



*Women of the West Museum*  
HER PLACE IN HISTORY

The Women of the West Book Discussion Group has met every second Saturday of the month since June 1998, when we formed under the auspices of the Women of the West Museum, then based in Boulder. Though the Museum sold its holdings to the Autry Museum of the American West in California, our group continues to explore “her place in history” through novels, non-fiction, essays, poetry and theater.

**2010:**

January 9: THE LEGEND OF COLTON H. BRYANT, by Alexandra Fuller  
February 13: THE GOD OF ANIMALS, by Aryn Kyle  
March 13: MEAN SPIRIT, by Linda Hogan  
April 10: GRAND AMBITION, by Lisa Michaels  
May 8: BREAKING CLEAN, by Judy Blunt  
June 12: AN UNSPOKEN HUNGER, by Terry Tempest Williams

**2009:**

January 10: THE LADY, by Conrad Richter  
February 14: THE STONE DIARIES, by Carol Shields  
March 14: THE EARP BROTHERS OF TOMBSTONE, by Frank Waters  
April 11: RIMA IN THE WEEDS, by Deirdre McNamer  
May 9: THE STORY I TELL MYSELF: A VENTURE IN EXISTENTIALIST AUTOBIOGRAPHY, by Hazel Barnes  
June 13: WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen  
July 11: BROKEN: A LOVE STORY, by Lisa Jones  
August 8: DON'T LET'S GO TO THE DOGS TONIGHT, by Alexandra Fuller  
September 12: ACROSS THE HIGH DIVIDE, by Laurie Wagner Buyer  
October 17: MARGARET OF THE IMPERFECTIONS, by Lynda Sexson  
November 14: A SUDDEN COUNTRY, by Karen Fisher  
December 12: FINE JUST THE WAY IT IS, by Annie Proulx

**2008:**

January 12: THE NIGHT JOURNAL, by Elizabeth Crook  
February 9: SLOGUM HOUSE, by Mari Sandoz  
March 8: HOMESICK, by Guy Vanderhaughe  
April 12: TOM BOY BRIDE, by Harriet Fish Backus  
May 10: DAUGHTER OF JOY, by JoAnn Levy  
June 14: HIGHWIRE MOON, by Susan Straight  
July 12: RED ROVER, by Deirdre McNamer  
August 9: DINNER WITH OSAMA, by Marilyn Krysl  
September 20: A THOUSAND ACRES, by Jane Smiley  
October 11: THE FARMWORKER'S DAUGHTER: GROWING UP MEXICAN IN AMERICA, by Rose Castillo Guilbault  
November 8: THE ABORTIONIST'S DAUGHTER, by Elisabeth Hyde  
December 13: SKY BRIDGE, by Laura Pritchett

**2007:**

January 13: ILL WIND, by Nevada Barr  
February 10: ENEMY WOMEN, by Paulette Jiles  
March 10: ONE DEGREE WEST: REFLECTIONS OF A PLAINSDAUGHTER, by Julene Bair  
April 14: STORYTELLER, by Leslie Marmon Silko  
May 17 - 19: FIFTH ANNUAL FIELD TRIP: Mesa Verde  
July 14: HELL'S BOTTOM, COLORADO, by Laura Pritchett  
August 11: THE SONG OF THE LARK, by Willa Cather  
September 8: PLAIN LANGUAGE, by Barbara Wright  
October 13: BOLD SPIRIT: HELGA ESTBY'S FORGOTTEN WALK ACROSS VICTORIAN AMERICA, by Linda Lawrence Hunt  
November 17: THE VOTE, by Sybil Downing  
December 8: ISABEL'S DAUGHTER, by Judith Hendricks

**2006:**

January 14: LETTERS FROM YELLOWSTONE, by Diane Smith  
February 8: THE MASTER BUTCHERS' SINGING CLUB, by Louise Erdrich  
March 11: LATINA: WOMEN'S VOICES FROM THE BORDERLANDS, edited by Lillian Castillo-Speed  
April 8: ARCTIC DANCE: THE MARDY MURIE STORY, by Charles Craighead & Bonnie Kreps  
May 13: DOC SUSIE, by Virginia Cornell  
June 10 weekend: FOURTH ANNUAL FIELD TRIP: Doc Susie land, Grand County  
July 8: CRAZY HORSE: THE STRANGE MAN OF THE OGLALAS, by Mari Sandoz  
August 12: EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY, by Wilma Mankiller  
September 9: LETTERS OF A WOMAN HOMESTEADER, by Elinore Pruitt Stewart  
October 14: MARIA, THE POTTER OF SAN ILDEFONSO, by Alice Marriott (biography)  
November 11: TWO IN THE FAR NORTH, by Mardy Murie  
December 9: CLOSE RANGE, by Annie Proulx

