



KALEIDOSCOPE

March 2021

President's Message *Linda Stowers*

One year ago, we went into Covid 19 mode. What a year it has been. I never thought I would be President for two years and spend most of that time doing Zoom meetings. As they say in the South when life sends you lemons make sweet tea! We have made sweet tea and sweet lemonade despite the trying times. We are getting our shots and gradually spending more time face to face. Our new normal may become a mixture of together meetings along with a Zoom add on.

The Board met at the Office for the first face to face meeting in a year. It was so good to be able to meet and see each other in person than through a computer screen. The Board accepted the resignation of April Wollack in good standing as she moves to Arizona. We reviewed the work done by the Community Grant Committee and passed their recommendations to spend the \$30,000 allocated to the Committee. The list will be presented at the March meeting for member approval. The Board also accepted the Nominating Committees slate of officers, nominated Kristen Riley as WCLC Leads Candidate and heard reports from committees. Our committees continue to amaze me in the amount of work they do for our community.

I hope you will all get a chance to attend our meetings this spring. I can't wait to see you.



Corresponding Secretary



Brenda Hart

February Correspondence

Sympathy	Mary Bracken Tammy Tschacher Claudia Wilen
Thinking of You	Debbie Baldwin Suzanne Preiss Lisa Wagner
Thank You	Joyce Bailey

Second Vice-President

Sue Ann Shaffer



March General Meeting
Cheyenne Country Club
11:30 - social, 12:00 lunch
\$14.00

Speaker:

The Honorable Kim Fox, Supreme Court Justice

Menu:

Beef Tips on Noodles
Spinach and Avacado Salad
Dinner Roll
Creme Brûlée

Anyone with dietary concerns, please contact Sue Ann Shaffer
There will be assigned seating. Please call Sue Ann if you have a seating preference.

It's the wearing of the green, turquoise that is. If turquoise is not in your jewelry cabinet, select something green to honor the day.

March Artisan of the Month

Claudia Wilen

Joyce Bailey, Historian



Impressive, one-of-a-kind raffle prizes continue this month, with mixed media watercolor cards designed and crafted by WCLC member Claudia Wilen.



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Claudia has been a member of Civic League since 2015, having served a number of years as co-chair of Senior Services and Christmas House chair in 2019. She is currently GFWC-Wyoming State Leadership chair.



She is a retired Medical Technologist and moved to Cheyenne in 2012 from the Seattle area via Sidney, Nebraska after her husband retired from The Boeing Company and corporate Cabela's. Their tenure with Boeing found them living in the Seattle area three times, as well as Atlanta, England, and Pittsburgh—a far cry away from their North Dakota roots. They built their last of 17 homes here...until they ultimately release the brakes on their wheelchairs and coast down the road to Primrose Retirement Community.

The Wilen's have three grown children, with sons living in Portland, Oregon and Kansas City, while their daughter resides in Cheyenne with of their five grandchildren.

Claudia is a hospice outpatient volunteer (although since COVID has prevented visits, she has been the official bird feeder filler at Davis Hospice Center). She is also a crafter and an avid scrapbooker—once gardening, landscaping, babysitting, etc. chores quiet down.

She is most grateful to Sue Ann Shaffer for asking her to participate as Artisan of the Month. This compelled her to venture completely out of crafting comfort zone as she's known it and into yet another area. Her husband, Dale, is not nearly as grateful, however.



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YEARBOOK CHANGES

New member addition.

