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**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON March 19, 2023
STEEPLE EVENT CENTER – 7TH AND MACON
CAÑON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. Program “Nuckolls Women” PUBLIC WELCOME**



by **Gregory Howell**

Storyteller, curator and
creative economy

consultant, Gregory made
his way to Pueblo via Tokyo
to join a team of innovative
physicians in the launch of a
network of medical clinics in
Colorado and Texas. Shortly

after arriving in Pueblo, Gregory immediately realized the
powerful and yet untold story of the new creative economy
in one of America's great industrial landscapes which was
once dominated by the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company and

the Nuckolls Packing Company. Gregory is the owner of the award-winning Kadoya Gallery and since his arrival in southern Colorado has launched the Shoe Factory, the ARTery, and the Underground in the Historic Federal Building. Over the years he has lectured extensively on the history, culture and the arts of Pueblo and is best known in the region for his talks on The Tunnels of Pueblo and Steel & Meat. He is a former Board Member of the Steelworks Center of the West and now advises The Arts Academy at Pueblo County High as a creative consultant and serves as a Board Member. Gregory is currently a Commissioner on the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Pueblo where he is an advocate for adaptive reuse of historic properties, economic redevelopment and tourism. In 2020, Gregory joined the Governor's Council on Economic Stabilization and Growth which explored the full scope of economic impacts of COVID-19 in Colorado and made recommendations to mitigate the uncertainty faced by workers, employers, their families and communities.

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Anson Rudd – Blacksmith Poet

(Jean Bogeart, 1976)

Anson Rudd and his wife Harriet came to Canon City, Colorado, in the winter of 1859. Harriet had lived long enough in a covered wagon. The logs for their cabin came from the Greenhorn Mountains, south of Cañon City. It was the first home in Cañon City to have a board floor. Anson loved books and was a man of wit and learning. He brought his library with him in the covered wagon. One of Anson's interests was poetry. On many occasions he wrote a verse and was known as the Blacksmith Poet.

The following are some of Anson's poems:

OUR WIVES AND CHILDREN By ANSON RUDD

Our wives and children, precious terms that move
And thrill our being with a sacred love.
Divine afflatus! From our inmost souls
It wells and bubbles, every sense controls:
Exalts and purifies, refines, restrains;
It soothes our sorrows, modifies our pains;
Subdues our passions, lifts our souls above
Earth's sordid pleasures to elysian love.
In fact, earth's joys would fade and round us gloom
As deep and dark as in the silent tomb
Would gather, 'till life's brightest beams would
seem

The horrid phantom of some troubled dream.
If 'twere not for these precious gems to light
And cheer our pathway thro' this earthly night.
God bless our wives, first, last, best gift to man.
The crowning beauty n creation's plan;
Our guiding star that points to heav'n above.
Where all is joy and harmony and love.
Our children, also, sparks that scintilate.
From love's bright realm where forms estatic mate.
May they be spared to cheer our varied lives
As we go journeying heavenward with our wives.



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GRAND CANYON OF THE ARKANSAS By ANSON RUDD

Is this thy handiwork, O God?

or has some demon, crazed, from Pandemonium's hail
Wrought these fantastic shapes; this depth profound;
These werled, unearthly shadows on the walls
Of this herculean chasm? Or was it rent
By mighty earthquakes' power, deep hidden in
Mysterious depths below? Whate'ere the cause,
The wond'ros awe-inspiring fact remains!
You stand within it gloom with bated breath;
Your vision steals with furative glance around,
As if expecting from some cavern dark
To see stride forth, majestic in his wrath.
The guardian demon of this mystic place;
Instinctively your vison upward turns
To seek escape from fancy's horrid shapes.
But, as you trace the giddy heights above,
Outline against the very dome of heaven,
Transfixed, you gaze upon the awful scene—
Transcending all your wild imaginings—
Till soul and sense yield to the mystic spell.
Identity's absorbed; your wonder's cloyed;
Unconsciously you shrink within yourself,
And fade comparably to nothingness.



A POEM

Written by ANSON RUDD one of the Mossbacked Barnacles
of Colorado who came to Canon City.

