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**NEWSLETTER**

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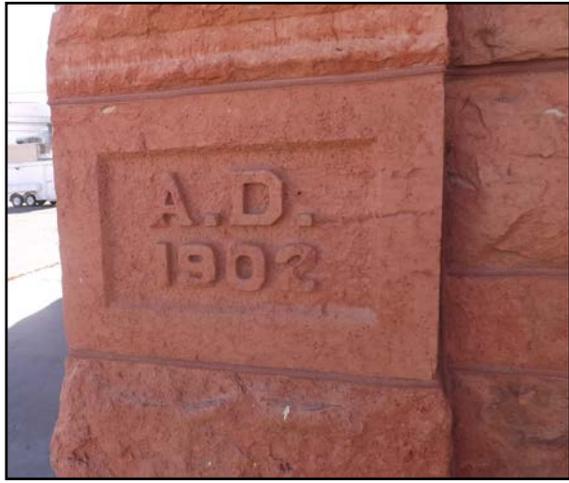
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**TIME IN A BOX: CARNEGIE LIBRARY**



**FRIENDS OF THE  
MUSEUM AND  
HISTORY CENTER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

If you would like to serve the Friends we invite you to join us at our meetings on the last Wednesday of the month, in the Meeting Room at 2:30 p.m. The Public is invited to join us at any time, and if you would like to volunteer other times for a tour guide or help to the staff, please call the Museum at 269 9036

Gerrie Colette  
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**THE TIME CAPSULE – OPENED ON DECEMBER 5, 2014**

Here is a list of Contents:

- An envelope with silk ribbon, dried flowers.
- The Clipper newspaper article about the cornerstone,
- An edition of the Cañon City Times,
- A library catalog, typed bylaws and memorandum of the Cañon City Ladies' Library Association,
- A photo of Andrew Carnegie,
- A 1902 edition of The Messenger,
- A sealed blank envelope
- A copy of the Progress Club brochure,
- A Friends in Council booklet and ribbon,
- A calendar of the Women's Club of Cañon City,
- A brochure for the Wednesday Musical Club,
- A typed letter from Andrew Carnegie announcing his gift of \$10,000 for a free library,
- A 1901 Edition of the Cañon City Record.

Contents will be displayed at the Library Grand Re-Opening after renovation – February 2015.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE STAFF AT THE MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER

Now that the busy season is over at the History Center, staff has been working hard on a number of different projects. The digitization of the Abbey Films is now complete. The Friends of the Museum received a grant this fall from the Colorado Historical Records Advisory Board to preserve and digitize the twenty 16mm reel-to-reel films that showed the Holy Cross Abbey School and Camp Holy Cross during the 1940's through the 1950's. The project was completed a few weeks ago; the films offer some great insight into student life at the Abbey and the fun activities held at the Camp.

The History Center is also continuing to process the *Daily Record* Collection.



They recently received another large collection of records from the Cañon City Main Street Association, which contains promotional materials and results of downtown surveys. Finally, in December, staff at the History Center helped to open the time capsule which was interred in the cornerstone located on the Northeast corner of the Carnegie-wing of the Cañon City Public Library. The contents of the time capsule will be on display in the library at the grand re-opening of the restored library.

Plans are being made to create a new exhibit that will go in the middle upstairs gallery. The new exhibit will replace the "Discover Downtown" display. Work will begin this winter and the new exhibit should be installed sometime before the summer season.

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December 31, 2014

Hello:

It again has come time to renew your Friends membership. We invite you to continue to join us in our goal of preserving the history of our area. The Heritage Center (Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center) is a repository for many of our forgotten treasures of the past, and we want to be able to preserve them for future generations.

Please take a moment to renew your membership in our organization – one in which we continue our efforts to preserve the past. Your membership in the Friends is just one way we hope to raise funds for other projects and exhibits.

The annual membership fees are:	Individual	\$10.00
	Couple	\$15.00
	Family	\$20.00
	Organization	\$25.00
	Life Member	\$150.00

Donations in addition to membership also are accepted. If you know family or friends interested in our region's heritage, please invite them to also join us as well. Thanks again for your support and best wishes in 2015.

