

# FREMONT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

**Don Moon** is a Colorado native, historian, father, husband, and a well-seasoned actor/ historian. He has a Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Colorado and he uses that degree to bring to life President Theodore Roosevelt. His one man, first-person performances, have been seen in six states and he has performed at the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Symposium. Moon will bring "history to life" and challenge today's concepts with the real story of a prohibition phenomena - the Booze Bosses of the era.



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

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### Edward Joseph Powers (aka Fast Eddie)

*Born 1888 Chicago- Died 1933 Chicago*

Fast Eddie Powers was an entrepreneur and businessman providing those goods and services that are deemed by the government as illegal. His motto is "Anything for a buck...but don't get in my way when I collect." He got his start as a kid 'rushing the growler' (getting a bucket of beer and food) for the meat cutters in the slaughterhouse works on the west side...he couldn't stand school and left when he completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade. In his teens he started 'running numbers' for the gamblers and worked his way into a life of crime. When the 'Great War' hit he was well established in the North-side mob working for Dini O'Banion and in 1920, when prohibition hit, he was well positioned to take over the "booze" operation. His insights into the folly of the temperance movement and the banning of alcohol provide an entertaining look at the Roaring 20's. There is more to the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment than you think.

## PROSPECT HEIGHTS JAIL

### THE ANSWER TO PROHIBITION IN FREMONT COUNTY

The Prospect Heights Town was formed in 1905 by the people who lived along the blocks of South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The majority of these folks were named Adamic, and until the day the town was dissolved, there was always at least one Adamic on the town board.

In 2000 the one remaining member of the Town Board, Ted Adamic, signed a quitclaim deed, giving the Prospect Heights Jail to the Fremont County Historical Society, and thus ended a 95 year tenure of this small town.

The Prospect Heights Mercantile Company was also a part of the landscape. It was a boarding house, grocery store, selling general merchandise and mining gear for the residents of the town. It is now an antique store, open most days.

The intent of the citizens of Prospect Heights was to serve their particular public – the working miners of the area. The two large mines and the two large smelters, also within walking distance of the South 4<sup>th</sup> Street location of Prospect Heights, was incentive to provide liquid refreshment to those who worked the 12- hour shifts at the mines and smelters. The railroad furnished shipping into the town by rail cars of booze.

When Cañon City voted “dry,” it was the opportunity for this enterprising town to furnish the liquid refreshment for those who wished to climb 4<sup>th</sup> Street Hill.

The Jail was contracted to be built in 1906 to Ernest Sell and his father. The interior of the cells have not been touched, but left in the original condition. The distinctive features of these cells are the barrel ceilings and the “heater” built into the connecting wall. The door, window and ceiling all need to have major work done to restore them to original condition. We have asked those who visit, and they all say “Leave it the way it is, the historic look is perfect.”

The barred outside door is strong and solid. Restoration of the foundation on the North side of the building is planned. Restoration work must comply with National Park Service standard. Documents outlining the necessary steps to follow are a result of the recent Historic Structure Assessment done by Preservation Studio, Inc. of Colorado Springs and Architechnology of the same office.

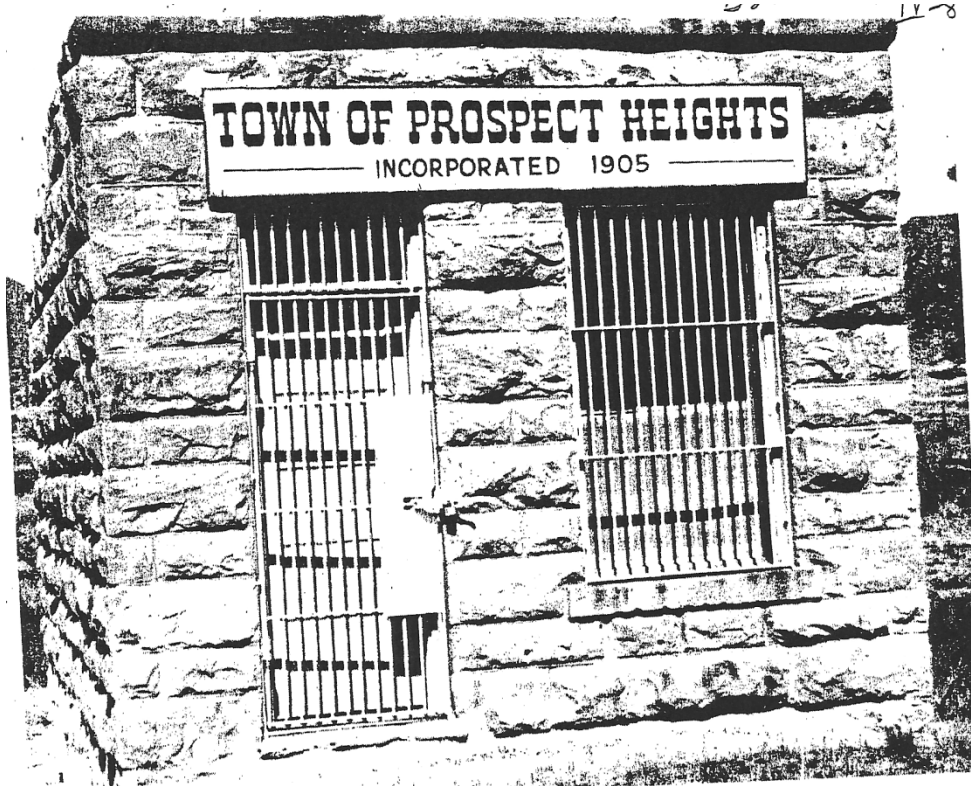
FCHS conducts open house every Saturday during the summer (no heat for winter hours). Many people passing by, stop because the door is open, and their comment “I always wanted to see inside this building,” has been heard many times.

