

Spread Joy, Spark Change: December's Opportunities ✨

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That's the Spirit!

The holiday spirit always makes me especially mindful of what it is to give and what it is to receive. The exchange of gifts is a fundamental part of human relationships and integral to social traditions all across the world and down through the ages. What are gifts? They're good will offerings that express gratitude, celebrate holidays, acknowledge milestones, honor achievements, and advance projects and endeavors. They're contributions of ideas, energy, time, material goods, and money in support of a common cause. They're special talents, abilities, assets, and strengths that help build a better world. Exchanging gifts is a mutually rewarding practice that benefits the individuals involved, and their societies as a whole. We at Colorado Humanities understand the value of this exchange and work hard to give back everything we receive from our supporters. Our energy, time, ideas, talents, and strengths are your energy, time, ideas, talents, and strengths.

What we receive, we return to Colorado communities as humanities programming and resources. This exchange is our design and our promise.

In gratitude,

Maggie Coval

Executive Director



Celebrate Colorado Humanities

Celebrating Colorado Humanities during the **Colorado Gives Day** effort is one way you can invest in our work and join our 50-year legacy of supporting Colorado's cultural and social dynamic. We are looking ahead with excitement about what your interest and generosity will bring to the new year—programs like Author Talks, Black History Live, Facilitator Training for Reflective Community Conversations, and Young Chautauqua, to name just a handful. And, in the true humanities spirit, your support helps us provide these programs at no cost to participants. Visit our profile at **ColoradoGives** to learn more about how your donation helps us make Colorado, the state we all call home, a great place to live.

Gifts made through our [ColoradoGives online profile](#) now through midnight tomorrow, Dec. 10, will count toward Colorado Gives Day.



2025 Colorado Book Awards Submissions Close Soon

The 34th annual Colorado Book Awards season began on September 9, 2024 for books published for the first time between November 1, 2023 and December 31, 2024. The submission deadline is January 3rd, 2025. We encourage authors from communities that have been and continue to be marginalized to submit their work. For submission information, visit us at [Colorado Book Awards](#).

Holiday Book List

Looking for a great book to give someone this holiday season? Look no further than the 2024 [Colorado Book Awards](#) list of finalists and winners. From Historical Fiction and Children's Literature to Poetry and Creative Nonfiction, the list is chock-full of fantastic books that span many genres.



An Evening with Erma Bombeck

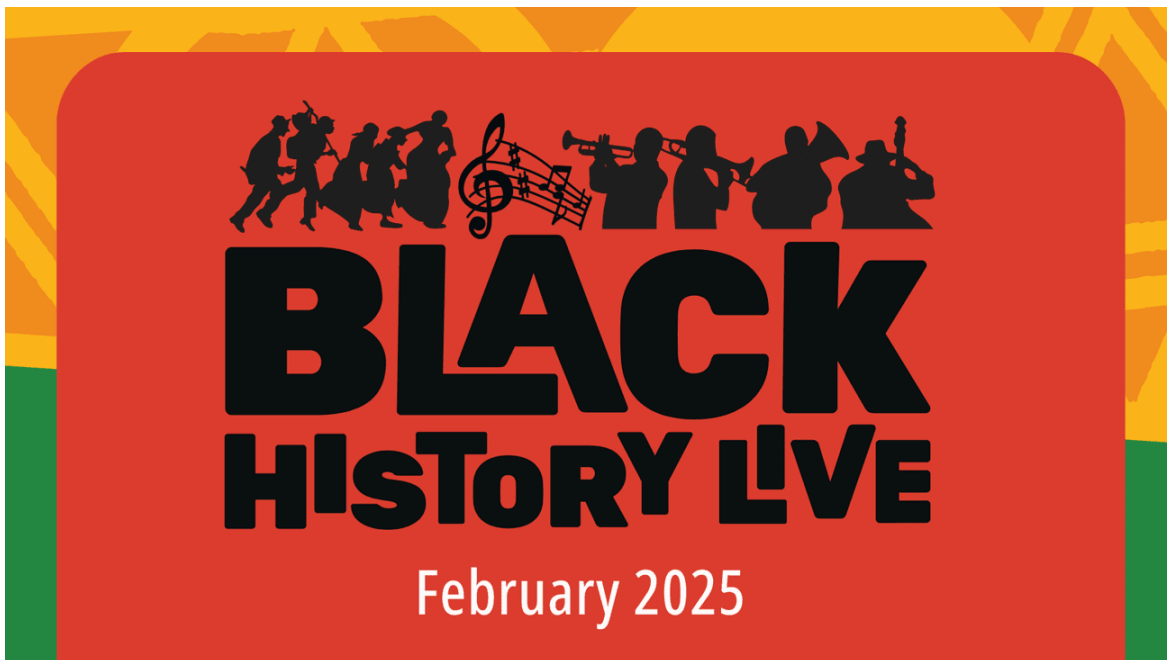
Meet Susan Marie Frontczak's Erma Bombeck on December 19 at Bemis Library in Littleton at 6:30 p.m. With knife-sharp humor, Erma Bombeck captured the daily life of a new American phenomenon: the suburban housewife. Having learned from her own personal experience that if you can laugh at it, you can live with it, she chronicled the housewife's daily struggles in her column "At Wit's End." This event is free to attend.



