

Smith Club of Colorado & Wyoming



Fall 2021 Newsletter

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President's Letter ♦ Meredith Badler

Dear Smith Alumnae,

I often rhetorically ask my partner, my friends or myself, "Aren't we lucky to live in Colorado?" My partner will sigh because he's heard me say this thousands of times, especially on a chairlift. My friends will nod and politely agree. And I will beam pleasantly to myself and continue on.

Like many, I did not grow up in Colorado. My parents moved here while I was on my Junior Year Abroad in Paris and I followed along afterward, reluctantly. But after moving into my first apartment in Denver with fellow Smithie (and Board Vice Chair) Anna Dyste, I fell in love with Colorado.

I share that because the last year of Smith Club of Colorado and Wyoming activities enabled me to fall in love with this place all over again.

Despite the health and safety concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to leverage the Colorado weather, local organizations and cultural opportunities to provide a rich array of events. This includes our outdoor Farm-to-Table dinner (an exclusive benefit for members), an extraordinary snowshoeing trek and lunch at Tennessee Pass on the Continental Divide, and a historic walking tour in Capital Hill. And, of course, our annual Rocky Mountain Day tradition!

We also continue to offer virtual opportunities that connect us to Smithies across our diverse region, such as the regular Book Club discussions. Virtual events also bring us closer to Smith. Denise Materre '74, Vice President of Alumnae Relations at Smith College and former Coloradan, joined the Annual Meeting this past June and many of us have enjoyed the Presidential Colloquium series.

And, finally, one of the reasons why I feel lucky to live in Colorado is to be part of this vibrant alumnae network. Thank you for making that possible and continuing to keep it going strong!

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.

Please consider donating to the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund to support future Colorado Smithies. Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 for the scholarship fund by December 31.

Visit smithclubofcolorado.com to stay up to date on Club activities and events. Join our Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/smithclubco. You can always contact us directly at smithclubco@gmail.com or (720) 432-4136.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,
Meredith Badler '08

Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

Happy Fall! The membership of the Smith Club of CO and WY is robust again this year. Our fiscal year began July 1, 2021 and so far 91 Smith alumnae have joined the Club. These generous members have contributed an additional \$3,640.00 to the Club. The total Dues and Additional Support raised so far is \$7,295.00. And members have also contributed \$1,755.00 to the Clare Davis Parker Scholarship Fund.

Welcome to you all and THANK YOU! Your membership and support allow us to plan unique events that provide opportunities for our community to enjoy each other and to thrive. I know we are all looking forward to seeing each other in person this year!

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. Please feel free to contact me with questions at 303-588-5453 or tanya.mathews@gmail.com.

2020-2021 Club Membership & Donors

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.

