



Celebrate Women! 2005 Finalists

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Celebrate Women! recognizes women of Foothills Art Center

Jenny Cook, executive director of the Foothills Art Center, is this year's keynote speaker for the "Celebrate Women!" breakfast event scheduled for Friday, November 18, at the Denver Marriott West Hotel. The annual event, sponsored by the West Chamber along with several local businesses including *EasyChair Magazine*, is designed to honor women in the community who have made positive contributions.

Jenny will speak about women who have impacted the arts in Jefferson County, in particular, Carol Dickinson, former Foothills Art Center director, Susan Saarinen, local architect and one of the designers of the new Foothills sculpture garden, and Esther Papenfus, office and facilities manager.

"I'll be talking about the women of Foothills...their devotion, their stamina and their longevity. They are extraordinary women who have put their heart and soul into this facility," said Jenny.

Esther has been with Foothills since 1978 when she began crocheting snowflakes for the annual holiday market. "I'm 76-and-a-half years old now and I still just love the people, the artists, the holiday art market," said Esther, whose enjoyed many exhibits over the years including the new Carol and Don Dickinson Sculpture Garden, a tribute to the former center director and her husband.

Women's Forum West wows attendees

Women's Forum West (WFW) might be subtitled "Wow Factors for Women." That's because female chamber members and their guests — Ok, so guys are welcome! — are being introduced to some of the best information available on business success through the WFW quarterly events. "It's also a great way to network and develop resources that could take your career or business to a new level," says Chamber President Amy Sherman.

Previous programs have included topics such as developing a professional image, successful retailing, effective networking and organizing your life.

WFW Steering Committee Member MaryAnn Proctor applauds Barbara Stoker's "A Woman with a Minute" presentation. "She really encouraged us to stop beating ourselves up and to be proud of what we have accomplished," said Proctor.

Committee Chairperson Wendy Spencer says she loves the annual Celebrate Women! event, an annual breakfast that honors women in Jefferson County. The November event draws hundreds of people — including a lot of enthusiastic men — to applaud accomplishments that may otherwise go unnoticed. "We have a lot of unsung heroes in our community. Their stories are fabulous," says Spencer.

Ellen Bjorhus, job development specialist at Warren Tech, looks forward to planning next year's menu of presentations and bringing some high school and college



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(L to R): Jenny Cook, Foothills Art Center executive director; Amy Sherman, West Chamber president and CEO; and Carol Dickinson, former Foothills Art Center director.

"The garden means everything," said Carol. "It's the culmination of a dream."

The \$280,000 project was designed by Golden landscape architect Susan Saarinen—she's the daughter of famed architect Eero Saarinen—and includes sculptures by Jesus Moroles, an internationally acclaimed Texas-based artist with longstanding ties to Foothills.

"I just love it," said Carol. "It says very interesting things about honoring the past and being progressive about the future."

Jenny is equally excited about the permanent garden that provides a dramatic entry to the center. "The sculpture garden has exceeded everyone's expectations on every level," said Jenny. "It's increased our usable space and given us a much stronger connection with downtown."

In addition to the sculptures, don't miss the granite benches and "gorgeous" Florentine walls, she said. Visit foothillsartcenter.org. — JB



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Women's Forum West Committee, top (L to R): Karen Nash, MaryAnn Proctor, Nancy Crego, Amy Sherman, Wendy Spencer. Bottom (L to R): Ellen Bjorhus, Patty DeLucas, Lalonie Gould.

students into the mix. "Students can benefit by interacting with positive adult role models...and business people can benefit by knowing they're helping to shape and influence a young person," says Bjorhus.

Other possible future topics include humor and motivation in the workplace, financial planning and investing in the stock market, career transitions, spirituality, time management, human resources, community development, mentoring, environmental issues and travel.

Says committee member Patty DeLucas: "We've got to keep it interactive and fun. Women's Forum West is a great place to interact professionally and personally. I get excited just talking about it." — JB