



WOMEN OF INTRIGUE

MARCH 2026 ELECTRA PROVINCE PLEIAD



CORINNE ANDERSON

KANSAS KAPPA CHAPTER

The Kansas Kappa Chapter honors the memory of Corinne Anderson as a Woman of Intrigue who lost her battle with cancer in 2025. Corinne shared her deep love of culture and a remarkable wealth of knowledge while she was a member of our chapter. She loved to tell stories of all her

experiences and travels, and was never afraid to speak her mind. Corinne was a distinguished scholar and professor of the French language, literature, and culture for more than 40 years. She taught at Carroll College, Washburn University, Bishop Seabury Academy, and the University of Kansas. She led the Summer Language Institute in Paris, Normandy, Brittany, and Strasbourg. She served as president of the Kansas Foreign Language Association. These are just a few of the accolades she had in life. One of our fondest memories was of her teaching us about French cuisine and how to make crepes. Corinne's wit and enthusiasm for learning left a lasting imprint on our sisterhood, and we are grateful for the time we had with her.

ANNETTE ROMMELFANGER MATHESON

MISSOURI DELTA CHAPTER

Annette Rommelfanger Matheson was always known as "Rommi" by her family, the doctor she worked for, and, of course, her MO Delta Sisters. We have many great and lovely memories of Rommie. One memory we remember is at a Christmas lunch the Chapter held at a famous Kansas City restaurant,

We were all ordering drinks, and Rommie said she would finally get a good one and ordered a martini. She has us all in laughter!! Rommie cared so much about the Mo Delta Chapter. She always carried herself with so much grace and style. She had the most beautiful handwriting. It was absolutely exquisite. She enjoyed sending cards and writing letters to her fellow Sisters. Most of the time, her cards would be filled with her beautiful handwriting on the front, back, and even on the envelope, depending on what she had to share with her sisters. Rommie had a very generous heart, a positive attitude, and was always encouraging. She had the ability to talk about a potentially sensitive topic without making it feel awkward or uncomfortable, while being encouraging with her delightful sense of humor.





CHARLOTTE E. RAY

NEBRASKA ETA CHAPTER

Charlotte E Ray (January 13, 1850-January 4, 1911) was a pioneering American lawyer, educator, and civil rights advocate. She is widely recognized as the first Black woman lawyer in the United States and the first woman admitted to the District of Columbia

Bar. One of her most notable causes was **Gadley vs. Gadley (1875)**, in which she represented a woman seeking divorce on grounds of domestic violence-an almost unheard of victory for such a case at the time. Today, she is celebrated as a **pioneer who shattered legal, racial, and gender barriers**, opening doors for future generations of women and Black attorneys.



INTRIGUING MUSICAL WOMEN

ELECTRA PROVINCE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR: JULIA OURECKY

Hi Electra Province Members!

I hope you all have been working on and enjoying learning more about intriguing musical women for the upcoming Educational Contest “Music of the New Millennium”! If you are stuck here for ideas, here is a short list of (still available) artists:

- Nelly Furtado
- Alicia Keys
- Avril Lavigne
- Vanessa Carlton
- Amy Winehouse
- Ashlee Simpson
- Olivia Dean
- Charlie XCX
- Kesha
- Lorde
- Sabrina Carpenter
- Billie Eilish
- Renee Rapp

Just to remind you, your selection is due to me by June 30th for early entry bonus points, or by August 15th for participation. Your selection must be a female artist whose debut album was released between the years 2000 and 2026. For more details and other bonus options, please take a look at the 2026 Educational Contest Theme document sent to chapter Educational Directors in November. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!



RECRUIT! RECRUIT!

ELECTRA PROVINCE VICE PRESIDENT: CATHIE BARBER



As the subject for this article was “Women of Intrigue in Your Life”, I will have to say that they surround me in my new home. I am trying to get to know them so I can hopefully collect enough to start a chapter here in Kentucky. I hope all of you are feeling additional “Women of Intrigue” to invite to meetings and socials! We always need to be thinking about increasing our numbers! After all, it is your “Mission Possible” assignment! So, Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

Reminders

ELECTRA PROVINCE NATIONAL TRUSTEE: CATHIE BARBER

I hope you have been inspecting the DTC Website and have signed up for the Members Only section. We are still expecting more forms, etc from our N.E.S.T. to be posted on the Membership Only section of the website. If you do see anything amiss, or missing, please let your Website Committee Member (i.e. website liaison) know asap so we can get it corrected. There will also be another issue of the National Pleiad to be published the later half of May, so please make sure your chapter submits an article for it. The theme will be “What are your vacation plans?” Articles will be due on May 1, 2026.



ELECTRA PROVINCE

N.E.S.T./ELECTRA PROVINCE PRESIDENT: TAMMY COCANNOUER

My choice is not just one person, but a special group of sisters with whom I have enjoyed working, collaborating, and laughing for several years. Each of these women brings a unique light to our sisterhood. They are creative, thoughtful, passionate, quiet, enthusiastic, and steadfast--yet all are dedicated to helping out Province, and those around them shine. What makes these sisters so intriguing is the way each one shines her light in a unique way that amplifies the light of those around her. Some willingly hold offices and work on committees within their chapters. Others bravely step into the unknown by serving on Province and National offices. When someone's light begins to dim or flicker, these sisters step in and lovingly share their light--encouraging and supporting one another until that strength and brightness is restored, often shining even stronger than before. Our Province's light continues to shine in remarkable ways because of each unique sister who shares her light with those around her. Together, that light reaches further than any of us could imagine. I want to recognize and thank every uniquely intriguing sister of Electra Province for sharing your light, encouraging others, and showing me the way. You have helped keep my light shining so that I can continue to share it with you and the others.

COMING UP NEXT...

ELECTRA PROVINCE PLEIAD EDITOR 2025-2026

Thank you to everyone who was able to submit a one-paragraph submission for this publication of the Electra Province Pleiad. The month of March is all about celebrating Women's History Month. Our Chapter thought it would be a perfect way to take a moment to speak about an Intriguing woman for others to know about in your life or Chapter. Hope everyone learned something that intrigued you or inspired you to want to learn something new about a Sister in your Province. The last publication for the Electra Province Pleiad will be due on Monday, August 3, 2026. The theme for this publication will be Places of Intrigue around your area. All submissions will be limited to one paragraph and encouraged to share a favorite picture of the place to be included as well.