Rachel Aisner '02	Sharon Voros Fort '74	Jan Johnson '74	Kathleen Rowland '92
Meredith Badler '08	Emily Frank '93	Julie Jones '77	Stephanie Schacht '89
Helen Barnhill '85	Rebecca Freyre '82	Cynthia Kahn '61	Barbara Schlein '62
Laura Barton '82	Gail Niemitz Fritzinger '81	Alison Kolwaite '93	Ellen Selig '71
Anne Bekoff '69	Alexandra Frizzell '12	Carol Krismann '62	Erin Brenegen Semon '09
Shannon Berg-Casini '93	Martha Fulford '68	Marian Lauterbach '72	Deborah Sheldahl '73
Julie Bock '87	Lynn Ginsberg-Margo '92	Katie MacPhail '88	Susan Soloyanis '72
Katherine Sharp Borgen '64	C. Shannon Good '91	Ellen Mangione '74	Kirsten Steinke '06
Diana Bowling '83	Kathryn Goode '71	Tanya Mathews '93	Cathryn Stewart '78
Michelle Brodsky '89	Melanie Grant '61	Amy Benson May '05	Lynn Trant Stout '82
Amanda Budde-Sung '95	Susan Greene '68	Megan McIntyre '01	Marcia D. Stickland '54
Lisa Christian '82	Ellen M. Greenhouse '68	Victoria Merritts '71	Mary Strizek '82
Shelia M. Cleworth '55	Natalia Grindler '06	Barbara Miller '66	Theresa Thatcher, '61
Diane Cook '65	Mylo Grote '18	Maizy Myers '44	Joyce Thurmer '52
Caltha Crowe '68	Susan Hall '80	Barbara Neal '56	Barbara Tilney '51
Natalya Cruz-Teixeira '02	Lisa Hanckel '94	Nora Neureiter '89	Ana Tolentino '85
Megan Dawson '94	Melody Hardy '71	Lisa Olcese '89	Susan Tyson '58
Katie W. Day '81	Kathryn Harhai '73	Jasmine Ong '98	Pamela Wakefield '77
Tisha Durbin Doppler '81	Cheryl Ann Holt-Fegan '68	Elaine Osborn '63	Deborah Webster '70
Erin Dougher '96	Mary Hostetter '83	Roberta Ritvo '94	Lizzy Zacharias Owens '01
Meredith Duncan '08	Martha Howland '85	Lisa Robinson '87	
Kathryn Dunn '75	Joan Hutchinson '67	Elizabeth Rohrbough '84	
Anna Dyste '08	Nancy Jianakoplos '72	Rebekah Rotstein '98	

Recruitment Report ♦ Megan McIntyre

Area Students More Interested in Smith Than Ever!



When all the applications were in for potential new Smith students from Colorado and Wyoming in January 2021, it was the largest crop of applicants in recent years by far. There were nearly 60 regular admission applicants and five additional area students had already been admitted through the early decision application process! This was more than double the students that applied the prior year. Not surprisingly, the local Alumnae Admission Coordinators and alumnae interview volunteers were very busy, doing 17 virtual interviews in January 2021 alone. Smith admission is more competitive than ever, but CO & WY saw 19 students admitted. The local club hosted a virtual tea for admitted students in April and had

the help of first-year Jamie Anderson (joining the Zoom from Smith) to answer potential students' questions about Smith and pandemic campus life. Nine new students (first years and transfers) matriculated for 2021-2022. Colorado is well represented at Smith this year with more than 30 CO & WY students on campus or taking part in Smith programs as members of the classes of 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025! It was great to get to have an in-person send-off party for a few Smith students before they headed back to campus. New students and parents got to ask questions of those that had been at Smith last year and it was wonderful to meet students in person for the first time in 2 years!

Student recruitment for the class of 2026 has begun and will largely be virtual again this year, but some in-person events and interviews can take place at the local level. The admissions office at Smith will again only be offering virtual interviews to students, so local clubs continue to play a vital part in creating meaningful connections with applying students. Alumnae interviews are more of a conversation where prospective students can ask questions about the Smith experience and the alumnae can find out more about the students' passions to share with the Smith admissions office. These extra details can really make a student's application come to life and contact with a Smithie can help a student be more invested in going to Smith. The local admission team will continue to reach students over this huge geographic area through great volunteers and the help of virtual technology.

If you're interested in volunteering to help with virtual or in-person interviews of area students this year, please contact Megan McIntyre at mcintyr2@gmail.com.

Many thanks to Suzi White for heading up the CO & WY admissions efforts for the last several years. She did an awesome job and is now passing the role to Megan McIntyre who has shared the role for the last two years. And a big thank you to every single alumna that help to promote Smith and interview students in this very busy application year!

Tennessee Pass Nordic Trek ♦ February 27, 2021



On a wintery February morning, an intrepid group of Smithies met just outside of Leadville for a day of Nordic trekking. The hearty group of adventurers convened at the Tennessee Pass Nordic Center to gear up before heading out to enjoy the day. The area features nearly 30 kilometers of groomed trails, suitable for skiers and snowshoers alike. Both the weather and the views cooperated beautifully, treating the group to unforgettable (if a bit breathless!) snowy vistas. Of course, no wintery athletic endeavor is complete without the prospect of a warming meal.

