



## February Meeting

### A Visit to the Eureka! McConnell Science Museum With Jenn Moore, Executive Director

Jenn Moore believes Eureka! is an intersection of math, science, and art—bringing students and the community together for exhibitions, hands-on activities, and classroom learning. Moore hopes to make Eureka! a magnet for creativity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning. She hopes to redefine the way people think about, learn about, and interact with science and technology by making science fun for everyone.

Moore comes to Eureka! from the Timberline Field Institute at Colorado Mountain College in Leadville where she taught courses in Natural Resource Management. Having always had a passion for science and teaching, she developed new programs, wrote grants for student driven research, and managed an internship program for students to have hands-on work experience. Previous to her work at the college she was a research hydrologist for the US Geological Survey in Grand Junction. Her educational background is in Biological Systems Engineering from Virginia Tech and Environmental Engineering from Colorado State University.



In her free time Moore enjoys mountain biking, gardening, reading books, and traveling the world with her husband Jesse and their daughters Madalyn and Acadia.

**MEETING TIME – Saturday, February 8.....11:00 am** (speaker begins at 11:15 am)

**LOCATION – Eureka! McConnell Science Museum....** 1400 North 7th St, GJ  
(in the new CMU Engineering building a located on the west side of campus)

**LUNCH OPTIONS –** See page 2 for box lunch choices from Zoup!

**RSVP Yes or No to –** Virginia Brown at 201-0386 or [virginia.brown1313@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.brown1313@gmail.com)  
by noon on Thursday, February 6....indicate your lunch choice.

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## LUNCH OPTIONS

Box lunches from **Zoup!** will include a choice of soup, a choice of half-sandwich, a choice of bread on the sandwich, and a cookie....**for \$13**. Lunch will be available about 12 noon.

When you make your reservation for the meeting with Virginia, please indicate your choices.

### Soup Choices – pick one

1. **Broccoli Cheddar** – creamy vegetable soup with fresh broccoli, mild cheddar cheese, garlic, carrots, celery & onions
2. **Old-Fashioned Chicken Noodle** – brothy chicken soup with sweet peas, carrots, celery and onions...garnished with wide egg noodles
3. **Fire Roasted Tomato Bisque** – creamy, grill-roasted tomato base with a medley of seasonal vegetables (*gluten free & vegetarian*)

### Sandwich Choices – pick one

- A. **Roasted Veggie Wrap** – sharp white cheddar, roasted mushrooms, roasted red peppers, cucumbers, pickled carrots, spinach, basil mayo, balsamic vinaigrette on a multi grain wrap
- B. **Southwest Turkey** – turkey, sharp white cheddar, tomato, chipotle mayo
- C. **Turkey & Bacon Club** – turkey, bacon, Swiss cheese, tomato, mayo

### Bread choice – for B or C

- a. French Bread
- b. 5 Grain

You may also choose to attend the meeting without ordering a box lunch.

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## What You May Have Missed Last Month

We had a delightful time at the January meeting....good food and a very interesting speaker; author Sherry Ficklin who introduced us to the ins and outs of the author/publishing world.



## Special Interest Groups

### THE JANE QUIMBY BOOK GROUP

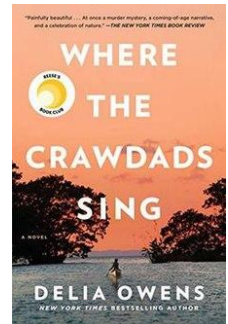
At the January meeting, the group enjoyed the presentation by Katie Zollner of Madame Fourcade's Secret War by Lynne Olson. Everyone was amazed at what this one woman accomplished as a spy master, especially since she was pregnant during some of the escapades.

February's read is

### *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

*Where the Crawdads Sing* is a painfully beautiful first novel by Delia Owens that is at once a murder mystery, a coming-of-age narrative and a celebration of nature... Owens here surveys the desolate marshlands of the North Carolina coast through the eyes of an abandoned child.

The story follows two timelines that slowly intertwine. The first timeline describes the life and adventures of a young girl named Kya as she grows up isolated in the marsh of North Carolina from 1952–1969. The second timeline follows a murder investigation of Chase Andrews, a local celebrity of Barkley Cove, a fictional coastal town of North Carolina. For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say.



The book has topped the *The New York Times* Fiction Best Sellers of 2019 for 27 non-consecutive weeks. The book was selected for Reese Witherspoon's Hello Sunshine Book Club in September 2018 and for Barnes & Noble's Best Books of 2018. By December 2019, the book has sold over 4.5 million copies, and it has sold more print copies in 2019 than any other adult title, fiction or non-fiction. It was also No. 1 for 2019 on Amazon.com's list of Most Sold Books in fiction.

**Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 am**  
**American Lutheran Church, 631 26<sup>1/2</sup> Road, GJ**

**Presenter: Lois Jarre**

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## Coffee & Chat

This informal (fun) group normally meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM to try to solve world/local problems through discussions. Call Jane at 241-9684 with any questions.

Join us on **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **The Artful Cup**, 3090 North 12<sup>th</sup>, GJ.

## Culture Club



The AAUW Culture Club is a loosely organized effort to inform interested members about movies, music and other cultural events in the Grand Valley. It is also a way to find others to attend these events with. Note: Peggy Rawlins at 263-4741 is the contact person for the group.

