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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON
SUNDAY MAY 15, 2016

The Historic Ranches of Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site

By
Jennifer Kolise

The architectural styles of the historical homesteads and ranch complexes located on the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) are as unique and diverse as the landscape itself. Whether born of personal style, ethnic tradition, or economic necessity, they range from stone-built dwellings, to adobe, sod, and jacal structures, and to modern mid-20th century clapboard homes. This presentation will focus on the various historical homesteads and ranch complexes of the PCMS, giving a sneak peek into the rich history of the region.

Residence
Crowder
Ranch



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

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Jennifer Kolise

Relatively new to southeastern Colorado, Jennifer Kolise has been the PCMS Archaeologist since 2013. She has over 20 years of experience in the field of archaeology, 14 of which have been spent working in cultural resources management at various military installations. She has worked throughout the Southeast and Midwest. Ms. Kolise received her Bachelor of Science in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico and her Masters of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Arkansas.

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Oak Creek Grade Cemetery – last resting place of people who were in the mining towns of Galena, Ilse, Titusville, and Blackburn. Ranches around the area also used the one acre lot to bury their loved ones in the late 1800's.

The cemetery is the property of the Fremont County Historical Society and will be getting more attention in the coming months – a new fence, sign and clean-up are in the works. If you would like to volunteer help, we would be very glad to have you join us in honoring this old burial ground.

Call 719 275 1468 for information, or go to our Facebook Page.

The Griffin Ranch and Family Historic Preservation Project

Some of you may have heard of the once huge and now very historic Griffin Ranch. Benjamin Griffin, early Fremont County pioneer and good friend of Anson Rudd, helped organize the first school in Cañon City in 1866 and developed the Griffin Ranch 14 miles south of Cañon City on Oak Creek Grade. He lends his name to a street in South Cañon where his house still stands and 6 generations of Griffins lived.

We are looking for volunteers to help leaders Diane Dudley and Cindy Smith with this exciting and extensive new FCHS project, which encompasses family history, ranching and mining. We need help with research, photography, interviews, and much more.

We are also looking for specimens, artifacts, photos, or other items or information from the historic Galena, Titusville, Ilse or Yorkville mines located on or near the Griffin Ranch.

If you would like to join us in this adventure, please contact Diane Dudley ([303-319-9711](tel:303-319-9711), RonAndDiane.Dudley@aol.com) or Cindy Smith at cindysmithrocks@me.com.

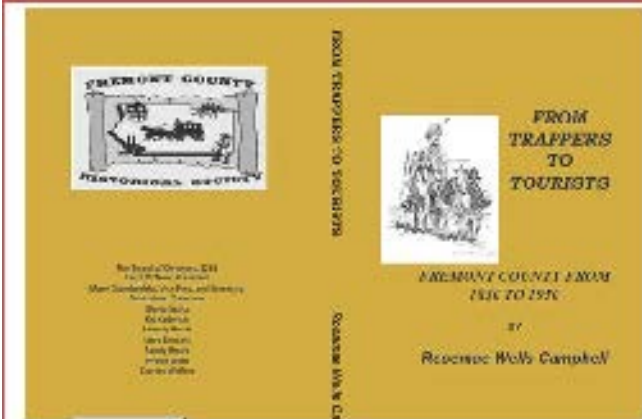


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We also encourage life membership for \$150.00 per year. SEND YOUR CHECK TO P.O. BOX 965, CAÑON CITY, CO 81215

**FLORENCE PIONEER MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

www.florencepioneermuseum.org-home

MAY 14—GRAND OPENING

MAY 17—OFFICIAL OPENING

TUESDAYS-SATURDAYS, 1:00-4:00 PM

JOIN US FOR PIONEER DAY:

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

**Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site Historic Ranches
with Jennifer Kolise**

When: June 4, 2016

Meet in Model, CO at 8:00 (2 ½ hours from Cañon) between Trinidad and Branson. Need 4-wheel drive vehicle Suggested carpool.

Cost is Free. Sign up by **May 28 with Mary Chamberlain**

meschamberlain@gmail.com 719.371.0062

Limited to 30 people

We will meet at the PCMS cantonment at 8 a.m., where Jennifer will brief everyone. The PCMS cantonment is located at 36086 US Hwy 350, Model, CO. Everyone will also have to sign a Hold Harmless Waiver. Everyone should wear comfortable hiking shoes and long pants, and bring plenty of water and their lunch. Mary can provide maps and details at the presentation in May.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT THE
GREENWOOD PIONEER CEMETERY
SATURDAY - MAY 28, 2016 - 11:00 A.M.**

Everyone is invited to the Greenwood Cemetery Ceremony for Memorial Day remembrance to be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Cemetery.

Flag ceremony, and the speaker will be Dwayne McFall, District 3, County Commissioner Candidate.

We honor our veterans and pioneers in this National Register Historic Ceremony. For more information call: 719 275 1468 or 275 8071

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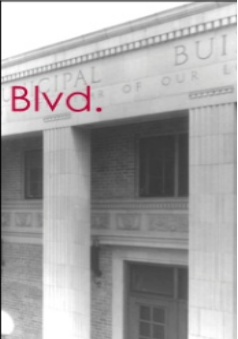
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