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It's On! The Annual Meeting

Finally, after an 18 month wait, the Friends will host their annual meeting "From Ditch to Dinner Table" on June 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center.



Fremont County's agricultural heritage will once again be the topic of discussion. The county was an important shipping point for fresh produce. While crops had already been raised for sale for some 60 years, pickled and canned food became important beginning in the 1890s. The importance of creeks in early crop production, the growth of food processing and the future of local food production and processing will also be discussed.

A brief meeting to recount the accomplishments of the Friends and the museum during the past year will also be featured.

Registration is required as attendance is limited. Be sure to go to <https://museum.canoncity.org> and register under Events. We look forward to finally be able to come together to share this time with you.

History in the Making

Women Veterans in the Lakeside Cemetery - In honor of Memorial Day, Luise Barton will host a walk through the cemetery on Saturday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m. with a special look at some of our local women veterans. These women served in the Civil War, World War II, Korea and Vietnam and represent the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. Join us to hear their stories and to remember these women, their service and their sacrifice.

Virtual Genealogy Classes - We'll celebrate Armed Forces Day with an examination of draft, compiled service and pension records while "Remembering Our Civil War Ancestors" on Saturday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. If you are in the mood for a road trip, why not consider "Planning Your Genealogy Trip" our topic on June 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Follow the museum's activities on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/rgmhc). Simply look for the Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center to get tuned in to all the articles and activities.

If you are interested in viewing photos from the museum's collection, follow us on instagram at [rgmhc](https://www.instagram.com/rgmhc).

Check the museum's calendar for the schedule of all activities, registration and waiver forms.

<https://museum.canoncity.org>

Glenn Gebhardt Photography Collection

Royal Gorge Bridge Historian Eve Nagode has given the museum an invaluable and unique gift of a collection of photographs including the Glenn Gebhardt photography collection. The collection includes over 300 black and white glass negatives, film negatives, stereoscope views and miscellaneous negatives and glass positives. The images date from 1874 until about 1931, some of which have never before been seen.



Mr. Gebhardt was born in Kansas in 1892 and moved to Colorado in 1908 residing on Sherman Avenue in Cañon City. A 1911 graduate of South Cañon High School, by the summer of 1913 the young entrepreneur had established a "resort" at the top of the Royal Gorge. At the suggestion of his uncle, he began to take photos of the tourists but more importantly the gorge. Many of the visitors also wanted postcards of the area's scenic attractions and Glenn arranged to have some of his photos printed on postcards. A school teacher and principal by profession, he ran the business during the summers for several years. He continued to take photos throughout his life.

Our unbounded thanks to Ms. Nagode for her years of collecting these images and for her most generous donation.

Rudd House Construction

Phase III of the Rudd House rehabilitation has been completed. Repair and painting of the porch in its original color was quickly completed. Excavation for the installation of the French drain began on April 6th and some surprises were unearthed. Four spent bullet cartridges, some



bricks, a mid-1970s Pepsi can, an iridescent wine bottle neck and the bottom of another glass bottle were discovered during the process. Under both the left and right front windows, large blocks of concrete were uncovered which are believed to have been flower beds. The City/ Museum plans to apply for another State Historic Fund grant in August to complete the

rehabilitation of the exterior of the house. This phase will include the masonry and mortar repair on all four sides of the house, window restoration (including the removal of the metal window screens), and replacement of all exterior doors to period appropriate entries (including hardware).

Fremont County Master Gardeners

The Master Gardeners have undertaken a Rudd House Landscape Project and several members made a site visit on April 15th. The group hopes to assist in bringing the grounds back to period appropriate landscape design and plants. While work won't begin for quite some time, the gardeners are prioritizing and organizing the list of tasks to be accomplished. Ridding the property of destructive vegetation and common weeds will be one of the first tasks. They will search the museum's collection for photos that will inform the landscape redesign process and from there develop a concept paper and plot plan. Research and development of a grant application to the Colorado Native Plant Society will also be undertaken. Many thanks to these volunteers for their dedication to the community, the museum and the Rudd House. We know the results will be a great enhancement to the property.

Chat With the Mayor: Ashley Smith and Lisa Studts

On March 9th, Cañon City Mayor Ashley Smith visited the museum to chat with Museum Director Lisa Studts about the many activities that have taken place during the past year and the plans for the future. The full interview can be viewed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/canoncitygov/posts/1107432796442395>

Remembering Tilde

The story of Tilde, Cañon City's albino deer, has been commemorated with a photo montage. For two years, residents followed his trail taking photos and making him a local folk hero. Sightings of Tilde always put smiles on our faces. His skull and antlers were given to the Museum by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. They were taken to American Legends Taxidermy for mounting and are now on display in the DeWeese Gallery.



Beer Today, Gone Tomorrow



Members of the Fremont County Historical Society met at the Steeple Event Center on March 22 to hear Kathleen Eaton, Education Coordinator, speak about prohibition and Prospect Heights. She gave us the history of prohibition in the area, the development of the bars in Prospect Heights and some humorous stories about the lengths folks went to in order to make, sell, or acquire alcohol. One undocumented story tells of the construction of the Prospect Heights jail. The mason finished construction, over-celebrated the completion of his task and became the jail's first occupant!

Kathleen has been a valuable resource at the museum for the last four years. Sadly her last day at the museum was Saturday, April 10th as she has accepted a position at the Golden History Museum. She will be greatly missed and we send our very best wishes to her in her new position.

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