be present to the world and to

each other in a process that renews our perception. In doing so, the lecture continued, we renew our understanding of our relationship to ourselves and others. This process also has the power to renew ourselves; and this, Thurston concluded, is the value of the liberal arts.

## Rocky Mountain Day ♦ September 28 & 29, 2019

As luck would have it, Rocky Mountain Day(s) was almost perfectly aligned with its original east coast counterpart this year! Just two days after the Smith bells filled the air, Colorado alumnae took to the parks and trails around our state. On Saturday, September 29, a small but mighty group of Smithies gathered at Mount Falcon in Jefferson County to hike and take in the views. We hosted a second organized meet-up the following day at Chautauqua Park in Boulder – a Colorado classic. Both were wonderful opportunities for local Smithies to enjoy the great outdoors together. Throughout the weekend, alumnae were encouraged to take in the beauty of our great state, from the Western Slope to the Eastern Plains.



## Fall Picnic and Family Fun at Waneka Lake ♦ October 5, 2019

Two groups of Smithies, both alike in dignity, on a fair day in Lafayette, where we lay our scene. Fortunately, this is a story of only merry memories and happy endings, when the Smith Club of Colorado and Wyoming and the Smith School for Social Work hosted a fall gathering with a family-friendly picnic on a windy morning that melted into a perfect afternoon. We gathered at Waneka Lake under a shelter with festive fall tablecloths and child size tables filled with pumpkins, gourds and paints, and a deluxe playground nearby for the young or young at heart. We each brought picnic lunches to enjoy, and were treated to cold-pressed apple cider and apple cider donuts. Smith alums from each club, along with handfuls of children, gathered to meet and spend the afternoon together. Some of us attended Smith as undergrads and experienced the full force of Northampton winters (as well as the glory of fall in the Pioneer Valley), and some of us spent only summers on Smith campus as graduate students, and a few were even current grad students placed locally for the year. Each group seemed to reflect an expected level of "Smithiness," or a certain "Smith" kind of way of engaging with the world, and we all shared in a wonderful fall family-friendly kind of a day.



## SAVE THE DATE

### College for a Day ♦ January 13, 2020

Join us for a wonderful day of learning! This year's event, on Monday, January 13, 2020, will feature:

- Sarah Kozloff, Professor of Film at Vassar College: "How Movie Scores Guide our Emotions"
- Naomi Darling, Assistant Professor of Sustainable Architecture at Mount Holyoke College: "Sustainable Architecture"
- Andrew M. Lindner, Associate Professor of Sociology at Skidmore College: "Why We Need to Stop Talking About Baby Boomers and Millennials"

The event will be held at Temple Emanuel in Denver. Doors open at 8:45 and the Opening Remarks will begin at 9:30am. The last speaker will end at 1:30 pm. Boxed lunches will be provided. Online registration for \$50 is available at [www.collegeforaday.org](http://www.collegeforaday.org). We look forward to seeing a great turnout of our fellow Smithies!



## Smith Club Book Club

The Book Club generally focuses on fiction and non-fiction books 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, and it is fascinating to hear what each book brings out in our members. Together, we decide on the next book selection at the conclusion of each gathering.

The Smith Club Book Club meets at 2:00 pm on the fourth Sunday of every other month, with some exceptions. Meetings are held at the BookBar in North Denver's Tennyson District, 4280 Tennyson Street, in a private reading room.

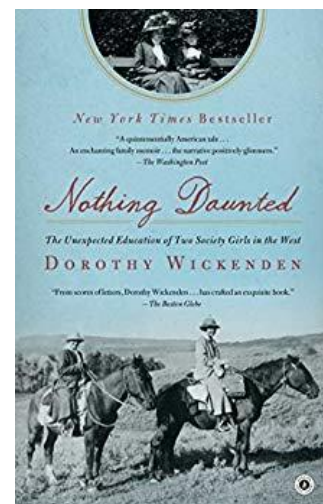
The final book club meeting for 2019 will be on Sunday, December 8 and we'll be discussing Becoming by Michelle Obama.

Interested in joining us? Contact [smithclubco@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubco@gmail.com) to get on the list and we'll send you reminders and information. For updates on the Book Club, you can always check [www.smithclubofcolorado.com](http://www.smithclubofcolorado.com).

