



In Fond Memory – Joy Cipoletti



Joy was named Joy because her birthday is in December so she is Christmas Joy. She is the oldest of eight kids. Her dad said last year at her 60th birthday party that he never thought he would see a daughter of his turn 60. He was so very proud of her. Both her parents are struggling with the loss of their beautiful first born.

Her enthusiasm for the outdoors and love of nature was where she connected with her soul. She told me many times "Connie, I love hiking with you, but I do really enjoy hiking by myself." It is where she found peace and a connection with a Power greater than herself. She was deeply spiritual but not religious. Her pictures are almost always about nature, flowers, trees, birds, wildlife, lakes, streams... Once the kids were all grown and out on their own she found herself looking for more. She found the big playground of nature. She did not take any adventure for granted. She

did her homework. Joy tried it all: climbing, cross-country skiing, hiking, mountain biking, overnight winter hikes, canyoneering... the list goes on and on. She loved passing her knowledge onto others and led many CMC training sessions. She was training to climb Mount Rainier (her dream) this year.

She loved music and playing guitar. She sang in many choruses throughout the years when the kids were young.

She sent every one of her kids through college on her own. I know she was the best mother to each of her kids and loved them so very much. Whether it was hiking or skiing with Kristen, or helping Anthony move to Fort Collins, or talking to Kevin for hours over the phone about baseball or working out, she was always available to them—never missing a beat.

She owned her own business and was very successful with it. She is also a published writer.

Her list of accomplishments goes on and on, but I believe the biggest imprint she leaves with all of us is her unconditional love of family and friends. Joy would give you the shirt off her back even if it was the last one she had. She has been there for me while I gathered the pieces of my life back together. She was my glue (and for so many others too). I find I hear her in my head today where ever I am saying "Its ok, you can do this. It will be alright". She loved seeing others succeed.

I will leave you with this: She loved the saying "All is well and all will be well and all this is well as well".

I used it many times in the past few days now, and it has brought me comfort.

—Connie Gemignani

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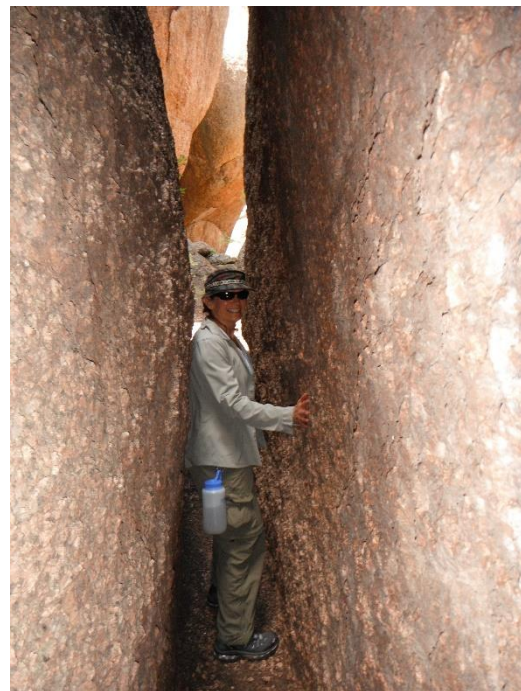
Wilderness Exchange Unlimited



Beaver Creek Wilderness Area—in no order—John Gray (leader), John Mill, Sean Williams, Natalia Gray, Paulette Arns, Marsha Littau, Richard Trillet, Elizabeth Lundquist, Marissa Starks, Jill Mattoon, Lisa Dailey, Bill Greer, and Margot Lucas.

A mix of PPG and El Pueblo members.

