

# What NPW can do . . .



*"I joined for the communications contest and stayed for the friendships. NPW is essential for my professional development, through conventions and leadership positions."*

Stephanie Geery-Zink, PR writer, Swanson Russell agency, Lincoln



*"I went to spring convention and met the Nebraska Life publisher. I pitched a story idea, he asked me to write it, I did, he liked it, and now I'm writing lots of stories for the magazine."*

Kristen Freisen, freelance writer, Grand Island



*"I joined NPW to network with peers. In addition to meeting outstanding female journalists, I've made many good friends. At conferences I learned from leading local, state and national-level speakers."*

Mary Pierce, news editor, Keith County News, Ogallala



*"I enjoy the opportunity we have to encourage each other, complain to each other, seek advice from each other. Communicators in all fields should join NPW because the contest and workshops cover a variety of topics."*

Bette Pore, copy editor, Grand Island Independent



## NEBRASKA PRESS WOMEN

state affiliate since 1946 of

National Federation of Press Women

working together for professional development and protection of the First Amendment

*"I was a rookie reporter 30 years ago when a Nebraska Press Women member invited me to join. NPW has given me opportunities for continued education, networking, friendship, leadership development, and travel in Nebraska and across the country."*



Lori Potter, NFPW first vice president and 2008 NFPW Sweepstakes Award winner; Kearney Hub reporter

### Reap the rewards of NPW membership.

Time is one of our most valuable resources. We never have enough, so we have to determine priorities based on what is most important in our busy lives.

Nebraska Press Women is important because you make new connections and grow both personally and professionally all in the space of a day or two. Members become like family, so the connections deepen and the growth continues. We'd like you to join our family and reap the rewards of membership.

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Front panel: Members Mary Connealy of Lyons, Judy Nelson of Lincoln, and Lyn Messersmith of Alliance participate in an authors' panel. Member Barb Micek of Fullerton shows the "Displaced Dreams" posters she developed for the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women.

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## NEBRASKA PRESS WOMEN

Open to women and men in communication.



# NPW: fun, fellowship, professional development.

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Nebraska Press Women is a non-profit professional organization of women and men in communication – print, broadcast and Internet as well as public relations and advertising. NPW provides professional growth opportunities and offers a forum for discussion.

**Conventions:** NPW has state conventions each spring and fall at various locations. Each convention features workshops, speakers and panel discussions designed to enhance members' knowledge and skills. Conventions also provide an opportunity to talk over common problems and share ideas.

**Member contest and awards:** NPW's annual communications contest offers professional recognition and learning opportunities for members. Winners are recognized at spring convention, and sweepstakes awards are presented to the top three overall winners. First-place winners in each category receive state awards and go on to national competition.

NPW also recognizes its members' outstanding personal and professional accomplishments through its annual Communicator of Achievement (COA) award. The COA is announced at fall convention and goes on to represent Nebraska at the national convention in the following year.



Delegates to national convention picked up awards, too. From left: Barb Batie, Mary Pat Finn-Hoag, Lori Potter, Barb Micek and Ruth Brown (COA).



Marissa Eurek, Loup City High School, received a state first place award and went on to win second at national.

**Student contest and scholarships:** NPW sponsors a high school journalism contest to increase interest in the profession and to promote excellence. First-place winners in each category go on to national competition where additional awards are made.

NPW also supports two scholarships that are awarded to students who are pursuing careers in communication at Nebraska colleges and universities.

**Newsletters:** NPW's quarterly newsletters detail the organization's activities, news of members and other information of professional interest. The newsletter is supplemented by e-mails that keep members posted on professional development opportunities.

**National affiliation:** Nebraska Press Women, Inc., is an affiliate of National Federation of Press Women (NFPW), a nationwide organization of professional women and men pursuing careers across the spectrum of communication. NFPW offers members professional development through an annual national convention, cost-effective libel insurance, peer competition, a grassroots First Amendment e-mail alert system, a quarterly newsletter, networking, member services, national advocacy on issues significant to members and more. Check the Web site at [www.nfpw.org](http://www.nfpw.org).

**Membership eligibility:** NPW welcomes all women and men working as professionals in any area of communication for at least one year immediately prior to membership. In addition to professional membership, other categories are available to college students and to retired professionals.

## See what NPW can do for YOU!

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