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www.consumer.gov/idtheft
 - Opt Out for unsolicited commercial emails:
www.dmaconsumers.org/offemallist.html
 - Opt Out for pre-screened credit card offers:
www.OPTOutPreScreen.com
 - Direct Mail reduction:
www.thedma.org/consumers/offmailinglist.html
 - National Do Not Call List:
www.ftc.gov/donotcall
www.the-dma.org/consumers/offtephonenumberlist.html
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Expert on Climate Change to Speak in May

Linda Mearns, an NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research) senior scientist and director of the center's Institute for the Study of Society and Environment, will do a presentation on global warming at the May 15 meeting of the Rainbow Elders at the East Boulder Senior Center, 5660 Sioux Dr.



Linda Mearns, Senior Scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research

Linda specializes in the regional impacts of climate change, the potential effects of global warming on agriculture, and variability and uncertainty in climate change studies. Recently, Linda was part of a team of ten Boulder scientists who served as lead authors on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The IPCC was created by the United Nations in 1988. It issues comprehensive climate-change reports every five to six years. Mearns along with the other Boulder scientists volunteered hun-

dreds of hours over two years. This was an effort they viewed as both an honor and a duty. The study was released in Paris on February 2, 2007. Their assessment will effect policy makers for the next decade. It basically shows that global warming has begun and may be unstoppable for centuries.

Linda's presentation to the Rainbow Elders in May will shed some

light on the regional impacts of these predicted climate changes and the effects on agriculture. She will also discuss the variability and uncertainty in climate change studies.

You can learn more about Linda's work on climate change by visiting her web page at www.isse.ucar.edu/HP_linda.html.

"The Book of Salt" A Good Read by Suzanne Kincaid

Are you looking for a good read and discussion? Rainbow Elders will discuss "The Book of Salt" at its meeting in April. "The Book of Salt," a novel by Monique Truong, is a fascinating exploration of a young gay man's reflections, told against the background of the famous household of Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas at 27 rue de Fleurus in Paris in the 1920s. The novel's Vietnamese narrator, Binh, works as the cook for the Steins and

muses on his memories and observations. He experiences many layers of loneliness and alienation wrought by his exile from his native land. Ann Boyd and Suzanne Kincaid will lead the discussion. Copies of the novel are available at Word is Out or the Boulder Public Library. Questions to consider during your reading:

- What is the significance of the title. What different forms does "salt" take?

- How is language important? What languages does Binh use and in what ways is he excluded by language?
- Who are the Famous people Binh meets at the Stein household, and why are they important?
- In what different ways is food important to the themes of this book?
- Why is the book set within the backdrop of the Stein-Toklas household?

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- I have my Social Security number or diver's license number printed on my personal checks. **20 points**
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The Rainbow Elders of Boulder County (REBC) is a fun-loving social group of older LGBTs and friends. Come join us on the **third Tuesday** between **4-6pm**. See below for location. After meetings, folks usually go out to dinner at a local restaurant.

April 17, Longmont Senior Center
910 Longs Peak Ave., Longmont
Topic: Discussion on "The Book of Salt"

May 15, East Boulder Senior Center
5660 Sioux Drive, Boulder
Topic : Global Warming with Linda Mearns from NCAR

June 19, Longmont Senior Center
910 Longs Peak Ave., Longmont
Activity: Card and Game Day
Celebrates Pride Month

Fourth Saturday's Special Events (location & time to be announced)

May 26th-Potluck/Movie
June- Pride Month activities

To be added to the Rainbow Elder mailing list call 303-441-3583 or email elewis@co.boulder.co.us.

LGBT Program Updates by Teresa DeAnni

The recent acts of hate crimes that have hit our community, have personally left me a bit off balance. However, I do know that Boulder County Aging Services Division's LGBT programs address the primary fear and safety that older LGBTs feel about aging in our community.

Project Visibility is going strong and we are in our third year of building awareness and cultural competency of service providers regarding LGBT issues. Last fall, we surveyed attendees of the *Project Visibility* trainings to see if our efforts made a difference. The

results of the survey are absolutely golden! Providers are more aware of the older LGBT community and their needs. See the impact of our trainings by going to www.projectvisibility.org and click on the outcome measures link.

As for Rainbow Elders, this spring we are sponsoring a second writing workshop with Ellen Orleans, a financial and legal workshop for LGBTs by the law offices of Ridgeway, Romeo and Vincent and UBS Financial Services, and a new LGBT grief support group with HospiceCare

of Boulder and Broomfield Counties. In the late spring and early fall, we will continue to offer legal and financial workshops, and these are open to anyone.

Thanks to all of you who support the Rainbow Elders of Boulder County and Project Visibility. Together, we set the stage for a rich and rewarding aging experience for LGBTs in Boulder County. Thanks also to those Rainbow Elders who now serve on the Newsletter and Program committee. A belated thank you to Ffiona Morgan who was our MC for the Winter Lavender Gala.

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