



## Welcome Back Everyone

The summer has almost passed us by and fall is in the air, and we in Philo are ready to start the Club's 87th year. We welcome our new Philomatheons – 14 to be exact! We are so excited to have you join us and become involved in our many worthwhile projects which benefit those in need in this wonderful community of Loveland.

## Newsletter Info

Three people will be taking over the job of one this year for our newsletter. We want to thank our past newsletter editor, Diane Meuret, for the many hours spent in creating and mailing our newsletter the past two years. It will take three people to fill her shoes.

MaryAnn Stroub will be editor of the newsletter, setting it up and sending it to Nita Starr. She will send the newsletter out to you either by email or if you don't have email she will mail it to you. Lin Stokes will be receiving articles, editing them if need be, and sending them on to MaryAnn to be published in the newsletter.

If you have an article please send it to Lin Stokes. Her e-mail is [d00rknob@msn.com](mailto:d00rknob@msn.com) (those are zeros in door) or phone her at 667-8004.

If you have an email or address change please contact Nita Starr. Her email is [starnova@aol.com](mailto:starnova@aol.com) or phone her at 667-1056.



## Missing In Action

That's what your President, Stevie and Vice President, Doreen, will be at the first meeting of the year.

Their husbands planned trips for them not taking into consideration that they are supposed to be at a Philo meeting. Stevie will be on a cruise leaving New York and stopping at ports on her way to Nova Scotia and Doreen will be sight seeing in China.

Thanks to Gerry Henderson, last year's President and this year's Historian, the meeting will go on without even a hiccup.

Thank you so much, Gerry!

## Mark Your Calendar

### September 13 Committee Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Girls Night Out  
Alternatives to Violence

### This Month's General Meeting

Tuesday, September 13



### 4th Thursday of the month - Book Club

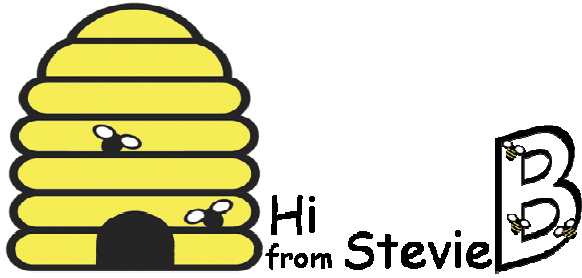
11:30  
Circle Moon Coffee Café'



### Deadline for October Newsletter

September 16





Here I am sitting at my computer feeling very intimidated because I'm at the computer and because I know its time for me to take over as president of this wonderful organization, Philo.

I then realized this will be one of the easiest responsibilities of all in our organization because of all of you. The talents, willingness, dedication and imaginations that you all have are a marvel to me and they are what make Philo so unique. You are what make our organization so special.

Philo has been busy this summer tending to Flora in the Sculpture Garden, the Artists' Charitable Sale at the Invitational Sculpture Show, the Blood Drive, Board Meetings and a Get-Together for the new members. By the September meeting we'll be in full swing for an exciting year.

Thank you to all of you for your time and effort in all you do for our club.

See you on September 13 at our first meeting of 2005-2006.

"Bee" Happy!  
Stevie "B"

## THANK-YOU

I want to thank Philo for the beautiful four season's tree plates and holder presented to me at the May Spring Dinner. It looks great in the dining area of our home! Philo is an exceptional organization, serving Loveland in many meaningful ways, making it a very special privilege for me to have been your President.

Sincerely – Gerry Henderson

### Mary Ellen Beebe

Below is an excerpt from an update letter written by Susan Beebe Sharp, Mary Ellen's youngest daughter. Rather than having one response from our entire group, it seems fitting at this time that we send our individual thoughts.

"While this phase of our journey is not easy, it has been a time of much love, laughter and sharing for our family. During some of our moments of sharing we have talked extensively about mom's life and all of you, who have helped make it so full and beautiful. Deb, Judy and I have decided to try and create a fitting celebration of her life. We would be honored if you could share in that with us. We are asking for thoughts of Mary Ellen – a favorite memory, the time you first met, what she has meant to your life, etc. We absolutely respect it if you decide not to participate, but if you choose to we are working on this now and would appreciate your input as soon as possible. Thanks and remember to smile and laugh each and every day." All our love! Susan

Please send your thoughts to -  
[susan.sharp@hp.com](mailto:susan.sharp@hp.com)

Or to get a mailing address, phone her at  
(970) 898-9365.

