

Newsletter

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VOLUME #111

February Events

February 5: Board Meeting (Bryan Construction)

February 9: Early Bird Tickets End for WIC Week Mixer

February 19: Membership Meeting- (Bryan Construction)

February 21: Galentines Day Brunch with Denver Chapter (Wide Awake Eatery - Castle Rock)

Save the Dates!

WIC Week: March 1-7

Register Now - Space is Limited

March 2: Woodburning Class (Meraki Springs)

March 4: Hard Hat Tour + Happy Hour (Alice Bemis Taylor Center)

March 5: Leadership Development Workshop (Bryan Construction)

March 6: Women's Build (Habitat for Humanity)

March 7: Women's Celebration Mixer (Whirlyball - Family Friendly)



A Message From Our Pikes Peak Chapter 356 President

Samantha Walter
Bryan Construction



Block Kids 2026 was a success! We had a great turnout this past Saturday at Timberline Landscaping and hosted 39 K-6 grade students: 14 girls and 25 boys.

I had the difficult task of judging the 4-6 grade builds this year and it amazes me what their creative minds come up with. All the participants did a great job this year.

I want to congratulate the Block Kids Committee and the volunteers on an event well planned and executed. As well as giving a big shoutout to all the generous sponsors that helped make the event possible.

The new year brings new opportunities and our treasurer, Nour Safa, has accepted a new position with a company located in Texas. This means that she has stepped down as treasurer and we will need to fill her position on the board. If you are interested in using basic math skills to help support your chapter, please contact me directly.

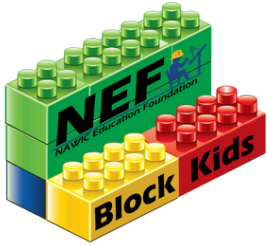
The ground hog saw his shadow, and we're supposed to be in for six more weeks of winter. Don't let that hold you back from heading up to Castle Rock on **Saturday, February 21**, for our joint chapter Gallentine's brunch to connect with Metropolitan Denver Chapter 112. The WIC Week Committee has shared their calendar of events from March 2-7, 2026. Look for the Zeffy links in your email or check them out on our chapter website.

February is a great time to reach out and connect. By supporting each other, we strengthen our chapter and inspire growth. Let's make this month one of positive connections.



Let Your Voice Be Heard! ~ Membership will be voting on updating the chapter's name at the February membership meeting. (Register with link on page 3)

2026 BLOCK KIDS: A POSITIVE IMPACT ON KIDS AND OUR COMMUNITY!



Fundraising has teamed up with Membership & Marketing to encourage members to bring guests. Share the experience with someone who might be interested in NAWIC and the incredible community we're building. For every member that brings a guest, both you and your guest will get \$5.00 worth of Chance Tickets for prizes.

If you have any questions, please contact our Fundraising Chair, **Jessica O'Connell** know! (fundraising@nawic356.org)

THE NAWIC PLEDGE

As material for the construction of our building, I pledge the agility of my hands, the ability of my mind, and the integrity of my heart.

- Alice Ashley

Founding member of Women in Construction of Fort Worth 1953



Pikes Peak



How fun is this NAWIC Dress!?



NAWIC 356



WEBSITE: NAWIC356.ORG

February Membership Meeting

When: Thursday - February 19, 2026

Location: Bryan Construction 

5475 Tech Center Dr. Ste. 300
Colorado Springs, CO 80919



Time: 5:30 - 8:30pm

**RSVP via Zeffy by Monday,
February 16, 2026, at Noon**

Catered Event

NAWIC Ladies Night – CDSP General Permit (COR400000) Overview

NAWIC ladies, join us for an informative and engaging evening designed with women in construction in mind — and all industry professionals are welcome to attend.

We're excited to welcome **Jennifer Repa, QSD, CPESC, QISP of Terraphase Engineering** for an in-depth, practical overview of the Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDSP) General Permit COR400000, a critical permit for construction projects across Colorado.

This presentation will cover:

- Which construction projects require CDSP permit coverage
- Key permit conditions, responsibilities, and compliance requirements
- Best practices for managing sediment and pollutants on active job sites
- How proper compliance helps protect Colorado's waterways during development
- **\$25 for Members**
- **\$35 for Non-Members**

Please note: There are no refunds for cancellations or no-shows.

This event is perfect for NAWIC members, as well as contractors, developers, engineers, inspectors, project managers, and environmental professionals.

Annual Joint Chapter Galentine's Day Breakfast

When: Saturday - February 21, 2026

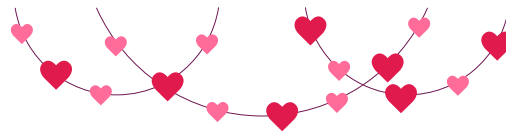
Location: Wide Awake Eatery 

115 Wilcox St. Unit 120
Castle Rock, CO 80104



Time: 10:30am

Registration is limited to 30 attendees, so please register early!



You're invited to join us for our annual Joint Chapter Galentine's Day Breakfast with NAWIC Denver Metropolitan Chapter 112! This fun and collaborative morning is a great opportunity to connect with fellow NAWIC members, share ideas, and strengthen relationships across chapters.

Why attend?

- Network with members from both chapters
- Exchange chapter and committee ideas
- Enjoy meaningful conversation in a relaxed setting

Event Details:

- All attendees will order breakfast directly from the menu
- Payment will be collected by Samantha Walter (cash or Venmo) so the venue can be paid with one combined check

Know someone who would love NAWIC?

Please feel free to share this invitation with potential members of either chapter—this is a wonderful, welcoming event for guests to learn more about NAWIC and make new connections.

We hope you'll join us for this special Galentine's Day tradition filled with connection, collaboration, and NAWIC sisterhood.



