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Newsletter for members and friends

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March is Women's History Month **Gail Beaton on Colorado Women in WWII** Virtual Event via Zoom **Sunday, March 7, 3:00-4:00 pm**

Four months before the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Mildred McClellan Melville, a member of the Denver Woman's Press Club, predicted that war would come for the United States and that its long arm would reach into the lives of all Americans. And reach it did. Colorado women from every corner of the state enlisted in the military, joined the workforce, and volunteered on the home front. As military women, they served as nurses and in hundreds of noncombat positions. In defense plants they riveted steel, made bullets, inspected bombs, operated cranes, and stored projectiles. They hosted USO canteens, nursed in civilian hospitals, donated blood, drove Red Cross vehicles, and led scrap drives; and they processed hundreds of thousands of forms and reports. Whether or not they worked outside the home, they wholeheartedly participated in a kaleidoscope of activities to support the war effort.

Hear more of the fascinating story at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 7.

MEMBERS please register in advance:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMrDOGsrDIjHNZ-fQq2OCaB5SRh72Q1v9tG>

NON-MEMBERS. There is a \$5 fee to attend. Please register and pay in advance at <https://dwpconline.org/friends-of-the-dwpc/>

Elizabeth Escobedo on Mexican American Women in WWII

Virtual Event via Zoom
Sunday, March 21, 3:00-4:00 pm

We're proud to welcome DU associate professor Elizabeth Escobedo, Ph.D. for our second Women's History Month Salon at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21. She'll enlighten us on the unprecedented employment avenues that opened up for women and minorities in U.S. defense industries during World War II and how massive population shifts and the war challenged Americans to rethink notions of race. This talk will explore the home front lives of Mexican American women during World War II and the ways in which their life choices would fundamentally influence the history of a generation.

To get the whole story, register in advance for our March 21 Salon by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tc-Grpj8pHN2FCZIOHRZHuJ-f7wmol8fu>

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Thanks to All for the Chase Project

Bonnie McCune is happy to note that DWPC members responded to a request for special support for a video on Mary Coyle Chase, the Denver born playwright best known for "Harvey," which was made into a movie starring the actor Jimmy Stewart.

"We achieved our goal of more than \$1000 in order to help produce the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame program," Bonnie says. "Taping is expected to begin this spring."

The Chase film came about due to DWPC member Mimi Pockross's book, *Pulling Harvey Out of Her Hat: The Amazing Story of Mary Coyle Chase*.

Announcements From The DWPC Community

Former DWPC President Richelle Cross Force Has Book Published

Richelle wrote this book 15 years ago but it did not get published so she decided to resurrect it and self-publish. *Fred Payne Clatworthy, Colorado's Color Photography Pioneer* is about a photographer based in Estes Park who was one of the first Americans to utilize the autochrome process, the first commercially-viable form of color photography.

Clatworthy traversed the nation in the 1920s and 30s showing his color slides to audiences numbering in the thousands, and *National Geographic* featured six series of

his autochromes. Richelle met his daughter through her sorority alum group and she provided a wealth of material about her father for this book.

She also has a book **Incidental Handicap: One Woman's Faith Journey**: crossforce.vpweb.com.

Richelle is no longer a member of the DWPC. This news comes to us from past president and current member, Sally Kurtzman, who ran into Richelle when out for a walk.

Richelle told Sally that she'd like to hear from members who might remember her: 303-451-5827 or rcrossforce@aol.com. Sally says, "Glad to know she's fine and still writing and speaking to groups."

Jen Reeder Wins Four Writing Awards

DWPC member Jen Reeder recently won four writing awards from the Dog Writers Association of America, including The Grey Muzzle Award for the best work about senior dog adoptions, and the DWAA Distinguished Service Award, which honors communications excellence.

Congratulations, Jen!

Check out her work on her website, <https://www.jenreeder.com/>.

