



## APRIL PROGRAM –HUNGER IN MESA COUNTY Anne Wenzel, Speaker

**ANNE WENZEL** is the President and CEO of the Western Colorado Community



Foundation, a job she has held for 20 years. The regional community foundation manages over \$100 million in assets and distributes \$5 million in grants and scholarships each year. Anne has been deeply involved in the Community Foundation's hunger initiative for the past six years, including the development of the Lunch Lizard Summer Mobile Meals

Program and the recently released *Mesa County Blueprint to End Hunger*. Prior to her work at the Community Foundation, Anne worked as a consultant to charitable foundations and nonprofit organizations, including ten years as a partner in a national firm headquartered in Philadelphia. She is married to David Miller and lives in Palisade.



**Date:** Saturday, April 9, 2022

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Location:** The Ale House Restaurant, 2531 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Junction, CO

**Reservations:** Jane Fitzgerald at 970-241-9684 or [mjfitz2cats@gmail.com](mailto:mjfitz2cats@gmail.com) by April 7

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**Branch President** Kathy Singer 261-2112

**VP Programs** Open

**Secretary** Samantha Singer 261-2216

**VP Membership** Open

**Treasurer** Virginia Brown 201-0386

**Newsletter Editor** Jane Fitzgerald 241-9684

## Greetings from Branch President, Kathy Singer

I want to thank the planning committee for making our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “Women Who Make History” award brunch such a success. The brunch resulted in great publicity for our branch (a nice write-up in the Daily Sentinel and coverage of the event on two TV stations). Plus, several of the attendees indicated that they had not been that familiar with AAUW, but were now considering joining. And I especially want to thank our members who attended to show appreciation for Sue Conry, our honoree, as well as her daughter, son-in-law, partner, co-workers and friends.

Sue sent us a very nice Thank-you note which reads:

“Dear AAUW Members,

I want to express my profound appreciation to you for selecting me as your ‘Women Who Make History’ awardee. I am very honored to have received this distinction from your organization. The work that you do to support non-traditional women students and the advocacy of STEM education are so important to the future leadership of our community. The recognition event was lovely and I enjoyed the opportunity to meet you and reconnect with some old friends.

Warm Regards, Sue Conry

As the result of this event, the branch received additional funds from participants in the amount of \$125 (less venmo fee).

Please **mark your calendars** for the AAUW State Convention on Saturday April 23, 2022. The meeting will be virtual (Zoom). One of the keynote speakers will be Dr. Temple Grandin of CSU, an outspoken proponent of autism rights and neurodiversity movements. More details later in this newsletter.

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## Consider This

**Your branch board has been understaffed for several years now.** Board members have had personal issues come up sometimes which results in certain branch activities being cancelled or not done timely or to member’s satisfaction. Recruiting new AAUW members to the branch has been difficult. In May we should be electing new officers to the Board. The current Board would very much appreciate if you would consider doing your part for the branch and volunteer to take a Board position....VP Membership, VP Programs, or a Member-at-Large. **Please call President Kathy at 970-261-2212.** Members of the current Board promise to help you through the transition period.

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## Happy Birthday to You

Your AAUW Branch wishes to acknowledge its members and let you know we appreciate you.

Members celebrating a Birthday in April are:

**Betsy Zollner on April 11<sup>th</sup>, Samantha Singer on April 20<sup>th</sup>**

## “Women Who Make History” Event is a Success



## ANNUAL AAUW STATE CONVENTION April 20-23, 2022

**Wednesday, April 20** ~ Executive Committee and Board Meetings

**Friday, April 22** at 6:30 PM ~ Annual Business Meeting at 6:30 PM

**Saturday, April 23** from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

~ *Looking Forward – Focusing on Inclusion and Belongingness*

~ Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Virtual AAUW of Colorado State Convention Program**  
**Looking Forward – Focusing on Inclusion and Belongingness**  
 Saturday, April 23, 2022 9:00 am – 12:30 pm



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO**

~ Our Vision ~





**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Dr. Temple Grandin, Professor**  
 College of Agricultural Sciences at CSU

~ Outspoken proponent of autism rights and neurodiversity movements ~

**Nycci Jones, Director of Organizational Development and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**  
 Nelnet, Inc.



