

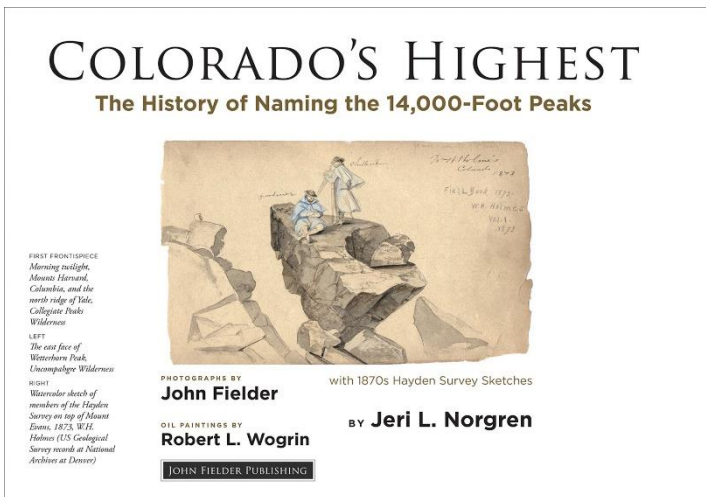


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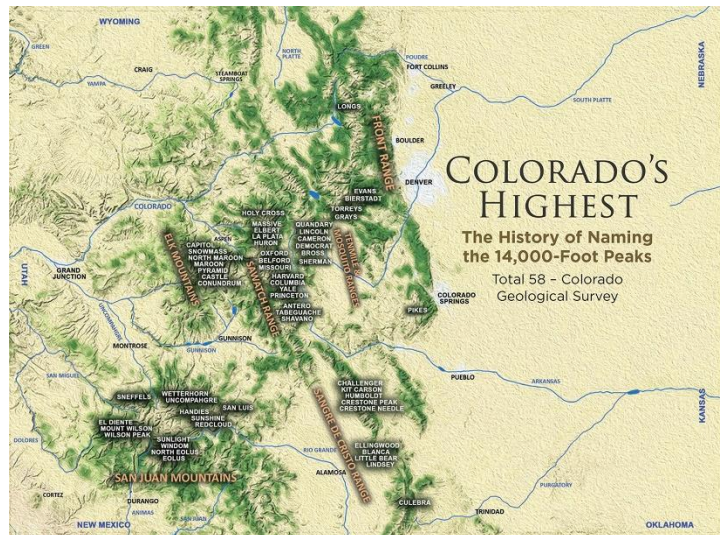
## PPG Monthly Program – 7:00 pm, April 20

Jeri Norgren Neff and John Fielder present – Colorado's Highest: The Naming of the 14,000-ft Peaks

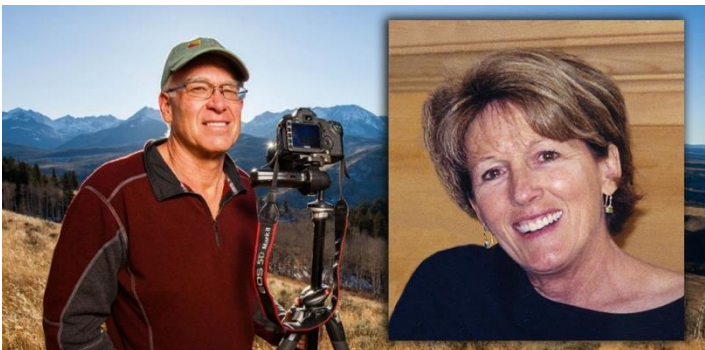


This may be John Fielder's finest history book since the popular *Colorado 1870-2000* series of W.H. Jackson repeat photography books. Author Jeri Norgren has written fascinating text about just how the names were chosen for the 58 highest mountains in Colorado. Through extensive research of the early days of mining in Colorado, and the voluminous records of the Hayden Surveys of Colorado in the 1870s, Norgren has written what may prove to be a classic Colorado history book. But it's not only words, it's Fielder's photographs of the fourteeners, many never before published, Robert L. Wogrin's sublime oil paintings and sketches, and the historical sketches made in the 1870s by the artists of the Hayden Survey.

John Fielder has worked tirelessly to promote the protection of Colorado's ranches, open space, and wildlands during his 40-year career as a nature photographer and publisher. His photography has influenced people and legislation, and has earned him recognition including the 1993 Sierra Club Ansel Adams Award, in 2011 the Aldo Leopold Foundation's first Achievement Award ever given to an individual, and in 2017, Colorado Mountain College presented him an Honorary Degree in Sustainability Studies. 52 books have been published depicting his Colorado photography. He lives in Summit County, Colorado.



Jeri L. Norgren is a fifth generation Colorado native. Having spent most of her life exploring the mountains and all the wonders they hold, she became fascinated with the nomenclature of the highest peaks and began her journey. As a member of the Denver Fortnightly Club, she has authored numerous papers on various topics, including one that grew into this book. A lover of nature and everything it beholds, she lives on an historic farm in Englewood surrounded by dogs, coyotes, and a pair of great horned owls. Sign up on the [CMC web site](#) and a Zoom link will be sent to you before showtime.





