



PRESIDENTS LETTER

Our next coffee and meeting is Wednesday, May 13 at 9:30 am. Our speaker is Jack Curry, Executive Director of the Riverside Educational Center (see below). We hope to see you there.

-- Gary Fitzpatrick, President



Jack Curry, Executive Director of the Riverside Educational Center

Jack Curry has been with Riverside Educational Center since 2018 and has been a part of the team that helped grow REC's services. He has worked with our secondary

programming team, served as our programming director, and then transitioned to vice president of programming and operations. Before coming to REC he has worked in the nonprofit world both in his hometown and with a two-year stint in Panama with the Peace Corps. Jack feels he can benefit our students holistically by giving them the opportunity to connect to the outdoors in the beautiful spaces we have around us here in the Grand Valley.

Save the date for the Newcomers Annual Labor Day BBQ this year on September 7th beginning at 5pm at the Grand Pavilion at Canyon View Park. Further details regarding menu and cost will be provided in the next few weeks. Any questions regarding the BBQ, please contact Lisa at 303-263-4391 or at lisa.seitz623@gmail.com.

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CLUB BUSINESS

President Gary Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 10 am, noting that the recently-remounted wall clock says it's a few minutes after 9 am. "At least it's back on the wall," he said. He asked if there were any changes to the March meeting minutes, as posted on the club's website and printed in the newsletter. Hearing none, he called for motions to approve the minutes as is. **Ruth Anna** entered the motion; **Susan Fournier** seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

President Gary also thanked **Tanya Davis** of the Hospitality Committee for the spring-themed goodies which were, as usual, first class. He also called for a show of hands of people with April birthdays and congratulated the handful who responded.

Treasurer Bill Gates reported that the club's checking account has \$9,160.14, with \$.76 in interest. The reserve account has \$5,475.37.

Jean Greenfield from the Membership Committee announced that the club had one new visitor today, who decided to become a member. She is **Sinclair Fogelberg** from New York.

Karen Dreher of We Care reported that she sent a sympathy card to **Lisa Seitz** on the death of her mother and a get well card to **Jerry Norton** following his shoulder surgery. Since Jerry has had several other surgeries, he commented that "Time will tell if this one works."

Newsletter Editor Dale Gates thanked those who have sent photos of Newcomers activities to her for newsletter publication. She also reminded folks to take photos when they're out and about with Newcomers and send them to her (dale.gates1@gmail.com) and to **Robin Chisholm** (richisholm@mac.com) so she can post them on the club's website.

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Stacie Hawkins and **Molly Fitzpatrick** conducted the monthly raffle, which included many new donations from members.

CLUB EVENTS

Jean Greenfield said that the next Tour and Lunch event — and the last one before tours resume in September — will take place on Wednesday, April 22. Those who sign up will meet at the Highlands Distillery, 782 24 Road, at 10:45 am for a one-hour tour, followed by lunch, also at the distillery. The sign-up sheet was available at the meeting and still has openings. Contact Jean at jeangreenfield65@gmail.com if you want to sign up.

Jean added that she is stepping down from her participation on the Tour and Lunch team. Since **Suzan Fournier** also has stepped down recently, more volunteers are needed to keep the program going.

Douglas Grodt, who leads monthly easy hikes for seniors, said the next hike is Thursday, April 9, along the Creek Canyon trail — part of the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area. "There's lots of shade on the trail and wildflowers are starting to bloom," he said. Douglas maintains a large email distribution list of members interested in hikes. If you'd like to be added to the list, contact Douglas at newcomerhikers@gmail.com.

Ken Seitz said that the next Wine Club tasting event will take place on Thursday, June 18, from 4-6 pm at the Art Center of Western Colorado. Those who sign up and pay the \$25 per-person fee will be tasting wines from Eastern Europe. Payment checks should be made out to Newcomers Club of Grand Junction, *not* to Ken or Lisa Seitz as individuals. Looking ahead, Ken mentioned that Newcomers' annual Labor Day Barbecue will be held — surprise! — on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. It will feature the same caterer as last year, but with a slightly different menu.

