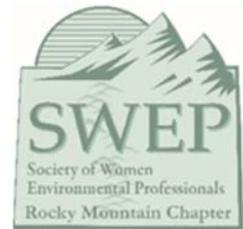


January/February 2019 Newsletter

## SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER



### What's Happening:

Dr. Dorothy Colagiovanni will be giving a luncheon presentation on Wednesday January 30th, 2019. The presentation will be at Next Frontier Biosciences located at **6510 W. 91st Ave, Westminster, CO 80031**. Please RSVP by COB January 28, 2019 to [mountainswep@gmail.com](mailto:mountainswep@gmail.com).

**Save the Date!** Jane Bral from Colorado Division of Oil and Public Safety will be giving a luncheon presentation on the Petroleum Cleanup and Redevelopment Fund on March 26th. The presentation will be at Colorado Division of Oil and Public Safety, 633 17th St., Suite 500, Denver CO 80202. An announcement with more information will be sent in March.

### 2018 Rocky Mountain SWEP Leadership:

**Chair:** Jean Zodrow, Ph.D., Arcadis U.S., Inc. 303-250-3673, [Jean.Zodrow@arcadis.com](mailto:Jean.Zodrow@arcadis.com)

**Treasurer:** Elly Miller, Pinyon Environmental, Inc. [miller@pinyon-env.com](mailto:miller@pinyon-env.com)

### Steering Committee Members:

Tami McMullen	Anne Lang
Sara Woolsey	Mickele Bragg
Selina Koler	Vicki Kraus
Heather Young	Courtney Peterson

### 2019 Membership Renewals:

A reminder that the SWEP memberships expire on December 31, 2018. Feel free to fill out a 2019 membership form on the website ([www.swepcolo.org](http://www.swepcolo.org)) or we will be happy to collect memberships at the first event of the year. The benefits to the membership include:

- ◆ Supporting SWEP in providing scholarships to students in environmental programs
- ◆ \$5 off each event
- ◆ 3-4 educational luncheons per year
- ◆ 1-2 networking mixers per year
- ◆ Access to a member website for announcements and employment opportunities

### Book Recommendation:

***Crossing the Unknown Sea: Work as a Pilgrimage of Identity***— David Whyte

This book "...is about reuniting the imagination with our day to day lives. It shows how poetry and practicality, far from being mutually exclusive, reinforce each other to give every aspect of our lives meaning and direction. For anyone who wants to deepen their connection to their life's work—or find out what their life's work is—this book can help navigate the way."  
—amazon.com

### Enviro News:

#### 2019 Colorado Environmental Film Festival

**February 21 – 23**

The Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) is an exciting, inspiring, and energizing event that includes world-class environmental films with representatives from local and national organizations. CEFF screens feature length and short films by foreign, local, and young filmmakers. True to the spirit of Colorado, this event is supported and attended by people who value the natural world and share a passion for the power and beauty of film.

American Mountaineering Center – 710 10th St. Golden, CO, 80401.

For more information including tickets and schedule:

<https://ceff.net/>

**If you are interested in becoming more involved with SWEP or have any information or environmental news you would like to share in our next newsletter, please contact us at [mountainswep@gmail.com](mailto:mountainswep@gmail.com)**

## **SWEP spotlight: Jenifer Heath**

Jenifer Heath received her Ph.D. in Toxicology and is an independent toxicology and risk assessment consultant.

### **What do you find exciting or challenging about your job?**

I am an independent toxicology and risk assessment consultant. I love that I have no idea what I'll be working on a month from now, or sometimes even a week from now. I am excited about the flexibility I have related to when and how much I work. (The flip side to that is that I am sometimes worried about not having enough income.) I enjoy the challenge of digging deep into the scientific literature related to some of my litigation cases and applying that science to the facts of the case. Different cases about the same science may lead to different opinions or conclusions because the facts of each case (such as how someone was exposed or what adverse effects they have) are so unique.



### **Tell us about a woman who inspires you.**

My mom. Although she had not been able to attend college, as a young adult she was deeply involved in medical research and writing related to topics like radiation and cancer, sickle cell anemia, and vascularization (growth of new blood supplies) of tumors and transplanted organs. She was always interested in my school science projects, and, later, in my college reports, research and dissertations as well as my science journals. She became a stay-at-home mom when she had her second child, then 20 years later got her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. She'd grown up in a family and culture that believed that if you educate a boy, you've educated a man, but if you educate a girl, you've educated her whole future family. Not necessarily a way we'd look at it today, but foundational to her life and to how she raised her daughters.

### **What activities do you enjoy outside of work?**

I enjoy my pets, my neighbors, native pollinator gardens, family and friends, and volunteering. I organize small groups to volunteer doing tasks like packing nutritious food for homeless emancipated teens, sorting and inventorying donated medical supplies that ultimately are shipped to needy clinics and hospitals outside the US, organizing the warehouse of a food bank for pet food and supplies, seasonal chores at horse rescues, getting excess medical supplies from one charity to animal shelters and spay/neuter clinics, grading middle school teams' math tests at MathCounts competitions, and more. You are welcome to join in this if you'd like to!

You can reach Jenifer at [jeniferheath@aol.com](mailto:jeniferheath@aol.com) (volunteering), [jeniferheath7@gmail.com](mailto:jeniferheath7@gmail.com) (work), [www.HeathToxicology.expert](http://www.HeathToxicology.expert), or 303-726-9601.