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July - August 2023 Newsletter

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President's Corner

Dear members of ESU-Denver Branch,

Greetings! Happy September!

I can hardly believe that autumn is just around the corner. As we move into the new quarter, I wanted to give you some reminders for our upcoming events. First, we have our Wrench Speaker, "Andrew Lownie's Literary Edinburgh" on Monday, September 18, 2023 at the Denver Women's Press Club, drinks and appetizers will be served at 4:30 and the program will begin around 5:00. The cost is \$20 per person. Please register for this event by going to the ESU Denver website. Second, the Annual ESU meeting will take place October 20-22 in Kansas City. Think BBQ - yum! Myself, Bruce Haefner, and Basil Carpenter will all be in attendance and we encourage you to join us

Sincerely,

Cindy Poinsett, President ESU-Denver Branch

Save the Date Upcoming ESU Calendar



**Saturday
September 16
9:30 – 11:30**

Board of Directors Meeting
St. John's Cathedral

**Monday
September 18
4:30pm**

Wrench Speaker Event
Denver Women's Press Club
1325 Logan Street

**Friday-Sunday
October 20-22**

ESUUS Annual Conference
Kansas City, MO

2023 Annual Meeting

On Sunday, July 29, the English-Speaking Union Denver Branch held the Annual Meeting and brunch at the scenic Denver Country Club. Members and guests had an opportunity to mingle prior to enjoying the wonderful brunch buffet. Those in attendance were treated to a performance by Denver Branch Shakespeare winner, Ben Feldman.

The meeting portion of the event was called to order by Branch President, Cindy Poinsett. Following presentation of the Financial and Program reports, members voted to extend the Board of Directors terms Cindy Poinsett and Tom Tafoya. Outgoing Board Members, Emily Pool, Joyce Wilson, and Michael

Thornton were recognized for their time on the Board.



