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## Events Calendar



Wednesday, March 9- RSVP for dinner at Community Event to [Karen.anderson@parkcity.org](mailto:Karen.anderson@parkcity.org)

Monday, March 14- Annual Community Leadership Lecture. Speaker, location and time to be announced.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, July 28-  
6:25 Happy Hour 7:30 Saturday's Voyeur

"Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing."

Albert Schweitzer

## Alumni News

Carissa Dahl (15) was the PCHS representative in class XV. Following graduation, Carissa attended fashion school in New York and is now back in the great state of Utah, combining two of her passions.

*"I love the outdoors and I love designing clothing and voila! I am starting an active wear company. It is called Strömma, which means "to flow" in Swedish."*



Carissa is using Kickstarter to raise funds for expanding her business. It will run from March 1-31. She'll be selling the skirts (as seen on the website [strommaactive.com](http://strommaactive.com)) and other new products that include 4 active-lifestyle bags, a T-shirt, a collaboration project with another Park City native Emily Loughlin.

Check out <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/563280580/strommaactive> and consider lending your support to our fellow alum.

# March 2016

## Live PC...Lead PC

Over 20 Years & Still Connecting

## Leadership Community Event

On Monday, March 14, 7-9pm, Leadership Park City will host their annual community event. This year it will be a panel discussion moderated by Leslie Thatcher



from KPCW on **WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP**. A panel of 6 interesting women leaders will present their perspectives on this important topic and be grilled by Leslie. Participating on the panel will be:

- **Joy Barrett**, former owner of The Expanding Heart
- **Beth Lohman**, Vail Resorts, Senior Director of Finance, Park City Mountain
- **Donna McAleer (9)**, former candidate for US House of Representatives
- **Mary Beth Maziarz (21)**, musician, author & lecturer
- **Nan Chalot Noaker**, Editor, Park Record
- **Liza Simpson (5)**, former Park City Councilwoman & business woman

The panel will be held from 7-9 pm at the Jim Santy Auditorium in the PC Library Building at 1255 Park Avenue. There will be ample time for a Q & A with the audience. **All Leadership alumni and the public are invited and encouraged to attend this FREE EVENT.**

## Join Us For Dinner?

All alumni who are dues paying members of LPCA are invited to be our guests at dinner prior to the panel discussion. You should have already received your invitation and need to RSVP to [Karen.anderson@parkcity.org](mailto:Karen.anderson@parkcity.org) by March 9. All other interested alumni are welcome to join us for \$15, payable by cash or check at the event. Please RSVP to Karen (above). The dinner will be catered by Kumbayah and begin at 5:45 pm in the community room on the 3rd floor of PC Library building across from the Santy Auditorium.



## What's Up With Mary Whitesides (18)

**Mary Whitesides ( 18 )** was born a Utahan but is definitely a woman of the world.

I asked Mary where 'exactly' she was born....and she told me. *"I was born on my grandmother's kitchen table with a midwife in attendance in the small town of Lyman near Torrey. My father was a sheep herder and ranch hand and my mother cooked three meals a day for a group of hardy men. We lived on that Horse Valley Ranch the first year of my life and moved to Salt Lake City shortly after that."*

Raised in Salt Lake, she attended the U of U until she married. Her, then husband, Kim Whitesides, was accepted into the prestigious Art Center School of Design in Los Angeles. *"We lived*

Thoughts and prayers are with **Richard Lee (20)** and wife Tracy as they battle cancer together. Check out their gofundme site for updates and to support them.



<https://www.gofundme.com/rich-tracy>

Hang in there you guys!

### Alumni Checking In

Are you a Leadership PC alum who has left the Park City area? Please shoot me an email to let us know where you are and what you're up to.



### Like Us



We can work for you!

Let the Leadership Alumni facebook page help you promote what you are doing. Please feel free to post on this page. Whether you have a business venture, nonprofit or just a piece of news....LPCA is here to help you keep networking.

Look for LEADERSHIP PARK CITY ALUMNI on facebook. Like us and join us.

### JOIN LPCA

\$25 annual membership runs from October 1 to September 30. Learn how to join by emailing us at [leadershipalumnipc@gmail.com](mailto:leadershipalumnipc@gmail.com).

**\*SUPPORT** the Leadership Park City Program

**\*PROVIDE** on-going education for graduates

**\*PROVIDE** on-going networking opportunities

**\*UNDERTAKE** activities benefiting our community

*there for 2 years during the hippie era and after graduation moved to New York City, where we lived for 15 years."*



Life in NYC and PC have to be at opposite ends of the spectrum and Mary's life in the Big Apple was colorful indeed.