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What I will remember most about Joy is her quiet strength and uplifting presence. She was a wonderful person to be around and I'm glad I got to know her. We will miss having Joy with us but her Light shines on in our hearts and memories.
–Betty Katondo



Joy had this zest for the outdoors like no other. She would not give up and was always the last to get off her skis because she didn't want the day to end. We all learned from her to enjoy life to the fullest.
–Kim Wetzel

The Pikes Peak Group in Photos

Basic Mountaineering School



L-R: Chris Kaplan, Mike Cromwell (instructor), Brittany Hoover, Adrienne Ross, Dave Kuenzli (instructor), Tyler King, Kristen Kennedy, Donald Shearer, and Sara Gordon
Photo credit Dean Waits

PPG's BMS – Land Navigation class uses only a simple compass and a paper map. Students met at Lovell Gulch early Saturday morning for their field session, to locate eleven targets the instructors had placed the day before. This year's classroom session was taught via Zoom by David Kuenzli, Glenn Barr, and Mike Cromwell, who also assisted in the field. Land Nav is a required class along with Wilderness Fundamentals to build a base of confidence toward the other classes PPG offers. Classes are taught in sequence to build on a safety-oriented mind set: Snowshoeing – Backcountry Skiing, Avalanche Level I, Rock and Ice climbing (both also in advanced versions), Winter Survival Skills, Rock Scrambling, Backpacking, MTB, Desert Trekking and Canyoneering, Alpine Snow Mountaineering, and High-Altitude Mountaineering School to prepare one for the highest mountains around the world. Our Trip Leaders will eventually evolve from these students after completing a course in Wilderness First Aid.

Pikes Peak Climb (Almost) – Joe Petsche



We hiked up Barr Trail on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. Warm, but not too warm, clear skies, and a steady downstream of people exiting the incline. We took a break at the top of the incline to people-watch. The remaining 3+ miles to Barr Camp was very pleasant. Some said they wish they had worn their shorts on this trip.



Arriving at Barr Camp, we stopped to say hi, then set up our own camp a little further up trail. We made dinner and sat around our virtual fire (LED light) talking well into the evening until it was too cold (8pm?). Shortly thereafter the forecasted winds began. No one got much sleep that night. When we woke in the morning there was about 1/4 inch of snow on the ground. The snow plus cold temps had everyone ready to descend. I suggested we go for a short hike up in elevation; then descend back to the cars. After some convincing, we executed that and returned to the cars around lunch time.

Much was learned on this trip. We all knew the weather conditions would prove challenging, but everyone was interested in testing their gear and emotions on this trip. The mountain will be there next time and we will be ready!

Conservation Corner

The Pike-San Isabel National Forest's Motorized Travel Analysis Final Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Record of Decision was released last week. An interactive map prepared by Alison Gallensky of Rocky Mountain Wild is [here](#).

As you can will see from the map, a number of roads have been identified for closure. None of these are "main roads," but some may be of individual interest. In the Rampart Range, the most notable closures may be the eastern end of FR323, which leads to the Scorpio Dome rock climbing area; FR324B, which offers a back way to the Sydney Harrison plane crash site; and the eastern end of FR327. It is not terribly clear to me when the road closures will be implemented. When viewing the map, please note that routes under county jurisdiction are not included, so parts of Rampart Range Road, Gold Camp Road, and others have gaps on the maps.

The current version of the map linked above does not show the winter closures. Pending it being updated, refer to the full FEIS under the analysis tab and the Draft ROD and project GIS geodatabase under the decision tab [here](#).

The most notable winter closures in the Pikes Peak area include maintaining the existing closures in the northern part of the Rampart Range and also on Rampart Range Road between Rampart Reservoir and Garden of the Gods. New closures will include all of Mount Herman Road above Red Rocks Road and all of the road to the Crags.

Mount Princeton 2021



Who wants to go to Mount Princeton February 19–21, 2021?

Please email [Christie Lee](#) by December 5th if you have interest at least at the 80% level. There will be a generous 48-hour late cancellation for COVID shut down situations. Otherwise, 30 days will be standard late cancellation fees applied (\$100). Approximately \$390 will include 2 nights, pool access, 4 meals and opportunities for snowshoe and/or cross-country skiing in the Hancock/Tin Cup Pass area. We will cancel the trip if there is not enough interest or if people are fearful of COVID.

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The purpose of the CMC is to unite the energy, interest, and knowledge of the students and lovers of the mountains of Colorado; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains on behalf of science, literature, art, recreation; to stimulate public interest in our mountain areas; to encourage the preservation of flora, fauna, and natural scenery; and to render readily accessible the alpine attractions of this region.

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Use the above contact information for corrections and comments as well.