Reconnect with Former DWPC Member Suzanne Bryan

Past president and current DWPC member, Sally Kurtzman, also ran into Suzanne Bryan during a walk recently. Here's her message:

"We recently ran into Suzanne Bryan, a former DWPC member of many years who is living out south and would love to hear from any members who remember her. She lives at 5890 S. Lowell Way #201, Littleton 80123. Her number is 303-794-7671, and she takes calls in the afternoon. She's had a couple of rough patches with someone stealing her walker and breaking into her unit, so she stays home a lot and misses having company. If you do remember her, a call would be appreciated. Thank you!"

Bonnie McCune Has Short Stories Published

Bonnie McCune has had several short stories published in the last few months. "Carmen" has been published online by Page & Spine. Two aging women are surprised about a third's political activism, showing surprises occur at every age. Feel free to comment, like, forward. <https://pagespineficshowcase.com/stories.html>.

She's also a contributor to the Speculative Fiction Writers' anthology, "First Encounters," published late last year and now available online. First encounters with the unknown call forth exciting tales full of magic, horror, humor, and suspense. What happens when aliens, fantastical creatures or strange celestial objects interrupt ordinary life? The collection of ten original stories is full of mysterious happenings. See Amazon (<https://amzn.to/3fx6nag>), Barnes & Noble (<http://bit.ly/3rkO3Xo>), and Kobo (<http://bit.ly/3p5wJUC>). For info on the SpecFic group, see <https://specficwriters.com/>.

You can also visit Bonnie's website at www.BonnieMcCune.com or email her at bfmccune@gmail.com.

Open Call for Writers and Artists Closing by Feb. 28, 2021

Sunspot Literary Journal offers an Editor's Prize of \$50 for the annual edition, and pays for artwork selected for a cover. Now open for flash, and stories and essays up to 49,000 words. Poetry can be up to 1,250 lines. Translations welcome.

Open: December 1, 2020
Closing: February 28, 2021
Submission

address: <https://sunspotlit.submittable.com/submit>

Opportunity provided by:

Sunspot Literary Journal
SunspotLit@gmail.com
<http://www.SunspotLit.com>

Nominate Colorado Connected Authors to Hall of Fame!

Nominations Due by Feb. 28, 2021

Who will join Stephen King, Jerry Jenkins, Madeline Albright, Marilyn Van Derbur, Dom Testa, Louis L'Amour and 14 other fantastic authors?

Last year, DWPC nominated two of the Inductees to the first Authors Hall of Fame in the country! The 2021 Induction will be held on September 18, 2021 at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver. It's time to nominate authors who are connected to Colorado in some way:

- Born in Colorado.
- Have lived in Colorado.
- Wrote in Colorado.
- Wrote about Colorado.
- Used elements of Colorado in a published book.
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The online form is available at www.COGreatAuthors.org.
 Questions? Call Judith Briles at 303-885-2207.

Don't Miss These Upcoming DWPC Events

All events are virtual through Zoom unless otherwise stated.
 Password protected Zoom link needed to attend.

March 2021

- **Sunday Salon, Gail Beaton on Colorado Women in WWII**, March 7
- **DWPC Board Meeting, March 9, 4 pm**
- **Sunday Salon, Elizabeth Escobedo on Latino Women in WWII**, March 21

April 2021: Please note schedule change with Sunday Salons moving to Thursdays

- Juana Bordes on Leadership & Diversity, **April 8**
- DWPC Board Meeting, **April 13**
- Dr. Dow Phumiruk's talk on **April 22** presents nonfiction for young readers.
- DWPC Annual Meeting on **April 27** at 6 p.m.
- April is Poetry Month and poet Andrea Moore will read on **April 29**.

May 2021: Please note schedule changes back to Sundays

- **Sunday Salon**, Zaina Arafat on manuscript to marketplace, May 16

Our DWPC programs are far more fascinating than your average Zoom! Be sure to watch your eConnect for details and registrations.

All Zoom presentations will be open to members, friends and guests.

For questions, contact Joan Jacobson, Program Chair, joanjacobson1836@gmail.com

Notice: The DWPC clubhouse remains closed until further notice.

GOT NEWS?

If you have events, book releases, awards, or other news you'd like to share with Denver Woman's Press Club members and friends, please email [Mindy Sink](mailto:MindySink), DWPC President-Elect. Deadline: noon Friday for following week. Email subject line: Publish date: Event or topic. Thank you!