Museum on Main Street to Open in Gunnison

Join us in Gunnison on January 8 at the Gunnison Arts Center for the opening of *Crossroads: Change in Rural America*. This traveling Smithsonian exhibit takes a broad look at the characteristics of rural America, how an attraction to and


interaction with the land formed the basis of rural America, and how these communities and small towns have evolved. This is the last stop on the *Crossroads* tour, so be sure to stop by.



2025 Black History Live - Save the Date!

While the year is quickly coming to a close, preparations for next year’s Black History Live are in full swing. Chautauquans Becky Stone and Marvin Jefferson will portray Harriet Tubman and Louis Armstrong in several performances throughout Colorado. Events will be posted very soon on the [CH website](#), so keep an eye out for a performance near you.

Other News



Western Colorado
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Western Colorado Voices
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Mosaic of Cultures: Aurora's Nepali Community

The Aurora History Museum and the Office of International and Immigrant Affairs are celebrating Aurora’s Nepali population with the exhibition, *A Mosaic of Cultures: Aurora’s Nepali Community*, open until April 2025. Featuring Nepali music, art, dance, religion, and traditional foods, the exhibit incorporates the voices of local

Western Colorado Writers Forum Call for Submissions

The Western Colorado Writers' Forum (WCWF) is pleased to announce a new anthology, *Western Colorado Voices*, and seeks to showcase the diverse creative talents of Colorado residents currently living west of the Continental Divide. Submissions will be accepted until January 31, 2025. Poetry, nonfiction, memoir, and short stories of any genre under 3,000 words will be considered.

Fischer Poetry Prize Winner and Finalists Announced

The Telluride Institute's *Talking Gourds Poetry Program* announced Rebecca Foust as the winner of the 28th Annual Fischer Prize for Poetry for her poem, "Polaris." The five Outstanding Finalists for the 2024 Fischer Prize are Kelly Rowe of Arizona with "Waiting for Sunrise," Liza Patrick of Colorado with "How You Hold," Mary Buchinger of Massachusetts with "Gentian," Julia Liu of New Jersey with "Fortune Cookie," and former Fischer Prize-winner Carlos Andrés Gómez currently of Georgia with "Aperture."

Nepali community members and promotes an understanding of Aurora's increasing cultural diversity. Admission is free.



History, place, and fine art intersect in *buffalo soldiers: reVision* for an examination of the complicated legacy of the all-Black Army regiments established in 1866 following the Civil War. The exhibit, open at *Fort Garland Museum*, presents a rare chance to reconcile some of the most difficult aspects of Colorado's past, while also looking toward the future of historical interpretation and how museums can tell more inclusive and representational histories.

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