Our group of Smithies enjoyed a spectacular lunch at the Tennessee Pass Cookhouse - a meal made even more delicious after working up an appetite. It was a convivial gathering made all the more pleasant by the renowned (and very large) cookies for dessert, as well as the sun-drenched deck surrounding the Cookhouse. With full bellies, we started the trek back, though not before enjoying the antics of fellow skiers trying their hand at the homemade "ski jump" just outside the cookhouse yurt. Overall, it was a glorious day exploring some of the best our state has to offer.



Smith Presidential Colloquia with Bryan Stevenson ♦ March 11, 2021

While "zoom fatigue" is a real thing, virtual events have provided unique opportunities to access extraordinary speakers and more easily connect with peers. Smith College's Presidential Colloquium was a great example of this! First, the Smith Club of Colorado encouraged alumnae to tune-in to the free, livestreamed colloquium with Bryan Stevenson on March 11, 2021, entitled "Just Mercy: The Movement for Justice and Redemption." Stevenson shared poignant insights and emotional calls to action about advancing social justice. Following the colloquium, which was watched by innumerable Smithies across the globe, the Smith Club of Colorado hosted our own facilitated dialogue to discuss and debrief. Half a dozen Smithies logged on to Zoom to connect locally on what we heard and learned. The conversation was moderated by anti-oppression consultant, Regan Byrd. It was a relevant, moving and accessible evening.



Historic Denver Walking Tour ♦ May 2, 2021



Even the threat of spring rain couldn't keep 40 Smithies and guests from all over Colorado for turning up for the first in person event of the spring. On May 2, 2021, the group met for a guided walking tour of the historic architecture of the Capitol Hill area in Denver. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and some new ones too after months apart for many club members. Club members got to attend this event for free. The outdoor tour started with the group dividing into smaller groups, each led by a knowledgeable docent from Historic Denver. The small groups made a great chance to chat with other Smithies and to hear about the interesting and beautiful mansions and buildings of the area and their residents that shaped Denver history. Did you know that long before

architect Charles Strong built the Poets Row in the 1930s, a street of historic small apartments, that same area had been where Buffalo Bill and his traveling show camped in 1898? The event was educational and so well received that there will likely be another Historic Denver walking tour in the club's future.

Annual Meeting ♦ June 11, 2021

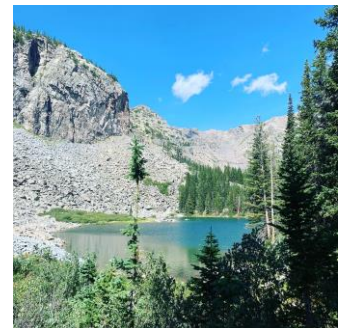
On Saturday, June 11, we dialed into our second-annual Zoom Annual Smith Club Meeting (though the online format is certainly not an annual tradition we're hoping to adopt). After our typical club business (approving the minutes and Board Slate, as well as events recap and financial and admissions reports), we made the most of the Zoom gathering to enjoy a Colorado-inspired Smith slideshow. Then, we had 3 guests from the College share updates with us, including our very own Colorado transplant, Denise Wingate Materre, VP of Alumnae Relations, as well as Susan Greene, from whom we enjoyed a final update before ending her term as President of the Alumnae Association. In addition to the team from Northampton joining our meeting, the online format removed distance as an obstacle, especially for our Club members outside of the Metro area. However, we remain hopeful about safely gathering again next year in person, because even the nicest Zoom backgrounds aren't quite as enjoyable as our typical spread of delicious food and surrounding parks of the Molkery in Denver.

Seven Sisters Alpine Lakes Hike ♦ August 22, 2021

On a gorgeous late summer's morning, seven of us came together at a nature center in Avon, CO for a guided hike to Seven Sisters Lake (chosen for obvious reasons). Like every Smith event, we were a group with wildly different ages, class years, and houses (though two of us were in Capen!), and immediately we connected over our shared experiences—both at Smith and in Colorado.