*"I loved being young, energetic and curious living in the big apple. An especially great time for artist/illustrators throughout the 70's who were often considered heroes and my husband became well known for his airbrush illustrations of many famous musicians actors and political figures. New York was stimulating on an intellectual, cultural and a multi-racial level a place where immigrants were an integral part of the community. I feel that immigrants have propelled this country forward bringing in new ideas in foods, home furnishings clothing and objects d'art and that increases our life reference and understanding."* Mary and her two sisters opened a maternity/children's clothing store in Trolley Square, Salt Lake City called: Somebodies Mother. Mary was the buyer with convenient access to all the wholesale lines in the garment district in NYC while her sisters ran the store. *"We ended up with three stores running them for the next 16 years."*

In 1979, they built a second home in Old Town Park City planning to use it as a vacation ski home. *"Our two children were approaching their Jr. High years and NYC public schools were not great and private schools as expensive as college so we moved permanently to Park City."*

Moving from NYC to PC had to be a major culture shock. *"It took me a year of living in Park City to realize the impact the noise and the pace of the city had affected my demeanor - my nerves were on edge and after about a year, it all just melted away. The calm and ease of getting around Park City was really a welcome change. The advantages the school provided my athletic children were not available in NYC at least not without a lot of money and hassle. Living expenses were more reasonable and I was closer to my family who all reside nearby."*

Mary combined her writing and designing skills to produce several well-received books. A number of years ago she assisted with the architecture and interiors of some privately owned cottages at Sundance Resort and following that became one of a three person team who started the Sundance Catalog Co. and learned the production process of styling photos, directing shoots and dealing with vendors, one of whom was Gibbs Smith Publishing. *"After I left the catalog, I was asked by the owner, Gibbs Smith to write and produce books on architecture and interiors. I did the writing, found locations, art directed the photographer I hired and took some of the photos myself. In all, I produced 5 books: Mountain Style; Desert Style; Wicker Furniture; Wine Country; and Mediterranean Style."*

### Looking Through the Lens



Mary is now developing her photography skills. ***"I have had two recent trips to India and China and had a one woman show of my India photos. I am now going with a photographer from the Wasatch Camera Club to***

***Burma, joining a group of 6 photographers from around the world with one master photographer from Bangkok leading the trek. I hope to come back with gallery worthy images."***

Mary's artistic skills and desire to travel have led her on some great adventures. ***"After leaving the Sundance Catalog I worked with an NGO group in Connecticut named: Aid to Artisans. I traveled to many countries for them as a designer working with traditional craftsmen helping them out with new more marketable designs. I worked with Linda and Orlando Ortiz in Lima Peru who took me to a ravaged village in the Andes called Ayacucho. The terrorist group, The Shining Path had used it as a headquarters and after they left, having killed a number of citizens, kids were left homeless on the streets. I was so touched that Linda and Orlando opened their doors every morning to feed the children and also helped them get an education. I worked with the two of them in a very poor community there who had no bathroom facilities. The craftsmen being very sensitive to my needs, decided to dig a hole, build a little out house and place a toilet over the hole. They called it the Mary Whitesides toilet."***

Mary shares her cozy Old Town home with her dog Mico. She has one brother living in Heber and two sisters living in Salt Lake city. ***"We are all creative types. One sister is a jewelry designer/painter, another a fashion designer/ instructor at Utah Valley Junior College. My daughter an architect, my son a music composer and my ex-husband an artist."***

### **Living Off Grid**

Mary has designed and decorated many local homes but has a very special project of her own down in southern Utah.

***"After a life time away from Wayne County where I was born in Southern Utah, and a***



***purchase of 40 acres, my architect daughter, my son and I built our own mini-house."***

### **Mary's Rainbow**



It was rather convenient for Mary to have an architect in the family who could direct the building process that involved a lot of manual labor. ***"Putting all our physical aches and pains aside, the result is a most efficient 330 square foot space that runs off***

*the grid. It has a self composting toilet, a beautiful porcelain Italian wood burning stove with an oven. It is not only used for cooking but heats the cabin as well. The refrigerator is propane and the electricity comes from our generator. Hopefully in the future we will install solar panels. But that requires converters and other devices that are expensive and complicated with no access to the electric company. The beauty of the land is our living room."*

Mary felt it was a great honor and a privilege to have completed a year with the leadership program in Park City. **"It was highly educational filled with experiences I would otherwise not have been part of. I gained a fuller understanding of how our city and county are governed as well as potential ideas that might improve our community."**

It is a dream of Mary's to organize a group of Interior Designers who renovate homes in the Park City and Salt Lake area who can then contribute discarded home furnishings to be re-purposed by renovating homes of the poor. **"Our purpose would be to raise their living standard and level of comfort. We are an abundant society and that abundance can benefit everyone and especially those less fortunate."**

We are thankful for our creative alumni like Mary who help make our community a beautiful place to live.

## Leadership 101 Still In Demand



Leadership 101, held on Monday, February 1 was well attended again this year. At least 160 interested Parkites attended the day long event to learn more about our community and meet our local leaders.

## Saturday's Voyeur

Save the date for Park City Night at Saturday's Voyeur which will be **Thursday, July 28**. Happy Hour from 6:25-7:25 pm and the play begins at 7:30. Details in April newsletter.



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