

Fresh Blooms: May Updates

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May has arrived and spring has come along with the end of the school year. This is the time teachers and others working in early childhood development prepare for the next school year.

Colorado Humanities' Motherread/Fatheread Colorado 3-Day Institute is an excellent preparation for early childhood educators. Trainees are taught to use books and stories to foster inter-generational relationships and positive attitudes about books and reading. Many trainees find that it has forever changed the way they think when using books with children at home or in the classroom, and program data has shown an increase in children's language skills, an increase in the amount of time adults spend sharing stories with children, and an increase in the literacy-promoting techniques adults use with the children in their care.

This year's Motherread/Fatheread 3-Day Institute will be held in Denver, June 25 - 27. If you or someone you know works with parents of children ages birth to age five, please apply for one of the 24 spaces – see details and application link below. Colorado Humanities provides the training free of charge, including daily breakfast and lunch, and participants are asked to cover their own transportation and lodging expenses.

Apply [here](#).

If you know of organizations or agencies who would like to partner with us to bring Motherread/Fatheread to their community, or interested financial supporters for these efforts, please have them contact me.

To read my full statement on early childhood education in Colorado, click [here](#).

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Colorado Humanities is all about enriching our community through humanities programs and events across the state. We've been implementing our current program

plan since 2019, but it's time for a refresh. We're gearing up to review our strategic goals and determine how we can best support Colorado in the years ahead. We want YOU to be a part of it! **We'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas** because your unique perspective will help us shape our vision and plans for the future.

To show our appreciation for your participation, those who provide an email address when completing the survey will be entered into a drawing to win one of the following:

- a one-year subscription to NEH's *Humanities* magazine
- two tickets to the 2024 Colorado Book Awards Celebration
- a Colorado Book Awards winning book
- a set of 10 bilingual biographies for young readers in Spanish and English
- a voucher to purchase an item from the Colorado Humanities online store

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your valuable insights!

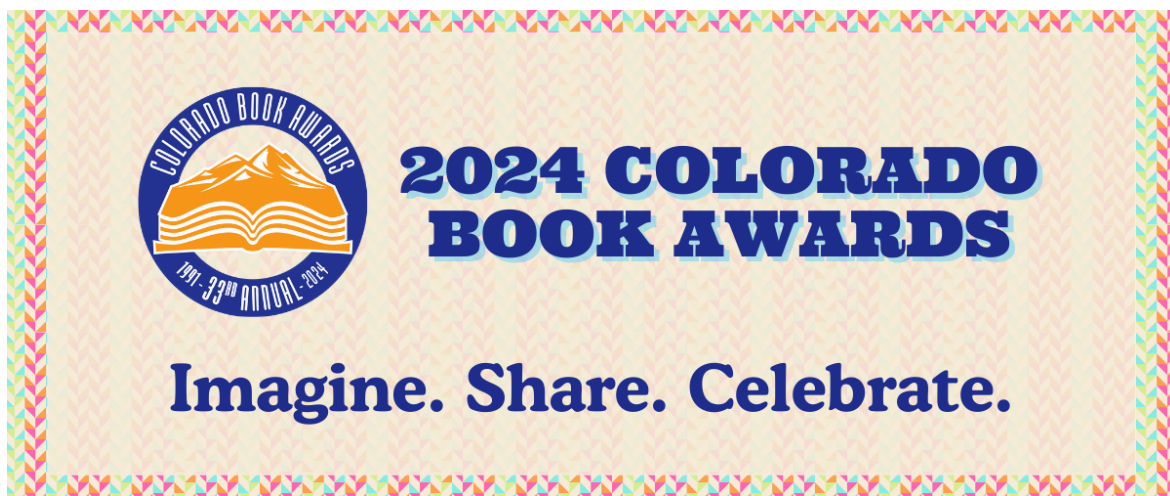


Museum on Main Street Open in Ignacio

Museum on Main Street is now open in Ignacio through June 8. Alongside the exhibit, there will be various events hosted at the venue throughout May, including Ties to Land and Place on May 9, Community Celebrations and Traditions on May 17, Ignacio's Past, Present, and Future on May 21, and Visions, Views, and Voices on May 31. For more details, please refer to the [Ignacio Community Library website](#).

Ouray Screening of *The Five States of Colorado*

Attendees throughout the state have been loving *The Five States of Colorado* screenings! If you haven't had a chance to catch a viewing, the next screening will be in Ouray on May 17 at the Wright Opera House at 7 p.m. Stay after the screening for a community conversation. [Visit our website](#) for information about upcoming screenings.



