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We meet the second Wednesday of each month (September through April) at 9:30 a.m. at the Broadmoor Community Church, 15 Lake Avenue.

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This club has a paid membership policy. Prospective members may attend two functions/meetings before paying their annual dues. Former members must rejoin before attending any activities or meetings.

✿ Monthly meetings are not held when D-12 schools are delayed or cancelled.

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November 2025

CMNC Activities Calendar

SUN DAY	MON DAY	TUES DAY	WEDNES DAY	THURS DAY	FRI DAY	SATUR DAY
						1 Walkie Talkies 10 am
2	3 UFOs 1 pm Birthday Belles 4:30 pm	4	5 Literary Ladies 10 am	6 Nurturing Yourself 2-4 pm	7 Pickleball 10 am-12 pm	8 Walkie Talkies 10 am
9	10 Pokeno 1 pm	11 Decorating Divas 1 pm Explore Colorado 10:30 am	12 CMNC Holiday Bazaar 9:30 am Gleaners 4 1 writers	13 Canasta Hand & Foot 10 am	14 Pickleball 10 am-12 pm	15 Walkie Talkies 10 am
16	17 Happy Hour Get-Together 3-4:30 pm	18 Ladies Gourmet 11 am	19	20 Readers Choice 10 am Scrabble 12 pm	21 Pickleball 10 am-12 pm Wine & Friends 6-8:30 pm	22 Walkie Talkies 10 am
23	24	25 Let's Get Lit 6:30 pm	26	27 	28 Pickleball 10 am-12 pm	29 Walkie Talkies 10 am
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Please forgive any errors or typos in this publication.
— Your newsletter editor, Elaine Claussen

CMNC Monthly Program

3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Wednesday, Nov. 12

It's baaaaack! Join us for CMNC's annual Holiday Bazaar on **Wednesday, Nov. 12**, at the Broadmoor Community Church where we normally meet each month.

This year, 21 member crafters and vendors have signed up to sell their wares, which will help you check off items on your holiday shopping list. The bazaar is not open to the public, but if you have a friend or neighbor who's curious about CMNC, bring her along for a good time and a chance to meet our fabulous members.

The bazaar **opens at 9:30 a.m.** If you want the best selection, don't be late!

CASH IS KING, SO BRING PLENTY!

Please note: Personal checks will not be accepted; however, some vendors may use Zelle or take credit cards. And of course, all sellers will welcome cash, so if possible, bring smaller bills so change won't be an issue. We'll also have light refreshments and coffee on hand to keep you fueled for this special shopping bonanza.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KAREN THOMAS

Call or text her at 757.272.2517.

WHILE YOU'RE THERE, SIGN UP FOR THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

The cost is just \$30, payable via Zelle, cash, or check in the church foyer when you enter. **See Page 6** of this newsletter for all the exciting details.

Welcome, New Members!



Membership is blossoming—again

More than two dozen women of Colorado Springs joined CMNC this fall, thanks to a little advertising and a lot of word-of-mouth recruitment. New members who attended our October meeting, featured in the photo above, were greeted with an orange rose and welcomed warmly at our first official meeting for the 2025-26 season. Please continue to make these lovey gals feel at home when you encounter them at various club meetings and activities. Welcome, ladies!

Mursal Akhundzada

Holly Bedell

Vicki Beltramo

Judy Brisbois

Cheryl Claire

Monica Colceriu

Tine Dacquisto

Sharon Davis

Constance Elmore

Kip Henning

Maria Hodges

Carol Leed

Susan Leonard

Jennifer McCleish

Mary Ogden

Marilyn Pattison

Deb Richards

Josann Roberts

Valerie Schoenherr

Donna Skinner

Karen Sterns

Pam Thompson

Shelly Troft

Monique Viger

Andrea Wandishin

Debora Yoss

"...The women we befriend later in life can be instrumental to our personal growth, serving as a reminder that it's never too late to cultivate meaningful friendships."

— Maya Angelou



HO! HO! HO!iday Program and Luncheon

One of Colorado's leading vocal luminaries, Susan Rissman and her trio, will regale us with a medley of holiday tunes on Wednesday, Dec. 10, in the Broadmoor Community Church's chapel. The program will start at 10:30 a.m., but plan on arriving around 9:30 if you want to sign up for upcoming CMNC activities.

Following the program, we'll gather back downstairs in our regular meeting room for a festive luncheon.

For our giving tree this year, we're collecting canned goods, coffee, baking staples and the like to help stock the pantry at the Springs Rescue Mission. Please bring a contribution! To see what else they need, visit SpringsRescueMission.org.

Reserve your seat **before the Dec. 5 deadline** (we need a final count for the caterer that day!). The cost is just \$30, payable by check or cash at the Nov. 12 bazaar. You can also mail a check to CMNC, PO BOX 60001, Colorado Springs, CO 80960 (note the ZIP Code!) or pay through Zelle at CMNC2024@yahoo.com.