### Newsletter Deadlines

The following are the deadlines for the 2005-2006 newsletters. Please send article submissions for the newsletter in paragraph form to either MaryAnn Stroub ([mstroub@att.net](mailto:mstroub@att.net)) or Lin Stokes ([d00rkn0b@msn.com](mailto:d00rkn0b@msn.com)). Email or other digital format is preferred.

Meeting Month	Deadline
October	September 16
November	October 21
December	No newsletter
January	December 16
February	January 20
March	February 17
April	March 17
May	April 21

## Committee News

### 2004 – 2005 Philo Scholarship Awards

The spring of 2005 brought some well-deserving applicants searching for the Philo scholarships. We did not have the quantity of applications we've had in the past few years, but the interview team was very impressed with the quality of the candidates. We were pleased with the way we were allowed to spend Philo's scholarship fund this year. Our budget was \$5,500.00.

Let us introduce your Philo scholarship recipients for the year 2005.

**Alex Amys** was awarded \$1,000.00 to attend Westwood Aviation College. Alex is a 2005 graduate of Mountain View High School. He is a hard working young man who worked at Colorado Heirloom throughout his high school years. He is very mechanical and would like to become an aviation mechanic. Alex is going to do well!

**Anna Bailey**, a 40-year-old woman who is returning to school to become a dental assistant, was awarded \$500.00 to attend Front Range Community College. She is a mother of two school age children and currently works for a cleaning service. Anna, who seems very kind and caring, will make a great dental assistant.

**Amanda Chavez**, 25, was awarded \$1,000.00 to attend Aims Community College. She is a hard working single mother with a four-year-old son. Amanda is motivated to become a radiological technician and will be in the final year of the program at Aims. She has outstanding references and we feel she will be successful in attaining her goal.

**Jimmie Sirio** was awarded \$1,000.00 to attend either Aims Community College or Front Range Community College. He is a 43-year-old man returning to school in order to better himself and his family situation. Jimmie would like to pursue a degree in construction management. The interview team was concerned about his homeless situation, at this time he is a resident of Angel House (IFN). But, he wants to work hard to get back on his feet, and we wish him the best.

**Danny Torrez**, a 2005 graduate of Thompson Valley High School, was awarded \$1,000.00 to attend Aims Community College. He is talented in art and with this interest he would like to go into computer graphics. The interview team was impressed with Danny and felt he was deserving of a scholarship.

**Kara Younie** was awarded \$1,000.00 to attend Front Range Community College. Kara, 25, is presently working as a nail tech. Her goal is to get her associate degree as a registered nurse and begin working in a hospital. Kara is very motivated and determined to achieve her goal.

Jill Guffey, Committee Chair 2004 - 2005

### Event Planning Committee

Members of the Event Planning Committee will be getting together in the near future to discuss upcoming events and fundraising direction and ideas. When the meeting time and location have been decided, members will be called. Come prepared with new ideas!

Diane Meuret, Committee Chair

## Committee News cont.

### Blood Drive

Our last drive, on August 16 yielded 94 units and we had 5 first time donors! We will be having FIVE drives this year. Our next drive is **November 15**. Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked the 2005 drives.

Cynthia Garcia is the chairman and Karen Sanders is the co-chair for 2005-2006. Remember to mark your calendars now and sign up for the this year's drives.

November 15, 2005  
February 21, 2006  
April 18, 2006  
June 20, 2006  
August 15, 2006  
November 21, 2006

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Girls' Night Out

Remember last year's buying frenzy at Almosta Mercantile? Get ready for a repeat performance this fall! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Girls' Night Out for Philo members, their families and friends will be held on **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Time and details are yet to be determined.

The Girls' Night Out offers members the chance to do some holiday shopping and to have great food from local eateries. A percentage of the evening's proceeds comes back to Philo. This is an easy and enjoyable way to help make money for our organization. Mark your calendars!

All committee members for this event should arrive at 6:30 p.m. for the September meeting (9/13). Committee members are: Sarah Long, Mary Ann Lane, Sue Lussenhop, Sherry Frank, Carol Helzer and Pam Pellizari. We will be putting our game plan in place to finalize event details and planning.

Ceri Anderson, Committee Chair



### Integrated Early Childhood

Our committee had a rewarding and successful year. Achievements included the donation of three Christmas trees, dress-up clothes, 40 decorated book bags, and the compilation of a Mother's Day gift cookbook with favorite recipe directions dictated by children.

