

It is the time of the year  
the morning birds  
return to music

Their song  
coaxes the arms of the seeds  
to stretch

Soon  
the flowers will be  
in bloom

And things dormant  
will awaken and dance  
upon the scent of the lilac wind

“Birdsong”  
Colorado Poet Laureate Bobby LeFebre



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## Colorado Book Awards in Colorado Springs

Congratulations to the finalists! The 2023 Colorado Book Awards Finalist Readings in Colorado Springs kicks off with History/Biography, Historical

Fiction, and Pictorial finalists sharing their work on Saturday, April 15 at 4 p.m. at our presenting partner Pikes Peak Library District's East Library. Attendees can pose questions and talk with the finalists, and most finalist books will be available for purchase thanks to Poor Richard's Books & Gifts. [Visit the Colorado Book Awards website for the reading schedule and finalist information.](#)

#### Historical Fiction

*Little Souls* by Sandra Dallas

*The School for German Brides* by Aimie K. Runyan

*Woman of Light* by Kali Fajardo-Anstine

#### History/Biography

*Life is a Game: Adventures of a World War II Interrogator and U.S. Soccer*

*Pioneer* by G.K. Guennel & Flint Whitlock

*The Continuing Storm: Learning from Katrina* by Lori Peek & Kai Erikson

*The Earth Is All That Lasts: Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, and the Last Stand of the Great Sioux Nation* by Mark Lee Gardner

#### Pictorial

*In Pursuit of Happenstance* by Barbara Ford & Roberta Smith

*To Aspen and Back: An American Journey* by Peggy Clifford, David Hiser, and Daniel Joseph

*Vibrant Interiors* by Andrea Monath Schumacher



### **Innovative Housing Solutions Changing the Legacy of Race & Ethnicity**

Starting April 17 at 6 p.m., visit our [YouTube channel](#) or [Facebook page](#) to view an expert discussion of Innovative Housing Solutions focused on addressing access, equity challenges, and solutions across the state. Elevation Community Land Trust Vice President of Social Impact and Wealth Equity Tiana Patterson, Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver Advocacy Coordinator Mariela Sanabria Flores, and Colorado Housing and Finance Authority Business Development Manager Paige Omohundro share their insights alongside moderator Cappelli Consulting Founder Jonathan Cappelli.

### **Clerical Assistant Position Open**

Colorado Humanities seeks an energetic and detail-oriented person to support programs and administration. In this part-time position, the Clerical Assistant assists the Director of Operations and other staff in clerical functions. Work will be done in consultation with the Colorado Humanities Director of Operations and other individuals as designated. For a full job description, visit our [Volunteer, Employment, and Internships page](#).

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### National History Day Call for Judges

Register now to judge the state contest on Saturday, April 29. It takes over 200 volunteers to help the day run smoothly and provide a positive experience for students. History expertise is not needed to judge and training will be provided. Register by filling out this [Google form](#).



### Lighthouse Writers Workshop Grand Opening

The Lighthouse Writers Workshop will celebrate the opening of their new York Street location on Friday, May 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be followed by a party with drinks, snacks, tours, and of course, literature. Register on the [Lighthouse Writers website](#).



### IllumiNative Launches “American Genocide: The Crimes of Native American Boarding Schools” Podcast

Hosts Crystal Echo Hawk (Pawnee) and Lashay Wesley (Choctaw) hit the ground in Pine Ridge, South Dakota to cover every twist and turn in this true crime story about the compounding intergenerational pain of Native American boarding schools and whether it’s possible for a community, Native peoples, and the United States to achieve truth, healing, and reconciliation. Listen to the podcast on the [IllumiNative website](#).

### Kali Fajardo-Anstine Awarded Guggenheim Fellowship

On April 5, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation approved the awarding of Guggenheim Fellowships to a diverse group of exceptional individuals to “further the development of scholars and artists by assisting

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them to engage in research in any field of knowledge and creation in any of the arts, under the freest possible conditions.” Kali Fajardo-Astine, author of *Woman of Light*, is one of the 171 individuals. Kali is a Historical Fiction finalist for the 2023 Colorado Book Awards. View the full list of fellows at [John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation](#).

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