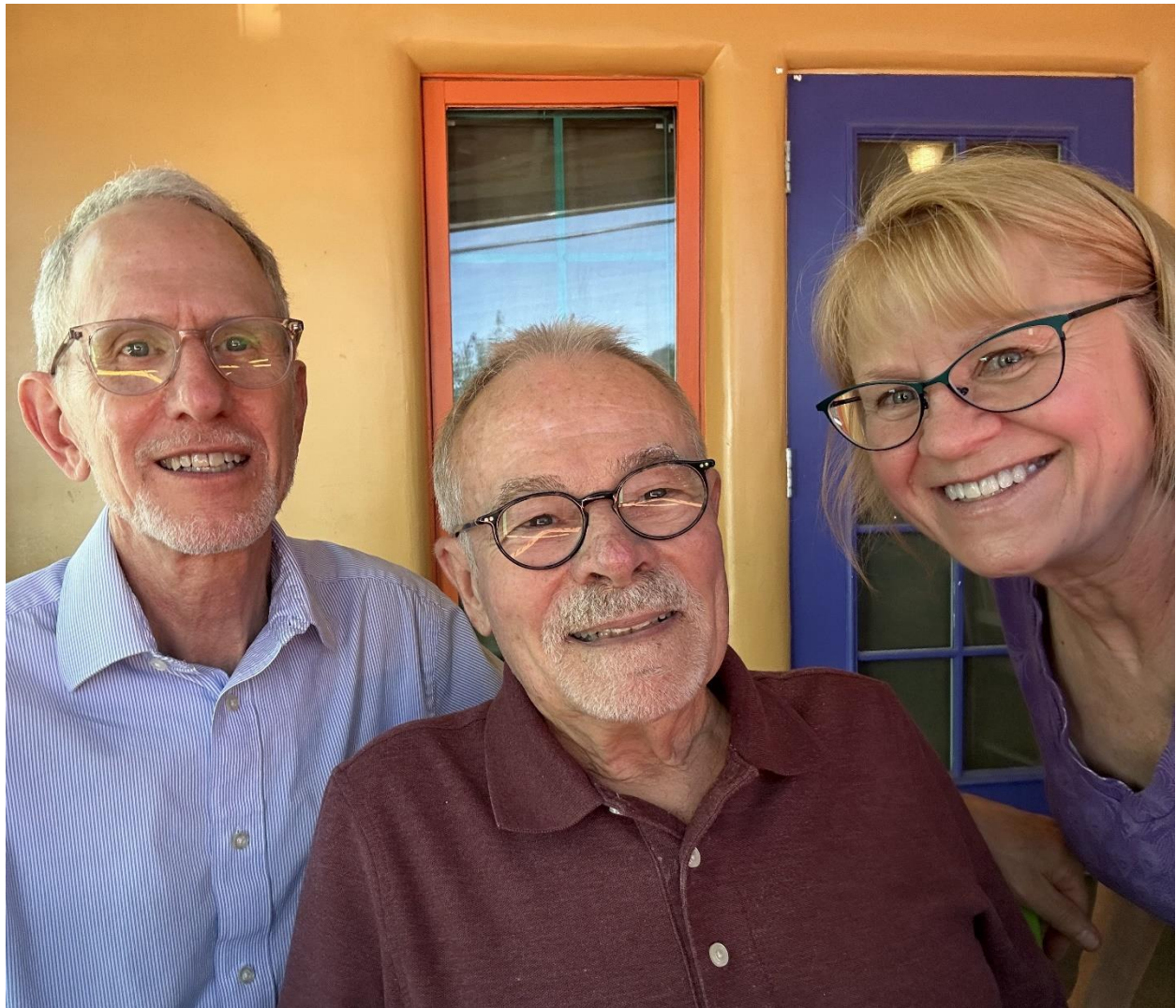
Tom Tafoya and Shelly Russell



Program Committee Chair, Ingerid Kelley

ESU Denver Branch Past Presidents Meet in Santa Fe

ESU Denver Branch Past Presidents Bruce Haefner (2013-2017) and Basil Carpenter (2007-2010) traveled to Santa Fe for a weekend in July. They met Kate Murphy (2020-2022) for lunch at Harry's Roadhouse, a Santa Fe favorite on the outskirts in the pinon-forested hills, with a cooling breeze on the screened-in porch surrounded by butterfly bushes. Kate's smile says it all: she is loving life in Santa Fe and sends her best wishes to all ESU Denver Branch members! Let her know the next time you are in Santa Fe.



Bruce Haefner, Basil Carpenter, and Kate Murphy in Santa Fe, NM

The Denver Branch of the English-Speaking Union
along with the Denver Woman's Press Club, presents

Literary Edinburgh

a lecture by Andrew Lownie

Monday, September 18 at 4:30 pm

Denver Woman's Press Club 1325 Logan Street

Includes Hors d'oeuvres and Beverages prior to the lecture

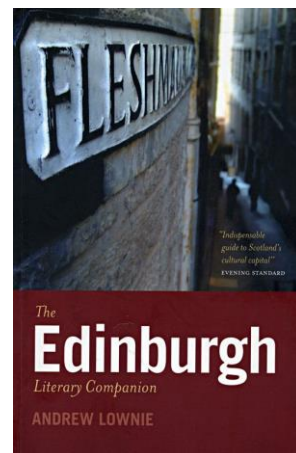
\$20 per person

Register and Pay Online by September 10: [PayPal Link](#)

Few cities can boast such a distinguished literary pedigree as Edinburgh. From Stevenson, Scott and Burns to Alexander McCall Smith and J.K. Rowling, many significant writers have lived in and been inspired by the city. Visitors have included Daniel Defoe, George Eliot, Charles Dickens, and William Makepeace Thackeray, and the city inspired numerous classic novels, ranging from Stevenson's Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde and Muriel Spark's The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie to Irvine Welsh's Trainspotting and Ian Rankin's Rebus crime novels. Andrew Lownie has written several books on Edinburgh's literary associations as well as leading literary tours of Scotland's capital, most notably for Road Scholar