Yearbook Changes 2020/2021

Please make the following changes in your yearbook –

Claire Snyder – new address – 5422 Murray Hill Drive, 82009

Tracy Wilson – correct mailing address – PO Box 961, 82003

Vickie Fry – new address – 1884 Lauver Lane, 82009

Remove Kristen Riley from Co-Chair under Membership

Under Board of Directors change Sue Ann Shaffer's phone number to 631-2062 and Brenda Harts number to 634-8050

Maureen Ray's birthday is November 1 please remove the November 11th date

Heather Jensen – delete the phone number 307-514-2238

Pam Hendricks – new address - 4701 Storm Court, Cheyenne, 82009

Debbie Baldwin – Cell Phone number: 307-509-9884

Add to the yearbook –

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New Members:

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Slate of Candidates for the 2020 - 2021 WCL club year:

President - Pam Hendricks
1st Vice President - Denise Lathrop
2nd Vice President - Lucy Pauley
Recording Secretary - Meredith Dexter
Corresponding Secretary - Brenda Hart
Treasurer – Linda Stowers

Thank you to these members for saying "yes" to serving as an officer. Thank you also to Kristin Riley, Barb Kuzma, Shelley Herr, Laura Gorman, Cathy McMikle, Lucy Russell, Phyllis Salzburg, Katherine Van Dell, Heather Dodson, and Carolyn Ritschard for serving on the committee. - Trish Palluck

MEMBERSHIP

Vaccinations are happening, restrictions are lessening and Spring Fling WILL happen! This will be an opportunity to welcome new members and introduce potential members to our club. I am currently looking for a venue and hope to have a date for mid to late May. Stay tuned for more details. If you have suggestions or are interested in helping with the planning please let Linda Stowers or me know. - Trish Palluck

MILITARY COMMITTEE

Thank you for your amazing support of the Valentine's Day Cookie Drive for the Airmen in the Dorms! Our club generously donated 100 dozen cookies. Additionally, I know of at least 2 people who donated through Mary's Mountain Cookies. (If you donated through Mary's and are willing to contact me with the number of dozen, I will add it to our club's tally for the report. Thank you!) Thank you also to Carol Horam, Linda Hill, and Pam Crochet who helped assemble the cookie plates; what a great way to meet the military spouses from the Warren Spouses' Club!

Here is a link to ShortGo article about the event:
<http://shortgo.co/4th-annual-valentines-day-cookie-drive/>

Thank you, also, to everyone who supported the Warren Spouses' Club's annual "Boots and Baubles" scholarship auction by donating items or money. Your participation in this auction not only helps provide scholarships to military spouses and children, but also builds a bond of tangible support between military spouses at FE Warren and our club. When I dropped off the basket yesterday, the WSC president and vice

president were overjoyed to see the beautiful "Wyoming Kitchen" basket donated by the WCLC. (Pictures below.)

Please join the FE Warren AFB in celebrating the All-female Alert and Women's History Month on Monday, March 8 at 10 am on ZOOM. The WCLC has been invited to hear from and interact with active females who work in the missile field, security forces, and medical group during this virtual celebration. It is an honor to be a part of their celebration, which should be a very interesting insight into the lives of female active duty. I hope to see many of you on at the Zoom event!

Here are the details:

FEW Public Affairs is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: International Women's Day

Time: Mar 8, 2021 10:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81246281709?pwd=QVI4cTVhQUhoeDlvNDVTYU11S1Rydz09>

Meeting ID: 812 4628 1709

Passcode: 249775

Audio-Only Dial In #: +1 669 900 6833

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Ritschard



YOUTH AND FAMILY

We will have the jewelry raffle again at the meeting. Please be sure to make your choice and donate.



ART

The Art Committee encourages members to view artwork created by K-6 students in the Laramie County School District #1 at the Laramie County Library from March 1 through March 31 from 10:00 am. till 9:00 pm.

The 40th Annual Western Spirit Art Show and Sale at the CFD Old West Museum, 4610 Carey Avenue will be held beginning March 7th from 9:00 am. till 5:00 pm. The annual show features more than 200 original pieces of Western art by artists from all over the world. It is free with a \$10.00 museum admission. I (Marcy) went to the opening last evening (6th) and there are some very nice pieces still available.

Dillingers (downtown) in the old Grier Building has a display of artwork by Jerry Salazar. He grew up on the Navajo Nation, however, he resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico now.

