



February 2020 Open Contest Guidelines

- Deadline:** February 15, 2020
- Sponsor:** Nancy Cummins Bierman
- Theme:** *Legendary Colorado Women*
- Form:** Optional
- Line Limit:** 50 (*Note line limit 50 lines*)

MUSTS:

1. The poem must be about a woman who made significant contributions to Colorado life, history, or folklore.
2. The subject must have lived in Colorado at some point even if her career took her elsewhere.

SHOULD:

1. The poem should make a remarkable woman come alive for the reader: Who was she, what was her character/personality, what did she accomplish, what obstacles did she overcome?
2. The choice of form should help showcase the subject: narrative, ballad, dramatic monologue, ode, etc.

POSSIBILITIES:

Colorado women's history doesn't begin or end with Molly Brown and Baby Doe Tabor. There are lots of fascinating Colorado women who contributed to the arts, to science, and to their communities. Choose a lady who interests you and tell us her story.

Here is a list of possibilities, but you don't have to stick to the women on this list:

"Doc" Susie Anderson: physician
Helen Bonfils: newspaper manager, philanthropist
Mother Cabrini: missionary, saint
Chipeta: Ute leader and negotiator, wife of Chief Ouray
Judy Collins: musician
Mary Elitch Long: Denver businesswoman
Helen Hunt Jackson: poet
Emily Griffith: teacher
Fannie Mae Duncan: jazz club owner, entrepreneur
Justina Ford: physician
Erinea Garcia Gallegos: teacher, postmistress
Julia Holmes: mountain climber

Ellen Jack aka Captain Jack: miner
Dottie Lamm: women's rights activist, author, speaker
Ellis Meredith: suffragette
Mistanta aka Owl Woman: Cheyenne trader
Leonel Ross O'Brien aka Polly Pry: reporter
Cleo Parker Robinson: dancer, choreographer
Dr. Florence Sabin: research scientist
Augusta Tabor: businesswoman
Belle Turnbull: poet
Lindsay Vonn: alpine ski racer
Beatrice Willard: tundra ecologist
Hanna "Marie" Wormington-Volk: archeologist

These websites list more prominent women and links to information about them:

Online Magazine from Durango: <https://dgomag.com/contents/1732>
Colorado Women's Hall of Fame: <https://www.cogreatwomen.org/inductees/women-in-the-hall/>
Colorado Encyclopedia: <https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/person/women>
Colorado Women's Hall of Fame: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_Women%27s_Hall_of_Fame