We can attest to a few ghosts that inhabit our wonderful little building, so if you are a ghost chaser, this is your cup of tea. Open House hours are from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays through September. There will be more scheduled late during the Fall Heritage Festival sponsored by the Society and the Fremont County Heritage Commission.

Built in 1906 by Fred Sell, the Prospect Heights Town Jail was used until 1914 to incarcerate unruly patrons of the 8 bars and saloons in the town of Prospect Heights.

## OPEN HOUSE –SUMMER SATURDAYS

Open House hours of the jail to visitors every Saturday, are from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. A docent will be available for questions and answers.



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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!



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One of the staunchest supporters of FCHS is Gloria Stultz who has been an advisor to the Board, and helped us in many ways.

## WESTERN FREMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

**“WITCHERS, NESTERS, MINERS AND MORE, OH MY!”**

Join us for a guided auto tour of the area north of Cotopaxi, enjoy fall colors and absorb the rich history of that area. Watch for details in early September, you won't want to miss this one!

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November 19, 2017

**KATHY HERRIN**

**”MEDICINE SHOW”**

Always held at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at 801 Sheridan Avenue, Cañon City.

Showtime: 2:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC WELCOME**

**REFRESHMENTS SERVED**

**BOOKS AVAILABLE**

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Family -- \$20.00

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Envelopes at the Program

## Florence Museum and Resource Center

Model railroad fans can see a running model on

September 30, Saturday

Open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

\$2.00 per veteran or senior

\$3.00 per person

\$6.00 per family of two or more

Come help us raise funds for our museum on

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.**



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## BOARD MEMBERSHIP

This is a great time to consider joining the FCHS board - be part of project planning and learn more about the history of Fremont County. If you would prefer not to serve on the board itself, we can use your help in a variety of activities, e.g. heading up or participating in program publicity, becoming a jail expert for the Prospect Heights Jail, designing projects (calendar), researching material for or proofreading the newsletter, updating our membership brochure and website, program development, ideas for speakers, field trips in Fremont County, researching and becoming a Spirit of the Past and participation in special events, distribute self-guided tour booklets, help with meeting set-up and more.

**FREMONT COUNTY**



**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

***IN FLORENCE – HERE IS WHERE YOU CAN RESEARCH ANYTHING!***

**Florence Pioneer Museum and Research Center**

**100 Pikes Peak Ave.**

**P.O. Box 131**

**Florence CO 81226**

**(719) 784-1904**

**Summer hours: May-September, Tuesday-Friday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**New Saturday hours: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.!**

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**The Florence Historical Archives, Inc.**

600 W. 3RD Street. Suite H.

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The Historical Society partners with several other groups as a fiscal agent. Crossroads Through Time at Pueblo Community College is one of them. The Trail of time which has been in construction for two years has a new stone.

(below) The stone, syenite settled between the 500 & 550 my (million years) signs. (courtesy photo)



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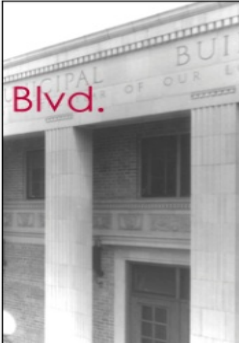
Public Transportation  
Canon City, Florence & Penrose  
Suggested Donations: General Public \$2  
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Volunteer Drivers Welcome 275-5177

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REGIONAL  
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