FREMONT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PROGRAM ON JANUARY 18, 2015 @ 2:00 p.m.

Presenter Bio: Mildred M. Wintz, Ed.D.

Circumstances that altered the content of a Bach, of Fine Arts in Applied Arts, think Architecture, led me away from my own design business into a career of Environmental Education in the creation of a watershed in Pennsylvania. The State, in its wisdom, decided that "Environment" should be a subject taught in the Public schools.

This required a Masters of Education degree and a teaching certificate......the only candidates for that undefined subject were the new graduates, now working to establish watersheds and conservation areas, who had been exposed to a new concept called "Ecology." At that time, I was the Director of Education at the Pennypack Watershed Association off the Delaware River.

Part way through the Master curriculum, the participants complained that the subject matter selected did not truly represent what "Environmental Education" was about.....a cross disciplinary body of material.....Social, physical, and natural history tempered by technology.

This led to enrollment in the Doctoral level of Education in Curriculum Theory and Formation. The combination of using our own sites for the teaching of the new curriculums to teachers and students, under the State mandates, led to curriculum such as Project Wild, Wet, P.L.T., KARE and many other resource specific projects as well as Horticultural certification in Voc Tech. My biggest asset was an architect husband and three children who put up with a lot of funny situations...the creation of programs such "Fraud Broads" being one of them.

The Upper Moreland Historical Association, Old York Road Historical Society, Upper Moreland Historical Commission, Pennypack Watershed Assoc., G.S. of Pa., and the Union League kept me out of mischief until a move to Colorado, occasioned by the passing of my husband, opened the door to new experiences.

Picture of Dr. Mildred Wintz, Presenter, is on page 5 with a Medal Of Honor Recipient!

Fraud Broads

"Fraud Broads" What the program is about...

"Fraud Broads" is a visually documented record of 48 courageous women of history, who in order to save their own lives or answer a higher cause, lived their lives as men. Many, when the crisis had passed, resumed their true identity, married and had children.

Their time lines define the great upheavals and defining points of history dating from the earliest pharaohs to American jazz musicians.



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 801 Sheridan Avenue, Cañon City 2:00 p.m. - Public Welcome Refreshments served

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US/MEXICO 1821 BOUNDARY



Construction of the obelisk was done by DELIMITATIONS, a collaborative project by artists Marcos Ramírez and David Taylor. They traveled from the Pacific Coast to the Gulf of Mexico to mark the 1821 border between Mexico and the United States. That boundary was never surveyed and its brief, 27-year history exists mainly in the form of treaty documents and antique maps.

Delimitations Blog

www.delimitationsblog.tumblr.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, 2014 to Jan. 1, 2016.

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.

Individual \$15.00 Family \$20.00 Group \$25.00 Lifetime \$150.00

We are trying to save trees and money. If you would prefer to have your newsletter sent via email, we would be pleased to send it to you via the Cyberspace. Please send your email address with your membership check in the enclosed envelope, or contact Pat Nelson @ pat@econstrategy.com

(Left) There is something new down on the western edge of the Arkansas Riverwalk in Cañon City. Have you seen a very shiny obelisk standing proudly just east of the new foot bridge crossing the Arkansas from the intersection at Garden Street and Riverside Avenue? Notice the QR code? It also has the latitude and longitude under the code. The obelisk is constructed from 20-gauge galvanized steel and looks like a mini-Washington monument or one of Cañon City's obelisk street markers.

WEB OF TRAILS - essays by Carol McNew

Emigration for health:

Cañon City to Western Fremont County - HEALTH SPA

The prevalence of tuberculosis throughout the population of the United States in the 1800s resulted in the influx of "lungers" to Colorado's high country. TB was treated with fresh air, good food and sunshine by the leading physicians of the time. Sanitariums in Colorado sent people into the hills to live at designated communities of people with the disease, or with ranchers and farmers for the "cure" for consumption, lung disease and TB.

The tuberculosis "camp" on Hayden Creek, County Road 6, in Western Fremont County was named the Rainbow Ranch Health Camp, and was reached by traveling 6 miles from the Highway in Coaldale. Open platforms and tents were the living accommodations for those people who were seeking relief (and a cure) of the disease. This area was used mostly in the summer because of the harsh winter weather.

Local ranchers and boarding house owners offered room and board to those afflicted people who had come to Colorado for a cure, and were sent on from the main sanitariums in Denver and Colorado Springs. Summer influx of "lungers" would be obvious with tents and small octagonal buildings where the TB patients could live in the sunny, fresh air.

The Cañon City Clipper of Jan. 24, 1899, reported TB the most common cause of death for the year 1897; 15 local deaths and 6 non-residents shipped out of the area to their place of origin.

Cañon City boasted a modern hospital in 1908 at 5th and Greenwood operated by Dr. Hart Goodloe; in 1900 Dr. W. D. Howe's Sanitarium at 902 Greenwood and the Ward Hospital at 602 Macon Avenue were available. All of these institutions cared for consumptive patients (who could pay). Cañon City also had two "pest houses", where those who had communicable diseases were forced to reside away from the general population. The County ran the County Farm Hospital, East of Cañon City near where Justice Center Road now intersects Highway 50.

In 1934, two prison inmates were given a serum touted to prevent TB. Mike Schmidt and Carl Erickson received doses of the experimental serum in exchange for their early release in December of 1934. This was reported in the *Cañon City Daily Record*, April 1934. In 1936, the warden of the prison requested money to increase the space for TB patients. He needed \$10,000 for a balcony on the south side of the building to house tuberculosis/consumptive patients

The nation responded with generous gifts to the TB Christmas Seals, for research and development of a serum for eradication of TB

Guy U. Hardy was a prominent citizen of Fremont County and Colorado. He was the publisher of the *Cañon City Daily Record* and a sufferer of tuberculosis when he first arrived in this area.

