

*Newsletter*  
**SOLID GROUND**



VOLUME #114

**May Events**

**May 7:** Board Meeting (Bryan Construction)

**May 13-15:** Pacific Southwest Spring Forum (Los Angeles, CA)

**May 18:** Early Bird Registration Window Closes - NAWIC 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference (Reno, NV)

**May 21:** May Membership Meeting (Timberline Landscaping)

**June Events**

**June 4:** Board Meeting (Bryan Construction)

**July Save the Date!**

**July 17:** Clay Shoot Fundraiser



*May* 2026



**A Message From Our Pikes Peak Chapter 356 President**

**Samantha Walter**  
Bryan Construction

As we welcome the vibrant month of May, I am filled with pride and optimism for all that lies ahead for our organization and the remarkable women who make up our local chapter.

This month brings new opportunities to grow, connect, and continue breaking barriers in our industry as our members and board representatives prepare to attend the **PSW Region Spring Forum in Los Angeles**. We can't wait to bring back information and ideas from our region.

Information and flyers have been distributed for our **clay shoot fundraising event on July 17, 2026**. Our goal is to fill as many sponsor teams as possible so please share with companies that you think would be interested in supporting women in the construction industry.

May can be a busy month for us all with school years coming to an end. Our May membership meeting is one not to miss as we hear fellow chapter member, **Allison Jencson's presentation, Construction of a R.E.B.E.L.**, focusing on discovering your strengths, improving communication, and unlocking leadership potential in both your professional and personal life. I challenge all members to invite someone to this meeting, even if you cannot attend.

Let us embrace the energy of spring as we support one another and strive for even greater success together.

- Samantha



## 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



GRAB YOUR SWAG!



\*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.



### MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING - "Construction of a R.E.B.E.L."

**When:** Thursday - May 21, 2026

**Location:** Timberline Landscaping 📍  
8110 Opportunity View  
Colorado Springs, CO 80939

**Time:** 5:30 - 8:30pm

**Cost:** \$25 - Members | \$35 - Non-Members

**RSVP via Zeffy by Monday, May 18th, 2026**

Join us for our May NAWIC Membership Meeting featuring special guest speaker **Ally Jencson**, an experienced leader in the construction industry and passionate advocate for empowering professionals in the trades.

This month's topic, "Construction of a R.E.B.E.L.", focuses on discovering your strengths, improving communication, and unlocking leadership potential in both your professional and personal life.

Ally will share insights from her experience working within the construction industry and navigating the unique challenges often faced by professionals in the field — particularly women in subcontracting and the trades.

During this engaging and interactive session, Ally will explore:

- How to tap into your unique strengths and embrace self-discovery
- Practical ways to strengthen communication skills in the workplace
- Strategies to unlock your leadership potential
- Real-world insight from navigating the construction industry
- How resilience and authenticity can help you thrive in your career

This session promises to be engaging, inspiring, and filled with actionable takeaways you can apply immediately in your work and leadership journey.

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



**PACIFIC SOUTHWEST  
SPRING FORUM  
MAY 13-15**

*Where Women Leaders in Construction  
Connect, Learn, and Lead*



**CLAY SHOOT  
FUNDRAISER**

**SAVE THE DATE!  
JULY 17TH**

(This event will replace the July monthly membership meeting)



*Register  
Now*

**4 Person (Team) Entry \$500**

**2 Person Entry\* \$275**

**Single Person Entry\* \$150**

**\*Single and 2 person entries will be combined to make one four person team.**

- 7:00-8:00 Registration & Breakfast
- 8:15 Gun rental brief/handout
- 8:30 Safety brief
- 8:45 Shoot START
- 12:00 PM Shoot END
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch & Awards



**Questions?**

[fundraising@nawic356.org](mailto:fundraising@nawic356.org)



**Sponsorship Opportunities**

		Available	Entry(ies) to Event	Logo recognition on on-site poster boards	Provide Banner for Display at event	Logo on Scorecards	Social Media Recognition	Golf Cart to use at event	Speaking Time at event	Listed on all email announcements	Lunch	Provide signage at the shooting station	Trapper, operates the trap machine
	<b>Venue Sponsor</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>	2 4		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
	<b>Lunch Sponsor</b>	<b>\$750</b>	4 2		x	x	x			x	x		
	<b>Event Sponsor</b>	<b>\$400</b>	8 1	x			x			x	x		
	<b>Breakfast Sponsor</b>	<b>\$350</b>	3	x			x			x			
	<b>Station Sponsor</b>	<b>\$250</b>	10	x			x			x	x	x	x

CONSTRUCTION-  
RELATED NON-  
NAWIC  
UPCOMING  
EVENT

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026



**Southern Colorado Construction Career Days (SCCCD)** is an annual hands-on event designed to introduce high school students to the wide range of career opportunities available in the construction industry.

