# FREMONT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# **NEWSLETTER**

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# PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

# PROFESSOR JONATHAN REES



Professor Rees has written a book about the Ludlow era in the coal fields. The book is called *Representation and Rebellio*n: The Rockefeller Plan at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, 1914-1942. He is a Professor at Colorado State University – Pueblo. Biography is on Page 3.

# PROGRAM AT:

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 801 SHERIDAN AVE., CAÑON CITY, CO 2:00 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED PUBLIC WELCOME

## PROSPECT HEIGHTS JAIL GRANT FUNDERS:

The Colorado Historic Fund grant of \$7,500.00 is for the Historic Structure Assessment of the jail. This is a preliminary step in determining the work that must be done to renovate the jail. We need it safe and secure for the public to enjoy.

HOLCIM, INC. and CRIPPLE CREEK VICTOR MINING COMPANY HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.



#### LIFETIME MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

We are pleased to WELCOME these folks to our membership roles as lifetime members.
We encourage you to also consider a lifetime membership which finances many of the projects the Society is involved with.

# Your Society at Work: We sponsor a scholarship each year for a Fremont County Student. 2014 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

Kathryn Vinyard submitted a superb essay for the scholarship application, and was selected for our PCC Student recipient. She will receive \$750.00 to help with college expenses for the Fall Semester at the Fremont Campus of PCC.



FREMONT COUNTY FALL HERITAGE FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 9 THROUGH 13<sup>TH</sup>

# = 5 DAYS OF HISTORY!

If you have an activity you would like to include in the brochure be sure you go to website: www.fremontcoloheritage.com

Or contact phone # 719 204 3242

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#### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

Professor of History: Colorado State University -Pueblo, Pueblo, CO. Fall 1999-Present. Lecturer (Full-Time): Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, MO. Fall 1998-Spring 1999.

Visiting Assistant Professor of History: Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA. Fall 1997-Spring 1998. Lecturer: University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI. Fall 1996.

#### **COURSES:**

America, 1787-1877
America, 1877-1945
America, 1945-Present
American Business History
American Labor History Colorado History
Food in America
Historiography
History of Technology
Mine and Mill
Slavery in America
U.S. History Survey I (to 1877)
U.S. History Survey II (since 1877)



## LINKS OF INTEREST:

Fremont County website: www.fremontco.com/heritage

Fremont County Heritage Commission: <a href="mailto:fremontheritage@gmail.com">fremontheritage@gmail.com</a>

Fall festival email: www.fremontfallfestival@gmail.com

Fall festival website: http://www.fremontcoloheritage.com/

Fremont County Historical Society Website: www.fremonthistoricalsociety.com

Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center phone number: 719 269 9036 Email: <a href="mailto:lmstudts@canoncity.org">lmstudts@canoncity.org</a> Friends of the Museum and History Center: <a href="https://www.museumfriends.info">www.museumfriends.info</a>

Florence, CO website: www.florencecolorado.org

Rockvale website: <a href="http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/TownofBrookside/CBON/1251628955751">www.rockvaleco.org</a>
Brookside website: <a href="http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/TownofBrookside/CBON/1251628955751">www.rockvaleco.org</a>
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City of Cañon City: www.canoncity.org

Cañonland Walkers & Hikers www.Canonlandwalkershikers.org

Prison Museum - Stacy Kline - office@prisonmuseum.org

Penrose COC: 372 3994 website:

www.penrosechamber.com

Cañon City Chamber of Commerce: www.royalgorgetravel.com

www.canoncity.com

#### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you to all the new members who have joined this year - we are glad you have joined us. Dues cover Dec. 31, 2013 to Jan. 1, 2015. Dues paid after October 1st are considered valid for the next year - 2015. We always accept donations in any amount, and are very grateful for any Memorial gifts you may wish to give - this is our pledge to you - good programs, historic interest in the landmarks of the County, and scholarship awards that will help some young person attend college.

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## **GEOLOGY NEWS:**

Sept. 8, 10, 12 and Sept. 15, 17, 19 10:00 - 2:00. Amphi is on display at the BLM! Have your picture taken with a 9' dinosaur vertebra. Amphicoelias made her first appearance in Garden Park in 1877. The world's largest land animal at 190' long, this replica of the only piece found will be explained by Carly Thorson (3028 E. Main St. in Cañon City, behind Big O Tires).



Right: Example of the beautiful amethyst available from the New Hope Claim belonging to Canon Geology Club.

Club meetings second Monday of the month at Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. We will explain and discuss the New Hope reclamation bond and the need for contributions from our members and friends. Please bring your checkbook. Even a small contribution will help immensely.



PCC now has a very

PCC now has a very handsome fellow in its front yard – the Stegosaurus from Highway 50 East was transported by the City to the new home on the West side of the City. Go by and take a look!

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## **HISTORY OF SQUARE DANCE**

Square dancing is an American tradition. Its roots come from the English country dance and the French cotillion which was performed in a square formation. It has been practiced in this country in some form since colonial times. The early settlers, from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, brought dances from their native countries. As the communities grew and the groups intermingled, so did their dances. It became more difficult to learn and remember the steps and movements as these variations were incorporated into the dance, so a person who was especially adept at remembering the movements was called upon to prompt, or cue, the dancers – thus the origin of the square dance caller.

Over time, newer dances became more popular and square dancing was practiced mostly in isolated areas so that differences evolved, meaning that a square dancer from one region might not be able to dance in another. In the early 1930s, Henry Ford promoted the revival of square dance as a part of the "New England restoration project." Square dance groups formed in various locations and by 1948 enjoyed resurgence in popularity. It became more modern, had wider appeal and the steps and movements became standardized. Square dancing is now practiced in a number of other countries (England, Germany, Australia, and Japan are examples). Square dance calls are always in English, regardless of the language spoken where the dance is performed.

The square dance was adopted as the official state folk dance of Colorado on March 16, 1992, by the Colorado General Assembly (House Bill No. 1058).

The best way to learn and practice the basic movements of square dancing is through a class. The Royal Gorge Promenaders have scheduled a beginning dance class for Friday, October 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Golden Age Center, 728 Main Street, Canon City. For more information, contact 719-647-9295 or 719-275-3696. The first class is free.

This article was researched and submitted by Barbara Hobson.