The major impetus for settlement in Cañon City and beyond to the Upper Arkansas Valley was freedom and free land, as well as the siren call of gold and silver. The climate is what brought many people to the area for the cure that was offered.

Cañon City, and throughout the county - to the far West at Wellsville - the hot/mineral springs of the region were considered beneficial for many ills. The area was considered a health spa/resort according to the Jan 1897 *Cañon City Clipper*. The hot springs and soda/iron springs were touted as cure-alls for many ailments. The first occupants of this area, the Indian tribes, were known to use the hot springs and mineral water as they traveled through on migration routes.

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Canon City Geology Club Affiliate of the Historical Society Program lineup for 2015

January 12

Steve Wolfe - Geology of the Cañon City Embayment & the Surrounding Community

Explanation of Cañon City's unique geology, including local landforms and oil fields

February 9

Dave Camerlo - Local Clays: The Hardworking Minerals

An inside look at the importance of clays by an artist who exclusively uses Fremont and Custer County clays and minerals

March 9

Loretta Bailey and Dan Grenard - Local Fremont County Quarries

A guide to our famous former quarries, including the Mica Lode, and some that continue to operate today, with some specimen minerals for show

April 13

Lou Taylor - Amphicoelias fragillimus

A 9' partial vertebra from quite possibly the largest animal to ever live on earth was excavated in Garden Park in 1877 by Oramel Lucas. Could an animal 190' long and weighing 135 tons have existed?

May 11 - TBD June 8

Amy Luther - Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge) summer geology field camp leader

YOUR FCHS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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We are always open to your input. The bylaws will be updated in the next two months, as well as committee assignments. Please volunteer for program help (refreshments, set-up) if you have time.

From page 1, Dr. Mildred Wintz:



CAÑON CITY GEOLOGY CLUB presents

CLAYS: THE HARDWORKING MINERALS

David Camerlo, speaker Loretta Bailey, historian

David has participated in many art shows in Colorado and has been represented in several galleries. His work is in collections in nearly every state as well as many countries in Europe. Over the years he has conducted numerous workshops, including adobe brickmaking and primitive pottery classes. He served for three years on the Board of Directors at the Fremont Center for the Arts.

David, a fourth generation native of Colorado now living in his adobe homestead on Oak Creek, has been a professional potter and ceramic artist for nearly 40 years.

February 9, 2015 6:00 pm
business meeting; 7:00 pm speaker
First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
Northwest corner of 9th St and
Main St, Cañon City
(719-275-9781 for more information)

Your Society at Work: Our 2014 year was exciting and very productive. Here are some of the projects in which we participated:

- March 2014: Pueblo Community College Senior Mini College Greenwood Pioneer Cemetery Committee Class and Tour; Western Fremont County Class (2)
- April 2014: Planning for the Downtown Cañon City Historical panels in empty store windows. This project was funded by a grant from Dan and Joann Grenard and the FCHS Board. Six panels were produced by a committee, and Lisa Studts at the Museum used her graphics arts skills to put them in the large format, which the City of Cañon City printed. Cañon Framing put these panels on foam board for hanging, and they are still visible in downtown Cañon City.
- Chamber of Commerce came to us for help with the Tourist Cabin opening for the summer. The Society paid for paint, and furnished the manpower to paint the outside of the cabin.
- Fremont Fall Festival: Many, many hours were devoted to develop a fall festival for the citizens of the County. The Steering Committee met an average of once every two weeks for three months, and then once a week for two months just prior to the event on October 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th. (Over the Columbus Day Holiday). The weather did not cooperate, but the event was a great coordinated effort from one end of the County to the other. Florence had many events, and in the Howard area Western Fremont County Historical Society sponsored numerous events as well.
- We awarded a \$1500.00 scholarship to a student now attending PCC from Fremont County. The recipient was Kathryn Vinyard.
- We opened the Cornerstone Time Capsule at the Cañon City Public Library.
- Our programs, in January, March, May, July, September, and November were well attended and next year we will have another roster of great speakers for you to enjoy on the third Sunday of each of these months in 2015.
- January 18, 2015 Dr. Mildred Wintz presents "Fraud Broads"
- March 15, 2015 Earl Mead presents "Chaco Canyon"
- May 17, 2015 Dr. Jeff Broome presents "Indian Wars"
- July 19, 2015 Mik Troyer presents BLM Today History being preserved
- September 20, 2015 Larry Black presents "Pike's Peak Shadow" Teller County
- November 22, 2015 Mark Gose presents "Colonel Benjamin Grierson Champion of the Buffalo Soldier".

Please mark your calendars for this great line up of entertainment and historical education.

The City of Cañon City is pleased to print the Fremont County Historical Society Newsletter as a contribution to the Society.

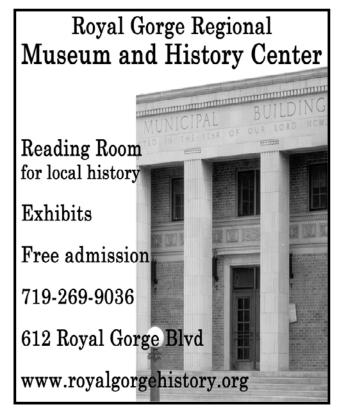
Thanks for all you do for Fremont County History!

At our January program, we present the auspicious award "Doc" Little Historian of the Year. We will be awarding this plaque to some deserving, hard-working person who represents the best in preservation of our Heritage in Fremont County.











See Page two for the advertisement from B & D Automotive in Silver Cliff. They made a sizable donation as well as paying for their annual advertisement. Thanks.