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## Welcome New Members!

John Brennan  
Lucilo Chavez  
Rhannon DeLeon  
Ryan Goodman  
Bruce Massey  
Daniel Mintzer

Hannah Mintzer  
Linnea Mintzer  
Naomi Mintzer  
Sean Mintzer  
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## Member Discounts

Adventure Medical Kits  
Ajax Bike and Sport  
American Mountaineering Museum  
Atrevida Beer Co (was Great Storm)  
Bentgate  
Breckenridge Nordic Center  
City Rock  
Friction Labs  
Frisco Nordic Center  
Gearonimo  
Gold Camp Brewing  
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Rocky Bob's Fly Fishing Rods  
Summit Terragraphics  
The Custom Foot  
The Mountaineers Books  
The Trailhead  
TrailRunner Magazine  
Vagabond Ranch Huts  
Wilderness Exchange Unlimited

## Wilderness Fundamentals Class



L-R: Dean W.(instructor), Marsha L., Ryan R., Jason K. (instructor), Lauren S., Richard G.,  
David A., Amanda L., Aaron H., Jody R., David B. (instructor), and Kim L-S.

# Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

## **PPG BMS – Colorado Alpine Snow Mountaineering**

Starts March 16

The Colorado Alpine Snow Mountaineering course is two class lectures and a field session. Our discussions include evaluating weather and snow conditions, terrain and avalanche risk assessment, gear, trip planning, using crampons and proper climbing techniques, snow travel including proper use of ice axe, self-arrest, glissading, determining slope angles, and route finding. We will discuss and mock demonstrate snow anchors and rope techniques if time allows. To earn the BMS certificate for this class, you will have to attend one of a number of skills practice trips we put on for all members early in the spring season. Pre-requisite: Wilderness Fundamentals. Recommended: Avalanche Level 1. Cost: \$65 for PPG members, \$75 for all others.

## **PPG ARCPro Trad Gear and Anchors Class**

Starts March 20

In Trad Gear and Anchors, students will learn about the various types of rock protection, including: natural protection, passive protection (nuts, hexes) and active protection (cams); and how to place and incorporate pieces of protection into anchors. We will discuss climbing anchors, to include top-rope, belay and rappel anchors. The student will learn the concepts of building a safe climbing anchor to include placement and evaluation of protection, fall forces, direction of pull, rigging methods and knots for anchoring. By the end of the final field session, participating students will be expected to be able to build trad anchors that meet an instructor-team evaluation for gear placements and anchor safety. They will rappel off of anchors they have built and rigged. Prerequisite: Registrants should have already taken BMS Rock Climbing, or have the equivalent basic rock climbing skills. Cost: \$65 for Leaders, \$95 for all others.

## **PPG BMS - Land Navigation**

Starts April 7

Pre-requisite: Wilderness Fundamentals. There are two class lectures. Our discussions include maps, compass, orienteering, estimating distance, interpreting map symbols, properly reading topo contour lines, learning about declination, sighting, taking a bearing, and route finding using all of these concepts. You'll also participate in class exercises using a map and compass. Students must participate in a PPG trip where they are afforded the opportunity to practice and demonstrate their land navigation skills. Cost: \$35.

## **PPG ARCPro Intermediate Self-Rescue Class**

Starts April 17

This is our next-level Self-Rescue class for those who have completed the Introduction to Self-Rescue class. We will review the basic skills from the Intro class, then move into more advanced self-rescue skills, including skills applicable to multipitch climbing, such as lowering from a top belay, hauling methods, and multipitch tandem rappels. Prerequisite: Students should have already taken BMS Rock climbing and Introduction to Self-Rescue, or have equivalent skills. Cost: \$65 for Leaders, \$95 for all others.

## **PPG Trip Leader School**

Starts April 19

The Pikes Peak Group Trip Leader School (TLS) provides a self-paced online curriculum (Google Classroom), a 3-hour online meeting (Zoom), and a 5-hour Leader-In-Training field trip to review important trip leader topics such as trip planning, group dynamics, situational awareness, communication skills, leadership, CMC policies, and leader liability considerations. The TLS is the first step to certification as a CMC Trip Leader. Cost: \$25.

## **PPG ARCPro Crack Climbing Class**

Starts May 1

This class will focus on crack-climbing techniques for climbing finger- to fist-sized cracks, along with touching on chimney and off-width techniques. We will not be teaching any gear placement or lead climbing in this class; we will focus on climbing techniques while on a top-rope belay. Prerequisite: Students should have basic rock climbing skills, such as taught in our BMS Rock Climbing or the equivalent, to include belaying and climbing communication. Leading skills are not necessary. Cost: \$35 for Leaders, \$60 for all others.