Sincerely,  
Staff and Board

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## LIST OF DEAD AND MISSING IN SUNDAY'S RAILROAD WRECK

Denver, Aug. 9, 1904 - The Republican this morning says: At the hour of going to press seventy-four bodies had been recovered and identified and the closest estimate put the total death list at 106 from the wreck on Sunday night of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, near Eden station, seven miles north of Pueblo, making of it the greatest railroad disaster that Colorado has suffered and one of the most disastrous in the history of the country.

It will take days to determine the actual number of persons who perished. The wall of water that hurled itself upon the foremost part of the train as the latter was passing over a trestle that spanned the arroyos, carried the engine, baggage car, smoking car and chair car down to the creek as if they were pieces of float, and as the two cars, crowded with passengers, began to break the bodies were caught in the flood and carried to the Fountain river, which in turn empties into the Arkansas river, and search is being prosecuted in both rivers for the dead.

The train was cut in two. The two Pullman cars and dining car remained on the track, the coupling having given way as the smoking car plunged into the abyss, leaving the end of the nearest Pullman hanging four feet over the abyss.

Of the hundred or more people in the two cars that plunged into the torrent, but three escaped and their escape, as was that of the fireman on the engine, was miraculous to a degree. All the others in the cars were drowned. The three who escaped did so through the roof of the smoking car being battered in as the huge wall of water that fell from the skies a few miles nearer the foot hills tossed the cars hither and thither in what was a few minutes before a dry, sandy creek.

The monster engine was dragged by the water a considerable distance and one of the cars containing passengers was found almost a mile from the wreck, such was the tremendous force of the waterspout that went crashing down what was known as Dry creek.

The passengers had no warning. The pilot of the engine had almost reached the end of the light trestle that spans the hundred feet of arroyos, when the full force of the wave struck it and carried with it every part of the train that was then on the trestle into the seething tide, tossing the engine and cars and rolled the over and over in its fury.

Death to most of the passengers must have been sudden and in all probability painless. They were drowned. The bodies of those recovered show few bruises. But as the cars broke the dead bodies were carried on and often buried in the sand.

As the train was from Denver bound for the World's Fair at St. Louis, a number of Denver people were lost; but the heaviest burden of the disaster will fall on Pueblo. . . . .

If you would like to see a list of the dead and missing as of three days after the disaster, go to:

Train wreck at Eden, CO

<http://files.usgarchives.org/co/pueblo/newspapers/listofde3nnw.txt>

File contributed for use in USGenWeb Archives by:

Joy Fisher <http://www.genrecords.net/emailregistry/vols/00001.html#0000031> December 30, 2008, 1:29 am

Akron Pioneer Press, Akron CO. August 12, 1904

Akron Pioneer Press, Akron, Washington Co., CO

Friday 12 Aug 1904, Page 1, Columns 7 & 8

**Historic ideas, facts and interesting tidbits:**

Our Tunnel Drive hiking trail was a grand scheme to bring water into the city from the Arkansas River and provide plenty of that precious commodity to all the citizens. This project was proposed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century by the forward looking gentlemen who also built roads to Cripple Creek, railroads to Leadville, and other fantastic projects. The problem with this one was that it died in the middle, and all that is left are the wonderful tunnels of Tunnel Drive. As you can see, they actually got to the point of an “aqueduct” across that chasm on Fremont Peak where the Tunnel Drive road begins. (Hot Springs Hotel in the background).

We present the newsletter to our members in January, April, July, and October. This quarterly newsletter is full of stories about the past, the museum and history center events and other items which you may find interesting.

We want to thank the City for printing the newsletter – this is the Fourth year we have sent this to the members of the Friends.

If you would like to have your newsletter sent through email, please let us know.

We recently instituted a new member option, a lifetime membership in the Friends of the Museum and History Center is \$150.00. If you support the cultural heritage of Fremont County, we would encourage you to join the Friends for a lifetime.

Thank you.

We want to congratulate Suzanne Lasha who has been named Director of Library/Museum Board. Suzanne has been a moving force in the progress of both institutions, and will be heartily welcomed by the staff of both. We are extremely pleased to have a long-time resident who will be guiding the direction of our Cultural centers of the County.

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OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD

FEBRUARY 6, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

We will be presenting a program from Cañon Exploratory School.

We also serve refreshments and invite everyone to join us in celebrating the wonderful facility we have in Cañon City, and to thank the excellent staff.

Please plan on attending.

