



Denver Branch
The English-Speaking Union
Education. Scholarship. Understanding.
March-April 2019 Newsletter

Executive Committee

President: Michael Thornton
 Treasurer: Charles Thompson
 Program Chair: Mary McLean
 Bonnie Pritchett

Board of Directors

July 2016 – June 2019: Polly Cox
 Kathleen Murphy
 Charles Thompson
 July 2017 – June 2020: Basil Carpenter
 Cindy Poinsett
 Bonnie Pritchett
 Susan Stokley
 July 2018-June 2019: Aimee Arens
 July 2018-June 2021: Christine DiNunzio
 Niccole Guagliardo
 Todd Madison
 Mary McLean
 Jeannine Mortell
 Lauren Wasser

Committee Chairs

Education:
 Finance and Governance: Sue Stokley
 Membership: Polly Cox
 Program: Mary McLean
 Bonnie Pritchett

Education Program Coordinators

Teachers Learning: Kate Murphy
 Abroad UK: Michael Thornton
 Dr. Howard F. Beckley
 Writing Competition: Aimee Arens
 Sue Stokley
 Shakespeare Competition: Cindy Poinsett

Secretary/Administrator Cami Van Anne
ESU Denver Branch
Address 5930 South Cimarron Way
 Littleton CO 80123
 303-755-1752
Voicemail
Email denver@esuus.org
Web Site www.esuus.org/denver
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ESUDenver/>

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Dear Members,

We recently notified the entire roster of members about our sponsorship of the opening of Treasures of British Art: The Berger Collection at the Denver Art Museum. Members of the Denver ESU receive the benefit of attending one of five lectures for free. Details have been sent to members – you will need to apply a promotional code when you purchase online. If you have a problem negotiating the website, just call. An operator was helpful when I called to reserve spaces for the British Landscape Painting lecture in April.

During this year, we also intend to collaborate with the Lighthouse Writers Workshop to at least offer an added benefit to the winner of the Dr. Howard F. Beckley Writing Competition – a workshop for that student. Other sponsorships are in the works.

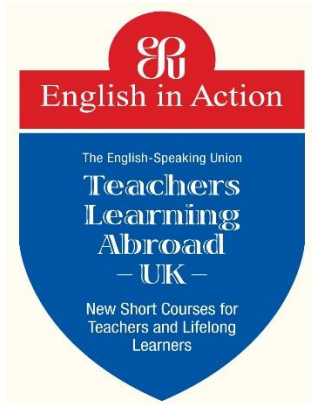
The board is finalizing a list of benefits that accrue with membership at various levels. We hope that a clear list of what people get when they support the ESU will increase our base. It is clear that members support teachers and students through the Teachers Learning Abroad fellowships, the Shakespeare competition, and Writing contest, but we would like to offer members a free lecture or dinner along with that support.

Members are invited to support new board member Niccole Guagliardo in her Write Club debut at Syntax Physic Opera on March 7 at 7 pm. Advertised as *Literature as Blood Sport*, it should be a fun evening, and a way to meet members in a new place at a new event. We hope to revive the Queen’s Birthday Tea at the start of June – the idea is to combine it with our annual meeting, and bring in an actor or entertainer. Look for details in the upcoming month.

Thank you all for promoting English in Action in your support of the Denver chapter of the ESU.

Michael Thornton
 President, Denver Branch of the English Speaking Union
 UnionPresident, Denver Branch of the English Speaking Union

2019 TLab Scholars Announced



We are pleased to announce the 2019 TLab UK Scholars. Dan Anderson, English teacher at West Early College, will study Creative Writing at Oxford and Emily Pool, Social Studies teacher at Cherry Creek High School, will participate in the Politics Program at Oxford.

Denver Branch Social Gathering



Join us for the next Denver Branch social gathering on Thursday, March 7th, 7:00 pm, to meet our new TLab scholars, Dan Anderson and Emily Pool and to cheer on 2018 TLab Scholar Nicci Guagliardo, as she competes in Write Club, an open mic night competition at Syntax Physic Opera. Syntax is a pub with great food, and it's located at 554 S. Broadway, about 2½ blocks south of Alameda. There is a \$10 cover, and all proceeds go to a charity of the write club winner's choice!

Save the Date Upcoming ESU Calendar

Thursday March 7, 2019 7:00 pm	Social Gathering Syntax Psychic Opera 554 S. Broadway
Saturday March 16, 2019 9:30-11:30	Board of Directors Meeting St. John's Cathedral 1350 Washington Street
Saturday May 18, 2019 9:30-11:30	Board of Directors Meeting St. John's Cathedral 1350 Washington Street

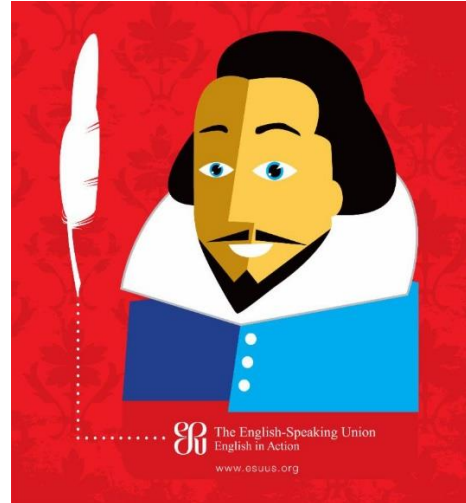


2019 Denver Branch Shakespeare Competition

The Denver Branch hosted their Annual Shakespeare Competition at the University Theatre on Sunday, January 27 on the beautiful University of Colorado, Boulder campus. Eleven students from high schools across Colorado participated in the two-day event. On Saturday, qualifying students honed their craft during a Acting Shakespeare Workshop led by theatre professionals. Students arrived on Sunday to present their prepared Shakespearean monologues and sonnets to spectators and judges. Third place was awarded to Ethan Snapp of Grandview High School, Second place to Jaeda Shackley of Greeley Central High School and First place to Sofie Berg from Denver School of the Arts. Sofie, a student of DSA's Shawn Hann, will represent the Denver Branch in April at the National Shakespeare Competition in New York City.