Deane Drury said he would like to convene an informal authors and writers forum, with the objective of developing a resource guide for up-and-coming people who like to write. A wide range of writers would be invited to participate — from those whose work has been published to those who have written articles for professional journals to newspaper reporters and editors to advertising copy writers to speech writers to people who write columns about travel, food and entertainment. The only folks excluded, he said, would

be those who write clever comments in bathroom stalls. **President Gary** will provide additional information on the proposed forum in the coming weeks.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Suzan Fournier, the Newcomers Club representative who works with the Mesa County Library System on the Armchair Travel program, said that the next presentation — and the last one before September — will be Thursday, May 7, at the Central Library, 443 North 6th Street. Newcomers member **Brett Verlen** will showcase her travels in Southern Africa.

Suzan added that she needs additional help in recruiting and assisting presenters for Armchair Travel, which offers monthly programs from September through May. "We need a couple of people to step up and volunteer — for both Tour and Lunch and Armchair Travel," **President Gary** commented.

Stan Zygmunt, who volunteers with New Dimensions Lifelong Learning Institute, said the team is already working on classes for the fall-winter term. Meanwhile, Midday with New Dimensions will offer a free one-hour noontime "Ute Talks with Roland McCook" class on Thursday, May 9. It will be held at Mesa County Public Library's Central Branch. McCook, an Uncompahgre Ute member of the Northern Ute Tribe, will discuss his journey from a reservation in northeast Utah to Washington, D.C., where he worked with the Bureau of Land Management, Fire Management and the Smithsonian Institute.

Terri Ahern told the club that Stan has been nominated by New Dimensions as Volunteer of the Year at Beaconfest, the BEACON's annual Boomer and Senior Expo on April 16 at the convention center. While voting for the award has concluded, Terri reminded folks to attend Beaconfest to support Stan.

GUEST SPEAKER

Elizabeth Fogarty, director of Visit Grand Junction, described her group's role as a destination marketing and management organization. "We're marketing to people *outside* of Mesa County, so you really shouldn't see our work," she explained. "Through our strategies and programs, we welcome people to Grand Junction so they can visit, spend money and then go home." A key starting point involves building a brand for Grand



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Junction that sets it apart from other destinations and that, by harnessing community involvement, represents the area's personality. "We've asked local residents in many different ways what they love about Grand Junction, operating on the principle that if you love living here, you can better attract visitors." Community input is backed up by data science, making use of 171 different data sources about where people like to go and how that affects travel, hospitality and sports industries. Unlike most city groups, Visit Grand Junction is *not* supported by sales tax revenue, but instead by the 4.25% of local lodging tax revenue it receives each year. That investment is paying off, Fogarty said, because tourism in Grand Junction isn't declining as it is in other Colorado communities. "It's growing steadily, and that's what we like," she said. "We're obsessed with avoiding over-tourism, so this community can preserve its quality of life."

--Lois Leach, Secretary

MEMBER NOTES

Welcome to our new members!

Amy Baird and **David West**, from Houston . 2575 Music Lane, GJ 81505. 832-549-4175 (Amy), 832-549-8213 (David). a.baird@hotmail.com, Cortex820@gmail.com

Richard Scarcella, from Fruita. 2535 Knollwood Dr, Unit 3235, GJ 81505. 480-216-2216. RichardScar@gmail.com

Sinclair Fogelberg, from New York. 1823 Grand Ave, GJ 81501. 908-328-4594. flamingofogelberg@yahoo.com

Connie Roscoe and **Peter Winkeller**, from Vail. 343 Cliff View Dr., GJ 81507. 979-376-0168 (Connie), 970-471-0733 (Peter). homexriver@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY DOINGS

The **Mesas to Monuments Quilt Show** is taking place on **Friday, May 1** (10 am-5 pm) and **Saturday, May 2** (10 am-4 pm), presented by the Sunset Slope Quilters. More than 200 quilts will be on display. There will be a trunk show, silent auction, quilt appraisals, and vendors. Admission is \$8 at the door at the Grand Junction Convention Center.

An Evening in Wonderland fundraiser for Mesa County Libraries, Saturday **May 2**, 5-8pm. An opportunity for library lovers 21 and older to celebrate spring and explore the Discovery Garden and 970West Studio while sharing an evening of camaraderie with food from Cafe Sol, wine from Whitewater Hill Vineyards, crafts, live entertainment, and Alice in Wonderland surprises. Theme-inspired attire is welcome. Tickets are \$40 in advance.

<https://mesacountylibraries.libcal.com/event/16608376>

The **Kicker Monster Truck Show** is at the Mesa County Fairgrounds Grandstand Arena on **Saturday, May 2**, 1-10 pm. Tickets start at \$30.

