



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- \*November 17th, 2021: Lunch Meeting at Sienna Restaurant in Castle Rock, 11:30 a.m.  
Plus "Campus Visit" Meeting following our meeting for those interested. See below.
- \*\*November 18th, 2021: Field Trip to Boulder Art Museum, Hotel Tour & lunch
- February 5th, 2022 Public Policy Day
- \*\*\*March 5th, 2022: Sturm Collaborative Campus Event, 9a.m. to 12:30
- March 16th, 2022: \*Meeting
- May 18th, 2022: \*Meeting
- (\*Locations & times TBD)

**\*Program for November Meeting via Diane Norten, VP of Programming**

We are fortunate to have the Colorado AAUW State President, Joan Brown, attend our meeting. Joan will welcome us with information on what is happening in the state and answer your questions.

We will also present an introduction to the topic of Diversity. What is it? How does it relate to Equity? And what do we do with the information? "The demographic makeup of the United States society has changed dramatically in the last 25 years, and it will continue to change. Living and working in our society will require that each of us become aware of the challenge of cultural change."

*Diane*

*Please let Marcia ([millermarcia@me.com](mailto:millermarcia@me.com)) know if you will be able to attend our meeting at Siena Restaurant, 333 Perry St, Castle Rock on Nov. 17th, 11:30 a.m.*



***Holiday Party - NOT!***

We explored several options for the Holiday event for AAUW. Due to the previous COVID year of 2021 and post recovery efforts, cost have increased significantly. We contacted Bear Dance Country Club, Gabriel's, Sienna, Pradera and The Pinery. Bear Dance was the most reasonable with plated lunches at \$35-\$45 plus additional cost of \$250 for room rental and 24% service charge. Total cost would be \$50 per person, a sum that we felt would not be accepted. Also a cash bar would be added to total price. We then discussed a potluck but room rental fees and ensuring clean up plus getting tables and chairs set-up was not ideal.

**In conclusion, we suggest waiting another year for our Holiday Party.**

Thank you, *Sandy M., Linda G. and Stephanie F.*

**\*\* Upcoming trip: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, Everyone is invited!**

**BOULDER MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART AND  
HOTEL BOULDERADO**

Enjoy a day in downtown Boulder with the History and Culture Interest Group. We will leave the Big O parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and arrive at the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art for its opening time of 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$2! A docent will point out the highlights of this museum including the current exhibit that is a retrospective of Jerry Lingren's work titled "Incredible Lightness". We will walk a very short distance to lunch at the Spruce Farm and Fish restaurant in Hotel Boulderado. "Experience the charm of a true historic landmark (built in 1908) with Victorian heritage and modern mountain style." This hotel is listed in the National Register of Historic places. After lunch, a hotel staff member will guide us on a tour and might even tell us a ghost story.

***If you plan to attend, please notify Beryl Jacobson at [berylmjacobson@gmail.com](mailto:berylmjacobson@gmail.com) before Monday, November 15 so restaurant reservations can be made.***



***Future Event:***

**\*\*\**ACC STURM COLLABORATIVE CAMPUS VISIT for 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS***  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 9 am – 12:30 pm**

Save the date to be a part of an AAUW Douglas County event that has been in the planning stages for a couple of years. In the past we have recognized outstanding high school girls taking STEM classes. It was felt that a new direction was needed and with the opening of the Sturm Collaborative Campus in Castle Rock and an Arapahoe Community College Campus in Parker a new opportunity has presented itself to make 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls in Douglas County aware of the wide variety of pathways and degrees that are open to them locally to explore their career options including options in STEM fields. They could learn about college credit while in High School, scholarships, ACC resources that include career and academic advising and about seamless transfers to other universities to pursue further education.

(Campus Visit cont'd)

Courtney Loehfelm, the ACC Foundation Director, was approached about holding an event at the Sturm Collaborative Campus for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls similar to the event held by Boulder AAUW at the CU campus. She was enthusiastic about the idea and is meeting with staff for their input about how the day can be structured to give the best possible experience for the girls. ACC promotion resources and electronic registration as well as staff for small group sessions in a variety of pathways can be utilized. AAUW members can work to visit middle school counselors to give them flyers about the event and encourage them to get participation from their students. We can be greeters and help with the logistics of the day, as well as introduce the faculty in the small group sessions. A pizza lunch is a popular part of the CU event and we could organize that at the end of the day.

**If you would like to be part of the organizing committee, plan to attend a meeting after our next branch meeting on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Let us know if you will be attending or for more information contact Suzanne Kroepsch ([Suzanne.kroepsch@gmail.com](mailto:Suzanne.kroepsch@gmail.com)) or Beryl Jacobson ([berylmjacobson@gmail.com](mailto:berylmjacobson@gmail.com)).**



## TREASURER'S REPORT via Marsha Johnson, DC AAUW Treasurer

Dear Ladies,

Currently, our account balance is \$8,493.69.