**2005:**

January 8: PIECES OF WHITE SHELL, by Terry Tempest Williams  
February 12: THE LIVING, by Annie Dillard  
March 12: SHE HAD SOME HORSES, by Joy Harjo  
April 9: SILVER LIES, by Ann Parker  
May 14: THE LEGEND OF FIRE HORSE WOMAN, by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston  
June 16-19: THIRD ANNUAL FIELD TRIP: ABIQUIU AND O'KEEFFE MUSEUM  
July 9: VANISHED ARIZONA: RECOLLECTIONS OF THE ARMY LIFE OF A NEW ENGLAND WOMAN, by Martha Summerhayes  
August 13: THE WOMAN WHO WATCHES, by Linda Hogan  
September 17: DAUGHTER OF THE SAINTS, by Dorothy Allred Solomon  
October 8: KATE BURKE SHOOT'S THE OLD WEST, by Jerrie Hurd  
November 12: BITTERBRUSH COUNTRY, by Diane Josephy Peavey  
December 10: THE BEAN TREES, by Barbara Kingsolver

**2004:**

January 10: THE WOMAN WARRIOR, by Maxine Hong Kingston  
February 14: RAMONA, by Helen Hunt Jackson  
March 13: MY ANTONIA, by Willa Cather  
April 10: IN AMERICA, by Susan Sontag

May 8: BREAKING CLEAN, by Judy Blunt  
June 6: SECOND ANNUAL FIELD TRIP: River trip on Gates of Lodore, Green River  
July 10: WESTERN TRAILS, by Mary Austin  
August 14: GEORGIA O'KEEFE: PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST, by Laurie Lisle  
September 18: KILLING RAVEN, by Margaret Coel  
October 9: LAND THAT MOVES, LAND THAT STANDS STILL, by Kent Nelson  
November 13: WE NEVER SPEAK OF IT, by Jana Harris  
December 11: MAMA'S BANK ACCOUNT, by Kathryn Forbes

**2003:**

Jan 11: WATERLILY, by Ella Cara DeLoria  
Feb 8: LAZY B: GROWING UP ON A CATTLE RANCH IN THE SOUTHWEST, by Sandra Day O'Connor  
March 8: THIS HOUSE OF SKY, by Ivan Doig  
April 12: LADIES OF THE GOLDFIELD STOCK EXCHANGE, by Sybil Downing  
May 10: THE LAST REPORT ON THE MIRACLES AT LITTLE NO HORSE, by Louise Erdrich  
June 14: FIRST ANNUAL FIELD TRIP: Molly Brown House in Denver  
July 12: RAVEN'S EXILE: A SEASON ON THE GREEN RIVER, by Ellen Meloy  
August 9: A ROAD OF HER OWN: WOMEN'S JOURNEYS IN THE WEST, by Marlene Blessing  
September 13: A NAME OF HER OWN, by Jane Kirkpatrick  
October 11: LAND OF GRASS AND SKY: A NATURALIST'S PRAIRIE JOURNEY, by Mary Taylor Young  
November 8: ONE THOUSAND WHITE WOMEN: THE JOURNALS OF MAY DODD, by Jim Fergus  
December 13: THE WHITE ALBUM, by Joan Didion

**2002:**

Jan: IN SEARCH OF KINSHIP, by Page Lambert  
February: ON HER WAY HOME, by Harriett Rochlin  
March: DESERT PASSAGES, by Patricia Nelson Limerick (author present!)  
April: THE SOLACE OF OPEN SPACES, by Gretel Ehrlich  
May: INTO A NEW COUNTRY: EIGHT REMARKABLE WOMEN OF THE WEST, by Liza Ketchum  
June: AMERICAN CHICA: TWO WORLDS, ONE CHILDHOOD, by Marie Arana  
July: PRODIGAL SUMMER, by Barbara Kingsolver  
August: THE BONESETTER'S DAUGHTER, by Amy Tan  
September: ANOTHER AMERICA; OTRA AMERICA, by Barbara Kingsolver (with Spanish translations by Rebecca Cartes) and SACRED FIRE, poetry and prose by Nancy Wood, paintings by Frank Howell  
October: SOMETHING IN THE SOIL, by Patricia Limerick  
November: STAMPEDE TO TIMBERLINE (selections), by Muriel Sybil Wolle  
December: AMAZING TRAVELER, by Evelyn Kaye