The 2026 event will take place on **Thursday, September 10, 2026**, at the *Norris Penrose Event Center* in Colorado Springs. Hosted in partnership with local contractors, industry leaders, and educators, this dynamic event gives students the chance to explore trades such as carpentry, electrical, heavy equipment operation, masonry, and more. Unlike a traditional career fair, SCCCDC is all about experience. Students participate in interactive learning labs where they can operate machinery, try out tools, and engage directly with skilled professionals. **The goal is simple: inspire the next generation to consider rewarding, high-demand careers in construction while helping address the industry's workforce shortage.**

**Volunteer Opportunities** SCCCDC relies heavily on industry volunteers to make the event a success. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, setup, takedown, lunch, traffic control, group leadership, and activity stations. Whether you're a seasoned professional or early in your career, volunteering is a meaningful way to give back, share your knowledge, and help shape the future of the industry.

**Sponsors** gain visibility and the opportunity to connect with future talent. Sponsorship plays a vital role in bringing SCCCDC to life. Contributions help fund breakfast, lunch, and overall event operations. Levels range from in-kind donations and \$500 snack sponsorships to \$5,000+ platinum sponsorships. Benefits may include recognition on the website and social media, ads in the Career Guide, event signage, opportunities to provide branded materials, and participation in event activities or announcements. By supporting SCCCDC, your organization is investing in workforce development and strengthening the construction industry in Southern Colorado.

**Get Involved! Whether through volunteering, sponsoring, or simply spreading the word, your participation makes a lasting impact.**

**Together, we can build pathways to success for the next generation of construction professionals.**

<https://www.sococareerdays.com/>

VOLUNTEERS  
needed



DONATE  
NOW





The **NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF)** is proud to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the **Carol A. Kueker Construction Education Visionary Award.**

This distinguished award honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional passion and dedication to the promotion of construction education. Nominees do not need to be directly involved with NEF—this award celebrates anyone who shares Carol A. Kueker’s vision of advancing opportunities and education within the construction industry.

Named in memory of *Carol A. Kueker*—a long-time NEF Trustee, volunteer, and past President—this award reflects her legacy of leadership, advocacy, and her instrumental role in the development of initiatives such as the Design Drafting and Block Kids competitions.

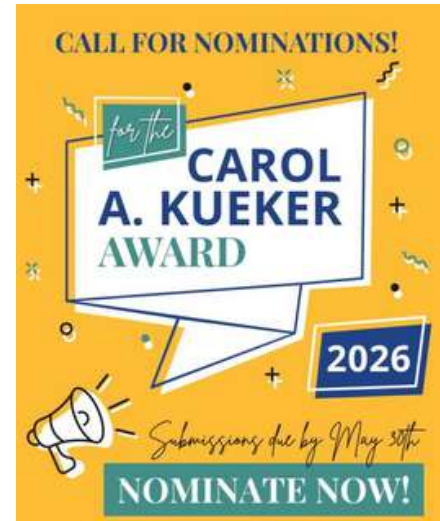
If you know someone who has made a significant impact on construction education, we invite you to recognize their contributions by submitting a nomination.

**Nomination Deadline: May 30**

Winner to be announced at NAWIC Annual Conference!

Nominate someone today!

[\(Click the image above\)](#)



**What's Happening in May...**



**Mental Health Awareness Month**



**Sunday, May 10th**



**Kathy A. - May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Kelly E. - May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Jessica O. - May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES**

**Rachel K. - 1 year**

*TMS Construction, Inc.*

**Debi D. - 1 year**

*Regions Bank DBA Ascentium Capital*

**TIME TO Celebrate**

# Thank You

**To Our Corporate  
Sponsor Partners!**

## CORNERSTONE



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## FRAMEWORK



## FOUNDATION



## BUILD IT UP!

Support women in construction and make a difference in our community! Your sponsorship helps fund educational programs, student competitions, professional development, and networking events.

### Sponsorship Levels:

- Cornerstone: \$3,000
- Architect: \$2,000
- Framework: \$1,500
- Groundbreaker: \$500
- Foundation: \$250\*

\*Foundation level is for women-owned businesses or small companies.

Your support empowers the next generation of women in construction while giving your company visibility and networking opportunities.



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### Pikes Peak



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## Leadership & Team Alignment for Trades & Construction

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### Workforce Readiness & Partnership:

- Customized Workshops & Interactive Learning Sessions
- Keynote & Offsite Leadership Talks  
(see website for topics)
- Spanish for Industry | ESL for Industry
- Organizational Development/HR Support
- Coaching & Leadership Development (Leaders at all Levels)
- Strengths-Based Development with CliftonStrengths®

\*Bilingual - English & Spanish



**Jen Cáceres** has over 10 years experience working with owners and leaders in trades and construction.

She specializes in partnering with leaders who are navigating the different generations at work, struggling with culture, engagement, and retention while trying to lead from who they've become today.

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