The City of Grand Junction will offer a guided **Native Plant Walk** on **Wednesday, May 6** at the Tabeguache Trailhead at the Lunch Loops. Find inspiration for your backyard on this short morning stroll that will highlight native plants of the region and their historical value. 9-10 am, cost is \$7. Register here: gjpr.org/NativePlantWalk.

Like running and wine? Join the **Wine Run 5k** on **Saturday, May 9** at Colterris Winery in Palisade. Races start at 9:30 and 11:30 am. \$38 (and up) race fee includes shirt, wine glass, chip timing bib, and a pour of wine. RiversEdge West is the charity partner. Register here: <https://www.colterris.com/event/colterris-wine-run-5k-2/>.

National Train Day Celebration on **Saturday, May 9**. Celebrate Union Depot's 120th birthday, and enjoy a classic car show and historical railroad item display. Grand Junction Union Depot (119 Pitkin Ave.) from 11 am-3 pm. Free admission.

The **Palisade Historical Society's** monthly history talk on **Thursday, May 14** will be "The History of Railroads in Palisade", presented by Matt Darline, the Curator of Cross Orchards, who has extensively researched the



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history of railroads and the difficulty of building through Colorado's mountains. 6-7 pm at the Palisade Community Gym at 711 Iowa Ave in Palisade. Free admission (donations welcome).

Colorado Public Lands Day is **Saturday, May 16**; join a celebration at Fruita Tavern (153 N Mulberry St, Fruita) from 5:30-7 pm. Get inspired to protect your public lands. Free admission, with live music from the Schaffer Brother's Band. Register here: <https://www.KeepItPublic.co/cpld-grand-junction>.

Colorado Stampede PRCA Rodeo at the Mesa County Fairgrounds **Friday, May 22 through Sunday, May 24**, 7pm nightly. The rodeo will include Bareback Riding, Steer Wrestling, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Tie-Down Roping, Barrel Racing and Bull Riding. \$25. Full schedule of activities at <https://coloradostampederodeo.com/rodeo-schedule/>

The **Junior College World Series of Baseball** runs **May 23-30** at Suplizio Field, Lincoln Park. More info at <https://jucogi.org/>.

10th Annual **Rods & Hogs Classic Car and Motorcycle Show** on **Saturday, May 24** at Harley-Davidson (2747 Crossroads Dr). Starting at 10 am with food, drinks, music, and prizes. Free admission for spectators.

Explore public and private gardens across the valley at the **Grand Valley Garden Tour** on **Sunday, May 24**, hosted by the Plateau Chapter of the Colorado Native Plant Society. The tour will span gardens from the Redlands to Downtown to Orchard Mesa. Tour is from 10 am-3 pm, and the cost is \$25. Registration: <https://conps.org/home/events/event-calendar/#/event/2026/5/24/grand-valley-native-plant-garden-tour>

There will be a **Memorial Day Wreath Floating Ceremony** on **Monday, May 25** on the Colorado River, hosted by the Fleet Reserve Association Branch 224. This ceremony will honor fallen military and family members. Wreaths launched on the river simulated launching them off of military ships. No seating is available, but you are welcome to bring your own chair. 9-10 am at the Blue Heron Boat Ramp off Redlands Parkway.

This month's **Colorado Archaeological Society Meeting** will feature Joseph Weixelman, an American

West historian with a PhD from the University of New Mexico. The topic will be "Hidden Heritage: The Cultural Appropriation of Pueblo Indian History". Free and open to the public. **Wednesday, May 27, 6:30-8 pm** at Redlands United Methodist Church (527 Village Way).

Music in the Grapevines at Two Rivers Winery 2026 Summer Lineup:

Stray Grass - May 19 (7 pm)
Queen Bees - June 16 (7 pm)
Exit 42 - July 21 (7 pm)
Feeding Giants - August 18 (7 pm)
Still House String Band - September 9 (7pm)

Individual concert tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate. Five tickets for only \$93 ("no set date" tickets give you flexible planning for when you attend concerts). Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.artcenterguild.org/> or at the Art Center gift shop.