- February 2 @ 10:55 am  
February 5 @ 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm (encore performance)  
Fathom Events presents **Live from the Met: The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess** (opera) – shown at the Regal Theater (3 hours, 40 minutes)
- February 5 @ 7:30 pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Faculty Jazz Ensemble** – Love Recital Hall in the Moss Performing Arts Center
- February 8 @ 7:30 pm & February 9 @ 3:00 pm  
**Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra** presents **Classics: Beethoven & Haydn** – Avalon Theater
- February 13 @ 7:30 pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Brian Krinke, Violin & Arthur Houle, Piano** – Love Recital Hall/Moss Performing Arts Center
- February 15 @ 7:00 pm  
R & B Sound Reinforcement presents **FOGHAT** - at the Avalon Theater
- February 16 @ 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
Roice Hurst presents **Bow Wow Film Fest** - at the Avalon Theater
- February 19 @ 6:30 pm  
Pepper Entertainment presents **Sara Evans** – at the Avalon Theater
- February 20 @ 7:30 pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Spring Faculty Gala** – Love Recital Hall in the Moss Performing Arts Center
- February 20 @ 7:00 pm  
Fathom Events presents **National Theater Live: CYRANO DE BERGERAC**, starring James McAvoy - shown at the Regal Theater (3 hours)
- February 23 @ 10:55 am  
Fathom Events presents **Bolshoi Ballet: Swan Lake (2020)** - shown at the Regal Theater
- February 27, 28 & 29 @ 7:30 pm  
March 1 @ 2:00 pm  
**CMU Theater** presents **Fiddler on the Roof** – Robinson Theater in the Moss Performing Arts Center
- February 29 @ 10:55 am  
March 4 @ 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm (encore performance)  
Fathom Events presents **Live from the Met: Handel's Agrippina** (opera) – shown at the Regal Theater (4 hours, 10 minutes)

## Happy Birthday to You

Your AAUW Branch wishes to acknowledge its members and let you know we appreciate you.  
Therefore we wish a Happy Birthday to those with birthdays in February.

**Lori Wood on the 4<sup>th</sup>**

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### **Want to Choose a Branch Scholarship Recipient?**

Jean Yale will need 3 people in April to serve on the committee which goes through the scholarship applications to choose recipients. Contact Jean, if interested.

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I just ran across a super-interesting site from the Obama era in which one can listen to women from across the Administration tell the stories of their personal heroes across the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). .....Jane

## **The Untold History of Women in Science and Technology**

And you can find this at: <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/women-in-stem>

Here is one of the many women featured on the site.

### **Grace Hopper**



[Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper](#) was at the forefront of computer and programming language development from the 1930s through the 1980s. One of the crowning achievements of her 44-year career was the development of computer languages written in English, rather than mathematical notation — most notably, the common business computing language known as COBOL, which is still in use today. Hopper's legacy is still honored by the annual [Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference](#).

## Thoughts from the Branch President

I went on line at AAUW National and found an article that seemed so apropos that I would like to share the highlights with you. It is titled,

### THE TOP TEN WAYS AAUW MADE THE WORLD BETTER FOR WOMEN IN 2019

1. AAUW trained women everywhere to “**Work Smart**”. So far, across the country 102,000 women have been trained in salary negotiations through the Work Smart and Start Smart programs.
2. AAUW advocated for Equity in our nation’s Capitol. AAUW has been working in Washington, D.C. and in statehouses across the country to promote legislation and policy initiatives aimed at advancing gender equity.
3. AAUW helped strengthen state laws. Eleven states passed legislation this year toward fair pay. AAUW’s advocacy efforts helped to make that happen in these states: Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Maine, New Jersey, New York and Washington, Nebraska, Maryland, Nevada and Wyoming.
4. AAUW championed the next generation of women at the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).
5. AAUW empowered women leaders. The grant from The Coca-Cola Foundation enabled us to implement **Empower**, our new leadership development and networking event in cities around the country.
6. AAUW has done groundbreaking research. This year we updated the hallmark study, The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap, with new census data showing that women still only get about 82 cents for every dollar paid to a man. In November, we released our new report, Limiting Our Livelihoods: The Cumulative Impact of Sexual Harassment on Women’s Careers, which is based on data from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, a review of academic studies and an exclusive survey of AAUW members and their networks.
7. AAUW spread our message far and wide by being heard and seen in over 140 media outlets.
8. AAUW has provided millions in fellowships and grants. Since 1888, we have given more than \$115 million in fellowships, grants and awards to 13,000 recipients from 145 countries.
9. AAUW has raised funds to advance our mission. AAUW is grateful for the generous support of our members across the country who gave their time and their treasure to the organization this past year. A special thanks to supporters of our Greatest Needs Fund, which gives us the flexibility and agility to respond to the latest, most pressing gender equity issues. In addition, AAUW is proud to partner with many corporations, foundations and groups that provide invaluable support.
10. AAUW has prepared for 2020—a pivotal year for women. AAUW will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act by launching a project called “**Every Voice. Every Vote.**” It will focus on ensuring that every voice is heard and every vote is counted.

Let’s think about how we in the branch can help women and girls achieve their goals.....Virginia