



Democracy in Action

Women Working for a Better World

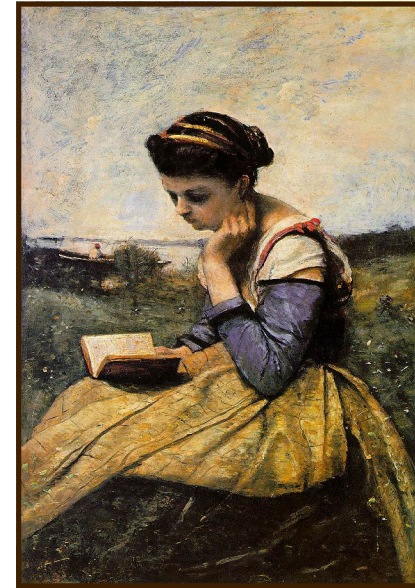
South Dakota Democracy in Action is a nonpartisan grassroots movement of women working to bring about progressive change in South Dakota. We are committed to informing and energizing voters and creating a climate where progressive candidates are elected.

What We Advocate:

- The empowerment of women
- Protection of civil liberties
- Transparent and open government
- Civil public policy dialogue
- Native justice and racial reconciliation
- Responsible environmental stewardship
- Equal economic opportunity
- Access to affordable health care
- Strong public schools and higher education
- Advancement of the arts
- Global cooperation and peace

Proceeds from this event will support
South Dakota Democracy in Action's PAC and its political activities.

Fresh Literary Voices in Western South Dakota



Women Writers Read

Friday, March 25, 2011

7:00 p.m.

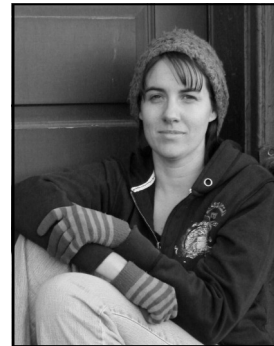
Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Rapid City, South Dakota

Carol Panerio

A resident of Spearfish, South Dakota, Carol is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in elementary education. She taught in a series of positions before finally discovering the joy of writing in 1997. Family life changes had made her a stay-at-home mom for her youngest daughter and caregiver for a husband disabled by a stroke. She began attending Bearlodge Writers, and became “hooked” on this creative interest when her first few personal essays were published in *The Christian Science Monitor*. Later essays appeared in anthologies such as *In the Shadow of the Bear lodge: Writings from the Black Hills* and *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Empty Nesters*. Her first book, a full-length literary novel entitled *Then Face to Face*, hit the shelves in September 2009.

Now that Panerio’s three children are grown, she enjoys reading, music, cooking, studying Italian, and traveling to Italy with her husband, where she is forced to use what little language skill she has developed to communicate with his relatives and help him stay connected to them.



Charlotte Walling

Charlotte Walling, a native of the Black Hills, lives in Rapid City with her teenage daughter and more pets than you can shake a stick at. She makes her living as a teacher of mathematics. On a good day, you will find her in her garden or on her porch with her nose buried in a book.

Charlotte has been writing since the mid-90s when she began to contribute poetry and essays to underground political “zines.” She resisted the call of fiction until 2008 when a cast of characters took up residence in her head and refused to leave. Hoping to cast them out, she began to write their story only to have several more characters hear that she was compliant and could easily be taken hostage.

Charlotte is reading today from what she calls The Empathy Project, a series of short stories about characters with whom she has very little in common, hoping to expand her horizons and learn to see the world through new eyes.

Lin Jennewein

Lin spent her first through sixth grade years surrounded by barbed wire, bombs, mustard gas and TNT in Igloo, SD, a WWII munitions depot. She moved to Huron during her sixth grade year, and knew she had arrived in paradise: dress shops, dime stores and an A & W root beer stand!

Lin graduated from Huron High and Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell. She married immediately and taught in public schools in Rapid City and Denver. She was a kindergarten teacher, a pre-school owner/operator and then became director of the Big Brothers organization in Rapid City. She has three children and five grands, all of them living in Rapid City. She considers herself lucky!

Lin's call to ministry was a complete shock; she had never even seen a woman minister. She has served churches in South Dakota for 32 years. She has few hobbies but loves to walk, write, lead workshops and preach. She has written for magazines, newspapers and TV, and will be completing 10 years of writing a monthly column for the *Rapid City Journal* this year.



