



## 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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_Women%27s_Hall_of_Fame)