In May, 18 capes were sewn and donated for role-playing activities.

Thank you so much to all who helped distribute school supplies to pack the 165 boxes. Each 4-year old child received a box of supplies that hopefully motivated the child to continue practicing skills throughout the summer and thus be better prepared to enter school this fall.

Sue Wall, co-chair, and I were invited to the year-end brunch for the Integrated Early Childhood teachers and related staff at which time we were given certificates of appreciation. What a wonderful experience to be able to help staff and children in this valuable program! The outcome is children who are better prepared for the school experience and therefore more successful.

Bonnie Hanson, Committee Chair

### Alternatives to Violence Committee

We will be having a meeting at 6:30 just before the general Philo meeting on September 13. We will be discussing plans for the year as well as holiday ideas for the family.

Nicki Staiano, Chairman



## Committee News cont.

### Artist's Charitable Fund

#### Philo Mini-Sculptures

The 14th annual Sculpture Invitational sale of mini-sculptures was a success. Philo took in \$1,000 more than last year and netted a profit of over \$3,000.00.

Kathi Wright and I wish to thank our willing sales volunteers who made the show fun: Debbie Welzel, Rita Harden, Marilyn Wiltgen, Gerry Henderson, Stevie Benkendorf, Sheila Pottorff, Diane Lauer, Nancy Patterson and Rita King, Kathy Loken, Lynn Fountaine, Sherri Frank, Anne Anderson, Kitty Dexter, Pam Pellizzari, Mary Ann Lane, Sue Lussenhop, Betty Brammer, Diane Meuret, Juanita Cisneros, Mary Ann Stroub, Phyllis McCormack, Patty Byers, Dona Menzies, Anne Bennett and Kim and Kevin Knowles.

Our new 2005 mini-sculpture "Peace," by Dee Clements is an angel. If you wish to add "Peace" to your collection or give it away as a great gift, I will be selling them at our general meetings. "Peace" will also be marketed in select Loveland stores this holiday season. We anticipate vigorous sales! Thanks for your support.

Joyce Krantz, Committee Chair

### Sculpture Garden Committee

#### "News from the Garden of Weedin"

The Sculpture Garden Committee began their season on planting day – June 5. We had a good turn out considering the original planting date was cancelled due to rain. Everyone worked hard weeding and planting the new plants, which had been delivered by Gulley's Nursery. It was a fun day getting together with old friends and making new ones among our Philo members. We even had a visit from the resident garden snake! We unearthed a number of buried flagstones, which we used to make a walkway to the sculpture – "Flora".

Our 20 committee members were assigned to maintain the garden each week, which they will continue to do until mid September. They have all been so conscientious in caring for our garden and offering feedback to improve it.

Because it is a large garden, we added more plants during the summer. Aside from a hungry bunny mowing down our border of marigolds, the garden was in good shape for the Sculpture Show. One of the unexpected rewards of working on this committee was seeing the public's enjoyment!

Nancy and I want to thank all of our fun, enthusiastic committee members for their hard work on some **very hot** summer days.

Dottie Childers, Committee Chair  
Nancy Roe, Co-Chair

### Getting To Know You

If you have a memory, adventure or giggle from this summer we would like you to share it with the club. Please send them to Lin Stokes, our Co Editor of the newsletter.



Stevie recalls a giggle, that will long be a memory. "As I was writing my article for the newsletter my husband called and said we were invited to pick corn

on a farm 25 miles from town. What we didn't know was they were irrigating the field, and be darned if we were going to go home empty handed! We went on picking until my shoes were so stuck I couldn't move and when I did I sat right down in the canals of water and mud. We were both laughing so hard I could hardly be pulled up. That corn sure better be good at dinner tonight!"

## Meet Your 2005 – 2006 Board

**Stevie Benkendorf**, Philo President, has been a member since 1995. She and her husband Del, a public accountant, have lived in Loveland since 1969. Now retired, her career included teaching kindergarten as well as early childhood education. Her family includes daughter Amber Sansone and husband Tim, and son Paul and his wife Sharla. Paul and Sharla have two daughters Ella and Caela, ages four and two. Stevie is a busy homemaker and community volunteer who enjoys Bible study, gardening, cooking, and reading in her free time. She is also active in Read Aloud Loveland and P.E.O.

**Gerry Henderson** joined Philo in 1994 and is this year's Historian. She and her husband Tom have two children, Lara who is 30, and Scott who is 27. Gerry's special interests and hobbies include volunteer work, Philo, reading, spending time with friends, and working in her garden.

