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Author presents the stories of Colorado's women homesteaders

Glenwood Springs, Colo. – Author and historian Gail M. Beaton will share stories from her new book, *Colorado Women Homesteaders*, in a free presentation, "Persistence and Grit: The Lives of Colorado Women Homesteaders," on Saturday, November 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Glenwood Springs Branch Library.

Nearly 13,000 women proved up on Colorado homesteads during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Beaton will share the stories of women who established homes of their own through fortitude, independence and perseverance. Drawing from diaries, letters, period newspapers and public records, their stories reveal the women who helped create the Colorado we know today.

"What I loved about Gail's book is how vividly these women come to life," said Lynn Aliya, Program and Education Manager at the Glenwood Springs Historical Society. "Their resourcefulness and determination are remarkable. We're excited to have Gail as part of our Speaker Series to share these women's stories and introduce our audience to a part of Colorado history many of us know very little about."

Beaton holds master's degrees in United States History and Public History from the University of Colorado Denver and taught for more than 30 years. Her books include *Colorado Women: A History*, *Colorado Women in World War II* and *The Women's Bank: A Denver Success Story*.

The program is presented by the Glenwood Springs Historical Society in partnership with Garfield County Libraries.

The Glenwood Springs Historical Society's educational programs are sponsored by Bank of Colorado, Glenwood Hot Springs Resort, Hotel Colorado and the City of Glenwood Springs.

Glenwood Springs Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to preserve and share the unique history of Glenwood Springs and Garfield County. It operates Frontier Historical Museum at 1001 Colorado Avenue and a satellite exhibit in Bullock's Western Wear store in downtown Glenwood Springs focused on the lore of the American West. The organization also publishes history tour booklets and conducts educational programs. Donations to support this mission are welcome at GlenwoodHistory.org.

ATTACHED PHOTOS: Gail M. Beaton, author and historian; cover of *Colorado Women Homesteaders*.

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