

2016 Community Built Association Bootcamp & Conference

# “Nets and Networks”

Manitou Springs / Colorado Springs, Colorado

**BOOTCAMP** Sat. April 23 – Thu. April 28 **CONFERENCE** Thur. April 28 – Sun. May 1

*Join us as we explore connections and community!*

NETS help us catch good things, and let other things pass through. They also are, literally, a weaving of different strands. A net needs to be sized correctly...too small, and you cannot catch anything, and too big and it is unwieldy to use. Like Nets, with NETWORKS we catch good things, then work to weave and build communities together.

## 20167 CBA CONFERENCE

**THUR. APRIL 28 – SUN. MAY 1**

The **Conference** will be a mix of **presentations** and **hands-on programs**. Conference participants will gather and share skills, strengthen old connections and make new ones, and increase the ability to “catch good things”. It is also a venue to enjoy old friends, make new BFFs, and get energized about what we do in the world. CBA works to network; collaborate; facilitate grassroots initiatives, innovative partnerships and projects; and create robust communities. The conference is a venue to share what we have learned, from what works to what doesn't, and to make connections between people and ideas. Participants will meet at various locations around Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs. The center of conference operations will be at the **Manitou Art Center** in Manitou Springs. *The 2016 Conference is hosted by Steve Wood and Concrete Couch.*

**CONFERENCE PROJECTS** There will be two hands on projects during “Nets and Networks.”

### **Project 1 - Penrose Public Library Mosaic**

A three element project that includes a large-scale ceramic tile, mosaic and relief steel mural.

### **Project 2 - Pueblo Avenue Installations - Downtown Colorado Springs @ Concrete Couch Offices**

A project that develops the use of public spaces in innovative ways, by creating simple, temporary demonstration installations..

These two projects include collaborations between several organizations including: Community Prep School, Colorado College, University of Colorado: Colorado Springs, and Will Rogers Elementary School.

Design and fabrication sessions began in January 2016 and projects reach their zenith during the 2016 CBA Conference. *Pictures Examples of Mosaic Work*

### **Confirmed Conference Presenters**

Mark Lakeman (City Repair Project, Portland Oregon); Donna Billick & Diane Ullman (UC Davis Art/Science Fusion program, Davis, CA.); Tom Arie Donch, (Interplay Design, Vallejo, CA.); Sam Kornhauser (Schoolworks, NYC); Steve Wood (Concrete Couch, Colorado Springs, CO); Amanda Larson (Davis, CA.); Jun-Li Wang (Springboard For The Arts, Minneapolis MN); Steve Rasmussen-Cancian (Union Del Vecinos, Los Angeles CA); Art Goodtimes (Poet and San Miguel County Commissioner, CO)

# Conference Schedule *(Details Subject to Change)*

## THURSDAY APRIL 28

- 5–6pm Conference Meet & Greet with Bootcampers
- 6pm Dinner at Multiple Locations  
(Performance) McCabes w/ Ben Morgen  
(Parks) Nosh w/ Leon Smith  
(Planning) Poor Richards w/ Brian Elyo  
(Murals) Med Café w/ Dave Lowenstein & Douglas Rouse
- 7–8 pm Welcome & Presentation  
*“The Art of Play”* –CBA Board President Tom Arie Donch

## FRIDAY APRIL 29

- 8am -9am Meet-Ups / Quiet Rooms / Meetings - **Carnegie Room @ Penrose Library**
- 9am - 10am: *“Topic To Be Determined”* – Jun-Li Wang - **Carnegie Room @ Penrose Library**
- 10:30 - 11:30am **Panel Discussions**  
**A - “Small Parks” - Carnegie Room @ Penrose Library**  
Helen Helwig, Niki Glen, Deborah Landry, Ryan Tefertiller, Leon Smith?  
**B - “Working with School Groups” – Art Gallery @ PPCC (Next to Penrose Library)**  
Jeff Mather, Laurie Wood, Mark Rivera:
- 11:30 – 1pm Meet-up Lunch Groups @ Penrose Mural, or Concrete Couch Office
- 1–4pm Hands On Participation – Either Project 1 or 2  
or... CSFAC/CS Downtown Art Tour With Blake Milteer / Susan Edmondson
- 5pm Dinner @ Penrose Library – Catered by Adam’s Mountain Café
- 6:30 –7pm Meet & Greet – Donna and Diane at Packard Hall, Colorado College  
Dinner at Multiple Locations (Tentative)  
(WEST) Luaus with Steve R-C);  
(SOUTH) McCabes with Helen Helwig;  
(COLORADO) Nosh with CSUI host;  
(EAST) Poor Richards with Richard Skorman;  
(MIDWEST) Med Café with Dave Lowenstein or brown bag at the mural site
- 7pm to 8:30pm **Art and Science: Bridging the Gap** - Art Science Fusion - **Packard Hall @ CC**
- 8:30pm After-Party with Poetry, Mime, Music – **McCabes**