**Bonnie Hanson** is this year's Corresponding Secretary. Bonnie is a retired Consumer and Family Studies teacher at Loveland High School. Her husband Curt, also retired, worked as a sales person for Markley Motors. Now that she has more free time, she enjoys caring for her grandchildren, reading, quilting, traveling and Bible study.

**Doreen MacDonald**, who joined Philo in 1992, is the Vice President for this year. She and her husband Alistair are the parents of Kyle and Fraser. Alistair owns a small electronics company. Doreen spends time traveling, exercising, playing bridge, working with homeless teenagers, and enjoying her family.

**Nancy Patterson**, a retired elementary school teacher, is the new Recording Secretary. Nancy and her husband Howard are the proud parents of two grown sons. Four grandchildren, three in Fort Collins and one in New York City, provide much fun and happiness. Upon retirement, Nancy set family, friends and church as her priorities. In addition, the Pattersons travel in their camper, bike, swim, and roller blade.

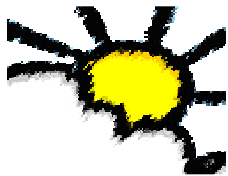
**Marilyn Wiltgen**, Treasurer, joined Philo in 2001. She and her husband Bob opened and operated The Lovelander Bed and Breakfast Inn for 10 years. They sold this business in 1997 and both now work part time as property managers. They have a son John who is 42 and a daughter Laurin Thomas, age 40. They have one granddaughter and two grandsons. When she has leisure time Marilyn enjoys bridge, reading, sewing, cooking, and entertaining.

### Board Meetings 2005-2006

The Board meets each month at Stevie Benkendorf's house.

- September 8, 2005 (this month only)
- October 6, 2005
- November 3, 2005
- December 8, 2005
- January 5, 2006
- February 2, 2006
- March 9, 2006
- April 6, 2006
- May 4, 2006



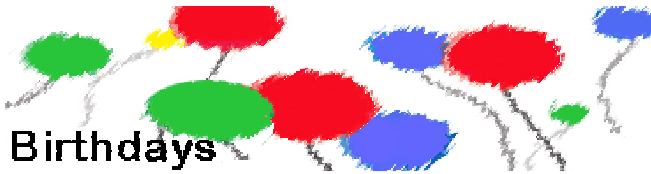


## Sunshine and Showers



During the summer the committee sent “thinking of you” cards to Mary Nemeth, Lola Johnson, and Nancy Guffey, who had surgery; and Gwen Denton who hurt her shoulder in a fall.

We sent sympathy cards to Kathy Matsunaka after the loss of her brother-in-law, to Stevie Benkendorf whose father passed away, and to Bonnie Hanson whose brother-in-law and niece were killed in a car accident.



## Birthdays

### June –

Joyce Mathias	6-1
Karen Leu	6-1
Nancy Guffey	6-2
Jenna Allen	6-7
Gay Sennett	6-8
Susan Linden	6-11
Lola Johnson	6-12
Deedee Warnock	6-15
Clare Skolnick	6-20
Corinne Adams	6-21
Mary Nemeth	6-21
Jan Frame	6-25
Rae Jean Sendek	6-25
Janice Farley	6-27
Michaele Gillette	6-27

### July –

Marsha Reed	7-1
Jennifer McClain	7-5
Sue Wall	7-10
Glenna Bliss	7-10
Heather Brown	7-13
Shirley Hogan	7-15
Myrna McIntosh	7-16
Missy Yowell	7-16
Elaine Persichitte	7-19
Trudy Eckhardt	7-25
Jan Wilson	7-27
Julie Anderson	7-31

### August –

Phyllis McCormack	8-3
Nancy Roe	8-5
Kathy Leonard	8-6
Ann Moore	8-8
Gerry Henderson	8-10
Jeanne Westerman	8-11
Cynthia Johnson	8-12
Stevie Benkendorf	8-14
Mary Ann Lane	8-14
Jeanne Findley	8-15
Mary K. Spangler	8-17
Karen Scheck	8-18

### September-

Gretchen Bennett	9-1
Vicki Moehling	9-1
Kathi Wright	9-4
Linda Anderson	9-9
Patty Byers	9-12
Sherry Frank	9-16
Denise Olson	9-16
Neeoma Coston	9-17
Barbara Giesey	9-21
Pam Pellizzari	9-22
Marne Engelking	9-26
Karen Pielin	9-26

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