Winners of the 2019 Shakespeare Competition
Sophie Berg, Ethan Snapp, and Jaeden Shackley



**The English-Speaking Union
is proud to announce that the
2019 National Shakespeare Competition
will be held at**

**Lincoln Center Theater
Monday, April 29th, 2019**

**Contestants arrive in New York on April 28
and depart April 30**

**1st Place: Full scholarship to the
British American Drama Academy
Midsummer Conservatory Program
in Oxford, England**

**2nd Place: Full scholarship to the
American Shakespeare Center
Summer Theatre Camp
in Staunton, Virginia**

3rd Place: \$500.00



Elizabeth I; about 1570; George Gower, 1540-1596

The Denver Branch of the English-Speaking Union is partnering with the Denver Art Museum to sponsor the "Spotlight on Conservation" program, June 14, 2019 in Conjunction with the Treasures of British Art: The Berger Collection

As part of this sponsorship ESU Denver members will enjoy:
Complimentary admission to ONE of the following educational sessions

1. **Spotlight on Conservation: Treating the Berger Collection "Treasures" on June 14, 2019**
2. **Spring Course 2019: British Art Across the Ages on March 9, 2019**
3. **Spring Course 2019: British Art Across the Ages on March 16, 2019**
4. **Spring Course 2019: British Art Across the Ages on March 30, 2019**
5. **Spring Course 2019: British Art Across the Ages on April 13, 2019**

*Note: this code can only be redeemed online for the individual sessions, not the combination package of all four lectures

To Register Use the code: BERGER

Go Online at <https://denverartmuseum.org/exhibitions/treasures>

Select related events, click on the program you wish to register for and then follow then complete the following steps:

1. Click on the orange "GET TICKETS" button on the left side of the page.
2. Click on the blue "Find tickets" button on the next page.
3. From here, select the number of tickets (if more than 1) and then click the blue button to "add to order."
4. This next page is where people can enter the Offer Code "BERGER" in the blue section and then click the black "APPLY" button. Once that button is pressed, the total cost for the order will be changed to \$0. Click the Blue "Continue" button at the bottom of the page to complete the order.
5. This next page is where you will add your name(s)
6. Then you can either log-in to a DAM account or continue as a guest to complete the registration process

Or call: 720-913-0130 (press 4 to speak to a representative)

Spotlight on Conservation: Treating the Berger Collection “Treasures”

Kate Stuart, Berger Collection Curator and
Pam Skiles, Associate Conservator of Paintings

Friday, June 14, 2019, 6:00-7:00pm

Go behind the scenes to learn about what happens to artworks before they're put on view in an exhibition. Join a conversation between DAM paintings conservator Pam Skiles and Berger Collection curator Kate Stuart about the treatments that were conducted on several paintings in the exhibition Treasures of British Art: The Berger Collection, opening March 2, 2019. Pam and Kate will share how they arrived at their decisions – to treat or not to treat – and show before- and-after photographs of the work that was done.

Spring Course 2019: British Art Across the Ages

Presented by Paul Hammer, Professor of History, CU, Boulder

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Presented by Molly Medakovich, Art Historian and DAM Teaching Specialist

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Presented by Kate Stuart, curator of the Berger Collection at the DAM

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Presented by Molly Medakovich, Art Historian and DAM Teaching Specialist

Saturday, April 13, 2019

This four-part course - a celebration of British art, culture, and history - will take participants on a nearly 500-year journey through time. Get to know some of the masterful artists whose dazzling array of paintings are on view in Treasures of British Art, and explore the captivating themes they painted. Revisit longtime favorites from the Berger Collection, and discover paintings that have been brought out of storage for this special exhibition.

Berger Collection

The Berger Collection has just returned from its four-year tour and is now being prepared to go on view at the DAM! Opening on Free First Saturday, March 2, 2019, [*Treasures of British Art: The Berger Collection*](#) will showcase more than 60 paintings recently gifted to the museum by the Berger Collection Educational Trust. [Click here for details.](#)

The Berger Collection at the Denver Art Museum comprises 65 British artworks gifted to the museum in 2018 by the Berger Collection Educational Trust (BCET), owner of the collection since 1999. The paintings are part of the collection formed in the mid-1990s by the late William M. B. Berger and his wife Bernadette Joan Johnson Berger and housed at the Denver Art Museum. The BCET gift is the largest gift of European old masters to the DAM since the museum received the Kress Collection in the 1950s. It enriches the museum's painting and sculpture collection, currently strong in artwork from the early Italian Renaissance and 19th-century France.

SHAKESPEARE

July 7 – July 13

**Shakespeare Birthplace Trust
Stratford-upon-Avon**

From Page to Stage

***Exclusive behind-the-scenes tours,
experience Shakespeare's family home,
and see five shows from the Royal
Shakespeare Company and The Globe.***



Reserve today!