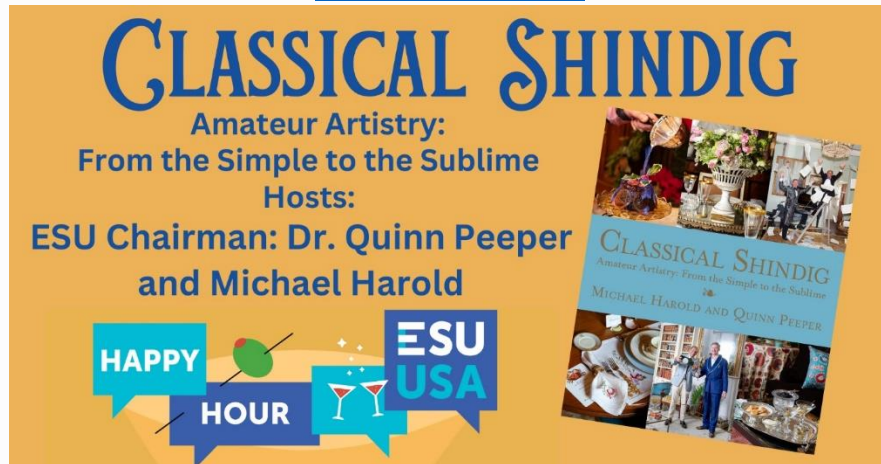
Speaker Bio: After participating in 1980 as an ESU Exchange Scholar, Andrew Lownie studied at Asheville School, North Carolina, and the Universities of Cambridge and Edinburgh, where he took his doctorate. A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and former visiting fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, he has run his own literary agency since 1988. A trustee of the Campaign for Freedom of Information and President of The Biographers Club, Andrew has written for the Times, Telegraph, Wall Street Journal, Spectator and Guardian and formerly served in the Royal Naval Reserve. He was part of the six man team who set up the Spy Museum in Washington, DC, and he sits on the Advisory Committee of Biographers International Organization. He is the author of many books, including *Stalin's Englishman* (St Martin's Press) and *The Mountbattens* (Pegasus Books), and is a reviewer for the *Wall Street Journal*.

Copies of Lownie's book, *The Edinburgh Literary Companion*, will be available for purchase at the event



September Happy Hour: Classical Shindig with ESU Chairman
Dr. Quinn Peeper and Michael Harold
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6 PM (ET)

[Register Here](#)



Make the acquaintance of two of New Orleans' most beloved hosts and concert pianists, Michael and Quinn, who sure do know their shindigs. From seasonal celebrations to iconic book clubs to lavish parties for friends, family, and charities, both local and national, Michael and Quinn have seen, done, and decorated it all. Join us for our next ESU Happy Hour Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm EDT when Quinn and Michael share stories from their new book, *Classical Shindig: Amateur Artistry: From the Simple to the Sublime*. This Happy Hour is sponsored by the ESU New Orleans Branch. Enjoy the pairs' authentic sense of style and design in their lush home and garden while exploring the joys of throwing unique and personal events. The pages are filled with hundreds of delightful photographs captured by twelve renowned Southern photographers that showcase the abundance of Michael and Quinn's New Orleans Garden District home. Come away with hosting, interior design, and entertaining tips and tricks that even an amateur can execute. *Classical Shindig: Amateur Artistry from the Simple to the Sublime* is complete with more than sixty recipes for every occasion, QR codes for recorded movements of their concertos given in support of community causes, illustrations by acclaimed artists Paul Cox and Tug Rice, and delightful stories all the way from Mississippi County, Arkansas, to the oak-lined streets of New Orleans. Between adventures in piano concerti with orchestras and entertaining New Orleans' natives. The British monarchy, and everyone in between—there's nothing these two won't do to celebrate their love of food, music, and people.

The English-Speaking Union Annual Conference 2023

Blueprint for Growth: Unity of Purpose

Kansas City
October 20-22, 2023



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The English-Speaking Union welcomes its members to Kansas City, Missouri for the 2023 ESU Annual Conference. The conference, under the theme of "Blueprint for Growth: Unity of Purpose," will cover diverse and enriching approaches for organizational growth in the ESU's second century of programming. The conference program will include the ESU 2023 Annual General Meeting, social events, including receptions and meals, breakout sessions, panel discussions, and local tours. We invite you to partake in the camaraderie and help us to advance our programs that support teachers, students, and recent immigrants.

Known for its barbecue, jazz heritage and vibrant downtown, Kansas City boasts numerous cultural destinations, such as the National World War I Museum, the American Jazz Museum, and the historic 18th & Vine Jazz District. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, with giant shuttlecocks out front, houses nearly 40,000 works of art, with collections ranging from Ancient to Contemporary times

Find more information regarding the Annual Conference Here: [Event Information](#)