Thank you to those members who have contributed to our scholarship campaign this past month. A few of you contributed earlier this year. I, and the board, appreciate your continued support of our mission. We currently have \$3,694.09 in our scholarship donation fund.

A special thank you to the singles bridge group for making their donations to help our fund. They've donated \$146 so far. Mexican Train has also made a contribution of \$20. Thank you to those participants as well.

*Marsha*



## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

### via Diane Norten, Public Policy Chair

If someone were to ask you “What does AAUW do?” what would your answer be? A quick answer would include: We support pay equity, paid family leave, Title IX, lowering student debt and stopping sexual harassment.

AAUW’s Public Policy Priorities, adopted every two years by every-member vote, establish the federal action issues on which AAUW members across the country focus their advocacy efforts and guide the work of the national staff. States and branches should also use the Public Policy Priorities to inform their advocacy efforts on state and local issues. (paragraph taken from national site).

Edits are made to policy based on member leader feedback and this year the following were added:

- Refinement and added specificity regarding the commitment to addressing system racism
- Refinement of our commitment to equitable access to higher education for all
- Emphasis on the importance of high-quality data collection

You can keep up to date by frequently checking the website. Sign up for the newsletter, Washington Update and the Two-Minute Activist.

*Diane*

## INTEREST GROUPS

Chair: Dorothy Nugent, [dorothynugent@comcast.net](mailto:dorothynugent@comcast.net)

*If you are interested in starting a new interest group, please speak up! Dorothy will be happy to help you get started.*

**Singles Bridge** - meets 1st Wednesday of every month @ 2:00 p.m. in member's home or restaurant. Contact: Marcia Miller, 303-489-1935, millermarcia@me.com

**Couples Bridge** - meets 1st Saturday monthly @6:30 p.m. in member's home. Contact: Margaret Boone 303-688-3728, margaret@sunwestco.com

**Morning Book Club** - meets 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 10:00 a.m. at the Castle Rock Library. Contact: TBD

**Afternoon Book Club** - meets 2nd Wednesday of every month @ 12:30 in member's home. Contact: Linda Washburn 719-487-0203, lindacwashburn@gmail.com

**Mexican Train** - meets 3rd Tuesday of every month in member's home. Contact: Pat Proctor 720-353-8032, mpatproctor@msn.com

**History and Culture Group** - meets 3rd Thursday of every month/different venues. Contact: Stephanie Fong, 393-249-0112, [s\\_fong@comcast.net](mailto:s_fong@comcast.net)





## Book Group Books



**Morning Group:** *Root, Petal, Thorn* by Ella Joy Olsen; *Stories of five fascinating women who inhabit the same historic home over the course of a century—braided stories of love, heartbreak and courage connect the women, even across generations. Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly at 10:00 a.m. at Phillip Miller Library. Contact TBD*

**Afternoon Group:** *Choice/planning meeting is scheduled for November. Bring your ideas! Contact Linda Washburn*

**Editor's Choice:** *Old Cravings, A Scary Good Romance* by Joy Jarrett - local author from Highlands Ranch; *Takes place in Crested Butte as an epic blizzard hits, trapping Piper and Dylan on the ranch for what just might be their one chance at reuniting. But as things get a whole lot scarier, it's clear something evil has brought them together. Hunted by the supernatural, they must fight for their lives, but can they also fight for their love? A very different story for the adventurous!*



Some of the painted rock formations. Photos taken by Brian Shinoda.

**Last month's trip to  
the Painted Mines in Calhan!**



Hoodoos behind us Anne Herrington, Beryl Jacobs, Strphanie Fong, Pat Proctor, Carla Bryant, Sandy Monticello and Beverly Schlichter

# Ruth Lillian Lundgren

MARCH 28, 1944 - OCTOBER 20, 2021



“Ruth was never idle and was always making dear friends in her many activities: Welcome Wagon, Book Clubs, her church and bible study group, AAUW, and tending to her flower gardens. Once you were Ruth’s friend – it was for life. Friends didn’t come and go in her life - the circle just grew bigger. Her home was her castle, and she made it a welcome place for family and friends.”

Tribute movie and obituary can be seen on:

[Olinger Andrews Caldwell Gibson Chapel](#)

A celebration fund in memory of Ruth has been established at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 3737 New Hope way, Castle Rock, CO 80109.

*We miss you, Ruth! Douglas County AAUW*

***VOTE! You can still drop off your ballot until 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 2nd!***



## Why Do We Vote in November?

Voting on a Tuesday in November isn't as arbitrary as it seems. The month marks the end of harvest, and it offers mild weather for traveling voters. In 1845, Congress passed a law mandating that the presidential Election Day would be held every four years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month.