Colorado Book Awards Celebration

We are excited to announce that the 2024 Colorado Book Awards Finalists Celebration and Winners Announcement will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024 at the Tivoli Turnhalle theater at Metropolitan State University of Denver's Auraria campus. \$30 tickets are available for purchase [in our store](#) or by phone. Tickets include one drink ticket, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and dessert, and The Bookies will be on site selling the finalist books so you can get your copies signed in person! We hope you will check out our 49 finalists on our website and on socials! There is a wide variety of books from authors across the whole state of Colorado. We are lucky to have so many talented authors, and we hope you will support their work!

Loss of a Friend, Charles Everett Pace

By Betty Jo Brenner, former Colorado Humanities History Programs Coordinator



Charles Everett Pace was a kind man, a scholar, a performer, and he was my friend. As a Colorado Humanities Black History Live presenter, Charles performed at many Colorado venues. His first-person biographical presentations of notable figures such as Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, and Malcolm X were seen by college students, high school students, and adults. As a program coordinator for Colorado Humanities, I had the privilege of working with Charles for over twenty years, witnessing his influence and impact on audiences, especially young people.

He wrote his monologues with such care and interest, always punctuating the important parts so that all would feel they learned something about the character's time of life and why they were important. Our time together in the car traveling all over the state was precious to me. We talked history, we talked about the humanities, we talked about jazz, we shared stories, and we laughed.

I always thought I would see Charles one more time. He still had more to do with his passion for learning and teaching. Though we no longer worked together, we still stayed in touch. I am proud to have known Charles Pace, and he will be greatly missed.

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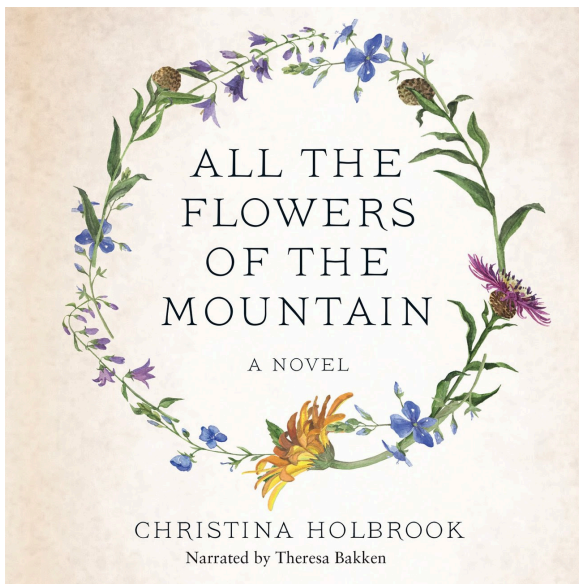
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Mountain Words 2024

Mountain Words Festival in Crested Butte, Colorado is a weekend of literary celebration in a rejuvenative mountain atmosphere. The Festival features readings, panels, workshops, theater,

Colorado Organizations Receive NEH Funding

We are excited to announce that two Colorado organizations have received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). **The Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area** has been awarded a \$24,000 grant from the **NEH Public Impact Projects at Smaller Organizations Program** for a two-year inclusive stories project to identify under-told stories in historic collections and archives in the heritage area. **NEH has also awarded funding to History Colorado** to support the collection of oral histories documenting the experience of Ute attendees of Colorado's Fort Lewis, Grand Junction, and on-reservation boarding schools and their descendants.



All the Flowers of the Mountain **Audiobook Release**

Winner of the 2023 Colorado Book Awards Romance category, Christina Holbrook's *All the Flowers of the*

children's events, film screenings, and more from presenters both regional and national. Taking place Memorial Day weekend (May 24-26), the Festival invites participants to not only enjoy literary offerings but also the picturesque historical town of Crested Butte as the spring pasque flowers are blooming and the mountain tops are still capped in snow. Panels and readings are free and open to the public. Workshops require a festival pass. For more information, contact brooke@crestedbuttearts.

Lighthouse Writers Workshop presents Lit Fest 2024

Taking place June 7-14, **Lit Fest** is an eight-day celebration of writers and readers, an extravaganza of weeklong and weekend advanced workshops, craft seminars, readings, salons, business panels, agent meetings, and parties. Choose workshops and events à la carte or sign up for one of the festival passes for the full experience. Visiting Authors for 2024 include fiction writers Steve Almond, Danielle Evans, Vanessa Hua, Alexandra Kleeman, Claire Messud, Jenny Offill, and Maurice Carlos Ruffin; nonfiction writers Emily Rapp Black, Amitava Kumar, T Kira Māhealani Madden, Beth Nguyen, and Sloane Crosley; poets Mark Doty, Jane Hirshfield, and Rowan Ricardo Phillips; and novelist/screenwriter Dean

Mountain is now available as an audiobook on [Audible](#) and [Amazon](#). Renowned Emmy-Award winning voice actor Theresa Bakken narrates, bringing the story to life in a captivating and distinct manner.

Bakopoulos! For more information, visit the [Lighthouse Writers website](#).

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