November Member Birthdays



11/05	Jennifer Lehn
11/08	Debbie Sandy
11/11	Lynda DeAngelis
11/11	Linda Ewton
11/12	Shelley Elam
11/13	Janis Miranda
11/18	Susan Jones
11/19	Gini Dugan
11/19	Andrea Wandishin

11/20	Nancy Anderson
11/22	Sadie Wagner
11/25	Mary Hotchkiss
11/26	Jane Myers
11/26	Nancy Price-Weddle
11/28	LouAnn McKenzie
11/30	Madelyn McKennan
11/30	Eleanor McKennan

Enjoy your special day, ladies!

November Activities

Wine & Friends

Third Friday
of the month
6 p.m.

This month, Kathy Perkins and her husband, Lee, will host a "Wines Around the World" theme with a *Jeopardy*-style trivia game complete with prizes. The event runs from 6–8:30 p.m. on **Friday, Nov. 21**. Please note: **RSVPs are required**. On the first of each month, Wendy Wolfswinkel will send out an invitation to those who are on the group email list, and will take RSVPs in the order they're received. If you have not been getting our emails or want to be added to the list, please email Wendy at wwolfswinkel@outlook.com. As a courtesy to our gracious hosts, please don't "drop in" if you did not RSVP and were not confirmed. Want to host one of these popular gatherings in 2026? Please contact Wendy or Cheryl for details.

Coordinators

Wendy Wolfswinkel	719.332.7957
Cheryl Eaton	719.331.5554

Ladies Gourmet

Third Tuesday
of the month
11 a.m.

Our next popular event is on Tuesday, November 18 . But this time, we'll be meeting at a restaurant—one you won't want to miss out on! Here's a hint: it's a new, elegant spot that everyone will want to check out. Sign-ups to join this event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the club's Holiday Bazaar. Please note: **A \$10 deposit is required**, and will be refunded at the restaurant. Look for Karen Cacy and Marie Poyzer to make your menu selections in advance and to pay. You'll receive a ticket to get you in this conveniently located fab restaurant.

Coordinators

Karen Cacy	503.246.4286
Marie Poyzer	719.659.3075

Canasta Hand & Foot

2nd and 4th
Thursdays
10 am

Enjoy this lively, strategic game twice a month at The Country Club of Colorado, 125 E. Clubhouse Drive. We play downstairs in the back room just behind the Gates Grille, and order lunch about halfway through our play. Players are responsible for their own lunch tabs, plus \$2 each to tip the coffee and tea servers who stock our card room. No RSVP is needed; however, if you're new to Hand & Foot or need a refresher, **please call Edna Clark to arrange a lesson prior to the next group date**. Note: we will not meet on Nov. 27, which is Thanksgiving Day.

Coordinators:

Edna Clark	719.217.5222
Karen Vlasak	719.325.4500

November Activities, cont'd

Birthday Belles

1st Monday
of the month
4:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate members' birthdays each month at Elevations Lounge in the Cheyenne Mountain Resort. This month we'll meet on **Monday, Nov. 3**, to honor our November birthday belles (see the list on Page 7) starting at 4:30 p.m. Happy hour runs until 6 p.m., plus you can purchase appetizers or dinner while paying tribute to our lovely birthday ladies. **RSVP via email at IsaBelleRowsey@gmail.com** no later than a week before each month's event.

Coordinator

IsaBelle Rowsey

503.246.4286

Walkie Talkies

Saturdays
10 a.m.

Join us at **10 a.m. each Saturday** for a moderate walk/adventure at the Bear Creek Regional Park East. Walks range from about 40 minutes up to an hour. Sign up at the CMNC monthly meetings to get on our email list in case of cancellations.

Coordinator:

Felicia Mendygral

719.445.6477

Pokeno

2nd Monday
of the month
1 p.m.

Pokeno is a fun, easy game like bingo with cards. We play at members' homes and each month's hostess determines the number of players she can comfortably accommodate. Participants should bring a gift valued at \$8 or more concealed within a paper bag, plus \$2 in cash for the blackout round.

Coordinators:

Tami Dickinson

623.670.8298

Laurie Zickefose

719.360.4722

Decorating Divas

2nd Tuesday
of the month
Time & location
vary

Join us on **Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 1-3:30 p.m.** as we head to **Floor & Decor at 6867 Crest Hill View** (off Woodman, west of Academy) for a fun and fabulous seminar on their latest and greatest home renovation products, materials, and ideas, from floors, tile, and countertops to fireplaces, cabinets, faucets and more. If you'd like to participate, please email MB to reserve your spot. See you there!

Coordinators:

Nancy Price-Weddle

719.332.2644

Mary Beth (MB) Shively

719.527.0612

November Activities, cont'd

Happy Hour Get-Togethers

3rd Monday
of the month
3 p.m.

Join friends at different breweries and pubs for some fun each month! No advance sign-up needed; simply show up for a drink and some great conversation with your community of CMNC women. (Individuals are responsible for their own tabs.)

Nov 17 @ Cowboy Star Restaurant and Bar, 5198 N. Nevada Ave. #150

Coordinator:
Peggy Dolinich

719.964.8778

Explore Colorado

Day, time &
location vary
each month

We'll tour the grand, historic Broadmoor hotel on **Tuesday, Nov. 11**, promptly at 10:30 a.m. and then lunch at Marigolds afterward. While the tour is free, attendees are responsible for their own lunches. The limit for this event is 14 and sign-ups from the October meeting are full; however, there's a waitlist in case of cancellations.