**2001:**

Jan: REFUGE: AN UNNATURAL HISTORY OF FAMILY AND PLACE, by Terry Tempest Williams  
Feb: DAUGHTER OF FORTUNE, by Isabel Allende  
March: WHY SHE LEFT US, by Rahna Reiko Rizzuto  
April: FENCING THE SKY, by James Galvin  
May: DAKOTA: A SPIRITUAL GEOGRAPHY, by Kathleen Norris  
June: CEREMONY, by Leslie Marmon Silko  
July: DOWN THE SANTA FE TRAIL AND INTO MEXICO: THE DIARY OF SUSAN SHELBY MAGOFFIN, 1846-1847 by Susan Shelby Magoffin  
August: YELLOW RAFT IN BLUE WATER, by Michael Dorris

September: WRITING THE RANGE: RACE, CLASS AND CULTURE IN THE WOMEN'S WEST, eds. Elizabeth Jameson and Susan Armitage  
October: THE DIARY OF MATTIE SPENSER, by Sandra Dallas  
November: THE SPIRIT WOMAN, by Margaret Coel  
December: KISSING THE VIRGIN'S MOUTH, by Donna Gershten

**2000:**

Jan: EDGE OF TAOS DESERT, by Mabel Dodge Luhan  
Feb: MEAN SPIRIT, by Linda Hogan  
March: RIDING THE WHITE HORSE HOME, by Teresa Jordan  
April: no meeting (the ONLY time we've missed in nearly four years!)  
May: DEAREST WALTER: COURTSHIP LETTERS OF A KANSAS GIRL, 1914-1916 ed. by Laura King  
June: MOLLY BROWN: UNRAVELING THE MYTH, by Kristen Iversen  
July: THE QUILTERS: WOMEN AND DOMESTIC ART, by Patricia Cooper and Norma Buford Allen  
August: THE JUMP-OFF CREEK, by Molly Glass  
September: ANGLE OF REPOSE, by Wallace Stegner  
October: SEPARATE LIVES: THE STORY OF MARY RIPPON, by Silvia Pettem  
Nov: THESE IS MY WORDS: THE DIARY OF SARAH AGNES PRINE 1881-1901 (A NOVEL), by Nancy E. Turner  
Dec: INSIDE THE OY QUONG LAUNDRY, by Carolyn Wing Greenlee and Kathleen Kong Wing

**1999**

Jan: SHIFTING STARS, by Page Lambert  
Feb: MARI: A NOVEL, by Jane Valentine Barker  
March: THE WOMAN AT OTOWI CROSSING, by Frank Waters  
April: FACE OF AN ANGEL, by Denise Chavez  
May: MESSENGERS OF THE WIND, Jane B. Katz, editor  
June: A BRIDGE BETWEEN US, by Julie Shigekuni  
July: BLESS ME, ULTIMA, by Rudolpho Anaya  
August: A LADY'S LIFE IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, by Isabella Bird  
September: SHARK DIALOGUES, by Kiana Davenport  
October: LEANING INTO THE WIND, eds. Linda Hasselstrom, Gaydell Collier and Nancy Curtis  
Nov: THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD: A BIOGRAPHICAL NOVEL, by Ruthanne Lum McCunn (Preface), Tisha Hooks (Editor)  
Dec: HOYT STREET, by Mary H. Ponce

**1998**

June: MY ANTONIA, by Willa Cather  
July: THE GENTLE TAMERS: WOMEN OF THE OLD WILD WEST, by Dee Brown  
August: FIRE IN THE HOLE, by Sybil Downing (author present!)  
Sept: THE MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN WOMEN, by Janet Robertson  
Oct: BUFFALO GIRLS, by Larry McMurtry  
Nov: SOILED DOVES, by Anne Seagraves  
Dec: A SWEETNESS TO THE SOUL, by Jane Kirkpatrick

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