On April 16th, NEWH Rocky Mountain Chapter hosted its third annual Haute Seat Scholarship Event! At this event we honored our very deserving 2014 Scholarship Winners [pictured here!].

This year, NEWH was able to award $9,500 total in scholarships! Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, this is our largest amount yet! The Haute Seat Event continues to build on our scholarship fundraising efforts with a chair design competition. We paired design teams with vendors and tasked them to create completely unique chair designs. Check out the photos of some of the amazing and creative chairs that were auctioned off at the event! Thanks to all of the designers, vendors, and sponsors that helped make this event a huge success! We appreciate your support!!

congratulations

1st
Erica Smith
Colorado State University

2nd
Michael Bent
Colorado State University

3rd
Stephanie Williams
Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design

::from left:: candice spicer (president), stephanie williams, erica smith, narisara sarobhas (scholarship), michael bent (not pictured)
Union Station has been an icon of Denver’s architecture and history. The redevelopment began in 2012, and is expected to open July 2014. The challenge was to turn the city’s landmark into a bustling mixed-use, transit-oriented hub. The development concept was driven by the vitality, and day-and-night activity that the Crawford Hotel will bring to this historic building and surrounding neighborhood.

The Great Hall will serve as the lobby for the 112-room boutique, and a hub for transit users and travelers. It is being referred to as the “city’s living room.” The ground level will feature restaurants, specialty retail shops, the Terminal bar, and spill out into the Great Hall in a beer garden style setup. The Great Hall is intended to be a hub for the city as it connects public transportation with restaurants and retail.

The existing Art Deco and historic detailing inspired both the public and private spaces. Astheteam became immersed in the project. They were inspired by the glamour and prestige once associated with train travel. This level of sophistication was brought into the details of the guest rooms. The guest rooms are broken into three different styles, which were created during the team’s study of the variety of spaces – The Pullman Rooms, The Classic Rooms and the Loft Rooms.

Whether lounging in one of the many seating groups, sipping on a local craft beer, or window shopping through the retail storefronts – any visitor will feel the connectivity to the Great and Hall and history this building encompasses. Inspired by the building’s past and future to come, this is sure to be a gathering place for the city of Denver.
On May 1st over 200 people came out to support The Bears and Blankets Fund’s major fundraising effort ‘The Make Believe Ball’. This was a joint effort with NEWH, the premier network for the hospitality industry. The event was held at Denver University’s Joy Burns Center and comprised of ‘The House of Bears’ spring runway competition, silent auction, culinary delights and networking. Funds raised that evening went to support the Oncology Unit at Children’s hospital, Newborns in Need and the NEWH scholarship fund.

Major thanks go to all the volunteers who gave their time and especially our generous sponsors [listed at right]

We also want to thank those individuals who spent countless hours insuring the event was a success from the Bears and Blankets committee:

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5 Tips for a Sustainable Summer

Go outside
Unplug from the temptation of Netflix bingeing and head for the outdoors. Trips to local parks, the zoo, and ballgames offer the opportunity to enjoy a day of fun without the need of technology.

Chill out
During these hot summer months the AC becomes a close friend but is not the only means of cooling off. Turn off the AC when you are not home and use natural air from windows on cooler days. Using blinds and curtains can also help keep the heat of the sun from turning your home into an oversized crockpot. Fun trick: a bowl of ice in front of a fan equals a sustainable AC unit fit for MacGyver.

Cleaner cookouts
When enjoying the wonders of the outdoor grill remember that propane burns cleaner than woods and charcoals. Also, while no one likes cleaning up after a BBQ, try to use reusable plates and utensils and not their disposable counterparts. Use the time cleaning to contemplate the repercussions of eating six hotdogs.

Save h2o
While we all love a lush, grassy yard for the kids to play in we don’t all love a wet sidewalk. Conserve water by only watering early in the morning or late in the evening and by checking that sprinklers are only aimed at vegetation and not the neighbor’s driveway.

Ditch the car
I know it’s hard to resist jumping in the car, cracking up the radio, and belting out an 80’s chart topper while driving 65 feet to the nearest Starbucks, but try to. Stretch those legs and walk or bike when traveling short distances and engage in public transit when possible. You will save money, lower your carbon footprint, and maybe make a few friends on the city bus.

[meet the board]

candice spicer, sara harper, marie poisson, carla sibilia, jessica bobb, narisara sarabhas, emily sinclair

michelle hermsen, chelsea lawrence, kyla chambers, ellen armer, rachel clendenning

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