

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER

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Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Museum and History Center annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 5th at 1:00 p.m.

Joshua Broussard, BLM liaison, will be presenting our program: Geology: How Rocks and Dirt Made Cañon City. Third generation mason, Mike Madone of Mountain Masonry, will continue the program leading a discussion on area clay, sand, bricks, mortar and brick buildings.

The Cañon City area is home to a unique window into Colorado's geologic past. It is not often one can find such a myriad of rocks, minerals, fossils, and unique geologic structures in one place. In fact, Cañon City was a very key place in the history of paleontology and is still an important place for fossil discoveries.



Historically, Cañon City also played a part in the mining that attracted many settlers to establish Colorado as we know it today. Geology also played a vital role in the construction of the city, from the material buildings were made with, to the reason the city is where it is. Come see this exciting presentation about why geology is figuratively and physically an integral part of Cañon City's history!

There will be a short business meeting and election of officers as well. And be among the first to purchase your vintage, stamped Canon City bricks!

History in the Making

Morning Line - Remember to tune in to 1400 KRLN the 3rd Thursday of every month to hear news, stories and information from the museum.

Blog Posts - Read about unique objects in the museum's collection, historic people from the community, and interesting tidbits from the past in the museum's blog posts. Simply log on the museum's website (listed below) and select POSTS.

Virtual Genealogy Classes - Start off the new year with our Zoom topic of discussion: Probate Records on January 15th at 9:00 a.m. Land Records and the April 1 release of the 1950 census will be a couple of the topics covered this year. You can register online or by calling the museum. Watch the museum's calendar for more exciting classes.

Follow the museum's activities on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/museum.canoncity.org).

If you are interested in viewing photos from the museum's collection, follow us on instagram at rgrmhc.

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

<https://museum.canoncity.org>

Members Only Sesquicentennial Exhibit

To help celebrate Cañon City's sesquicentennial (150th) the upstairs middle gallery will house an exhibit on the city's growth and development over the past 150 years. It will cover city improvements such as the municipal building, the municipal museum, parks, police, and water distribution. The exhibit will also showcase items from the Cañon City centennial in 1972. There will be a members only opening of the exhibit for Friends of the Museum on March 3, 2022 with the official opening to the public on March 12, 2022.



Centennial Badges: One of the many events was a beard contest sponsored by the Cañon City Junior Chamber (Jaycees). The *Member Brothers of the Brush* badge (left) and *Member Brothers of the Smooth Skin Permit* badge (right) were sold to the public during the Cañon City Centennial in 1972.

Lamppost: For at least sixty-three years a set of lampposts were installed in front of the Municipal Building. The posts were taken down in the early 1990s. For the exhibit one of the posts will be on display.



Royal Gorge Bricks Arrive

Earlier this year, Ward Pynn from Concord, California contacted the museum about finding a home for some Royal Gorge bricks. On September 21st, Mr. Pynn, his brother Craig, 43 Royal Gorge bricks and some bonus bricks arrived in Cañon City.

In the 1980s, Mr. Pynn and his wife decided to add a deck to their home and place bricks around the base. A business in a neighboring town was going out-of-business and was selling bricks from multiple regions and companies. Well don't you know that weeds grow up between bricks? So 30 years later they decided to pull up the bricks and install pavers. After doing much research and contacting the International Brick Collectors Association (who knew?), he donated two bricks to the museum for their collection and gave the remaining bricks to the Friends. The Friends would like to extend their appreciation and their many thanks to Mr. Pynn for this unusual and wonderful gift which we will share with the community.



Old Timey Movies



Friends gathered on Thursday and Friday evenings in mid-September to watch Charles Bronson's last movie role as Wild Bill Hickok in *White Buffalo*. An unlikely alliance develops between the dream-haunted Hickok and Crazy Horse who must avenge the death of his daughter. Many recognized the familiar scenes around Fremont County like Shelf Road and Buckskin Joe.

Friday night's screening was a double feature! Two silent movies, *Unseen Enemies* and *The Rustlers End*, starred Al Hoxie as a Texas Ranger. Each film ran about 40 minutes and as Western tradition dictated, good triumphed over evil. It is interesting to note that Al Hoxie retired from movies when "talkies" came about and eventually went into law enforcement, winning California's highest award for bravery, the California Medal of Honor.



Old Timers' Coffees

The October discussion centered around historic preservation in Cañon City, its significance to the community, what should be preserved, the criteria for local designation, and the application process. Properties that are at least 50 years old and are associated with an historic figure or event, have unique architecture, among other criteria are eligible for consideration. Both commercial and residential properties are eligible. Several Cañon City properties were mentioned as having completed the process, undergoing application, and as possible candidates for future consideration.

The Historical Preservation Commission will be staging several opportunities during this sesquicentennial year to educate, promote awareness, obtain community input and discuss the opportunities available to residents.

Carol McNew

We, the Friends, grieve with her family in the loss of Carol McNew. The history and historical preservation communities of Fremont County have lost a devoted patron. As we have seen from recent newspaper articles, Carol was a leader in many Fremont County organizations not only serving them but inspiring others to get involved and use their talents for the betterment of the organization and the community. She organized activities, did research, taught classes, led historic walking tours, wrote newsletters and booklets, engaged speakers, served on boards and in elected offices. Always committed to finding and preserving the history of Fremont County, she was the motivating force behind so many activities. She will be greatly missed and we send our deepest condolences to her family.



Celebrating Volunteers



Museum staff and volunteers gathered on December 11th for a potluck supper and an evening of games and great conversation. Director Lisa Studts welcomed everyone and expressed the museum's appreciation for all of the contributions that the volunteers have made during this past year. There was a broad selection of scrumptious treats and no one went away hungry. Curator Keith Wondra led us in a game identifying 24 Christmas carols by their pictorial representations. While most stumbled over this, Barb and Kris Ditmar came out the winners.

Meet Librarian/Archivist Victoria Lemell

Hi everyone, my name is Victoria Lemell and I'm the new Archives Librarian at the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center! I grew up in Western North Carolina and just recently moved to Cañon City with my family. I'm excited to explore the area and learn more about the fascinating history of Fremont County and the Royal Gorge. Thank you all for welcoming me into the community, and I look forward to meeting you!



Annual Renewal Notice

As we approach the end of the year, it is once again time to renew your membership. Envelopes are enclosed for your convenience. Your ongoing monetary support ensures the availability of funds for the museum's educational programs, conservation and preservation projects. Do you know someone who would like to support the activities and ongoing mission of the museum? Membership makes a wonderful gift.

We on the board would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported us this past year as we continue to adapt to changing conditions. Your attendance at museum programs, your financial support, and your volunteer work have meant the world to us and we thank you. **We want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and all best wishes for 2022.** See you in the new year with more exciting programs.



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2022 Events

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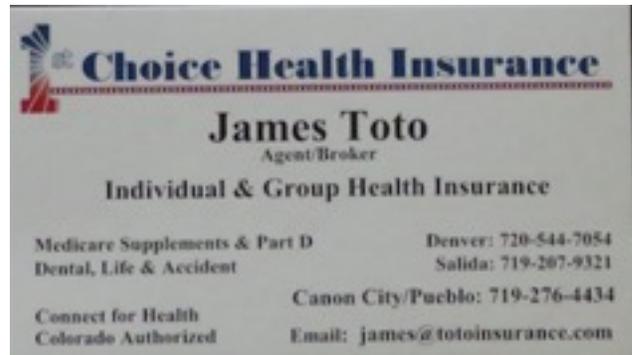
March 13, 2022

Spaghetti Dinner

April 25, 2022

Details & More Events at

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