NAWIC 356

*If you are experiencing difficulty covering the cost of the meeting, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Chapter President, Samantha Walter, for assistance. We want to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate.

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT



February Learning Opportunities

- **From Awareness to Action: Suicide Prevention in the Workplace**: Feb 18, 2026, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST
- **Tradeswomen Panel Discussion: Leveling up People, Projects and Building the Future**: Feb 19, 2026, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM CST



NAWIC has launched **Industry Impact**, the revamped official publication of the National Association of Women in Construction! Check out the inaugural issue - [click here!](#)



THE SPANISH CORNER

Love Chatter With Your Valentine



I love you | Te amo | tay-ah-mow

Give me a kiss | Dame un beso | Dah-may-oon-bay-so

You're sweet! | Eres dulce! | Air-ays-dool-say

Husband | Esposo | ays-poh-so Wife | Esposa | ays-poh-sah

Boyfriend | Novio | no-vee-oh Girlfriend | Novia | no-vee-ah

Happy Valentine's Day | Feliz Día de San Valentín |
fay-lees-dee-ah-day-san-valenteen



Karla G. - February 14th

Joy W. - February 15th

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Kathy A. - 27 years

Colorado Springs Utilities

Samantha W. - 8 years

Bryan Construction

Greta W. - 3 years

Dynamic Renovation Contractors

Nour S. - 1 year

Bryan Construction

Stephanie L. - 1 year

Mountain View Pella

LET'S
CELEBRATE
you

WIC Week 2026 Will Be Here Before You Know It! (March 1-7)

NAWIC Pikes Peak 356: WIC Week Events

Monday, March 2nd: Wood Burning Art Class

Join us for a creative and relaxing evening during W.I.C. Week with a hands-on Wood Burning Art Class! Whether you're brand new to wood burning or have some experience, this class is designed to be fun, approachable, and inspiring. Snacks & light refreshments will be provided.


Where: Meraki Springs - 2530 W Colorado Ave, Colorado Springs  (Parking in back)

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM **Cost:** \$25 per person **(Space is limited to 19 ppl, so reserve your spot today!)**



Wednesday, March 4th: Hard Hat Tour

Register today for our Hard Hat Tour with GH Phipps of the Alice Bemis Taylor Center for Early Childhood Ed.

Where: Alice Bemis Taylor Center Construction Site - 415 Sahwatch St, CO. Springs 


Time: 3:00-5:00 PM **Cost:** FREE - See details in registration link for PPE requirements



**Hard Hat Tour
Registration
Link**

Afterwards - Happy Hour



Where: IvyWild School - 1604 S. Cascade, CO. Springs 

Time: Immediately following Hard Hat Tour

Cost: FREE - **Must register separately for both the tour and the happy hour**



**Happy Hour
Registration
Link**

Thursday, March 5th: Leadership Development Workshop with Jen Cáceres

Lead From Who You've Become: An Introduction to CliftonStrengths® - This is a hands-on, empowering session designed to help you identify and understand your natural talents. We'll build awareness of what you naturally do best, what gives you energy at work and home - and how to leverage your talents on teams and projects as well as in your personal life. Use your strengths to lead from who you've become! Snacks & light refreshments will be provided.

Where: Bryan Construction - 5475 Tech Center Dr #300  **Time:** 1:00-4:00 PM

Cost: \$25/person **(Space is limited - Must be registered by Feb. 26th to participate)**



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Friday, March 6th: Women's Build - Volunteer Opportunity

Where: Habitat for Humanity: 868 Bidwell Dr. 

Time: 12:30-4:30 pm - More details found on the registration page - please bring water bottle and gloves. Spots are limited: 10 people - sign up early!



Saturday, March 7th: Women's Celebration Mixer

Where: WhirlyBall - 3971 Palmer Park Blvd. 

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm - Family Friendly

Early Bird - Adult \$35 Early Bird - Child \$20

Late - Adult \$40 Late - Child \$25

*** Earlybird registration ends February 9th
(Kids under 5 are free)**

Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Alcoholic drinks are available for purchase.

Whirlyball and bowling are included in price of ticket!



NAWIC Pikes Peak 356: 2026 WIC Week Sponsors

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only takes a few minutes to
complete the form [HERE](#).

CONSTRUCTION-RELATED NON-NAWIC UPCOMING EVENTS

Hard Hat Happy Hour

The Airplane Restaurant 
1665 Newport Rd.
Colorado Springs CO 80916

Tuesday, February 10th - 4:00pm-6:30pm

*Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month

[RSVP HERE](#)

Associated Builders & Contractors, (ABC) Rocky Mountain

Catalyst Campus 
555 E. Pikes Peak Avenue, Colorado Springs


**Building for 2026 – Financial Forecast & Workforce
Readiness**

Tuesday, February 24th - 11:30am - 1:30pm

[Register HERE](#)

El Paso County Contractors Association (EPCCA)


Monthly Luncheon

Norris Penrose Event Center 
1045 Lower Gold Camp Rd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Tuesday, March 3 11:30-1:30pm

[Register HERE](#)

Construction Financial Managers Association (CFMA) Pikes Peak Meeting

The El Paso Club 
30 E Platte Ave.
Colorado Springs CO 80903

Thursday March 26 - 7:30am - 9:00am

[Calendar of Events HERE](#)

UPCOMING
EVENTS



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WEBSITE: NAWIC356.ORG

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We can't tag you in our NAWIC Pikes Peak Chapter 356 posts if you're not following our pages. (Links at the bottom of pages throughout this newsletter) Make sure to hit that Follow button so we can celebrate and highlight you in our updates!

Also, if you have something you'd like shared on our chapter's social media, please reach out to our Social Media Chair, **Jessica O'Connell** nawicpp356@gmail.com.

We'd love to help highlight you and your news!

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