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members and friends edition

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Spring Cherry Blossoms

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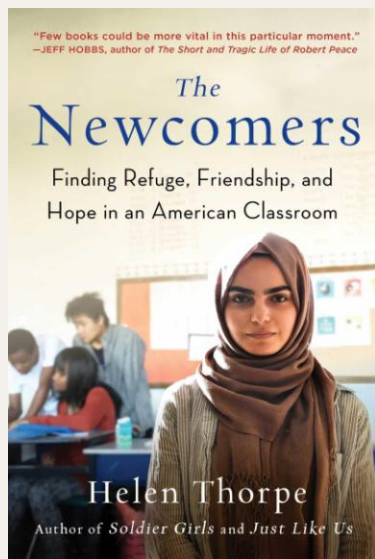
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The Newcomers ~ a very special book signing with Helen Thorpe

Public Event! Wednesday, April 18, 2018
6:00 -7:00 p.m., DWPC Clubhouse
Free of charge; \$5 donation gratefully accepted

The United States is at a political crossroads around questions of immigration, multiculturalism and America's role on the global stage.



In ***The Newcomers: Finding Refuge, Friendship, and Hope in an American Classroom***, Helen Thorpe's intensive, yearlong reporting puts a human face on these debates: 22 newly arrived teenagers taking a beginner-level English Language Acquisition class at South High School in Denver. Their story is timely, important, and inspirational.

The teenagers in Mr. Williams's class, from Syria, Iraq, Burma, Eritrea, the Democratic Republic of Congo and other war-torn places, arrive with a limited grasp of English and of American culture in general. Still, they are teenagers: irrepressible, passionate, adaptive.

Readers learn about their families, the harrowing journeys that brought them to Denver, and how badly the students and their families want to "be American." Together, these stories create an urgent portrait of the real crisis of displaced people around the globe, and a reminder that American wars overseas



inevitably send refugees to our shores.

A widely acclaimed journalist and storyteller, Helen Thorpe has been a staff writer for the *New York Observer*, *The New Yorker*, and *Texas Monthly*. She has also written freelance stories for the *New York Times Magazine*, *Slate*, *5280* and other publications. She is the author of two previous books focusing on timely issues impacting women: *Just Like Us*, and *Soldier Girls*. Click here for more about Helen Thorpe: <https://www.helenthorpe.com/>

RSVP to Faith Marcovecchio by April 16 at faithnick@msn.com. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY SALON

"All The World's Your Stage"

April 15, 2018, 3 - 5 p.m.



Gloria Shanstrom

DWPC member Gloria Shanstrom operates Full Court Press, a media relations company designed to assist small non-profit arts organizations, and serves as DWPC's communications consultant and content manager. She recently retired from the Colorado Theater Guild after serving as Executive Director for twenty years, and is passionately connected to Denver's theater scene.

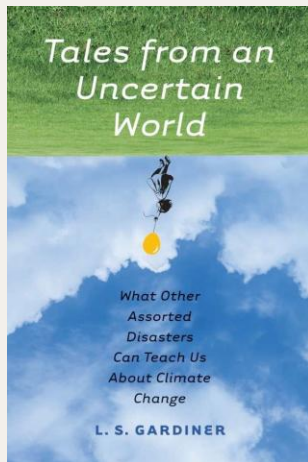
Longtime DWPC member and past president, Linda Berry is an award-winning mystery novelist, humorist, poet, and playwright whose prizewinning short plays have been produced in theaters across the state.

Come join a fun and informal conversation about play writing and the backstage business of theater. Open to members and the public. \$5 donation.