Some doings at Mesa County Libraries (mesacountylibraries.org) include:

- May 1, 4:30-5:30 pm. Recycled Book Juried Art Show Art Reception. Central Library Community Room.
- May 9, 11 am-12 pm. Planting for Pollinators - hands-on planting event of native wildflower seeds. Central Library Discovery Garden.
- May 12, 5:30-7 pm. Poetry Contest Award Ceremony. Ceremony, creative activities, and an open-mic. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Central Library Community Room.
- May 13, 6-7 pm. An Evening with Master Gardeners: a resource open house. Spend an evening with CSU Extension's Master Gardener. Clifton Library Community Room.
- May 13, 6-7:45 pm. Poetry Night. Listen, and if you like, share your poetry. Central Library Mesa Room.
- May 14, 5:30-7 pm. Books on Tap. Meet to discuss books you're currently reading. Colorado Craft Coffee and Beer House.
- May 16, 10 am-12 pm. Book Talk: Political Division in America: Is There Hope for Healing,



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by David. A. French. This discussion is part of a lead-up to David French's visit to CMU on May 21.

- May 16, 10 am-12 pm. Plant Swap - bring house plants, cuttings, outdoor plants, extra produce, plants grown from seed to share or trade. Central Library Discover Garden.
- May 19, 10:30-11:30 am. Crafting for Adults. Supplies provided. Fruita Branch.
- May 20, 6-7 pm. Harvesting Demonstration - Mesa County Libraries Garden Coordinator David Woodbury will demonstrate the process for harvesting vegetables in the Discovery Garden - you may take home any produce you pick. Central Library Discovery Garden.
- May 21, 9:30-10:30 am. Discovery Garden Demonstration Days, join the garden coordinator to participate in seasonal activities (tools and gloves provided). Central Library Discovery Garden.
- May 26, 10:30-11:30 am. Crafting for Adults. Supplies provided. Orchard Mesa Branch.
- May 26, 6-7 pm. The Art of Getting Unstuck with Artist in Residence Ian Janco - Discover tools and fresh perspectives to regain your creative spark. Central Library Monument Room.
- May 27, 5-7 pm. Dungeons & Dragons for Adults. Clifton Branch.
- May 28, 5:30-7:30 pm. Mesa County Libraries Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. Central Library Monument Room.
- May 30, 1-2 pm. Intro to Lyric Writing with Artist in Residence Ian Janco - explore musical foundations and start creating an original piece. 970West Studio (Live Room).

May Bag Sale Friends of the Mesa County Libraries will hold a bag sale - just \$10 to fill a bag (grocery bag size)! **Fridays and Saturdays, May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, and 30 from 9 am to 2 pm** at the First Congregational Church (Across from Grand Junction High School). Used books, DVDs, CDs, and more - cash, check, credit card, and Venmo are accepted. Free admission, proceeds benefit Mesa County Libraries programs and projects.

CMU Musical Performances

- **Sunday, May 3** - CMU Symphony Orchestra, 3-5 pm, \$20, Asteria Theater
- **Monday, May 4** - CMU Jazz Festival Final Concert with guest artist Terri Lyne Carrington, 7:30-9:30 pm, \$25, Asteria Theater
- **Wednesday, May 6** - CMU Choir Concert - United in Song: Music that Brings Us Together, 7:30-9:30 pm, \$20, Asteria Theater
- **Friday, May 8** - CMU Mariachi, 7:30-9:30 pm, \$25, Asteria Theater

Tickets available at <https://tickets.coloradomesa.edu/>.

Festivals

There are several fun festivals happening in the valley this month!

Spring Fling Festival - Saturday, May 2, 10 am-2 pm at Cross Orchards Historic Site. This will be a fun family event celebrating the Orchard's 60th year! There will be live music, historic experiences, and food vendors. Tickets \$10 and under. Schedule of events at <https://museumsfwesternco.org/event/spring-fling/>.

Rides and Vibes Mountain Bike and Music Festival - May 8-9. Enjoy two full days of free music on Main Street Grand Junction with vendors, food trucks, and more. Or register for a bike race! Full details and schedule available at <https://www.qjridesandvibes.com/>

Grand Valley River Fest - Saturday, May 16 at the Las Colonias Festival Area. This is an event to educate and engage the community on all aspects related to local waterways with a day full of events from 9:30 am-4 pm. Activities include SUP Yoga, a gear swap, live music, food trucks, cornhole tournament, rubber ducky scramble, beer garden, and more - free admission. More information can be found at <https://grandvalleyriverfest.com/>.