## *History & Culture Group Line-up*

DATE	PLACE	DESCRIPTION	LEADER(S)
November 18	Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art	Tour & lunch	Beryl Jacobson
December 16	December Tour!	Guided Tour & lunch	Pat Smith
February 17	Denver Art Museum -Whistler & Cassatt	Tour & lunch	Needed
March 17	Kirkland Museum -Downtown Denver	Tour & lunch	Needed
April 21	Botanic Gardens -Spring bulbs	Tour & lunch	Marcia Miller
May 19	Avenir Museum at CSU -Historic clothing/textiles	Tour & lunch	Needed!



We still **need group leaders**. The group leader handles the arrangement of the tour as well make lunch plans (location & reservations). If no one signs up to lead, the tour will be cancelled. Please sign up as a leader. I will be more than happy to assist. Please contact me via email [s\\_fongaauw@comcast.net](mailto:s_fongaauw@comcast.net) or cell phone 303-249-0112.

*Stephanie*

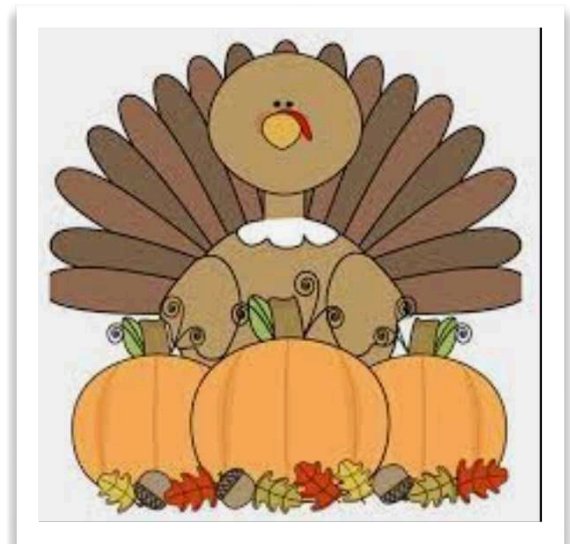
## **OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Officers:**

\*President: Change to Administrator?: TBD  
 VP of Programming: Diane Norten  
 VP of Membership: Linda Gaylo  
 Secretary: TBD  
 Treasurer: TBD

### **Other Leaders:**

Communications: Marcia Miller - Newsletter  
 Pat Smith - Website  
 Public Policy: Diane Norten  
 Dolars for Scholars: Jean Kovatovich  
 Stem Program: Beryl Jacobson & Suzanne Kroepsch  
 Interest Group Chair: Dorothy Nugent  
 Historian: Beryl Jacobson



### **We Need You!**

Contact: **Marsha Johnson** with questions and/or to take on one of the open positions.  
 mimifj714@aol.com; 303-619-5757



## **FUNDRAISING CONTINUES**

via **Marcia Miller**, [millermarcia@me.com](mailto:millermarcia@me.com)

Both our Safeway and King Soopers fundraisers continue. Please participate. Safeway uses a special card so contact Marcia to get a card. King Soopers is connected to your Loyalty Card and can be registered online. Contact Marcia if you get stuck. If you are already registered, your donation should show at the end of your receipt with King Soopers. Feel free to ask questions about either of these great (and easy money) fundraisers. They don't cost you a thing!

Contact:  
[millermarcia@me.com](mailto:millermarcia@me.com)



*Thank you for eating!!!!*



### **THANKSGIVING WEATHER FOLKLORE**

- Turkeys perched on trees and refusing to descend indicates snow.
- If the first snow sticks to the trees, it foretells a bountiful harvest in the coming year.
- If sheep feed facing downhill, watch for a snowstorm.
- Thunder in November indicates a fertile year to come.
- If there be ice in November that will bear a duck, there will be nothing thereafter but sleet and muck.
- As November 21st, so the winter.





***HAPPY NOVEMBER!***

*The End!*

***but wait, there's more!***

**TURKEY DAY TRIVIA from Parade**

Something to discuss other than politics during dinner!