Book Club meeting dates for 2020 are:

- January 26: Book selection is Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West by Dorothy Wickenden
- March 29: Book selection is The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern
- May 31: Book selection TBD
- July 26: Book selection TBD
- September 27: Book selection TBD
- November 22 (adjusted due to Thanksgiving): Book selection TBD

Books we read in 2019 included: The Interestings by Meg Wolitzer; Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer Who Took Down America's Most Powerful Mobster by Stephen Carter; Kickdown: A Novel by Rebecca Clarren '97; The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine F. Weiss; Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens; and, coming up in December, Becoming by Michelle Obama.



## In Memoriam

**Lucy Black Creighton '49** passed on December 25, 2018 in Denver, CO. Lucy '49, Park House, economics major earned her PhD in economics from Harvard in 1969. She went on to publish her book, *Pretenders to the Throne* in 1976. Lucy was Professor of Economics at the Colorado Women's College, Vice President of First Interstate Bank, President of Colorado Land Board and served on the Smith Board of Trustees. Lucy married Thomas Creighton in 1952. Together they had four children and eight grandchildren including Smithy Landon Newton '11J. Lucy and Tom enjoyed hiking, traveling and were happily married for 61 years. (Submittal to Smith College *Alumnae Quarterly*)

**Betsy Hitchcock '77** passed on August 23, 2019 in Boulder, CO. "Designer, writer, traveler, friend: she loved her life and the people around her. She saw the beauty in nature and in others. She could find adventure in the most ordinary experience. She delighted in the arts, nature, food and conversation. A native of Boulder, she attended Smith College in the '70's. She lived briefly in Paris and in Italy but spent most of her life in Boulder. As a packaging design specialist, she is remembered for her work with Celestial Seasonings, Horizon Organic and many others. Betsy personified intelligence, goodness, adventurous curiosity, grace and courage to the end. She is survived by her husband, Keith E. Brenner and family; stepson, Scott and spouse, Jahnvi and granddaughter, Sarvani; stepdaughter, Kelly and spouse, Gabriel and grandson, Nico of Colorado. Also, her sister, Nancy G. Hitchcock and family, spouse, Andreas and nephew, Marcus of New York." (Published in *The Daily Camera* on September 1, 2019)

## Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund



The Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund to help support Colorado Smith students has long been a part of our Club outreach. After a huge fundraising year in early 2017 with multiple generous donor challenges, 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 2018-2019 fiscal year raised a still impressive \$2,885 for the fund through the contributions of club members. However, in our current fiscal year, we’ve raised around \$1,300 so far (in about a quarter of the year) and are eager to continue the momentum.

Why does our participation in raising scholarship funds for Colorado students via the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund matter? The current tuition and room and board at Smith for 2019-2020 is a staggering \$74,628 per year. While the value of the education, opportunities, and experiences we gained through our time at Smith College 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 each year as the proceeds are divided among a pool of eligible Colorado 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 each have a chance to make a meaningful impact.



Our club can accept gifts of credit card through PayPal or through the Smith College Website. Checks may be mailed to Smith Club of Colorado, c/o Tanya Mathews, 2030 South Humboldt Street, Denver, CO 80210. Be sure to clearly designate your gift to the *Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund*. More information about how to make a gift to this scholarship fund can be found on our website at [www.smithclubofcolorado.com](http://www.smithclubofcolorado.com).

## Update from Alumnae Association President



The College recently welcomed one of Colorado’s own, Dr. Denise Wingate Materre ’74, who hails from metro Denver, as the new vice president of alumnae affairs. Denise is dynamic, accomplished, inclusive and creative. She is the primary driver of our revitalized alumnae engagement strategy, two years in the making, which aims to appeal to our entire 50,000+ alumnae worldwide.

The goal is to create events and experiences that are more inclusive and more compelling over the entire course of the lives of Smith alumnae. Target groups include international alumnae, graduates of the last ten years, gay and trans alumnae and alumnae of color. As this new plan rolls out, members of the AASC board of directors will be attending all college-wide events scheduled this year to speak informally with attendees and provide useful feedback to the college. The board and the College will continue to work to ensure that all members of our community feel welcome, valued and appreciated.

- Susan Greene ’68, President, Alumnae Association of Smith College

## Smith Club of Colorado Board and Committee Members

<i>President</i>	Meredith Badler '08	mlbadler@gmail.com
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	Katie MacPhail '88	kmmacp@msn.com

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<i>Past President</i>	Nora Neureiter '89	nrnlaw@aol.com
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## Join the 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!

## Contact Us!

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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, or you have previously OPTED OUT of getting Club communications.**

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) 585-2036 or [alumnaerecords@smith.edu](mailto:alumnaerecords@smith.edu).

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

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