Nathan was our Wilderness First Responder (WFR) who is also a certified naturalist. He drove us for an hour and a half over the mountains and through the woods and

past a very busy trailhead to a more remote one with only one other car in the parking area. And then we were off! While the hike was steeper and rockier than we had envisioned, it was spectacular hiking through the wilderness (like, legit "wilderness" as determined by the federal government). The mountains were amazing, the trail pristine, and the views were spectacular. Nathan taught us about the tree line, mushrooms, and more. Special shout-out to the hardest 81-year-old out there: Judy Hamilton! Judy kept pace with even the youngest in our group and handled every obstacle with grace and humor. It was an all-day affair, and we hope to make it an annual hike—hope you'll be able to join us next time!



Farm to Table Dinner ♦ September 11, 2021

Exclusive Member Event



And now for a story of another second-annual event, which we intentionally plan to make into an annual tradition! On the evening of Saturday, September 30, nearly 3 dozen Smithies and guests gathered once again at Three Leaf Farms in Lafayette for an intimate-yet-safely distanced farm-to-table dinner, now in its second year. Once again, we mingled over wine and appetizers on the farm as the sun set over the Front Range mountains, and then sat down under the stars for the main course of farm-grown food and more conversation.

The evening was intimate and enjoyable for all, and we look forward to continuing this tradition as a special fall thank-you event for our Smith Club members. For those who weren't able to attend or aren't yet a member, we already have a date for 2022 penciled in at the Farm, where it has also been noted that Smithies love our chocolate covered-strawberries and sweet treats, and more will be ordered for next year.



Rocky Mountain Day ♦ October 2-3, 2021



Thanks to all for partaking in our statewide celebrations this fall, and to those who sent in pictures of their outdoor adventures! The Smith Club of Colorado hosted two group hikes the first weekend in October: one in Evergreen on the Elk Meadow loop, and the other at Boulder County's Homestead Trail loop. In Evergreen, a small but mighty crew of five (plus one canine friend) enjoyed aspen stands and sweeping meadow views, as well as some autumnal post-hike treats under bluebird skies. Meanwhile in Boulder, an energetic group of nine walked through a literal rainbow of fall foliage, marked in particular by the intense red Sumac leaves. The children in the group reminded us just why baby mountain goats are called "kids" as they scrambled ahead to explore enticing boulders or trees, and those of us over the age of 10 all managed an opportunity to converse and connect with each other too. After such a gorgeous fall hike, the seed has already been planted for a springtime wildflower hike in the Boulder area, as well.



The Club received numerous photos from around the state documenting glorious outings from Estes Park to Summit County, and even one "Beach Day" photo from southern California! Wherever you were and however you celebrated, we hope you were able to enjoy the great outdoors, and relive fond memories of a beloved college tradition.



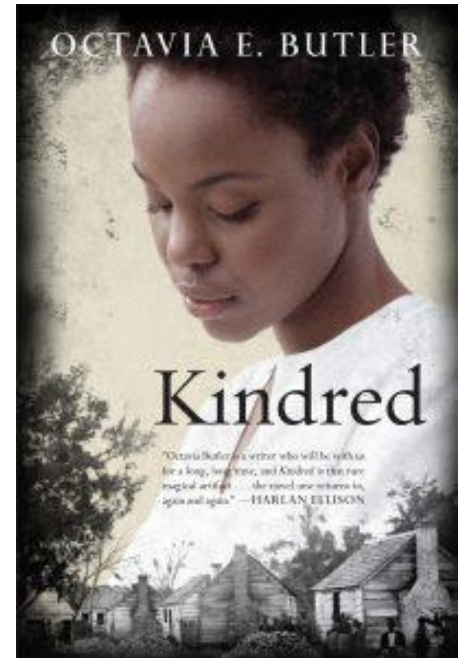
Smith Club Book Club

The Book Club focuses on books (fiction and non-fiction) authored by or written about Smith women, or that would general interest alumnae. 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.