Coordinators:
Nancy Long
Kathy Perkins

605.673.6772
720.291.0330

UFOs

First Monday
of each month
1 p.m.

A low-key group of members who meet in members' homes to work on our UnFinished Objects (UFOs). Some do crocheting, knitting, mending, recipe sorting or anything they can carry with them. No project? No problem! Join us for a hot or cold beverage and conversation. Sign up at the monthly CMNC general meeting to get an email with this month's location.

Coordinator:
Carolyn Wheeler

719.527.0640

Because We Care

Member care
when needed

Please remember to contact me when you know of or hear about one of our members who is experiencing a health problem, facing hospitalization or surgery, dealing with a death in the family, or going through a life-changing situation of any kind. I will send out the appropriate card on behalf of our members, and in some cases, follow up with a phone call to see if any help is needed.

Coordinator
Lynda DeAngelis

719.440.4643

November Activities, cont'd

Adopt A Family

Your help makes a difference

We're hosting one final activity for this deserving group: Please bring a new or gently used purse (handbag, evening clutch, crossbody bag, carryall, etc.) to the **CMNC Holiday Bazaar on November 12**. Members can purchase these donated accessories to help families in need this Christmas. All proceeds will go to the Adopt A family program. No purses collecting dust in your closet? No worries! Cash donations are always welcome. If you'd like to get (or stay) involved with Adopt A Family directly, you can visit cpcdheadstart.org/get-involved and click on the Adopt A Family tab.

Purse Donation Coordinator:

Jackie Whipple

619.994.9447

Chapter 1 Writers

2nd Wednesday of each month

Authors and would-be writers welcome! Come share your manuscripts, first drafts, or even ideas you're noodling about in a safe, non-critical environment. Times and location may vary each month; please contact Tracy for details.

Coordinator:

Tracy Alderson

626.487.8033

Gleaners

Outside before our monthly CMNC meetings

We are still collecting empty pill bottles (minus labels) every month. These are utilized by West Side Cares as containers for personal hygiene products. Please leave your donations in the open trunk of Barb's car before our monthly meetings. It'll be parked just outside the entrance of the building.

Coordinator:

Barb Coons

719.375.3231 or 219.973.9555

Scrabble

3rd Thursday of the month
12 p.m.

Love word play? Friendly challenges? Then sign up to join this new group. If you want to be on the email distribution in case dates or times change.

Coordinator:

Sharon Crumpton

719.439.1700

November Activities, cont'd

Pickleball

Every Friday
10 a.m.

Join us at the Springs Pickleball indoor courts on Fridays from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. We reserve 1-2 courts, depending on how many players RSVP for that week. There's a fee of \$30/hour x 2, which is divided among the number of players. Example: For four players, the cost is \$15 each. For six players, the cost is \$10 each, etc. **Go to the Springs Pickleball website and sign up as a guest** at no charge. Once you're registered, contact Donna (sternsd@aol.com) and she will add you to the play list. Emails are sent every Monday with a link to sign up for that week's court reservation. Once four players have signed up, a wait list is created. A max of six can reserve one court. If we have eight or more players, we'll try to reserve an additional court. If you're new to pickleball, Springs Pickleball offers free group lessons. They also have paid private and group lessons. If you're a new player, please let us know so we can create different groups to begin play with. You'll learn the rules and scoring quickly as you begin play.

Coordinator
Donna Sterns

832.264.6062

Lunch Bunch

Following our
monthly
meetings

Due to the popular November Holiday Bazaar and the December Holiday luncheon and program, we will suspend our awesome Lunch Bunch gatherings until the first of the year. See you then!

Coordinator:
Gini Dugan

507.319.1700



HEY THERE!

Got an idea for a new activity?

Let us know! CMNC members love games, activities, events, and of course, any excuse to get together with friends. Contact Activities Director Kathy Perkins at 720.291.0330 to share your new ideas and get the ball rolling.

NOTES & REMINDERS

The following club activity coordinators have volunteered to have their members provide light brunch foods, snacks, and desserts for our monthly meetings:

- Nov. 12** Birthday Belles & Pickleball
- Jan. 14** Ladies Gourmet
- Feb. 11** Decorating Divas & Walkie Talkies
- March 11** Wine & Friends
- April 8** Let's Get Lit Book Club

If you're a member of one of these activities, please keep a copy of this schedule for the future. Thanks!

CMNC Monthly Meeting Brunch Schedule

2025-26 Annual Membership Dues

Still need to pay your 2025-26 CMNC annual membership dues? No problem!

You can pay at the Nov. 12 Holiday Bazaar in the foyer (see Membership Chair Marie Ryan) or use Zelle (CMNC2024@yahoo.com).

Cash, check, or Zelle only, please; we do not accept credit cards.

Once again, the annual fee to be part of this awesome group has not increased—it's still just \$40 for unlimited fun and friendship.