## SATURDAY APRIL 30

- 8–9am Morning Meet-up
- 9am - 10am *“Creating Community”* Speaker: Mark Lakeman - **Carnegie Room @ Penrose Library**
- 10:30 - 11:30am **Panel Discussions**  
**A - “Bootcampers 2 Years After” - Carnegie Room @ Penrose Library**  
Roundtable with the 2014 Conference Bootcampers  
**B - “To Be Determined” – Art Gallery @ PPCC (Next to Penrose)**

- 11:30 to 1pm Lunch with Designated Group, or Brown Bag at Project Sites
- 1–4pm Work at Either Project Site - or... Tour of Urban Gardens (Larry Stebbings)
- 5–6pm Dinner at Penrose Library: Catered by Crystal Park Cantina or La Casita  
Evening Hosts: Birgitta de Pree, Art Goodtimes, and Ben Morgen  
(Performance Art for Fun and Profit)
- 6–7pm
- 7–8pm Jeff Mather
- 8– 9pm Movie Presentation “*Called to Walls*” by Nick Ward (<http://calledtowalls.blogspot.com/>)

## SUNDAY MAY 1

- 8–10am **Breakfast / Networking** - Manitou Art Center / City Hall / District Auditorium
- 10–11am **Conference Project Evaluations** by Bootcampers
- 11am-Noon **Talking Gourd Ceremony** – Art Goodtimes
- Noon-2pm **Conference Closing Lunch** - Manitou Art Center

### Conference Fees

Early Fees (paid by March 28) are \$300

#### *Includes*

Access to all Projects and Presentations

Light Meals (breakfast/luch/dinner) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday

CBA Membership

### Local Partners

University of Colorado Colorado Springs - Gallery of Contemporary Art – “GOCA” (Daisy McConnell)

Downtown Partnership (Susan Edmondson, Lara Guarantano)

Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region – “COPPeR” (Andy Vick)

Colorado Springs Fine Art Center – “CSFAC” (Erin Hannan)

Pikes Peak Community College – Art Department (Laura Ben-Amots); Sustainability (Konrad Schlarbaum)

Colorado College – Collaborative for Community Engagement (Dave Harker, Shanna Farmer);

Innovation Institute (Patrick Bultema, Michael Hannigan); Cultural Attractions Fund;

Pikes Peak Permaculture – Manitou Springs (Becky Elder, Chris Dwyer)

City of Manitou Springs- Planning Department (Wade Burkholder)

Urban Intervention Colorado Springs (John Olson, Brian Elyo, etc.)

Community Prep School- (Marty Schneider, Principal)

Will Rodgers Elementary School- (Terry Martinez, Principal)

Manitou Art Center- (Natalie Johnson, Director)

### Additional Potential Presenters:

Dom Nozzi, Walkable Streets, Boulder , Bert Crenca/Shea Rivera, AS220, Providence, RI

Dan Folke, City Planner, City of Flagstaff, Arizona

# 2016 CBA BOOTCAMP

Saturday, April 23 – Thursday, April 28

The 2016 CBA Conference Bootcamp is an opportunity for **25 prospective or emerging community builders** to learn about community built practices through hands-on experiences and interactive presentations. Participants must apply for this program, attend the regular conference, and be prepared to “camp” and assist with food preparation. “Bootcampers” will work with experienced community built practitioners and will learn various hand-construction skills, how to develop and make presentations, group facilitation skills, and engage in various learning modalities, including role-plays and discussion groups. We will also cover asset mapping, and funding and evaluation strategies. Bootcampers will also play a major role in running the regular conference, including hosting the kick-off evening, assisting presenters, orienting others to the ongoing projects, and facilitate an end-of-conference evaluation process. Bootcampers are expected to work hard, and bring their “A” game to the table. Each day starts at 8am and continues until 9pm.