We meet at **2:00 pm on the final Sunday of every other month**, with some exceptions. Discussion have been held over Zoom since Spring 2020. While we miss being cozy together in-person, it has been delighted to see participation double and include alumnae from all over Colorado and Wyoming.

Our next gathering is coming up on Sunday, November 14, where we'll be discussing *Kindred* by Octavia Butler. In addition, we've already selected *The Book of Form and Emptiness* by Ruth Ozeki '80 for January 2022.

Interested in joining us? Contact smithclubco@gmail.com to get on the list, and we'll send you reminders and the Zoom link and password. For updates on the Book Club, you can always check <http://www.smithclubofcolorado.com>.



The list of every book we've read since 2016 is on the website. Here are the books from 2021:

- January 24 – *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle
- March 28 – *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray '93 & Laura Kamoie
- May 23 – *The Body is Not An Apology* by Sonya Renee Taylor
- July 25 – *The Barbizon: The Hotel That Set Women Free* by Paulina Bren
- September 26 – *Band of Sisters* by Lauren Willig
- November 14 – *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

Proposed Dates for 2022 Meetings:

- January 30 – Book selection: *The Book of Form and Emptiness* by Ruth Ozeki '80
- March 27
- May 22
- July 31
- September 25
- November 20

In Memoriam

On April 22, 2021, the Colorado Smith Club lost one of its treasured long-time members, **Ann Loomis Jesse, Class of 1957**. Ann was a "beloved mother, wife and grandmother, a lifelong activist and a true 'warrior for social justice.'" Ann's full obituary can be found here: <https://www.monarchsociety.com/obituary/ann-jesse>. Contributions in Ann's memory may be made to St. Elizabeth's School (2350 Gaylord St., Denver, CO 80205; stelizabethsdnvr.org).

Join us in honoring the memory of other Smith College alumnae who passed away between winter 2020 and fall 2021. May their families and friends find peace and comfort.

- Amey Pancorbo Adams, Class of 1950 (Lakewood, CO)
- Anne Hotchkiss Wheeler, Class of 1956 (Steamboat Springs, CO)
- Sally Vance Allen, Class of 1962 (Denver, CO)
- Amanda Martin, Class of 1984 (Boulder, CO)
- Lynn Peterson Pattee, Class of 1955 (Colorado Springs, CO)
- Jackie Brimmer Boice, Class of 1946 (Cheyenne, WY)
- Missie Gary Thorne, Class of 1963 (Basalt, CO)
- Leslie Parker Dickerson, Class of 1963 (Wheatland, WY)
- Victoria Miller Downs, Class of 1947 (Denver, CO)
- Brenda Brosnahan, Class of 1961 (Boulder, CO)



Make a gift to the Clare Parker Davis Scholarship

The Clare Parker Davis Scholarship provides critical support to Smith students from Colorado and Wyoming each year. The importance of financial aid is clear to Smith College, especially in light of their recent accountments of eliminating loans in favor of grants for students. Your donation of any size adds up to bring more students from Colorado and Wyoming to Smith. Furthermore, all donations count toward Smiths' alumnae fundraising participation rate, a metric on which college rankings are measured. So please make a gift of any size today and help Smithies of past and present!

Help us hit our goal of \$5,000 by December 31. We've already raised nearly \$2,000 this fiscal year. We encourage you to make a donation during or before the Holiday Party on December 11.

The 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.

Save the Date: College for a Day 2022

College for a Day will be virtual once again in 2022! Keep an eye out for more details about this annual event in early January 2022. More information will be announced later this autumn on the College for a Day website: www.collegeforaday.org. If you have questions or want to get involved with College for a Day, contact Ana Tolentino '85 at atolenti@aol.com or Katie MacPhail '88 at kmmacp@msn.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.

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

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