**Question:** How long was the first Thanksgiving celebration?

**Answer:** Three days

**Question:** What meats were served at the first Thanksgiving celebration?

**Answer:** Venison, swan, duck and goose were likely—not turkey!

**Question:** What seafood was served at the first Thanksgiving feast?

**Answer:** Lobster, oysters, fish and possibly eel

**Question:** Who was the first President to pardon a turkey?

**Answer:** [John F. Kennedy](#)

**Question:** Which President made turkey pardoning an annual event?

**Answer:** George H.W. Bush

**Question:** How many calories on average are consumed, per person, at Thanksgiving dinner?

**Answer:** 4,500

**Question:** How much did the world's most expensive Thanksgiving dinner on record cost?

**Answer:** \$150,000 at New York City's Old Homestead Steakhouse

**Question:** When was the first Thanksgiving football game?

**Answer:** 1876

**Question:** When was the first Thanksgiving NFL game?

**Answer:** 1920

**Question:** Who was the first President to receive a ceremonial Thanksgiving Turkey?

**Answer:** Harry S. Truman

**Question:** How many women were at the very first Thanksgiving celebration?

**Answer:** Five

**Question:** Which President made Thanksgiving a permanent national holiday?

**Answer:** Abraham Lincoln

**Question:** Which President first ordered a national day of Thanksgiving?

**Answer:** [George Washington](#)

**Question:** Which President refused to celebrate Thanksgiving as a national holiday?

**Answer:** Thomas Jefferson

**Question:** Which President declared two Thanksgivings in one year?

**Answer:** James Madison

**Question:** Which President tried to make Thanksgiving the third Thursday in November to help boost the economy for the holiday season?

**Answer:** Franklin Delano Roosevelt

**Question:** Which President officially made Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday of every November?

**Answer:** Franklin Delano Roosevelt

**Question:** Which President received a live raccoon as a Thanksgiving present?

**Answer:** Calvin Coolidge

**Question:** What Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?

**Answer:** The Wampanoag

**Question:** Which Native American friend to the settlers acted as an interpreter?

**Answer:** Squanto

**Question:** In what month did the very first Thanksgiving celebration likely take place?

**Answer:** September

**Question:** How many turkeys are prepared for Thanksgiving in America each year?

**Answer:** About 46 million

**Question:** What percent of Americans skip turkey on Thanksgiving?

**Answer:** About 12 percent

**Question:** When was the first Turkey Trot?

**Answer:** 1896

**Question:** Where was the first Turkey Trot?

**Answer:** Buffalo, New York

**Question:** How many Americans prefer Thanksgiving leftovers to Thanksgiving dinner?

**Answer:** About 80 percent

**Question:** When is Thanksgiving in Canada?

**Answer:** The second Monday in October

**Question:** About how many pumpkin [pies](#) are consumed every Thanksgiving?

**Answer:** About 50 million

**Question:** What happens at Cole's Hill in Plymouth, Massachusetts every Thanksgiving?

**Answer:** A "National Day of Mourning" for Native Americans who died at the hand or plague of European settlers

**Question:** Black [Friday](#) is the biggest day of the year for what trade profession?

**Answer:** Plumbers

**Question:** Do Americans prefer apple pie or pumpkin pie?

**Answer:** Apple pie

**Question:** What turkeys actually gobble?

**Answer:** Male turkeys

**Question:** Sarah Josepha Hale, who campaigned for Thanksgiving to be a national holiday, wrote what famous song?

**Answer:** "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

**Question:** When was green bean [casserole](#) introduced to Thanksgiving dinners?

**Answer:** 1955

**Question:** During which Revolutionary War battle did troops have a day of Thanksgiving?

**Answer:** The Battle of Saratoga

**Question:** What city has the oldest Thanksgiving Day Parade?

**Answer:** Philadelphia

**Question:** Which city's Thanksgiving Day Parade ends with Santa Claus getting a key to the city?

**Answer:** Detroit

**Question:** What 18-minute monologue is performed on many rock and classic rock stations every Thanksgiving?

**Answer:** Arlo Guthrie's "Alice's Restaurant"

**Question:** What year did Adam Sandler release "The Thanksgiving Song?"

**Answer:** 1992

**Question:** What year did the [Macy's](#) Thanksgiving Day Parade first have [balloons](#)?

**Answer:** 1928

**Question:** On average, how many people attend the [Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade](#) each year?

**Answer:** About 3.5 million

**Question:** How many people participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade each year?

**Answer:** About 8,000

**Question:** Black Friday isn't the only holiday the day after Thanksgiving. What's the other?

**Answer:** Native American Heritage Day

**Question:** What popular song's real title is "The New England Boy's Song About Thanksgiving Day"?

**Answer:** "Over the River and Through the Woods"

**Question:** According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, how much does the heaviest turkey on record weigh?

**Answer:** 86 pounds

**Question:** How much does the average Thanksgiving turkey weigh?

**Answer:** About 15 pounds

**Question:** What state consumes the most turkey every Thanksgiving?

**Answer:** California

**Question:** When did canned cranberries first come about?

**Answer:** 1912

**Question:** What meat is the most popular alternative to turkey on Thanksgiving?

**Answer:** Ham

**Question:** Statistically, what is Americans' favorite [Thanksgiving side dish](#)?

**Answer:** Stuffing

(Aren't you glad I included the answers?)