## Testimonials:

*“The CBA Bootcamp was an incredible experience! Such a positive atmosphere with outstanding instructors and a fantastic group of individuals coming together to build community through creative projects. The instructors gave us great insights and strategies from their work, and we learned new techniques in the hands-on workshops. So many new experiences that sparked inspiration and which led to a collaboration with another bootcamper (We created a community mosaic in Germany) and there are more projects to come”.* – Bianca Nandzik, 2014 Bootcamper

*“I attended the 2014 CBA Bootcamp and Conference in Davis, CA. During that week, I learned the skills necessary to run and execute a community build by working alongside 25 young professionals from all over the country making 4 art benches, a street intersection mural and a 100 ft long bike tunnel mural. We all mentored under well established and respected community builders, who led both the projects and lectures on various aspects of community builds. That week inspired and excited me to pursue my own projects and continues to this day.”*

– Jerry Lapham, 2014 Bootcamper

**Fees:** Fees for the Bootcamp & Conference are \$500. This includes lodging, food, conference fees, and a CBA membership. We encourage prospective Bootcampers to seek out an organization or granting agency from your local community to help subsidize these fees: you will return energized and ready to make a difference in your community!

**Bootcamp Staff:** Donna Billick, Amanda Larsen (2014 Bootcamp Participant), Mark Lakeman, Jun-Li Wang, Art Goodtimes, Steve Wood and Alex Drew.

**Support:** We want your Bootcamp experience to be exemplary, and we will work with you before the conference to plan for any component of the camp, including framing goals and expectations, funding, and travel.

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**2016 CBA Conference Support Staff** - Alex Drew of Concrete Couch

# Bootcamp Schedule

@ Manitou Art Center in Manitou Springs (*Unless Noted*)

## Saturday April 23

5–9pm Bootcamp Meet & Greet / Group Dinner

## Sunday April 24

8–9am Breakfast

9am – Noon Introductions / Warm-Up Activities with Bootcamp Staff

Noon – 1pm Lunch

1 –5pm Bootcamp Projects

6–7pm Dinner

7–9 pm ***“Gathering Your Community”*** – Mark Lakeman

## Monday April 25

9am–Noon 2016 Conference Overview & Planning - Part 1

1–6pm Bootcamp Projects / Colorado College Panel Installation

6–7pm Dinner - Hosted by Collaborative for Community Engagement, Colorado College

7–9 pm ***“Improving Your Community”*** – Steve Wood R-C

## Tuesday April 26

9am–Noon 2016 Conference Overview & Planning - Pt 2

1–5pm Bootcamp Projects

6–7pm Dinner @ Concrete Couch Office - Downtown Colorado Springs (0 minutes to UCCS)

7–8:30pm **Gallery of Contemporary Art (GOCA)@ UCCS**

***“How To Make Government Work For Us”*** – Mark Lakeman

***“How Government Works For You (Help Them Help You)”*** – Art Goodtimes

## Wednesday April 27

9am–11am ***“Starting Initiatives In Your Community”*** – Jun-Li Wang

11:30am–1pm Lunch ***“Community Resiliency through the Arts”*** – Jun-Li Wang, Manitou Springs City Hall

2–5pm Pueblo Avenue Project with CS Urban Interventionists – Downtown Colorado Springs

7–9 pm ***“Networking”*** – Jun-Li Wang, Mark Lakeman, Steve Rasmussen-Cancian

## Thursday April 28

Free Time Personal Time for Bootcampers – Until 4pm

### *Optional Sessions*

9am–Noon Donna & Diane of Geology Department @ Colorado College.

TBD Lunch / Colorado Springs Planners/County/Parks Department

4–5pm Meal Prep and Conference Presentations Prep by Bootcampers

5–6pm **2016 CBA Conference Kick-Off**

Bootcamp Facilitated 2016 Conference Meet & Greet