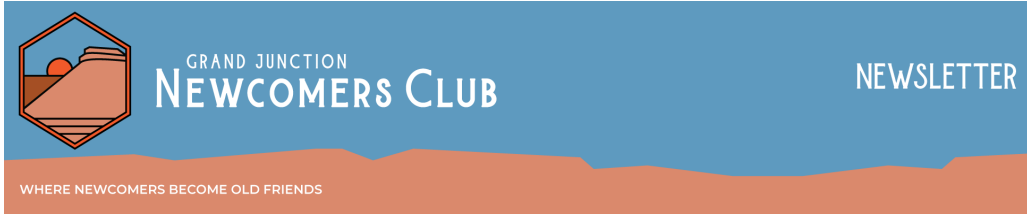
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Mike the Headless Chicken Festival - Friday and Saturday, May 29-30 in downtown Fruita, celebrating a chicken who lived without a head for 18 months! Join this quirky celebration with music, entertainment, food trucks, vendors, games, and contests. Or sign up for the 5k run! More details at <https://www.miketheheadlesschicken.org/>.



FREE AND FUN NEXT MONTH

Date	What	Where	Time	More Information
1	First Friday	GJ Art Center	6:30 –9 pm	https://www.gjartcenter.org/
1	Free Admission to Museum of the West	Museum of the West	10 am–4 pm	https://museumsofwesternco.org/
1	Science Uncorked: The Truth about Wolves with CO Wild	Whitewater Hill Winery	6-8 pm	https://whitewaterhill.com/events-2/ Reservations welcome.
7	Armchair Travel: Southern Africa	Central Library	6:30-7:30 pm	https://mesacountylibraries.org
13	A Little Noon Music—Cameron & Eric Law, Cello Duets	First Methodist Church	12:15 pm	www.fumcgj.org/events
21	Mesa County Oral History Meeting: History at High Noon: The Best of Times and the Worst of Times	Central Library	12–1 pm	https://mesacountylibraries.org



May Activities

	COFFEE (Monthly Meeting) Everyone is welcome at our monthly coffee, held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Masonic Lodge/Grand Valley Event Center (2400 Consistory Ct). We meet at 9:30 am to enjoy a bit of coffee and socializing before our business meeting. We usually have a guest speaker from a local non-profit or other organization. Meetings conclude around 11 am. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 13. The guest speaker is Jack Curry, Executive Director of the Riverside Educational Center.
	ARMCHAIR TRAVEL Newcomers Club member Brett Verleb will share his travels to southern Africa on Thursday, May 7 in the Community Room of the Central Library. Doors open at 6 pm; program is 6:30 – 7:30 pm.
	BOOK CLUB Book Club will meet on May 12 for the last time until September. We'll meet at D J Clancy's home at 10 am and discuss <i>The CIA Book Club</i>, by Charlie English. Please contact DJ at djclancy68@gmail.com with any questions.
	BOWLING Strikes! Spares! Gutter Balls! Whatever your skill level, you are welcome to join up with other Newcomers every Friday at 9:15 am at the Orchard Mesa Lanes, 295 27 Rd. It's only \$9 for three games. Shoes are available for rental. For information, phone or text Michael Shea at 970-663-3238, 970-213-4859, or dakotah1001@msn.com.
	DINNER CLUB The April Dinner Club gatherings featured Eastern European cuisine. The final all-member gathering will be a brunch on May 16.



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HAPPY HOUR

Mark your calendars for the **1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays** of the month, usually from **5 to 7 pm**. Look for emails with locations.

A suggestion: With so many new members and guests at happy hours, wear your name tag to facilitate introductions and lighten the load on our memories.



HIKING

This group is for those who like an easier and friendly form of hiking around the scenic Grand Valley and the Grand Mesa. Participants meet at **8:45 am** on **Thursdays** at a trailhead or carpool site. Contact **Douglas Grodt** at newcomerhikers@gmail.com to be put on the distribution list for upcoming outings.



KNITTING

Knitting will be **May 18 at 10:30 am**. At Sherwood Park. Bring a chair and a drink and join in on the fun.



MAH JONGG

The Thursday morning Newcomers Mahjongg group plays from **9 - 11 am** each week. Interested players can contact **Nancy H.** for details. The 2026 American Mahjongg cards are in play!



MOVIE CLUB

Members of the Movie Club will meet at **4 pm** on **Tuesday, May 5**. The film chosen for May is *Song Sung Blue* starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson who play a real-life couple performing Neil Diamond music. Known as "Lightning and Thunder," the couple's story includes the romantic and musical journey as well as family issues and tragedies. Jackman and Hudson performed all their own music in the film.



