

# WOMEN'S NETWORK

## Letter from the President



I am honored by your support of my presidency of the Bartlesville Women's Network for 2022-23. Some of you know I spend summers in Utah and may be wondering how I could have been considered for this position. Here is an introduction, and a bit of explanation.



I was born in Bartlesville Oklahoma in 1946, left in 1964, then moved back in 2010 to spend the "cool months" in Bartlesville. I became a member of Women's Network in 2010 but watched, read, and admired every volume of Taproots as they were published. As a child, I had the freedom to roam the countryside on my bike, enjoy an excellent education system, witness the damaging effects of racial prejudice, and admire the power of strong women working together. My mother, Odie McReynolds, was a founding member of the Bartlesville Art Association, early member of the Women's Network,

passionate conservationist, and the first woman President of Oklahoma Wildlife Federation in her 70s. While raising her four daughters, she worked on a number of social justice issues--supporting the legal battle of Miss Ruth Brown, participating in sit ins, and helping Hungarian and Vietnamese immigrants. Even though my three sisters and I went in different directions geographically and professionally, we are all passionate supporters of women's issues and social justice. My sister Linda Mathews is a former WN President. I am the one who became a botanist and worked in environmental conservation, eventually retiring as a research professor at Utah State University. I have worked with "Great Old Broads for Wilderness" in Utah, and in Oklahoma, I have been a docent at the Tallgrass Prairie since 2012. I am officially retired but I continue to teach summer field classes and work in the herbarium in Utah, migrating back to Oklahoma in the fall.

I believe in Equal Rights for Women in Education, Healthcare, and the Workplace--and with your help and the help of our governing board, I promise to work to expand and strengthen our community.

By **Leila McReynolds Shultz**  
President Women's Network





Time and Location: **Penny Eccleston's** house on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

The Book of *Lost Names* by *Kristin Harmel*

Eva Traube Abrams, a semi-retired librarian in Florida, is shelving books when her eyes lock on a photograph in the New York Times. She freezes; it's an image of a book she hasn't seen in more than sixty years—a book she recognizes as The Book of Lost Names.

The accompanying article discusses the looting of libraries by the Nazis across Europe during World War II—an experience Eva remembers well—and the search to reunite people with the texts taken from them so long ago. The book in the photograph, an eighteenth-century religious text thought to have been taken from France in the waning days of the war, is one of the most fascinating cases. Now housed in Berlin's Zentral- und Landesbibliothek library, it appears to contain some sort of code, but researchers don't know where it came from—or what the code means. Only Eva holds the answer, but does she have the strength to revisit old memories?

As a graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris and find refuge in a small mountain town in the Free Zone, where she began forging identity documents for Jewish children fleeing to neutral Switzerland. But erasing people comes with a price, and along with a mysterious, handsome forger named Rémy, Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. ...

This is available from Amazon for \$10.69 and from BPL on their electronic books via Libby/Overdrive.

By **Franny Hildabrand**

## 2022 Slate of Officers

Women's Network Board 2022-2023

President: Leila Shultz

President-elect: Joan Dreisker

Secretary: (open)

Treasurer: Franny Hildabrand

Communications: Lili Gao

Membership: Darby Nelson

Program chair: (open)

Yearbook committee: Irene Chang and Ann Cleary

Nominating committee: (open)



Women's Network year runs from April 1 to March 31.

Dues are due for the 2022-2023 year, and still only \$20

Please send your dues to:

Women's Network

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Bartlesville, OK 74005



**Stacy Lewallen** (stillstacy@gmail.com) recently joined Bartlesville Women's Network. She was at the Annual potluck and meeting. Welcome Stacy!