**RSVP by April 12
to Corinne Brown: corinnejb@aol.com
Everyone welcome, \$5 donation requested**



Linda Berry explains the holes in Harvey's hat



Public Event Celebrating Earth Day 2018!
Book signing with L.S. Gardiner: *Tales from an Uncertain World*

Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
DWPC Clubhouse
Free of charge; \$5 donation gratefully accepted

So far, humanity hasn't done very well in addressing the ongoing climate catastrophe. Veteran science educator L. S. Gardiner believes we can learn to do better by understanding how we've dealt with other types of environmental risks in the past and why we are dragging our feet in addressing this most urgent emergency.

Weaving scientific facts and research together with humor and emotion, Gardiner explores human responses to earthquakes, fires,

invasive species, volcanic eruptions and more in order to illuminate why we find it so challenging to deal with climate change. Instead of focusing on the economics and geopolitics of climate change, *Tales from an Uncertain World* brings large-scale disaster to a human scale, emphasizing the role of the individual.

L.S. Gardiner is the author of two children's books about science. She works at the UCAR Center for Science Education and resides in Boulder.



RSVP to Faith Marcovecchio by April 24 at faithnick@msn.com.

Everyone is welcome.

In Memory of Janet Watkins Masoner

May 20, 1934 - March 19, 2018



Jan Masoner

We are sad to report that DWPC member Jan Masoner has passed away. A member since 2013, Jan was a joyful addition to the club and enjoyed hobnobbing with friends at events. She was a freelance writer, and regular contributor to the *North American Welsh Newspaper* (NINNAU - Papur Cymry Gogledd America.) Jan and her husband were instrumental in saving the historic Welsh Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, built in 1909, which is also the oldest remaining synagogue building in Los Angeles.

Jan's family has generously designated DWPC as one of the non-profits that her friends and loved ones may contribute to in her memory. Click here to donate via the DWPC website: <http://dwpconline.org/contact/>

To read a more detailed account of Jan's life and contributions, go to this link: http://www.horancares.com/obituary/Janet-Watkins-Masoner/_/1788441

Member News and Items of Interest

Member Meetup Happy Hour! Come One, Come All!

Friday, April 20, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

No formal program, just friendly conversation and sharing. Food = pot luck! We are holding these meet-ups every couple of months. RSVP please to Membership Chair, Joan Sherman: jsherman_276@msn.com



DWPC Profile on 9News:

Thanks to DWPC member Monica Stockbridge, who arranged for 9News KUSA to video short interviews and clips at the clubhouse! The short profile on DWPC aired on the morning news on March 27th, in celebration of women's history month. Watch at these links:

Pre-recorded segment on women in the media and DWPC:

<http://www.9news.com/video/features/trending-today/womens-history-month-women-in-the-media/73-8058327>

Live segment on DWPC:

<http://www.9news.com/video/news/local/womens-history-month-denver-womens-press-club/73-8058329>

We Need You! DWPC Board of Directors Openings:

"Ask not what your club can do for you; Ask what you can do for your club!"

Two key and important Board positions must be filled for the coming year:

- 1) Treasurer
- 2) First Vice President, PR Chair

If you are interested in finding out more or volunteering for these positions, please contact Nominations Committee Chair, Helen Masterson at helen@guestguidepublications.com

Got News? If you have interesting news or announcements, send your notices to eConnect Editor by each Saturday of the week: Marcia Goldstein: marciagold@msn.com

DWPC Calendar (all events at DWPC Clubhouse)

April, 2018:

- **Board Meeting:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 4-6 pm
- **Salon:** "All the World's Your Stage," Sunday, April 15th, 3-5 pm
- **Special Event:** *The Newcomers, with Helen Thorpe*, Wednesday, April 18th, 6-7pm
- **Member Meetup:** Friday, April 20, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
- **Poetry Event:** Saturday, April 21, 1-3 p.m. for more information contact Anita Jepson-Gilbert: anitaig5@aol.com
- **Special Event:** *Tales from an Uncertain World, with L. S. Gardiner*, Thursday, April 26th, 6-7 pm
- **Mark Your Calendar! Annual Meeting: Monday April 30, 2018, 5:30 pm**

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