NEEDLECRAFTERS

NeedleCrafters will be on the **2nd Monday** in the month at **1:30-3:00**. The location will be emailed to group members.



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SINGULAR DINERS

Singular Diners is for those singles who want to experience the various restaurants in the Grand Valley area but hesitate to dine alone. The next lunch will be at Devils' Kitchen, 840 Kennedy Ave., on the CMU campus on **Wednesday, May 20 at noon**. Please confirm your attendance to **Lina Palomo** at bluetopaz1129@yahoo.com or (626) 993-7046.



TENNIS

Drop in any **Monday, Wednesday or Friday** at Canyon View Park for mixed doubles play. Court time is 10 am – 12. Everyone welcome. Questions? Call **Tony Miller**, 970-255-9964.



TOUR AND LUNCH

Come learn about this important enterprise providing environmentally responsible and economical disposal management services for our local residents. We will have a guided tour of the Mesa County Solid Waste Management facilities commencing on **Tuesday, May 26 at 10 am**. This County operation includes landfill services, composting, hazardous waste disposal, electronics waste disposal and free recycled chemical product distribution for Mesa County residents. They are located at 3071 US Hwy 50. Closed-toed shoes are required for all participants. Lunch to follow at Randy's Southside Diner, 2704 South US Hwy 50. To sign up, contact Steve at stlikovich@gmail.com.



WINE CLUB

The next wine tasting is **June 18**. We will be tasting wines from Eastern Europe. Cost will be \$25. Checks should be made to the Newcomers Club and sent to **Ken Seitz** at 2675 Autumn Brook Ct, GJ 81506. An email will be sent out as the date gets closer. Just a reminder, the cut off for reservations is always one week in advance of the event. Any questions about wine club, please contact **Lisa** at 303-263-4391 or email at lisa.seitz623@gmail.com.

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WHERE NEWCOMERS BECOME OLD FRIENDS



New Dimensions Lifelong Learning, New Dimensions

Lifelong Learning, a volunteer nonprofit organization, provides continuing education classes each fall and winter/spring for adults aged 50+. Information is available at www.newdimensionsgj.org.

Work has started on the 2026 fall term, with the class catalog scheduled to be online September 2, registration running from September 9 until the 16th, and classes starting on September 28 ending November 13.

In the meantime, Midday with New Dimensions lectures fill the gap until the fall term.

Midday with New Dimensions is a partnership between Mesa County Libraries and New Dimensions Lifelong Learning, offering free public lectures based on past New Dimensions classes. Seating is first come, first served. Lecture information can be found on the Mesa County Libraries' event calendar at <https://mesacountylibraries.org/events/>.

Midday with New Dimensions offers a one-hour lecture titled **Bitcoin-Origins and Ethos** presented by Tom Y. Sawyer at the Mesa County Central Library, 443 N. 6th Street on Thursday June 11 at noon. Tom is a retired software technologist, executive, inventor, and author.

This lecture will explore the origins of Bitcoin and the philosophy behind it. The history of digital cash before Bitcoin, the influence of the Cypherpunk movement, Satoshi Nakamoto's vision in the Bitcoin white paper and the principles that make Bitcoin unique will all be discussed.



Please contact **Karen Dreher** if you know of someone in the club who needs a card:
303-475-5776 (text preferred),
niagaraway@comcast.net

MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS

Free text-only space is available for member non-commercial and personal ads. They will run until forbid or a maximum of three months both in the newsletter and on our website. Send your request to ginewcomers@gmail.com by the 20th of the preceding month.

NAME BADGES

We suggest you keep your name badge in your car so it will always be handy. If you don't already have a magnetic name badge, you can order one from **Alberta Husch** for \$12. Email her at aahusch@gmail.com



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Jim Martinez (left) leads a hike through the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area.

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One of the April Dinner Club gatherings enjoying an Eastern European menu.

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Submissions for general club news and ads are due the 20th of the preceding month.

You don't have to be new to the area to join Newcomers. Annual dues are \$15, \$30 for a couple. Download the membership form at gjnewcomers.org, and mail the completed form with a check. Or come to a monthly coffee (2nd Wednesday of the month, 9:30 am, at the Masonic Lodge/Grand Valley Event Center (2400 Consistory Ct) to get to know us a bit and sign up then. You'll meet great people, receive our member directory, get our newsletter and timely email alerts, can join any of our regular activity groups, and participate in special events.



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