Michaelia Kendall

Native to Rapid City, Michaelia Kendall is a homemaker and writer by day and barista by night, brewing stories and steeping in her own inner monologue on smokeless cigarette breaks. Her writing reflects the spirit of a woman raised in the Midwest who acknowledges Christian living, seasonal hunting, alcoholism, family, divorce, and uninhibited love affairs. She writes about the lives of those trapped and haunted by things like conservatism, religion, and love. She includes herself in this simple land as an active participant, discovering truths about herself as a writer and as a woman of faith.

Though Michaelia spent her youth as a prolific letter writer, she didn't become serious about writing until the spring of 2004 when she began writing a memoir, which she fears will be perpetually in the final stages of revision. She has studied writing at the university level, tutors writing in her free time, and has been a member of the Black Hills Writers' Group since the fall of 2009.

Program

Nichole BennettExcerpt from *Ghost Mountain*

Lin Jennewein* Selected columns from the *Rapid City Journal*

Carol Panerio Excerpt from *Then Face to Face*

Patricia Griffin Excerpt from *The Other Side: Rebellion Night*

Lorraine Collins Excerpts from *Gathering My Wits*

Michaelia Kendall “Barrels Out of Windows”

Eve Gabriel Excerpt from *The Fateful Fork*

Charlotte Walling “Apple”

Mistress of Ceremonies: Karen Hall

Refreshments will be served following the program. Please feel free to mingle with the writers, ask them questions, comment on their readings and purchase their books.

* Ms. Jennewein is appearing at a South Dakota Humanities event in Pierre this evening. Her selections will be read by Ms. Judge Oldham.

Nichole Bennett

After first being published in *Daisy Magazine* at the ripe old age of 7, Nichole never dreamt of any other career. To help her achieve that goal, she became a DINFOs trained killer for the US Air Force. (Ask her what that really means.)



An avid mystery reader from a young age, Nichole has devoured Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Edgar Allen Poe, and Agatha Christie. Nichole has also had an ongoing fascination with the supernatural — everything from angels and spirits to ghosts and hauntings. It's only natural that she combine her two interests to create mysteries with a paranormal twist.

She lives in Rapid City with her husband, two daughters, three dogs, and four cats.

When she's not writing, Nichole can be found reading, knitting socks, drinking coffee, eating chocolate or spending too much time online.

Lorraine Collins



Lorraine grew up in Belle Fourche, SD, and is a graduate of Cornell College, IA. Her first job as a journalist was with *Time Magazine* in New York City. She has also been a columnist for a national family magazine, commentator for South Dakota Public Radio, and freelance writer contributing to newspapers and magazines in the U.S. and abroad.

She is author of a book of humor and several mystery stories. In some of these stories, women get away with murder. Nevertheless, she says she is a benign and harmless person. She does admit to being a lifelong feminist and once was chair of the SD Commission on the Status of Women. Her writing tends to reflect this point of view. Lorraine has retired several times, but keeps thinking of something else she wants to say. She has written a column for the *Black Hills Pioneer* since 2006.

Lorraine has been married for 53 years (!) and has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Eve Gabriel



C. Eve Gabriel, M.S., is a Naturopathic Nutritionist who has counseled over 1,000 clients. She earned her B.A. at Vanderbilt University and her M.S. at Bastyr University. She was a professional chef for twenty years and is an avid gardener.

Eve's book, *The Fateful Fork*, suggests the important consequences of each meal you eat, and its impact on your current and future health. The book teaches you to view your foods with an eye to their quality as opposed to its specific array of nutrients.

The book helps you seek the most nutrient-dense foods available to you and then describes ways to incorporate them into your lifestyle.

Eating high quality foods, although they seem expensive in the short term, are actually much cheaper than quick convenience foods and "bargains," when you factor in the healthcare costs of a lifetime of this sort of eating.

Patricia Griffin

Patricia Griffin, member and past president of the Black Hills Writers Group, has written since her youth. She has received the Rapid City Fine Arts Council Creative Writing Award and has recently completed her first novel, *The Other Side: Rebellion Night*. The sequel, *Redemption Knight*, will follow later this year.



Patricia's heritage of one-third resilient South Dakotan, one-third Texas rebel, and one-third bulldog makes for a diversified life. Throw in the twin traits of a Gemini and you have a woman who dances the two-step and jitterbug, and performed eleven years as a soloist and troupe member of a belly dance group for summer festivals and conventions. Her training on clarinet eventually led to playing the baritone saxophone as well as alto and tenor sax.

Patricia currently resides in the Black Hills where she works as a career cosmetologist and writer.