## **PPG GPS Basics Class**

Starts May 17

GPS Basics offers students who already own handheld GPS receivers the opportunity to learn more about how GPS works, how to plan an adventure online, how to move that information to a GPS receiver, and how to use the GPS to help with route finding, trip progress, reporting locations in an emergency, and capturing key data for a trip report to share with others. Key terms we will explore: Global Positioning System, satellites, waypoints, routes, tracks, importing, exporting, .gpx files, WAAS, Caltopo, BaseCamp, trip computer, GLONASS, Geocaching, coordinates, UTM, position, velocity, circle of error, satellite geometry, and others. Prerequisites: CMC Land Navigation and handheld GPS. Cost : Free.



## PPG BMS - Basic Rock Climbing

Starts May 18

The BMS Basic Rock Climbing consists of one class lecture and active skills practice session. Our discussions include climbing gear, rating a climb, the different types of rock climbing, reviewing climbing knots, rope management including coiling, care and inspection, anchors, communications, climbing techniques, belaying, rappelling, and building an auto-block. Pre-requisite: BMS Wilderness Fundamentals. Cost: \$65 for PPG members and \$75 for all others.

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# April Pikes Peak Group Trips

## Bandelier National Monument Backpack

Friday, 4/23/2021

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Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, [EHunterCMC@gmail.com](mailto:EHunterCMC@gmail.com)

Trail Mileage 30, Elevation Gain 4000, Driving Distance 600. Location: Bandelier National Monument, NM. Details: We will drive down Friday and car camp in the monument campground. We can visit the main historic Ancestral Pueblo sites if time permits. Saturday we will backpack approximately 10.5 miles on the Burro Trail to the Rio Grande while visiting historic sites, then move on to The Lower Capulin Trail and visit The Painted Cave. We will then camp at the first possible site near water. Sunday we will continue up The Capulin Trail and visit both the Stone Lion Shrine and Yapashi Pueblo. We will then backpack The Mid Alamo Trail back to the TH. This day will also be approximately 10.5 miles. We will camp in the park campground again on this night. Monday we will drive home. Many of these trails have become obliterated by years of fire and flood and will require strong navigation and route finding skills. We will also be exploring sites along the way. Expect the mileage to be longer on each day due to these reasons. There will be a park entry fee and camping fee as well as backcountry permits. This trip is intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo group member primarily. All others will be wait listed. Nat Geo Map 209. Register with leader.



*To register for classes or trips,  
go to [www.cmc.org](http://www.cmc.org)*



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## PPG BMS – Intro to Backpacking

Backpacking is another way to experience the outdoors - whether as a means to get to a distant location from the trailhead to enjoy an activity (summit attempt, alpine lake fishing, etc.) or as the main goal itself (hiking a long trail like the Colorado Trail). Carrying all the gear you need to travel, eat, sleep, stay dry, treat injuries, stay found, cook food, treat water, and enjoy yourself may be intimidating - but taken one step at a time - is very manageable. This class focuses on the basics in a lecture/discussion format and concludes with an overnight backpacking trip to put our new knowledge into action. Safety and fun are key elements of this class.

This class is **free** and open only to CMC members. Pikes Peak and El Pueblo Group members will have priority for registration. Any remaining spots will be opened to all members two weeks before the class date. Prerequisite is successful completion of Wilderness Fundamentals and Land Navigation classes (or equivalent experience).

Two opportunities this year. Sign up at [cmc.org](http://cmc.org).

### Backpacking A

- Classroom – June 14 & 21, 2021
- Field Session – June 26-27, 2021 (1 night)
- Field Location – Lost Creek Wilderness, Colorado Trail Segment 4, Rolling Creek Trailhead

### Backpacking B

- Classroom – August 23 & 30, 2021
- Field Session – September 4-6, 2021 (1-2 nights)
- Field Location – Horn Fork Basin, vic Buena Vista Collegiate Peaks Wilderness



# The PPG in Photos

## Ice Climbing – Silver Cascade Falls



Photo courtesy Stewart Green

## Cross-Country Skiing – Boreas Pass Road



L-R: Alex Baird, Cody Ensenian, Kristin Giordano, Rhonda Weiler, Garry Zieske, Eric Hunter, Ryan Goodman, Jim Taylor, Lisa Powell, Terre Topp, Kim Wetzel (photographer)

## Mt Buckhorn Trail / High Drive Loop



L-R: Matt Brown, Richard Trillet, Ken Trujillo, Angela Case, Greg Long, and Andy Lyon, leader. Dean Waits (photographer)

## Pikes Pique

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*Pikes Pique* is the monthly newsletter of the Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. It is a forum for enhancing skills for backcountry travel in the Colorado mountains and communicating information, news, and upcoming events to members and interested parties.

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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### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have a fun story or trip you want to share? Please submit your articles, along with pictures, to be considered for publication in the next *Pikes Pique* newsletter.

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The deadline for submissions is the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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