

Mara Purl

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- 2006-present Colorado Independent Publishers Association Board Member
- 2003-present UCCS Chancellor's Leadership Class Board Member
- 2002-2004 Colorado Festival of World Theatre Founding Board Member
- 2000-2003 National Coalition Against Domestic Violence – Advisory Board Member
- 1997-present Haven House (Shelter for Battered Women) – Advisory Board Member
- 1999-2002 Los Angeles District Attorney Crime Prevention Foundation – Board Member
- 1994-2004 Colorado Springs Film Commission – Advisory Board
- 1994-present Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration – Steering Committee Member
- 1996-1998 Communities In Schools, Colorado Springs – Board Member

PRODUCTION

- 2000 The Domestic Violence Training Video co-writer, co-producer, NCADV
- 1997 The Domestic Violence Web Site. Created by PurlGray Enterprises (Mara Purl & Erin Gray) Hosted by the Family Internet.
- 1997 “Step Forward” Public Service Announcement for TV and radio. Co-produced with PurlGray Enterprises and Women In Film.
- 1996 “The Hidden Legacy: Uncovering, Confronting and Healing Three Generations of Incest.” Audio Book co-produced with Emmy-winning director Dan Hamilton.
- 1995 Native American Sports Council video for application to the U.S. Olympics Committee. Co-produced with Gene Keluche.

TEACHING

- 1991 - present *Act Right* and *Hitting Your Mark* – professional seminars for actors, co-taught with Erin Gray and other professionals
- Women In Film (L.A.); The Colorado Springs Film Commission; The Richmond Film Commission; Screen Actors' Guild; the Fountain Valley School, the American Renegade Theatre, numerous coaching sessions in Los Angeles.
- 2005 *STAR – Student Theatre And Radio* – Tokyo – A.S.I.J. – American School in Japan
- 1994 - present *STAR – Student Theatre And Radio* – original curriculae for high school & college.
- Public Schools:** North Hollywood High School, San Pedro High, Chatsworth High, Fountain Ft. Carson High. University of Colorado.
- Arts Schools:** L.A. County High School for the Arts, University of Alaska Summer Fine Arts Camp
- Private Schools:** The Colorado College; Fountain Valley Prep School
- Remedial School:** Crittenton High School (students are wards of the state of California)

*Topics of student dramas include domestic violence, toxic water, corporate greed, academic pressure, date rape, gang pressure, teen pregnancy, drug abuse, environment and many other social issues

Professional & Public Service Activities

SPEECHES & SEMINARS

- 2005 “What Your Heart Knows” Centennial Sertoma Club, Colorado Springs
- “Secrets from Childhood – healing Child Abuse” Exchange Club, Colorado Springs
- “Act Right/ Write Right” Moondance Film Festival, Boulder
- 2004 “Libraries: Illuminating Past & Future” Washoe Library Centennial, Reno, Nevada
- 2004 “Ten Keys to Creativity” 4-week sessions Rampart Library, Women's Foundation of Colorado
- 2004 **Scripts & Fiction**, Presentation & Panel Virginia Festival of the Book, Charlottesville, Virginia
- 2003 “Ten Keys to Creativity” joined by Linda Seger; the Pikes Peak Writers Conference.
- 2002 “Drama to Fiction” Featured Address Virginia Festival of the Book, Charlottesville, VA
- 2001 “Ten Keys to Creativity” – Carnegie Library, Frank Lloyd Wright Institute Taliesin West. Palm Springs Writers Guild.
- 2001 “Drama to Fiction – from the BBC to the Book Shelf” Featured Speaker for Virginia Festival of the Book
- 2001 “Being a Hyphenate – Using All Your Talents” Palm Springs Writers Guild
- 2000 “Your Creativity – The First of Ten Keys” Carnegie Library, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 1999 “Social Investing – Initiate the Flow” (co-written & jointly delivered with Erin Gray) Women's Peacepower Foundation, Tampa Florida (Award recipient)
- 1998 “The Role of Fiction and the Responsibility of Authors” DAR Colorado Springs Chapter
- 1997 “Writing to Entertain” – National Writers' Conference
- 1988-present Co-wrote over **100 speeches** with Erin Gray. Topics include: child abuse, alcoholism, goal setting, building self-esteem, domestic violence, parental relationships, balancing career and family, women's issues.
- 1980 “Truth in Journalism: If It's in Print, Is It True?” American Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong

AWARDS

- 2007 **Evy Award, Gold**, *Closer Than You Think*, Book Two, A Milford-Haven Novel
- 2006 **Benjamin Franklin Award, Silver**, *What the Heart Knows*, Book One, A Milford-Haven Novel
- 2006 **Evy Award, Gold**, *Act Right*
- 2005 **CIPA Merit Book Award**, *Christmas Angels*
- 2003 **The Peak Award**, *Mary Shelley – In Her Own Words*. performance, & original play co-written with Sydney Swire
- 2002 **Woman of the Year** Los Angeles County Commission for Women
- 1999 **Woman's Peace Power Award** Co-Producer, domestic violence PSA “Step Forward”
- 1997 **Finalist Award**, Dramatic Program, The New York Festivals International Radio Competition
- 1994 Producer, “Milford-Haven, U.S.A.”, BBC radio drama

EVENT CO-HOSTING

- 2004 **Celebrity Co-Host**, with Clive Cussler, Erin Gray Washoe Library Foundation Centennial Gala
- 2003 **Gala Co-Chair**, Inaugural Gala, Colorado Festival of World Theatre
- 2000 **Celebrity Host**, Cosmetologists Gala National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- 1999 **Celebrity Co-Host** with William Devane, Colorado Springs Film Commission Second Annual Oscar Gala
- 1998 **Celebrity Co-Host** with Erin Gray, Colorado Springs Film Commission First Annual Oscar Gala