Don't forget the glass display at the Botanic Gardens

ESO BOOK CLUB

BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

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March 15-The Aunt Who Wouldn't Die by Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay

April 19-The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

May 17-The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Safon

NEEDS

Bring Peanut Butter and Jelly



WOMEN'S ISSUES

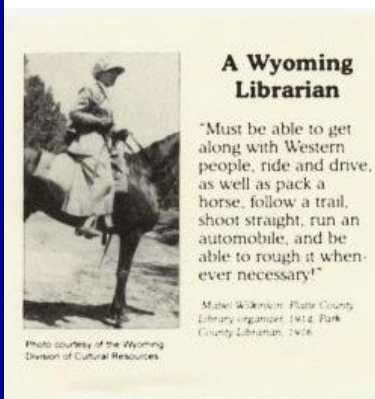
MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MABEL WILKINSON: Horseback Librarian

From "Wyoming Library Roundup", March 2007. Official publication of the Wyoming State Library, the Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming Center for the Book, and Bulletin of the American Library Association, July 1916, Asbury Park, NJ. Wilkinson's presentation at ALA meeting:

"Establishing Libraries Under Difficulties."

Wyoming librarian Mabel Wilkinson has a fascinating story and played an important part in the establishment of libraries in Wyoming. Prior to becoming Park County's county librarian when the Carnegie building opened May 9, 1916, she crisscrossed Platte County in 1915 as a library field worker, visiting "each post office, town village and hamlet in the county" to set up traveling library collections.



She traveled over four hundred miles through very rough country, over poor roads, and worse trails with very few accommodations along the line, on horseback. "For three weeks preceding the library extension trip, all of my spare time was engaged in trying out saddle horses of various sizes, colors, dispositions and qualifications." A wonderful description of her two week trip is included in her ALA article. One section describes the 8 horses "submitted who were guaranteed to be absolutely gentle, tough, not afraid of anything and as sound as a dollar. Two of them were so old that they could not have gone ten miles, one insisted on getting down on his knees every time there was a hill to be climbed; another flatly refused to carry anything besides the rider. And the eighth was a young bay pony, sound in wind and limb, extremely nervous and as quick as a cat; he had a

Roman nose and decided brocho slope to his hips, furthermore his owner said that he would not guarantee one thing about him, excepting that he had never done a mean thing so far in his life, that he was not 'lady-broke' and was not overly gentle. The pony meanwhile winked lazily at me and showed his teeth! I mounted, fired a gun, put a pack on him in fact took all the liberties with him that I could think of, and each time he 'made good,' so Joker was chosen to be the library horse for this memorable trip."

She followed uncertain roads, detouring where homesteaders hastily threw up fences. She fled violent thunderstorms, took shelter in a settler's small sod dugout, was chased by a bull and even shot a rattler from her saddle. On her route she visited Chugwater, Bordeaux, Slater, Uva, Guernsey, Sunrise, Hartville and more Platte County resident. On arriving at one town "after opening eight barbed-wire gates and fording a ditch twice and a creek six times," she was informed that they had scheduled her to play a violin solo that evening, prompting her to write, "Verily, there is no rest for a librarian." A fascinating story of a woman dedicated "to reach and interest the people in library work and extension through Platte County."

SPECIAL NEEDS

Special Needs, Youth and Family and Women's Issues worked together to pay for the South High Greenhouse.

The Special Needs committee also made 90 valentines cards for organizations in Cheyenne who provide day services to individuals with disabilities.

The next committee meeting will be next on March 15th via Zoom.



GFWC WYOMING

Put the dates April 23rd and 24th on your calendar for the State Convention. The Call will be coming March 15th.

It will be in Laramie and all members are invited.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

Please keep the community posted on what we are doing with Civic League. Help tell a story by emailing or texting Linda Stowers photos! Free advertising and a greater reach than TV or Newspaper!

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