When time was young and people few,
And earth and all its scenes were new,
And this grand gorge was scarcely then
More than a fairy peopled glen,
And this mad stream a brooklet mild,
That wantonly its hours beguild,
In merrily tossing up its spray,
To sparkle in the sunbeams ray.
But time who never sleeps or drones,
Still bent on labor bared his bones,
And dug this awe inspiring charm,
To give some tenderfoot a spasm.

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Fremont County Historical Society Programs 2023

March 19 – Gregory Howell. “Nuckolls Women”

May 21 - David Emrich – “Silent Movie Era in Cañon City”

July 16 – Wes Brown, “Historic Maps”

September 17 – Victoria Miller, “Coal Mining in Fremont Co”

November 19 – Stacy Cline, “Prison Museum”

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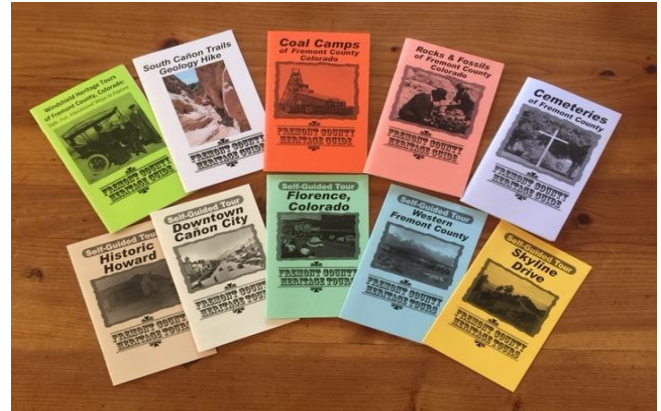
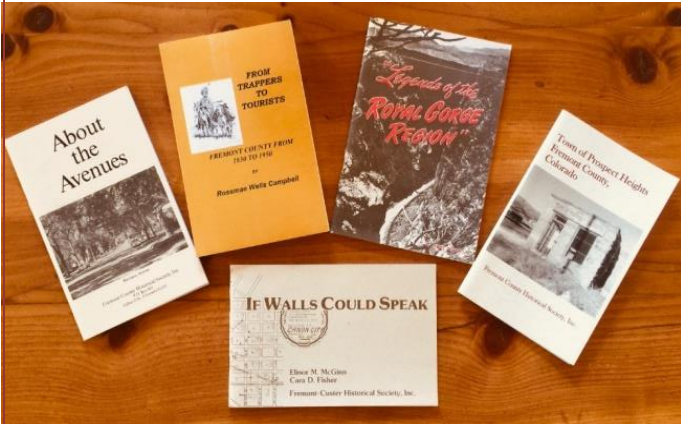
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The history books written by Cara Fisher and Eleanor McGinn have been reprinted. A new book, Legends of the Royal Gorge Region by Janet Sterling, has been added. The new Prospect Heights Town book is also available at retail outlets in Cañon City & Florence.

These have been added to the library of Fremont County Historical books published in the past four years by the Historical Society – Titles are: Cañon City, Skyline Drive, Florence, Howard, Windshield Tours, South Cañon Trails Geology Hike, and Western Fremont County. The guide books for Rocks and Fossils, Cemeteries, and Coal Camps are also available online at

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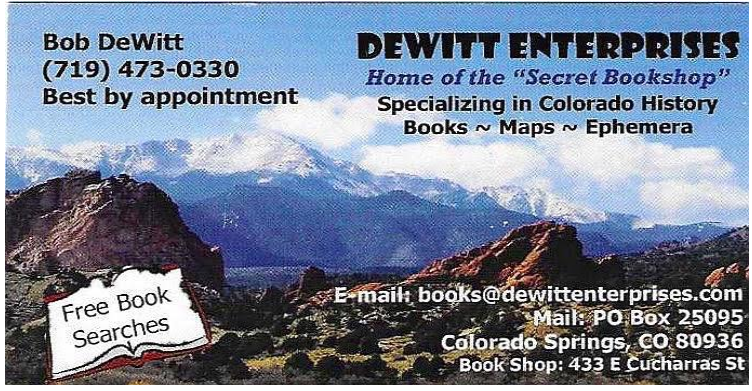
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