**SPEAKER**

**BRANCH DIVERSITY PANEL: Sharing Our DEI Stories**  
 ~ Two Colorado branches, Aurora and Colorado Springs, will discuss their efforts to put Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion principles into practice ~

REGISTER for this  
Zoom Webinar  
TODAY

Watch for a more detailed agenda, speaker bios, and annual business meeting topics in the April Connects and on the state website.

**9:00 AM** - Opening and Welcome Colorado President Joan Brown

**9:15 AM** - AAUW National Keynote Gloria Blackwell, CEO, AAUW

**9:55 AM** - Keynote Dr. Temple Grandin, Professor, Colorado State University

**10:50 AM** - Speaker Nycci Jones, Director of Organizational Development and DEI, Nelnet, Inc.

**11:20 AM** - Colorado AAUW Branch Panel: Sharing Our DEI Stories

**12:10 PM** - Closing and Announcements Joan Brown, AAUW of Colorado President

## Special Interest Groups

### Culture Club



The AAUW Culture Club is a loosely organized effort to inform 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. Peggy Rawlins at 263-4741 is the contact person for the group.

- April 1 & 2 at 7:30pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Opera** – Moss Performing Arts Center – Love Recital Hall
- April 2 @ 6:00pm  
**Lance Burton and Friends** (Magician) – Avalon Theater
- April 5 @ 6:00pm  
Western Colorado Writer's Forum presents Stand-up Comedy writer **Emily Stickley** – The Art Center **free**
- April 8 & 9 @ from 10:00am  
**Mesa to Monuments Quilt Show 2022** –Grand Junction Convention Center
- April 9 @ 11:00am to 4:00pm  
**Palisade International Honeybee Festival** – downtown Palisade **free**
- April 9 @7:30pm and April 10 @ 3:00pm  
**Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra** presents **Classic Series: Dvořák's Cello Concerto** – Avalon Theater
- April 13 @ 7:30pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Chamber Ensembles** – Moss Performing Arts Center – Love Recital
- April 16 @ 2:00pm & 7:30pm...and April 21 & 22 @ 7:30pm  
**CMU Theater** presents **Mesa Spring Festival: Exit, Pursued by a Bear** - Moss Performing Arts Center – Mesa Experimental Theater
- April 16 @ 10:00am to 4:00pm  
**History Fair** – Redlands Community Center **free**
- April 17@ 7:00pm  
**Chelcie Lynn: the Tammy Tour** (Comedian) - Avalon Theater
- April 18 @ 7:30pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Percussion Ensemble** – Moss Performing Arts Center – Love Recital

- April 21 @ 7:00pm-10:00pm....and April 22,23, 24 “all day”  
**Palisade Bluegrass Bash** – Downtown Palisade
- April 14,15 @ 7:30pm...and April 23 @ 2:00pm & 7:30pm  
**CMU Theater** presents **Mesa Spring Festival: Rabbit Hole** - Moss Performing Arts Center  
Mesa Experimental Theater
- April 23 @ 9:00am to 5:00pm  
**Southwest Arbor Fest** – Lincoln Park, GJ **free admission, but beer tasting is \$25**
- April 24 @ 11:00am  
**Eclesia – New Kids on the Wine Block: Wine & Food Extravaganza** –  
Colorado Wine Country Inn - Palisade
- April 24 @ 7:30pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Prism** – Academic Quad & Tomlinson Library Patio
- April 27 @ 7:30pm  
**Crystal Gayle** (country singer) – at the Avalon Theater
- April 28 @ 7:30pm  
**Louis Prima Jr** (concert)– at the Avalon Theater
- April 28 @ 6:30pm  
**A La Mode: a Sweet & Savory Experience** – Doubletree Hotel
- April 28 @ 7:30pm  
**CMU Music** presents **Priscilla Hallberg, violin & Arthur Houle, piano** – Moss Performing  
Arts Center – Love Recital
- April 29 @ 7:30pm and April 30 @ 2:00pm & 7:30pm  
**CMU Dance** presents **Finding Joy: the Spring Dance Concert** – Moss Performing Arts  
Center – Robinson Theater
- April 30 @ 6:30pm  
**Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra** presents **Classic Series: All Mozart** – Avalon



## Coffee & Chat Group



This informal (fun) group will meet on **Saturday, April 23 at 9:30 am....at Be Sweet Cafe & Bakeshop**, 150 West Main Street, to try to solve world/local problems through discussion. There is no set agenda. Call Jane at 241-9684 with any questions.

**Note: This is the 4<sup>th</sup> of 5 Saturdays in the month**